

## ISU Development Program 2019 – Full Report

### 1. Projects

The Development Commission maintained a consistent approach to reviewing and deciding on projects and there has been an increasingly thorough review of project finances. A quarterly summary of approved projects is published on the Development page of ISU website.

#### 2019 Development Program Projects by Discipline and Distribution of Funds

	Single & Pair Skating	Ice Dance	Synchronized Skating	Short Track	Speed Skating	Total
Applications	19.5	3	8	6.5	14	51
Approved	15	1	6	4	14	40
Rejected	2.5	2	0	0.5	0	5
Postponed/ Withdrawn	2	0	2	2	0	6
Granted (Swiss Francs)	622'900	85'000	158'625	90'500	476'113	1'433'138
Allocation per discipline	43.5%	5.9%	11.1%	6.3%	33.2%	100%



There was a jump in the overall number of applications, particularly in applications for Single & Pair Skating and Synchronized Skating with the consequence that 60.5% of the approved projects in 2019 were for the Figure Skating Branch.

74% of applications were from Europe (20 different ISU Members), 12% from North America (2 different ISU Members), 4% from South America (2 different ISU Members) and 10 % from Asia (4 different ISU Members). Eleven approved applications were for competitions. 20 approved applications were for camps or seminars, most of which involved both Skaters and Coaches. Nine were for long-term training opportunities to establish and push forward skating sports in specific countries or regions.

#### Numbers of ISU Members, Skaters and Coaches involved in Projects\* taking place in 2019\*\*

	Approx. No. ISU Members	Approx. No. Skaters	Approx. No. Coaches	Approx. No. Officials
Speed Skating Branch	37	540	101	30
Figure Skating Branch	56	537	305	18
Totals	85	1077	406	48

\* not including supported competitions

\*\* including Projects, that took place during the calendar year 2019, whether they were applied for/approved in 2018 or 2019

Detailed information can be found in **Appendix A**

## 2. Scholarships

### a) Skater Scholarships

Scholarships for Figure Skating disciplines were allocated after discussions between the Development Commission and the respective Technical Committees. 24 Scholarships were awarded to Skaters from 16 ISU Members.

The Speed Skating Technical Committee decided not to award any Junior Skater Scholarships in 2019 and instead supported travel costs for non-European ISU Members to the Junior Speed Skating World Cups (see ISU Communication No. 2279). Support was applied for by, and awarded to, BRA, CAN, COL, JPN, KAZ, KOR, TPE and USA.

In 2019 the Short Track Technical Committee decided to use the Skater Scholarship budget to support travel to 2019/20 Junior Short Track Challenge Competitions (see ISU Communication No. 2280). Travel support was paid to 32 ISU Members (Europe 24, Asia 3, Americas 2, Oceania, Africa & India 3). The available budget was divided equally according to the number of accepted Skaters and as a result the travel contribution was CHF 411 per Skater.

### b) Coach/Administrator Scholarships

Coach support is distributed in different ways for the various disciplines.

Speed Skating and Short Track: Nominations were requested from ISU Members. After a review by the Development Commission and Vice President, Scholarships of USD 10'000 or USD 5'000 were awarded. These are paid over 2 years and a report on activity and progress is required 12 months after each payment.

Region	SS & ST Scholarships	ISU Members
Europe	4	CRO EST HUN ITA
Asia	0	
Americas	1	CAN
Oceania, Africa & India	0	

Ice Dance: In 2019 5 Coaches were selected by the Ice Dance Technical Committee support to attend Ice Dance ISU Development Seminar in Seoul, Korea in August 2019:

Region	Ice Dance Scholarships	ISU Members
Europe	0	
Asia	2	UZB VIE
Americas	0	
Oceania, Africa & India	3	AUS IND NZL

Synchronized Skating: For Synchronized Skating, five Coaches were supported with 6 months of mentoring from a top Synchronized Skating Coach plus travel support to attend an ISU Synchronized Skating Officials Seminar.

Region	SyS Scholarships	ISU Members
Europe	3	ESP SUI TUR
Asia	1	KOR
Americas	0	
Oceania, Africa & India	1	AUS

Singles and Pairs: In 2019 in Figure Skating, as a joint decision of the Single and Pair Skating Technical Committee, Sport Director, Development Commission and Vice President, the budgeted Coach support was allocated as extra funds for Junior Skater Scholarships.

### 3. Development Commission Initiatives

#### a) Skater to Coach initiative

A Skater to Coach initiative was launched in 2018 to give financial support for educational and other development activities for Skaters who have retired and wish to become Coaches, Administrators or Officials or move into other roles in the Skating disciplines. After a review of the 2019 applications, nineteen retired Skaters received support of between CHF 240 and CHF 3'000, including 11 Coaches in the Figure Skating disciplines (5 Single Skating, 2 Ice Dance, 4 SyS) from 6 ISU Members (AUS, BLR, CAN, FIN, GBR, SUI) and 8 Coaches in the Speed Skating disciplines (5 Short Track, 3 Speed Skating) from 6 ISU Members (GBR, GER, HUN, NED, RUS, SUI).

#### b) Visiting ISU Coach initiative

An initiative to establish a Visiting ISU Coach program was launched in 2018. Expert Coaches have spent time in the ISU Member country, giving advice based on actual conditions and providing ongoing support to establish effective skating programs. In 2019 there were 17 applications (14 Figure Skating Branch, 3 Speed Skating Branch) and 4 applications were accepted, two for each Branch (FS Branch - LAT, VIE, SS Branch - BLR, SRB).

#### c) Worldwide Coach education structure

Work on developing a Worldwide Coach education structure to provide a resource for ISU Members who are developing their Coaching structures was ongoing for both the Figure Skating and Speed Skating Branches during 2019.

### 4. Council Projects

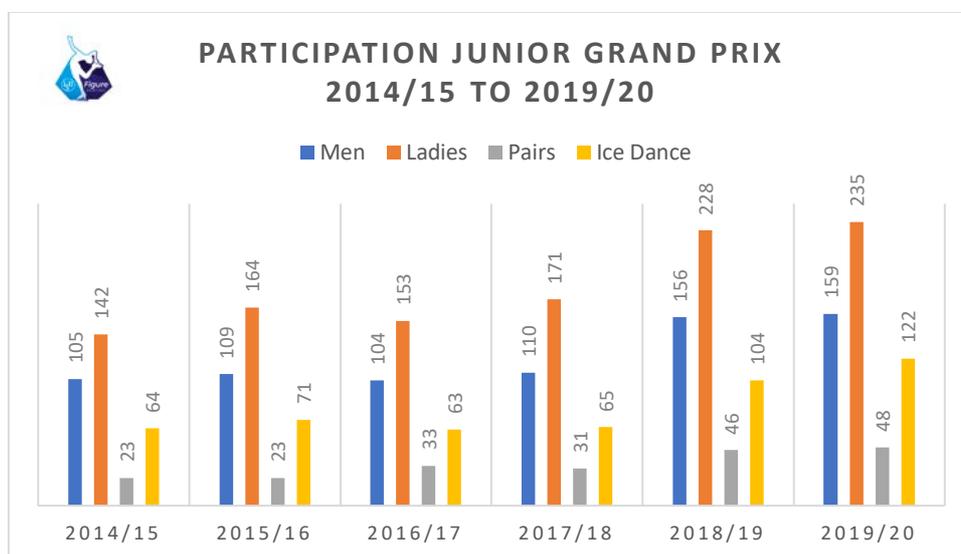
#### a) Worldwide Seminars

The 2019 Worldwide Seminars for Ice Dance (Oberstdorf, GER and Seoul, KOR), Pair Skating (Berlin, GER and Novogorsk, RUS) and Synchronized Skating (Vierumäki, FIN) had high numbers of participation, as usual.

Seminar	ISU Members	Participating Skaters	Participating Coaches
Pair Skating – Berlin	8	38	16
Ice Dance Junior – Oberstdorf	18	60	27
Ice Dance Novice – Oberstdorf	16	60	25
Pair Skating Novogorsk	8	30	10
Synchronized Skating - Vierumäki	17	64	36
Ice Dance – Seoul	8	28	14

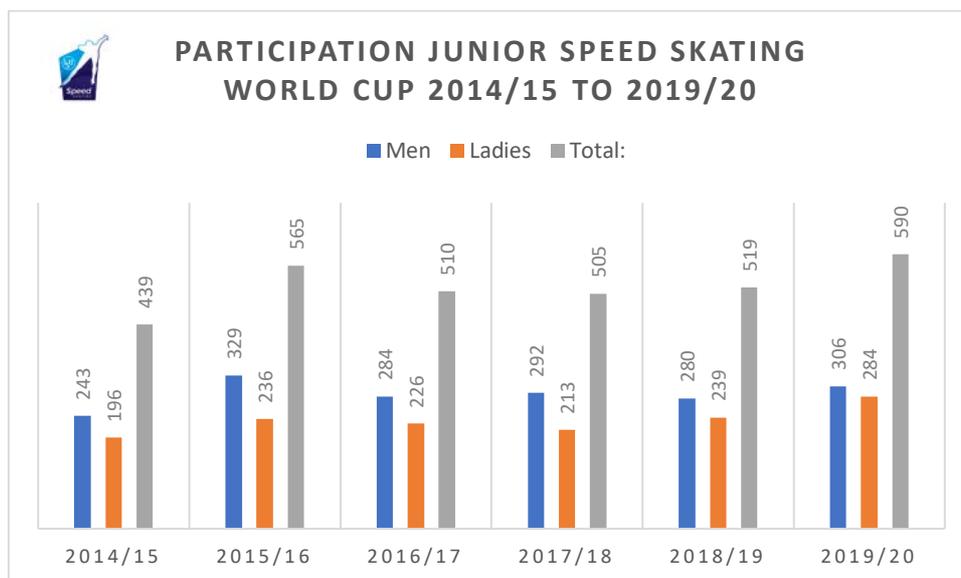
#### b) Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating

There has been a very positive evolution in the number of Skaters participating in the Junior Grand Prix over the last 6 seasons. The annual ISU Development Ice Dance and Pair Skating seminars have surely contributed to the increases for those disciplines.



### c) Junior Speed Skating World Cup

Despite the reduction in the number of ISU Junior Speed Skating World Cup Events from five in the Season 2014/15, to four in the Season 2015/16 and thereafter to three from the Season 2016/17 onwards, the number of participating Skaters has held steady and even increased:



The number of participating ISU Members has also increased from 23 in 2014/15 to 31 in 2019/20.

### d) Junior Short Track Challenge Series

During the 2019/20 season eight Junior Challenge Series competitions were supported (the Final in March 2020 could not take place due to the Covid-19 pandemic) involving Skaters from 32 ISU Members. Three Danubia and three Star Class Short Track International Competitions were also supported.

### e) eLearning

There was a soft launch of the ISU eLearning platform in June 2019 with the first modules and materials covering both Branches and anti-doping education.



In 2019 there were more than 600 registered users from 60 different ISU Member countries. Positive feedback was received from the skating community.

### f) Centers of Excellence

Applications to become an ISU Center of Excellence were reviewed and, on the basis of their coaching expertise, activities, facilities and other factors, nine entities were recognized for a 2-year pilot phase. These are:

#### Speed Skating Branch

- The Netherlands/Thialf - Speed Skating and Short Track
- USA/Salt Lake City - Speed Skating and Short Track
- Canada/Calgary - Speed Skating and Short Track

#### Figure Skating Branch

- Germany/Oberstdorf - Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance
- Switzerland/Champéry - Single & Pair Skating
- Italy/Bergamo - Single & Pair Skating
- USA/Detroit - Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance, Synchronized Skating
- Thailand/Bangkok - Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance

In addition, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the ISU and China Winter Sports Administration Center (Chinese winter sports authorities) to establish an ISU CoE in Beijing, covering both Branches, in view of the upcoming 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic Games and its legacy.

## **5. Summary**

**Appendix B** summarizes ISU Development activities by ISU Member for 2019. During 2019, 86% of ISU Members received some kind of support from the Development Program and only thirteen ISU Members (14%) did not apply for and did not receive any assistance. If participation in ISU Events supported by the Development Program (Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating and Junior Speed Skating World Cup) and the annual C Contribution are also taken into account, then only two ISU Members have not received any support at all and 98% of ISU Members have been assisted in some way by the ISU Development Program.

APPENDIX A

Discipline	Project No.	Location	Date	Title	ISU Members	Skaters	Coaches	Officials
ST	18-40	SGP	Jan 7-9 2019	Regional Coach-the-Coaches Course 2019	AUS INA IND MAS NZL PHI QAT SGP THA TPE	0	16	24
FS	18-58	FIN	May 20-25, 2019	Olympic Development Project	AUT CZE DEN EST FIN ISL ITA LTU NED NOR POL UKR	54	51	0
ST	18-59	HKG	April 19-25, 2019	Asian Short Track SS Challenge 2019 and training camp	CHN HKG PHI SGP TPE	33	0	0
SS	18-62	FIN	Aug 2019-Jan 2020	Northern Development Project (Year 2)	AUT BIH CRO FIN GER	19	6	0
FS	18-63	CZE	May & August 2019	Ice Development Project Novice - Ostrava 2019	AUT CRO CZE DEN EST GER IRL LUX POL SRB SVK SLO SUI	45	37	0
FS	18-64	ITA	Sept 21-23 2019	The Art of Components	ARG AUS AUT BEL CAN CYP CRO CZE EST FIN FRA GBR GER IRL ISL ISR ITA LAT LTU LUX ROU SUI SWE TUR	13	40	0
FS	18-65	THA	26-28 June 2019	ICE - DP Bangkok 2019	AUS CHN HKG IND INA MAS PHI SGP TPE THA	51	53	0
SS	19-04	USA	June 2019-March 2020	Salt Lake City, UT based International Speed Skating Development Program - Year 4	ARG, BRA, COL, IND, TPE, USA	15	4	6
FS	19-05	SLO	July/Aug 2019	Single Figure Skating Training Camp for Juniors & Novices with Coach Seminar for East & Middle European Region 2019	AUT, BIH, BUL, CRO, GRE, KYR, MKD, SLO, SRB, TUR	58	7	0
SyS	19-06	DEN	start July 2019	Development of SyS in Denmark	DEN	69	7	0
ST	19-07	SLO	Aug 8-18, 2019	Short Track Alpe Adria Development Camp	AUT, BIH, CRO, GER, SLO, SRB	50	7	0
ID	19-14	POL	Aug 4-13, 2019	Ice Dance Development Training Seminar for Coaches and their Couples, Torun, Poland	GEO, KAZ, KGZ, LAT, USA, UZB	47	14	3
SyS	19-15	AUS/NZL	April 19-21, 2019	Joint Synchronized Skating Development Camp - AUS/NZL Reestablish SS through synchronization &	AUS CHN JPN NZL	93	25	0
SS	19-16	CZE	July & October 2019	professionalization of on and off-ice training in countries with no 400m oval	CZE EST ESP ROU SVK UKR	50	9	0
SS	19-17	EST	May 28-August 2019	Training camps with travelling coach in participating countries	CZE EST ROU SVK UKR	184	28	0
ST	19-19	SVK	August 22-Sept 1, 2019	Further improvement of Skaters through cooperation & development & further education of Coaches (Year 2)	CZE EST LAT ROU SVK UKR	50	8	0
SyS	19-20	ITA	25-30 August 2019	SyS high level development camp & TV/media workshop	CZE DEN GER HUN ITA POL SUI TUR	28	23	4
FS	19-24	UZB	15-25 August 2019	Central Asian Figure Skating Development Camp	GEO KAZ KGZ LAT UZB	47	14	3
SS	18-03	DEN	1 August 2018-31 July 2020	European Training Group for top athletes <b>YEAR 2</b>	AUS AUT BEL DEN EST FRA GER GBR ITA SUI	17	0	0
FS	19-30	BRA	Dec-19	Capacitation of Judges, Coaches and Athletes from BRAZIL - 4 years Program – Second year	ARG BRA CHI PER	16	28	8
FS	19-31	ITA/HUN/USA	July/Aug 2019, Jan & Mar 2020	Pair Skating camps - ITA, HUN, USA	CRO GER HUN ITA RUS USA	16	6	0
SS	19-33	ITA/FRA	Sept -Nov 2019	France-Italy Development Project	FRA ITA	12	0	0
SS	19-34	BEL	2019-2026	Belgium Women's Team Pursuit	BEL	3	0	0
SS	19-36	SVK	Dec 14-22, 2019	Establish, re-establish and win new Speed Skating Nations and Skaters for countries without Speed Skating rinks 2017-2020	EST ESP LAT POL ROU SVK UKR	65	13	0
SS	19-37	ESP	Oct 2019- Feb 2020	Spain Development Program SS 2019-20	ESP	5	0	0
FS	19-41	NED		Dutch FS back at the OWG - not yet completed	NED			
SS	19-46	EST	January 5-13, 2020	SS Development Training & Competition project for Jnr Skaters C& D and Coaches	CZE EST ESP ROU SVK	37	10	0
<b>TOTALS</b>						<b>1077</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>48</b>

APPENDIX B

ISU Member country	Branch	Number of Project participations 2019	Visiting ISU Coach 2019	Skater Scholarship FS Branch 2019	Coach Scholarship 2019	Skater to Coach 2019	Travel contrib. ST	Travel Contrib SS	Competition Support 2019	FS Worldwide			No support 2019
										Seminars 2019	At least 1 kind of support		
Andorra	Figure Skating	0											x
Argentina	Speed Skating	1										x	
Argentina	Figure Skating	2										x	
Armenia	Figure Skating	0		x								x	
Australia	Speed Skating	2					x					x	
Australia	Figure Skating	3			x	x			x	x		x	
Austria	Speed Skating	3					x					x	
Austria	Figure Skating	4		x						x		x	
Azerbaijan	Figure Skating	0		x								x	
Belarus	Speed & Figure	0	x			x	x			x		x	
Belgium	Speed Skating	2					x					x	
Belgium	Figure Skating	1								x		x	
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Speed & Figure	3										x	
Brazil	Speed & Figure	2						x				x	
Bulgaria	Speed & Figure	1					x					x	
Cambodia	Figure Skating	0											x
Canada	Speed Skating	0			x		x	x				x	
Canada	Figure Skating	1				x						x	
Chile	Figure Skating	1										x	
China	Speed Skating	3					x	x				x	
China	Figure Skating	1		x								x	
Chinese Taipei	Speed & Figure	5		x				x		x		x	
Colombia	Speed Skating	1						x				x	
Croatia	Speed & Figure	6			x		x			x		x	
Cyprus	Figure Skating	1										x	
Czech Republic	Speed Skating	4										x	
Czech Republic	Figure Skating	4		x						x		x	
Denmark	Speed & Figure	5										x	
D.P.R. Korea	Speed & Figure	0											x
Estonia	Speed & Figure	9			x					x		x	
Finland	Speed Skating	1										x	
Finland	Figure Skating	2				x				x		x	
France	Speed & Figure	3		x			x			x		x	
Georgia	Figure Skating	2		x								x	
Germany	Speed Skating	3				x	x					x	
Germany	Figure Skating	4		x					x	x		x	
Great Britain	Speed & Figure	1				x	x			x		x	



ISU Member country	Branch	Number of	Visiting ISU	Skater	Coach	Skater to	Travel	Travel	Competition	FS Worldwide	At least 1 kind	No support
		Project		Scholarship	Scholarship		contrib.					
		2019	Coach 2019	FS Branch	2019	Coach 2019	ST					
Russia	Speed Skating	0				x	x				x	
Russia	Figure Skating	1								x	x	
Serbia	Speed & Figure	3	x				x		x		x	
Singapore	Speed & Figure	4									x	
Slovak Republic	Speed Skating	5					x				x	
Slovak Republic	Figure Skating	1		x						x	x	
Slovenia	Speed & Figure	3					x		x		x	
South Africa	Speed Skating	0										x
South Africa	Figure Skating	0										x
Spain	Speed & Figure	4		x	x					x	x	
Sweden	Speed Skating	1									x	
Sweden	Figure Skating	1								x	x	
Switzerland	Speed & Figure	4			x	x	x			x	x	
Thailand	Speed & Figure	2					x				x	
Turkey	Speed & Figure	3			x		x			x	x	
Turkmenistan	Figure Skating	0										x
Ukraine	Speed Skating	4					x				x	
Ukraine	Figure Skating	1		x						x	x	
United Arab Emirates	Figure Skating	0										x
U.S.A.	Speed Skating	1						x	x		x	
U.S.A.	Figure Skating	2								x	x	
Uzbekistan	Speed & Figure	2			x					x	x	
Vietnam	Speed & Figure	0	x		x					x	x	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>184</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16*</b>	<b>14*</b>	<b>10*</b>	<b>31*</b>	<b>9*</b>	<b>8*</b>		<b>83</b>	<b>13</b>
											<b>86%</b>	<b>14%</b>

\* number of ISU Members supported, not number of actual Scholarships etc.