1. The IVV website has a completely new and fresh look. It is also up to date with the latest changes received from the Office. The web address and the email address for the Office have not changed, but the structure and internal page names of the website have. If you have bookmarked any internal pages from the previous website, they will no longer work. Please find the corresponding page on the new website and bookmark it instead. Please also note that ALL information on both National and Direct members is shown on a single page for each now. Other new features are indicated here.

2. In early May, Dr. Mitsumasa Miyashita (Honourary President of the Japan Volkssport Association) and his wife were invited to the Imperial Palace where he was decorated with the Order of the Sacred Treasure for his service in the field of Sports Medicine.


4. In March, the former Canberra Two-Day Walk Direct Member in Australia applied for membership in IVV-Americas with a new name: AussieWalk IVV.

5. IVV Website Updates:
   (a) A special menu item and page for the combined IVV Congress / IVV 50th Anniversary / 4th Europiad have been added to the website. Most information required to attend these events in Sicily in May 2018 is already available. Special pages for Europiades and Asianpiads have been created for future reference.
   (b) Various Presidium Short Reports have been added.
   (c) The Canadian Volkssport Federation (CVF) has a new mailing address: Suite 604 - 251 Bank St., Ottawa, ON K2P 1X3 CANADA.
(d) **IVV/IML Cooperation Cup** - The remaining IML/IVV Cup Events in 2017 take place from August 19-20 in **Crailsheim, Germany** and from Sep 01-04 in **Brasov, Romania**. A list of approved events for 2018 is also available.

(e) Walking event information for 2017 received from the following countries has been posted: Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Hungary, Italy, Korea, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain (Gran Canaria), Sweden, and Switzerland.

(f) The most recent Finishers for the IVV **Europa-Cup 1**, **Europa-Cup 2**, **Pacific-Cup** and **World Cup II** have been added to the website.

**Important Dates and Deadlines**

1. **2017**: Direct and National Associations who have not yet returned their replies to the IVV survey sent by President Colantonio are respectfully reminded that their participation in the process of renewal at next year’s Congress is of utmost importance. Please return your replies to the IVV Office as soon as possible, so initial work may be begun for the IVV-Europe Congress in September.

2. **2017**: The **official announcement** has been posted on the IVV website concerning the application deadline of Nov. 21, 2017 for the 2021 IVV Olympiad. The guidelines for application and organization are also available.

3. **2017**: The Baltic Walking Association (Lithuania) announces its **International 2-day Hiking Trip** on the first weekend of August.

4. **2017**: The next IVV-Europe Congress of Delegates will be held in **Hirtshals, Denmark** from September 8-10, 2017.

5. **2017**: **IML/IVV Cup events** will take place in **Brasov, Romania** from Sep. 1-4, 2017 and from August 19-20 in **Crailsheim, Germany**.


7. **2018**: The Italian Federation was approved to organize the **4th Europiade** in **Castelveltrano / Selinunte** and **Mazaro del Vallo**, Sicily in May 2018, to coincide with the IVV’s 50th Anniversary celebrations. The relevant dates for Sicily are May 21 (IVV Congress of Delegates); May 22 (IVV 50th Anniversary); May 23 (Opening Ceremony); May 24-26 Europiade; and May 25 Closing Ceremony. An **information flyer** is available online.

8. **2018**: The Luxembourg Federation of Popular Sports (FLSP) wishes to announce a 24-hours walk in Luxembourg on August 31 - September 01, 2018. "Save the date”.

9. **2018**: The Jogja Walking Walking Association announces that the fourth **Asianpiad** will be held in **Jogjakarta, Indonesia** on November 17-18, 2018 and will coincide with their IML event, the 10th Jogja International Heritage Walk.

10. **2019**: The application by the French Association of Popular Sports (FFSP) to hold the 16th IVV Olympiad in **Aix-en-Provence, France** from Oct. 15-19, 2019 has been approved. **YouTube video**, Special IVV Olympiad page **here**.