## **Membership of ASPC**

The Institute has become a member of the Association of Sports Performance Centres ( ASPC ) in March, 2015. It opens the door for international collaboration with top-class professional institutions.

ASPC is a group of High Performance Sports Centres / Sports organizations having its secretariat in Barcelona, Spain. This Forum ultimately aims at the establishment of the International Association of High Performance Sports Training Centres.

Only those organizations which carry-out its activity focused on elite sports; are recognized by their respective national governments / IOC / national or international sports federations; are able to provide technical and scientific support services to high performance athletes and coaches; and are willing to swap staff personnel with other such centres and to exchange ideas and work methods, can become members of this Forum. The group is open for membership to the five continents and has at present representatives from Oceania, Africa, America, Asia and Europe.

The main principles and objectives of this Forum are: respect for autonomy of each centre; fostering collaboration between all the members; enhancing staff development; sharing information and knowledge; and identifying best practices, under a fair play philosophy.

The Executive Director, NIS, has already attended the ASPC IX Forum of Elite Sport, held at San Juan, Puerto Rico, in August, 2015, and its General Assembly meeting at Macolin, Switzerland, in April, 2016. The focus of the IX Forum was on \*\*Management and Leadership in International High Performance Sports Centres.

A three-member team, comprising President Mr. Dale Henwood, Secretary General Mr. Joseph Escoda, and Mr. Tracy Lamb, a member of Executive Board of ASPC, would be visiting the Institute in November, 2016, to assess the sports infrastructure of the Institute, for development and its possible use by the ASPC member institutions.