

# Introducing Jan Borms

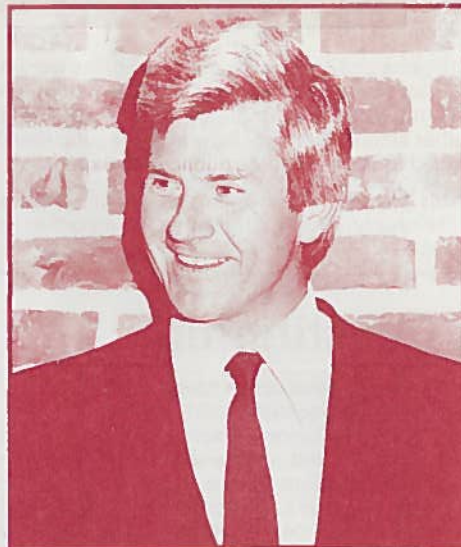


**J**an Borms was elected the first president of ISAK at its initial meeting July 20, 1986. Jan lives in Aalst, Belgium and has practiced his profession at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) since 1965. His teaching responsibilities include human biometry (kinanthropometry), statistics, and research methods. His research interests are in growth and development of young children, physique, and motor performance.

As a younger man (he is still young, despite his prematurely gray hair) he was active in artistic gymnastics. As a mature adult he is involved in the organization, promotion, and coaching of the sport. He continues to be physically active, honing his skills in squash, tennis, and particularly indoor soccer. Because of his expertise in sport, physical education and health, he has contributed many times to Belgian radio and TV programs.

He has an impressive list of publications, including nearly one hundred scientific papers in four languages, and 17 books. As a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Oregon in 1964 he came under the influence of Dr. Harrison Clarke and served as a member of the testing team for the Medford Boys' Growth Study. Back in Belgium he was supervisor of two massive national cross-sectional studies of the physical performance capacity and physical development of Belgian boys and girls in 1968 and 1971. From 1971 to 1983 he was involved in the Leuven Longitudinal Experimental Growth Study and in 1976 he was part of the Montreal Olympic Games Anthropological Project.

Since 1974 he has served ICSSPE as the secretary-general of its Research Committee. He makes a similar contribution to the Research Committee of ICHPER. When ICSSPE created its International Working Group on Kinanthropometry in 1978, Jan was selected as its chairman. That appointment lasted until 1986 when the IWGK was dissolved and ISAK came into existence. The choice of Jan as ISAK's first president was a logical choice, considering his record of outstanding service and his commitment to kinanthropometry.



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