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II Extraordinary Congress of the IHF

As previously announced Rome the Italian capital will host the II Extraordinary IHF Congress from 23 to 24 April 2010. The national federations and relevant IHF bodies are requested to register the application form which is now available for filling in online and to take note that the closing registration will be 20 March 2010.

Women's Junior WCh in South Korea

The 17th World Championship for Women's Junior will take place this year in Korea. Last Sunday, the International Handball Federation, represented by President Dr. Hassan Moustafa, and the Korean Handball Federation, represented by Dr Hyung-Kyun Chung (Vice President), Lina Lee (Director) and Kyoo-Oh Chung (Head of Office) signed the WCh contract in Cairo. 24 teams from all over the world will play for the title in the period of 17 July to 1 August in South Korea (the exact date will soon follow after publication of the match schedule). Germany is the reigning champion after beating Denmark in the 2008 Women's Junior final in Macedonia. Record title holder is Russia/USSR with eleven gold medals. The Women's Youth World Championship 2010 will take place in the Dominican Republic.

African Championships: Gold for Angola and Tunisia

Angola's women and Tunisia's men stood on the top of the podium at the 19th African Championships in Egypt. It was the tenth African Nations' title for Angola; Tunisia won Gold for the eighth time. Angola beat Tunisia in a high tensioned women's final that was determined only ten seconds before the end, with a final score of 31:30. Tunisia won against the men's team of the hosting nation Egypt with a score of 24:21. Those four teams qualified for the next World Championships before, the men from Algeria and the women from Ivory Coast snatched the last tickets for Sweden (men) and Brazil (women) in winning the Bronze medals. Algeria had no problems in beating DR Congo 30:22, and Ivory Coast with a score of 32:28 ruined the hopes of the Algerian women to qualify for WCh's with both national teams. The finals of the 19th African Nations' Championships were totally different. Whereas the spectators in Cairo watched an equal women's final, the men's final was quite one sided. The Tunisian team was fresher after their easy victory in the semi final against DR Congo, than the Egyptian team which lacked some power after the hard struggle against Algeria the day before. Tunisia was more determined to win and was in the lead temporarily with a four goal distance after the break. Even when Egypt could catch up and led with one goal, the "Carthage Eagles" dominated the final stage of the game again and they took a well deserved victory.

Top scorers of the game were Ahmed Mustafa (Egypt/6 goals) and Haykel Mgannem (Tunisia/5 goals).

Even if the Tunisian girls were frenetically supported by the Egypt spectators, Angola won the women's final. The two leading African nations were equal for 60 minutes. Angola led 14:13 at the break and with a two goal difference five minutes before the end – the young Tunisian team equalized, but did not manage to take the lead, and Angola scored the decisive goal ten seconds before the end.

Top scorers of the final were Luis Kiala (Angola) and Ines Khouldi (Tunisia) with each nine goals.

Final Rankings of the 19th African Nations' Championships:

Men: Gold: Tunisia, Silver: Egypt, Bronze: Algeria, 4. DR Congo, 5. Angola, 6.

Morocco, 7. Nigeria, 8. Congo, 9. Gabon, 10. Cameroon, 11. Libya, 12. Ivory Coast

Women: Gold: Angola, Silver: Tunisia, Bronze: Ivory Coast, 4. Algeria, 5. Congo, 6.

Egypt, 7. Cameroon, 8. DR Congo

Asian Championship: Gold for Korea, Bronze for Japan

Seven matches, seven clear victories: Korea is the well deserved old and new men's continental champion of Asia. By beating the surprising team of Bahrain 32:25 (16:13) in the final of the 14th Men's Asian Championships in Beirut, Lebanon, the trophy and the gold medals were handed over to the Koreans. The final match was quite one sided, even if Bahrain played equal in the first 20 minutes and equalized for the last time at 10:10. Thanks to a 6:3 series Korea started their counter attack match play – and overran their opponents in the second half after the 20:16. Korea decided the match, extending the gap to 28:19 thanks to their strong defense and their counter attacks. In the last part of the match, Bahrain could reduce it, but could never jeopardize the new and old champion. Both goalkeepers, Abdulhussain (Bahrain) and Su-Young Jung (Korea), showed brilliant saves. Despite of their defeat, Bahrain celebrated its first ever medal at Asian Championships and its first ever participation at a World Championship in Sweden in 2011.

The tension was higher for the Bronze Final, which had to decide about the third and last qualified for Sweden, and it had to be determined in extra time. Thanks to the twelve goals of Daisuke Miyazaki, Japan secured the Bronze medal against Saudi-Arabia. After 60 minutes the score was 27:27, and then the favored team had more power and won 33:30. Korea, Bahrain and Japan got the three tickets for Sweden 2011.

Final Ranking of the 14th Asian Men's Championships in Beirut, Lebanon:

Gold: South Korea, Silver: Bahrain, Bronze: Japan; 4 Saudi Arabia; 5 Qatar; 6 Syria; 7 Iran; 8 Lebanon; 9 China; 10 Iraq; 11 UAE; 12 Jordan.

Super Globe: Nearly all the participants are known

The Super Globe, the IHF World Championship for club teams will take place in Qatar from 17 to 21 May 2010. Coming from Europe, Champions League winner Ciudad Real (Spain) will play against Al Sadd (Qatar/Organizer) Sulaibikhat Club (Kuwait/Asian representative), Unopar Fel Sercomtel (Brazil/Pan-American representative) the AHF Southern Stars (Oceania/Australia) as well as an African representative, which will be known in April. The draw of the two preliminary groups will be on 6 March in Qatar. The host the Al Sadd Club will choose in which group they will play. Mr. Leon Kalin, the COC president of the IHF will attend the draw. In January, the Handball Association of Qatar had signed the contract with the IHF to host this event for the next four years.

The program of the Super Globe 2010:
17 -18 -19 May: group matches, 20 May: Semi finals, 21 May: Final, match for the 3rd rank, match for the 5th rank.

Antalya 2010 Beach Handball World Championships: First Workshop completed

The first Organizational Workshop between the IHF's Beach Handball Working Group and the Local Organizing Committee of the upcoming IV Men's and Women's Beach Handball World Championships was held in Antalya last weekend. The Workshop dealt with all the technical aspects of the event: venue construction, infrastructures, accommodation, ceremonies, side events, promotion, staffing, venue operations, media and draw preparation. The meeting was characterized of its efficiency and productivity. Both the IHF and LOC are convinced of an unparalleled event to be staged in Antalya/TUR this coming June (22- 27 June 2010) on the benefit of Beach Handball! The 12 men's and 12 women's team will experience unique hospitality in the Turkish Riviera and witness a finest competition. The next Workshop is scheduled to be held in Antalya from 11- 14 March. At the same time the Draw for the World Championships will be held in an event that will be planned and carried out by the LOC.

IHF helps the Federation of Haiti to rebuild

After the earthquake, the building of the Fédération Haitienne de Handball is inoperative. To help with the rebuilding and to encourage everyone to do so as well, the IHF decided on initiative of President Dr Hassan Moustafa to donate in a first step 15,000 CHF. The IHF has opened a special bank account and asks the handball family worldwide to support the rebuilding of the federation in Haiti. Everyone who wants to join the recovery efforts is welcome to make a donation on following bank account:

UBS Kontokorrent
IBAN: CH190023323366453802J
BIC: UBSWCHZH80A

WHM-Tech will be released in six languages

The next WHM-Tech will be released in March 2010 and from now on be printed in six languages. Besides the traditional languages of the IHF (English, French, German) the WHM-Tech will now also be published in Spanish, Russian and Arabic in order to provide for a worldwide distribution. New are not only the languages but also the fact that a separate booklet will be printed for each language. Up to now the magazine was printed in three languages in one edition. The magazine shall also be reevaluated with regards to its contents. Besides the analysis of IHF events, the future publication will also contain numerous supports for concepts for young players and for school handball.

IHF agenda until June 2010

March

04.-05.03	Basel (SUI)	Meeting of Commission of Coaching and Methods (CCM)
12.-13.03	Basel (SUI)	Meeting of Commission of Playing Rules and Referees (PRC)
14.-18.03	Almaty (KAZ)	Challenge Trophy
15.03	Basel (SUI)	Meeting of the Executive Committee
17.03	Basel (SUI)	Meeting of the Olympic Solidarity with IOC member (tbc)
17.-21.03	Paris (FRA)	Meeting of Commission of Organizing and Competition (COC)
30.03	Basel (SUI)	Meeting of the Media Group

April

05.-11.04	Bangladesh (IND)	Challenge Trophy
09.-10.04	Basel (SUI)	Meeting of Commission for Promotion and Public Relation (CPP)
06.-10.04	Rosario (ARG)	Women's Junior Pan American Championship / Qualification for 2010 WJWCh
13.-17.04	BalnearioCamboriu /Santa Catarina (BRA)	Men's and Women's Youth Pan American Championship
23.-24.04	Rome (ITA)	II Extraordinary Congress

May

04.-08.05	(ARG)	Men's Pan American Club Championship
17.-21.05	Doha (QAT)	Super Globe

June

12.-13.06		EHF Play-off matches/Qualification for 2011 MWCh
19.-20.06		EHF Play-off matches/Qualification for 2011 MWCh
22.-27.06	Antalya (TUR)	Men's and Women's Beach World Championships
22.-26.06	(CHI)	Men's Pan American Championship/Qualification for 2011 MWCh