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Dear friends in handball,
Dear Media representatives,

Worldwide the handball family becomes always bigger. It is good news, but it is also a tremendous challenge for the International Handball Federation IHF, that would like to be a home for all the handball players without exception. Probably the biggest challenge will be to map the numerous parameters of our daily work.

This requires close cooperation with media representatives in all continents. This media service that you get today for the first time from us, will in the future shortly report once a month on the work of the International Handball Federation and should therefore be an integral part of our media work, which is based on intensive communication and the increased exchange of information.

As a mosaic of our public relation work, I hope that the IHF on the one hand, and on the other side federations, associations, clubs, fans, and last but not least you, dear worldwide media representatives get even closer than before.

In a time of growing interest and the associated ever increasing media coverage of our sport, we have, with this monthly service, furthered a little our philosophy of a transparent and complete media work.

Hoping that the reading of the monthly newsletter will enjoy, inform you, and – above all - be useful, I wish you all success in your daily work.

With best sporting regards

Dr. Hassan Moustafa

Election of the World Man and Woman Handball Player of the Year 2008

History recurs for the most important awards in the World handball, as in 2007 the world handball players of the year are coming from Norway for the woman and from France for the man. Linn-Kristin Riegelhuth (25) and Thierry Omeyer(32) are the winners of the year 2008 and are thus the successors of their team mates Gro Hammerseng and Nikola Karabatic.

For the first time a jury of experts from the IHF whose sponsor is Adidas, has elected the winners. Thierry Omeyer is goalkeeper in the club of THW Kiel (Germany) and Linn-Kristin Riegelhuth plays for the FC Copenhagen (Denmark). Both won with their team the gold medal in Beijing, for both it is the first time that they are awarded with the title of World Handball Player of the Year. Please find more information and detailed biographies under www.ihf.info.

IHF offers support to the British Association

Mid September IHF President Dr. Hassan Moustafa and Vice President Miguel Roca went together with EHF President Tor Lian to London to meet representatives of British handball and to offer them support and help for the upcoming Olympic Games in London 2012 “We hope that we can work closely together and to the same goal and direction,” said Dr Moustafa. “We have come here to help and support British Handball in their efforts to field two teams at the Olympics, and also to make the game more popular. The Olympics gives us a great opportunity, but we must not stop after the games.”

Women’s WC in China

The Women’s World Handball Championship will take place in China from 5-20th December. The games will be hosted in six selected cities in the province of Jiangsu. Media staffs that have no accreditation yet, can do it from now on the official website of the Women’s WC in China under:

<http://en.jiangsu2009.cn/article/s/581470-317661-0.htm>

You will find further information about Ticketing, sites and a lot of other questions about the WC under:

<http://en.jiangsu2009.cn/>

Youth Olympic Games 2010 in Singapore

If in the coming year from 14 – 26th August the Youth Olympic Games will be held in Singapore, then the handball will be a very important part of this event. For those born in 1992 and 1993, a tournament will take place both for female and male youth, each with six national teams (14 players each). The winners of the female and male youth will first be determined in the group matches, then in finals.

You will find further information under www.singapore2010.sg.

Meetings

14th October 2009: Meeting with the Secretary General of Italian Handball Federation regarding the Extraordinary Congress 2010

15th October 2009: Cocktail party for VIP

16th October 2009: Meeting of the Executive Committee

16th October 2009 : General Assembly of IHF Marketing AG

16/17th October 2009: CPP meeting in the Head Office in Basle

22nd October 2009: PRC will meet in Bad Urach to set up training material (DVD) for the new rules.

13-15th November 2009: TMK will meet in the Head Office in Basle

Please also visit www.ihf.info