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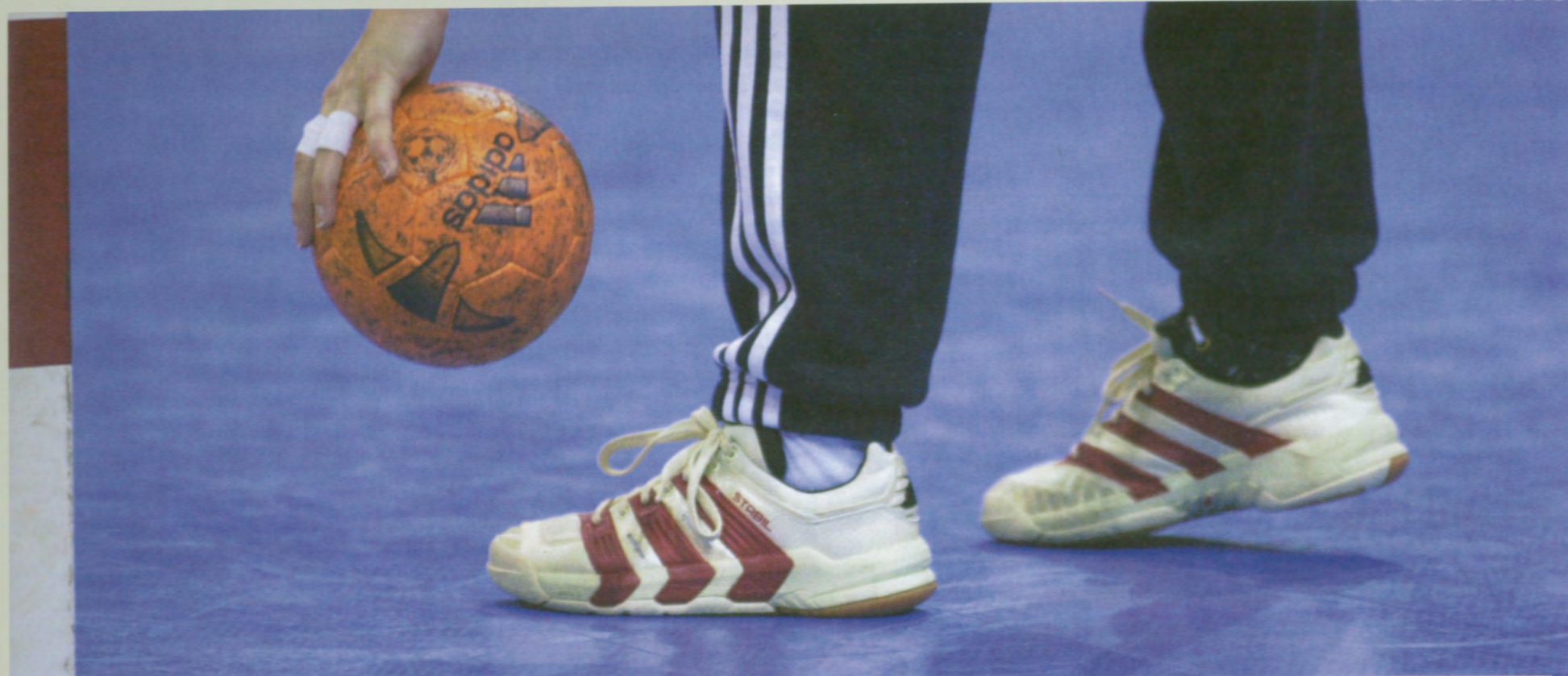
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FROM THE PRESIDENT



2002 - like all even years in European handball - was the year of the European Championships and the EHF Congress.

We are very proud that the 2002 Top Events were so well organised by the EHF Member Federations: AZE, DEN, ESP, FIN, POL and SWE.

The European Championships for Men (SWE) and Women (DEN) were played with 16 teams for the first time and hit all time records with full to capacity event arenas,

excellent TV broadcasts and large TV audiences. The launch of the official event website also proved to be a successful investment with over 2 million hits. These events were also the first events where prize money was presented to the top four teams. Both events in Sweden and Denmark set a precedent for future EURO events.

The Youth European Championships for Men (POL) and Women (FIN) were also excellently organised with top level handball being played, proving that the EHF member federations are working intensively and with success in this area.

The EHF has also channelled its efforts into the promotion of the European club competitions. The Champions League brings the elite clubs of our continent together and the other European Cup competitions also guarantee top European events. However, as the conditions for club matches differ tremendously from country to country, it is extremely difficult to find a competition system that suits the needs and capacity of everybody. Despite the fact that a lot of improvements have been made in this area a lot of work still remains to be done.

During the year the EHF placed great importance on the development of Beach Handball. The EHF Working Group for Beach Handball has strengthened the

Beach Handball philosophy and encouraged many new European Federations to join this new and developing discipline. The European Beach Handball Championship in Cadiz (ESP) was a great success. With 16 men's teams and 16 women's team this was the biggest international handball event ever. A special thanks goes to the Spanish Federation for their devoted work and excellent organisation.

At the EHF Ordinary Congress and Conference of Presidents in Salzburg (AUT) important steps were taken to improve the working mechanisms within the EHF. In particular the valuable contributions from the experts from UEFA, FIBA, KirchSport, SponsorService and adidas were appreciated. Subjects such as "Licensing" as a precondition for taking part in competitions, "Breakaway Leagues" and how to handle them and "Evaluation and Decisions for Awarding Championships" are important for the future and will be dealt with further.

For the first time the athletes were represented at a Congress. They had the opportunity to voice their opinions and make proposals. They also carried-out internal discussions. The next step will most probably be to open up the decision-making bodies to this important group.

The Congress thanked Manfred Prause with

FROM THE PRESIDENT

gifts and a standing ovation for his successful work in the Competitions Commission for refereeing. Sandor Andorka (HUN) was elected as his successor. In the Court of Appeal Tarik Cengiz (TUR) was elected to replace the late Mr Heliodoro Belendez Aspe.

The EHF has also worked intensively this year in the area of refereeing, focusing particularly on the next generation of top inter-

national referees. The Young Referees' Project was a further success in 2002, with three couples from the Young Referees' Project advancing to the status of "EHF Referee".

In the fields of Methods and Development, POR and AUT joined the "Rinck Convention". The EHF carried-out courses for the Chief of Referees from the Member Federations. Courses and seminars were

organised for youth coaches and for medical matters and psychology.

The Development Project, carried-out under the title of "SMART Project" has seen remarkable results within the developing handball nations. The 2002 Women's Challenge Trophy in Azerbaijan was proof of this with 6 of the "smaller" handball nations playing in front of capacity crowds in Baku/AZE.



During the year the co-operation and exchange of information with the other Continental Federations has been strengthened. Exchanges have been established with coaches and referees. All parties share the opinion that this work and partnership should be strengthened further in the future.

I would like to use this opportunity to thank everybody who has contributed to the success of 2002, especially those featured in

this Annual Report. The success of this year is down to the outstanding co-operation and contribution of all involved. A special thanks goes to all the EHF partners from the world of business and media, who have given their valuable support to the successful events.

I would like to deliver the most sincere thanks to the EHF staff members. The fantastic work that is provided by Secretary General Michael Wiederer and his employ-

ees at the EHF Office in Vienna is done with the highest competency, greatest service and the warmest heart and understanding for the requirements of the different handball cultures.

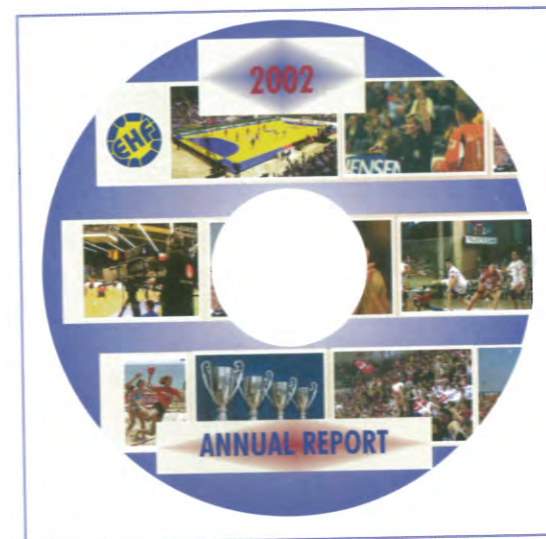
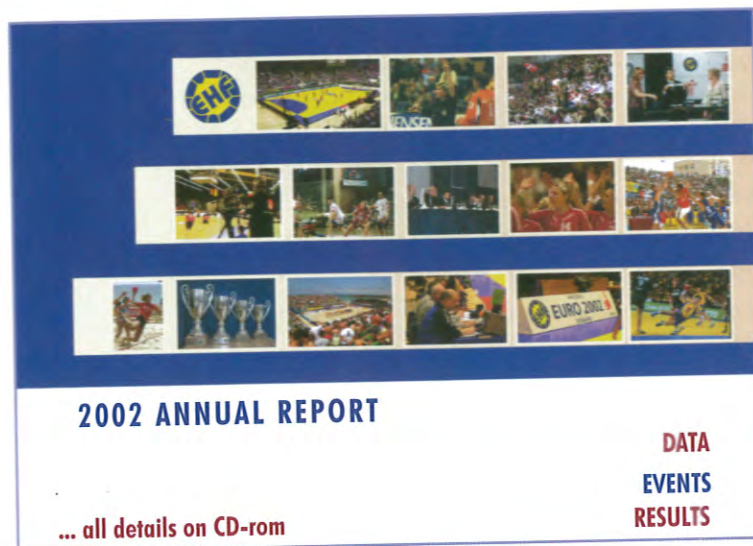

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EHF President

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THE NEW LOOK OF 2002 AR

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Welcome to this new look edition of the EHF Annual Report. In line with true tradition, the European Handball Federation has put together a compendium of information covering the events of 2002, keeping you informed about who was who and what went on in all corners of the European continent this past year.

You have no doubt already noticed the change in this year's Annual Report for-

mat. A central goal of the EHF is to keep all members of the European Handball Family fully informed about the EHF activities and we are sure that you will agree with us that this new format optimises the transfer of information and offers you a practical tool to work with.

The printed edition of the Annual Report offers you a catalogue of events and information, giving a compact look at all the EHF activities in 2002 and intro-

duces you to the EHF products - competitions, events, projects and EHF corporate network.

The CD should act as your working tool. Here you can find every single result, nomination, EHF News edition and more, all the working data you need, under an easy-to-work reference system.

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EURO 2002 - EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 6 Men's European Championship / SWE
- 8 Women's European Championship / DEN

BEACH HANDBALL

- 10 Beach Handball European Championships/ ESP

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 14 Men's Junior European Championship / POL
- 15 Women's Junior European Championship / FIN

2002 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

- 18 Men's Champions League
- 19 Women's Champions League

2002 EUROPEAN CUPS

- 22 EHF Cup
- 23 Cupwinners Cup
- 24 Challenge Cup

ADDITIONAL COMPETITIONS

- 26 European Championship for Club Teams
- 28 Women's Challenge Trophy
- 29 Youth Champions' Tournament

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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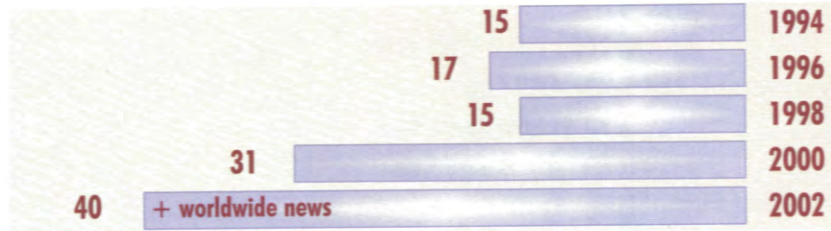
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MEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

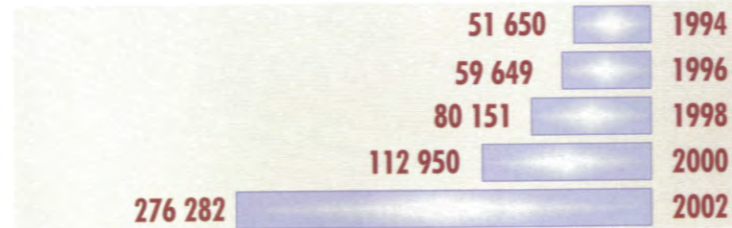
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| MEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS | | |
|------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| EURO | Champion | Organiser |
| 1994 | SWE | POR |
| 1996 | RUS | ESP |
| 1998 | SWE | ITA |
| 2000 | SWE | CRO |
| 2002 | SWE | SWE |

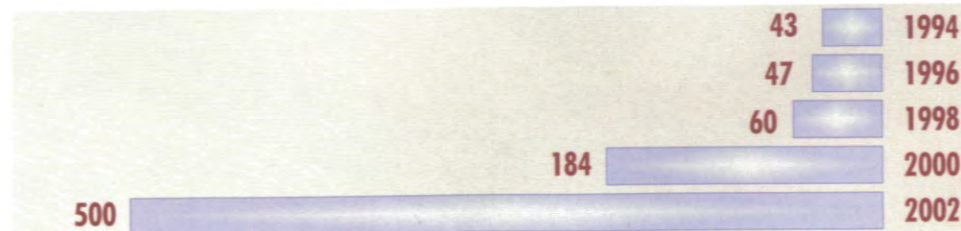
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2002 MEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP in SWE

The 5th Men's European Championship came to a dramatic end with Sweden winning the European Championship title. This top event in European handball was declared a success with over 300 000 spectators and matches broadcast in over 40 countries. Media coverage from the event reached a record high. Over 600 media representatives converged on Sweden to cover the championship.



This was the first Men's European Championship with 16 teams and a new playing system.

ALL STAR TEAM

| | | |
|---|--------------------|----------------|
|  Goalkeeper: | Peter Gentzel | SWE |
| Left wing: | Lars Christiansen | DEN |
| Left back: | Stefan Lövgren | SWE |
| Middle back: | Daniel Stefan | GER |
| Line player: | Magnus Wislander | SWE |
| Right back: | Olafur Stefansson | ISL |
| Right wing: | Denis Krivoshlykov | RUS |
| | | |
| TOP SCORER: | Olafur Stefansson | ISL (58 goals) |
| BEST PLAYER: | Magnus Wislander | SWE |

FINAL RANKING

| | | | |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. SWE | 5. RUS | 9. POR | 13. SUI |
| 2. GER | 6. FRA | 10. YUG | 14. ISR |
| 3. DEN | 7. ESP | 11. UKR | 15. POL |
| 4. ISL | 8. CZE | 12. SLO | 16. CRO |

FINAL MATCHES

| | | |
|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| DEN : ISL | 29 : 22 (13 : 11) | place 3/4 |
| GER : SWE | 31 : 33 (26 : 26) (14 : 13) | final |



The 2004 Men's European Championship will take place in Slovenia from 22 January - 1 February 2004. Preparations have already begun and two workshops and first inspections have already taken place.

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WOMEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

THE FIGURES

WOMEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

| EURO | Champion | Organiser |
|------|----------|-----------|
| 1994 | DEN | GER |
| 1996 | DEN | DEN |
| 1998 | NOR | NED |
| 2000 | HUN | ROM |
| 2002 | DEN | DEN |

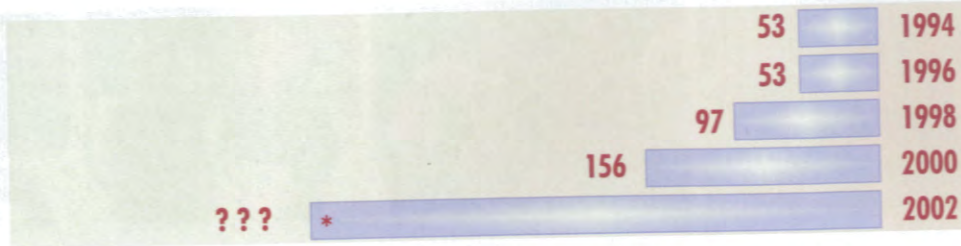
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SPECTATORS



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2002 WOMEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP in DEN

The 5th Women's European Championship has come to an end with winning the European Championship title. This top event in European handball was declared a success with a full to capacity arena with a fantastic atmosphere for the final weekend. The matches were broadcast in over 80 countries worldwide plus news coverage.

This was the first Women's European Championship with 16 teams.



EM 2002
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP - DENMARK

ALL STAR TEAM

| | | |
|---------------|--------------------|-----|
| ★ Goalkeeper: | Karin Mortensen | DEN |
| Left wing: | Lina Daugaard | DEN |
| Left back: | Ausra Fridrikas | AUT |
| Middle back: | Kristina Andersen | DEN |
| Line player: | Ludmila Bodnieva | RUS |
| Right back: | Caroline Rosenberg | NOR |
| Right wing: | Stephanie Cano | FRA |

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|--------------|-----------------|-----|------------|
| TOP SCORER: | Agnes Farkas | HUN | (58 goals) |
| BEST PLAYER: | Karin Mortensen | DEN | |

FINAL RANKING

| | | | |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. DEN | 5. HUN | 9. AUT | 13. ESP |
| 2. NOR | 6. YUG | 10. SLO | 14. NED |
| 3. FRA | 7. ROM | 11. GER | 15. SWE |
| 4. RUS | 8. CZE | 12. UKR | 16. BLR |

FINAL MATCHES

| | | |
|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| RUS : FRA | 22 : 27 (11 : 14) | place 3/4 |
| DEN : NOR | 25 : 22 (13 : 11) | final |



The 2004 Women's European Championship will take place in Hungary from 9-19 December 2004. Preparations have already begun and the first workshop has already taken place.

BEACH HANDBALL

ACTION

FUN

SKILL

SPEED



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2002 BEACH HANDBALL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS in ESP

Beach Handball is a rapidly developing sport. The combination of skill, speed and action make it the ideal sport to watch and play, whether just for fun or competitively. The 2002 Beach Handball European Championships saw Beach Handball at its best.

The elite of the sport converged on Cadiz, Spain for the 2nd edition of the Beach Handball European Championships for both men and women from 16-21 July 2002. After a hard fight for the titles, the hosts, Spain, took the gold in the men's competitions and Russia topped the rankings in the women's category, narrowly beating the surprise of the tournament and international Beach Handball newcomers - Turkey.

The 2002 Championships took on a new dimension, with the Organisers - Real Federacion Espanola de Balonmano and handball partners in Andalusia- playing host to a total of 32 teams (16 men's and 16 women's teams) from 20 nations from all corners of Europe, making this the biggest championship ever held in the EHF's ten year history!

A new feature for 2002 was the possibility to win prize money, with a total of 80 000 Euro



available. The 8 teams which made it to the final round in each category received amounts ranging from 2000 to 10 000 Euro.

A total of 120 matches were played on a total of 4 beach courts in a true "Beach Handball" party spirit. An impressive grand

stand was set up on the beach which was filled to capacity, with over 3 500 spectators watching the final phase of the tournament.

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BEACH HANDBALL

2002 BEACH MEN'S HANDBALL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

| | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| FINAL RANKING | 1. ESP | 5. YUG | 9. GER | 13. NOR |
| | 2. RUS | 6. CYP | 10. ITA | 14. FRA |
| | 3. BLR | 7. POR | 11. SWE | 15. HUN |
| | 4. UKR | 8. TUR | 12. CRO | 16. LIE |

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|
| FINAL MATCHES | UKR : BLR | 0 : 2 (09 : 17)(11 : 19) | place 3/4 |
| | RUS : ESP | 0 : 2 (13 : 16) (12 : 14) | place 1/2 |



ALL STAR TEAM

Best scorer: Siarhei Ubozhanka/BLR-scored 82 points
 Best goalkeeper: Armando Torrego/ESP
 Best dressed team: Spain
 Fair play: Liechtenstein



ALL STAR TEAM

Best scorer: Katarina Hartenstein/GER-scored 82 points
 Best goalkeeper: Olga Sanko/RUS
 Best dressed team: Netherlands
 Fair play: Turkey

2002 BEACH WOMEN'S HANDBALL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

| | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| FINAL RANKING | 1. RUS | 5. UKR | 9. AUT | 13. POR |
| | 2. TUR | 6. SWE | 10. SLO | 14. MKD |
| | 3. YUG | 7. ITA | 11. NOR | 15. NED |
| | 4. GER | 8. ESP | 12. HUN | 16. FRA |

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| FINAL MATCHES | YUG : GER | 2 : 0 (15 : 14) (17 : 14) | place 3/4 |
| | RUS : TUR | 2 : 1 (11 : 16) (21 : 10)(5:1) | place 1/2 |



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We believe in putting our clients in front. As KirchSport AG, we have built a place among the leading sports marketing companies in the world today. Our rights portfolio is as impressive as the track record of our team, with achievements that include the recent, successful delivery of broadcasting rights sales and production of the 2002 FIFA World Cup™.

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JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

2002 MEN'S EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP in POL



The 2002 Men's Junior European Championship came to an end on 18th August, in Gdańsk, Poland. The hosts, Poland, took their first European Championship crown in the history of Polish handball. They beat Slovenia in the final - 29:25 (12:13). The teams ranked 1 and 2, Poland and Slovenia, have qualified automatically for the 2003 Men's Junior World Championship, which will take place in August/September 2003 in Brazil.

FINAL RANKING

| | | | |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. POL | 4. MKD | 7. RUS | 10. POR |
| 2. SLO | 5. DEN | 8. CZE | 11. CRO |
| 3. YUG | 6. ROM | 9. UKR | 12. LTU |

FINAL MATCHES

| | |
|-----------|-------------------|
| YUG : MKD | 33 : 30 (15 : 15) |
| SLO : POL | 25 : 29 (13 : 12) |

place 3/4
final

ALL STAR TEAM



| | | |
|--------------|--------------------|-----|
| Goalkeeper: | Borko Ristovski | MKD |
| Left wing: | David Spiler | SLO |
| Left back: | Karol Bielecki | POL |
| Middle back: | Mariusz Jurkiewicz | POL |
| Line player: | Mladen Rakcevic | YUG |
| Right back: | Matjaz Brumen | SLO |
| Right wing: | Ivan Stankovic | YUG |

TOP SCORER: Karol Bielecki POL (56 goals)

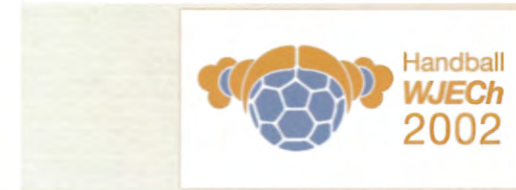


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2002 WOMEN'S EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP in FIN

The 2002 Women's Junior European Championship was concluded an end on 1st September 2002 in Helsinki, Finland. Russia took the title after beating Hungary in the final. They were closely followed by Spain who won convincingly in the final for 3/4 place against Netherlands. The teams ranked 1 and 2 at the 2002 Women's Junior European Championship, Russia and Hungary, have qualified automatically for the 2003 Women's Junior World Championship, which will take place in August/September 2003 in FYRO Macedonia.



ALL STAR TEAM



| | | |
|--------------|--------------------------|-----|
| Goalkeeper: | Christina Gonzales Ramos | ESP |
| Left wing: | Emilya Turey | RUS |
| Left back: | Gabriella Szücs | HUN |
| Middle back: | Marta Mange Gonzales | ESP |
| Line player: | Lioudmila Motchalina | RUS |
| Right back: | Renata Mörtel | HUN |
| Right wing: | Carolina Zalewski | FRA |

TOP SCORER: Emilya Turey RUS (46 goals)

FINAL RANKING

| | | | |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| 1. RUS | 4. NED | 7. ROM | 10. LTU |
| 2. HUN | 5. FRA | 8. SLO | 11. GER |
| 3. ESP | 6. SWE | 9. POL | 12. FIN |

FINAL MATCHES

| | | |
|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| NED : ESP | 19 : 27 (08 : 13) | place 3/4 |
| HUN : RUS | 24 : 25 (13 : 14) | final |



CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - MEN

| | | |
|-------|----------------------|-----|
| 93/94 | TEKA Santander | ESP |
| 94/95 | Elgorriaga Bidasoa | ESP |
| 95/96 | FC Barcelona | ESP |
| 96/97 | FC Barcelona | ESP |
| 97/98 | FC Barcelona | ESP |
| 98/99 | FC Barcelona | ESP |
| 99/00 | FC Barcelona | ESP |
| 00/01 | Portland San Antonio | ESP |
| 01/02 | Sportclub Magdeburg | GER |



CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - WOMEN

| | | |
|-------|-----------------------|-----|
| 93/94 | Hypo Niederösterreich | AUT |
| 94/95 | Hypo Niederösterreich | AUT |
| 95/96 | Podravka Koprivnica | CRO |
| 96/97 | L'Eliana Valencia | ESP |
| 97/98 | Hypo Niederösterreich | AUT |
| 98/99 | Dunaferr SE | HUN |
| 99/00 | Hypo Niederösterreich | AUT |
| 00/01 | Krim Neutro Roberts | SLO |
| 01/02 | Kometal D.P. Skopje | MKD |



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CHAMPIONS LEAGUE



The Champions League is the elite European club competition, where the champions meet to fight it out for the most prestigious title in international club handball. The new look brand name - EHF Champions League - was launched onto the sporting market for the first time last season 2001/2002, with a total of 32 top clubs from 19 countries taking the challenge.

This is a new challenge for European handball, centred around a central marketing policy. The initial success of the centralisation of marketing (partial) and TV rights is clearly highlighted by the figures you can see here.

The initiatives in the 2001/2002 season were the first steps in the brand-building process and together with right holder - Sponsor Service ASA - the EHF is emphasising the key words - product development - for the future.

THE FIGURES

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| | 8640 minutes | of Champions League handball were played |
| | 32 teams | from 19 countries took part |
| | 6500 goals | were scored |
| more than | 300 000 spectators | watched the matches |
| a total of | 589 million viewers | watched on TV (adults over 12 years) |
| there were | 1556 TV broadcasts | |
| a total of | 576 000 Euro | was received by men's clubs |
| a total of | 396 000 Euro | was received by women's clubs |



CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - MEN

STANDINGS

| GROUP A | | won | draw | lost | goal difference | points |
|---------|---------------------------|-----|------|------|-----------------|--------|
| 1 DEN | Kolding IF | 4 | 1 | 1 | 159 : 141 | 18 9 |
| 2 ESP | Portland San Antonio | 4 | 1 | 1 | 188 : 152 | 36 9 |
| 3 POR | Sporting C. P. Lisboa | 2 | 0 | 4 | 132 : 149 | -17 4 |
| 4 YUG | Lovcen Osiguranje Cetinje | 1 | 0 | 5 | 110 : 147 | -37 2 |

| GROUP B | | won | draw | lost | goal difference | points |
|---------|-----------------------|-----|------|------|-----------------|--------|
| 1 CRO | RK Metkovic Jambo | 5 | 0 | 1 | 166 : 138 | 28 10 |
| 2 SWE | Redberglids IK | 5 | 0 | 1 | 167 : 151 | 16 10 |
| 3 NOR | Sandefjord TIF | 2 | 0 | 4 | 161 : 164 | -3 4 |
| 4 ISR | Hapoel Rishon Le Zion | 0 | 0 | 6 | 151 : 192 | -41 0 |

| GROUP C | | won | draw | lost | goal difference | points |
|---------|-----------------------|-----|------|------|-----------------|--------|
| 1 SLO | Celje Pivovarna Lasko | 5 | 0 | 1 | 176 : 160 | 16 10 |
| 2 ESP | C.BM. Ademar Leon | 4 | 0 | 2 | 177 : 159 | 18 8 |
| 3 CZE | HBC Karvina | 2 | 0 | 4 | 170 : 178 | -8 4 |
| 4 RUS | CSKA Moskau | 1 | 0 | 5 | 155 : 181 | -26 2 |

| GROUP D | | won | draw | lost | goal difference | points |
|---------|------------------------|-----|------|------|-----------------|--------|
| 1 HUN | Fotex KC Veszprém | 5 | 0 | 1 | 157 : 130 | 27 10 |
| 2 GER | Sportclub Magdeburg | 3 | 2 | 1 | 162 : 141 | 21 8 |
| 3 FRA | S. O. Chambéry | 1 | 1 | 4 | 149 : 174 | -25 3 |
| 4 MKD | Vardar Vatrost. Skopje | 1 | 1 | 4 | 152 : 175 | -23 3 |

1/4 FINALS

SWE Redberglids IK

31:30; 27:30; [58:60]

DEN Kolding IF

ESP Portland San Antonio

28:21; 22:27; [50:48]

CRO RK Metkovic Jambo

GER Sportclub Magdeburg

29:31; 28:25; [57:56]

SLO Celje Pivovarna Lasko

ESP C.BM. Ademar Leon

22:27; 18:30; [40:57]

HUN Fotex KC Veszprém

1/2 FINALS

HUN Fotex KC Veszprém

27:19; 21:27; [48:46]

ESP Portland San Antonio

GER Sportclub Magdeburg

29:19; 28:25; [57:44]

DEN Kolding IF

FINALS

HUN Fotex KC Veszprém

23:21; 25:30; [48:51]

GER Sportclub Magdeburg



01/02 CHAMPION

GER Sportclub Magdeburg

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CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - WOMEN

STANDINGS

| GROUP A | | won | draw | lost | goal difference | points |
|---------|-------------------------|-----|------|------|-----------------|--------|
| 1 | NOR Larvik HK | 4 | 1 | 1 | 160 : 154 | 6 9 |
| 2 | UKR Motor Zaporoshje | 3 | 0 | 3 | 147 : 141 | 6 6 |
| 3 | ROM A.S. Silcotub Zalau | 1 | 3 | 2 | 151 : 160 | -9 5 |
| 4 | FRA E.S.B.F. Besancon | 1 | 2 | 3 | 151 : 154 | -3 4 |

| GROUP B | | won | draw | lost | goal difference | points |
|---------|-----------------------------|-----|------|------|-----------------|--------|
| 1 | YUG Bud. Brillant Podgorica | 4 | 0 | 2 | 180 : 165 | 15 8 |
| 2 | ESP Milar L'Eliana Valencia | 3 | 0 | 3 | 159 : 166 | -7 6 |
| 3 | HUN Dunaferri SE | 3 | 0 | 3 | 140 : 139 | 1 6 |
| 4 | DEN GOG Gudme | 2 | 0 | 4 | 156 : 165 | -9 4 |

| GROUP C | | won | draw | lost | goal difference | points |
|---------|---------------------------|-----|------|------|-----------------|--------|
| 1 | HUN HERZ - FTC Budapest | 3 | 1 | 2 | 179 : 172 | 7 7 |
| 2 | ESP Ferrobus KU Mislata | 3 | 1 | 2 | 163 : 167 | -4 7 |
| 3 | AUT Hypo Niederösterreich | 3 | 0 | 3 | 171 : 159 | 12 6 |
| 4 | DEN Viborg HK A/S | 2 | 0 | 4 | 163 : 178 | -15 4 |

| GROUP D | | won | draw | lost | goal difference | points |
|---------|----------------------------|-----|------|------|-----------------|--------|
| 1 | MKD Kometal D. P. Skopje | 4 | 1 | 1 | 158 : 140 | 18 9 |
| 2 | POL MKS Montex Lublin | 3 | 0 | 3 | 160 : 165 | -5 6 |
| 3 | SLO RK Krim Neutro Roberts | 3 | 0 | 3 | 148 : 151 | -3 6 |
| 4 | RUS Volgograd AKVA | 1 | 1 | 4 | 134 : 144 | -10 3 |



01/02 CHAMPION

MKD Kometal D. P. Skopje

FINALS

MKD Kometal D. P. Skopje

25:27; 26:22; [51:49]

HUN HERZ - FTC Budapest

1/4 FINALS

ESP Milar L'Eliana Valencia

24:25; 25:27; [49:52]

NOR Larvik HK

UKR Motor Zaporoshje

26:26; 22:28; [48:54]

YUG Bud. Brillant Podgorica

1/2 FINALS

HUN HERZ - FTC Budapest

32:32; 32:31; [64:63]

YUG Bud. Brillant Podgorica

POL MKS Montex Lublin

32:31; 23:25; [55:56]

HUN HERZ - FTC Budapest

NOR Larvik HK

29:22; 21:28; [50:50]

ESP Ferrobus KU Mislata

22:32; 22:22; [44:54]

MKD Kometal D. P. Skopje

MKD Kometal D. P. Skopje

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EUROPEAN CUP

MEN

EHF CUP

93/94 Alzira Avidesa/ESP
94/95 BM Granollers/ESP
95/96 BM Granollers/ESP
96/97 SG-Flensburg-Handewitt/GER
97/98 THW Kiel/GER
98/99 Sportclub Magdeburg/GER
99/00 Metkovic Jambo/CRO
00/01 Sportclub Magdeburg/GER
01/02 THW Kiel/GER

CITY CUP / *CHALLENGE CUP

93/94 TUSEM Essen/GER
94/95 TV Niederwürzbach/GER
95/96 Drammen HK/NOR
96/97 TuS Nettelstedt/GER
97/98 TuS Nettelstedt/GER
98/99 SG Flensburg-Handewitt/GER
99/00 TW Grosswallstadt/GER
00/01 *RK Jugovic Kac/YUG
01/02 *Skjern Handball/DEN

CUPWINNERS CUP

93/94 FC Barcelona/ESP
94/95 FC Barcelona/ESP
95/96 TBV Lemgo/GER
96/97 Elgorriaga Bidasoa/ESP
97/98 Caja Cantabria Santander/ESP
98/99 Proseca Ademar Leon/ESP
99/00 Portland San Antonio/ESP
00/01 SG Flensburg-Handewitt/GER
01/02 A.D.C. Ciudad Real/ESP

WOMEN

EHF CUP

93/94 Viborg HK/DEN
94/95 Debrecen VSC/HUN
95/96 Debrecen VSC/HUN
96/97 Robit Olimpija Ljubljana/SLO
97/98 Dunaferre SE/HUN
98/99 Viborg HK/DEN
99/00 El Ferrobús Mislata/ESP
00/01 Montex Lublin/POL
01/02 Ikast Bording EH/DEN

CITY CUP / *CHALLENGE CUP

93/94 Buxtehuder SV/GER
94/95 Rotor Volgograd/RUS
95/96 AS Silcotub Zalău/ROM
96/97 Frankfurter Handball Club/GER
97/98 Ikast F.S./DEN
98/99 Napredak Krusevac/YUG
99/00 Rapid Bucuresti/ROM
00/01 *Handball Cercle Nîmes/FRA
01/02 *Non Profit S.A.Uni./ROM

CUPWINNERS CUP

93/94 TuS Walle Bremen/GER
94/95 Dunaferre SE/HUN
95/96 Giessen Lützellinden/GER
96/97 Istochnik Rostov/RUS
97/98 Baekkelagets Oslo/NOR
98/99 Baekkelagets Oslo/NOR
99/00 L'Elia Valencia/ESP
00/01 Motor Zaporozhje/UKR
01/02 HC "Lada Toljatti"

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THE FIGURES

The European Handball Federation is well aware that the grassroots of European handball development belong to club handball, which is the reason why European club competitions contribute to such a large proportion of EHF activity throughout Europe.

The European Cup competitions include the Champions League (which as of 2001/2002 took a huge step forward to be centrally marketed as a new brand name on the handball market), the EHF Cup, the Challenge Cup and the Cupwinners Cup.

A record number of 274 clubs (*including Champions League) registered for the European Cup competitions in the 2001/2002 season, this compared to a total of 242 clubs in the preceding season, 2000/2001. On the next pages you can follow the highlights of the past European Cup season and see who won the fight to the top.

MEN

SPECTATORS

| | |
|-------|---------|
| 01/02 | 346 000 |
| 00/01 | 289 000 |
| 99/00 | 241 000 |
| 98/99 | 291 000 |



PARTICIPATING CLUBS

| | |
|-------|-----|
| 01/02 | 134 |
| 00/01 | 112 |
| 99/00 | 94 |
| 98/99 | 95 |



MATCHES

| | |
|-------|-----|
| 01/02 | 262 |
| 00/01 | 216 |
| 99/00 | 182 |
| 98/99 | 181 |



GOALS

| | |
|-------|--------|
| 01/02 | 13 656 |
| 00/01 | 10 761 |
| 99/00 | 8 214 |
| 98/99 | 8 986 |



WOMEN

SPECTATORS

| | |
|---------|-------|
| 195 000 | 01/02 |
| 179 000 | 00/01 |
| 127 000 | 99/00 |
| 138 000 | 98/99 |

PARTICIPATING CLUBS

| | |
|-----|-------|
| 108 | 01/02 |
| 98 | 00/01 |
| 84 | 99/00 |
| 84 | 98/99 |

MATCHES

| | |
|-----|-------|
| 210 | 01/02 |
| 188 | 00/01 |
| 158 | 99/00 |
| 158 | 98/99 |

GOALS

| | |
|--------|-------|
| 10 838 | 01/02 |
| 9 087 | 00/01 |
| 7 820 | 99/00 |
| 7 814 | 98/99 |

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EHF CUP

MEN

GER SG Wallau-Massenheim
32:22,24:27 [56:49]

YUG RK Sintelon

ESP FC Barcelona
39:30,27:24 [66:54]

NOR Drammen HK

ESP BM. Galdar
30:26,34:27 [64:53]

DEN GOG Gudme

GER THW Kiel
33:23,29:26 [62:49]

GER TBV Lemgo

1/4 FINALS

01/02 CHAMPION

DEN Ikast Bording EH

ESP FC Barcelona
41:23,33:32 [74:55]

ESP BM. Galdar

GER THW Kiel
32:27,31:32 [63:59]

GER SG Wallau-Massenheim

1/2 FINALS

FINALS

HUN Györi Graboplast ETO
30:25,23:36 [53:61]

DEN Ikast Bording EH

GER THW Kiel
36:29,24:28 [60:57]

ESP FC Barcelona

FINALS



1/2 FINALS

DEN Ikast Bording EH
28:22,28:31 [56:53]

GER TV Giessen

NOR Baekkelagets SK
27:22,23:31 [50:53]

HUN Györi Graboplast ETO

GER THW Kiel

01/02 CHAMPION

WOMEN

1/4 FINALS

GER TV Giessen
37:21,31:19 [68:40]

ESP Vicar Goya Almeria

HUN Györi Graboplast ETO
38:24,32:37 [70:61]

NOR Gjovikog Vardal HK

AUT McDonald's Wr.Neustadt
29:31,25:28 [54:59]

NOR Baekkelagets SK

CRO Podravka Vegeta
28:26,22:32 [50:58]

DEN Ikast Bording EH

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MEN

MKD RK "Pelister" Bitola
27:22,25:29 [52:51]

GRE G. A. C, Kilkis

POL WKS Slask Wroclaw
30:24,18:24 [48:48]

FRA US d'Ivry Handball

DEN Frederiksberg IF
34:24,22:28 [56:52]

SUI TV Suhr-Handball

ITA Pallamano Rubiera
20:30,26:28 [46:58]

DEN Skjern Handball

1/4 FINALS

01/02 CHAMPION

ROM Univ. Deva

DEN Frederiksberg IF
31:25,29:36 [60:61]

MKD RK "Pelister" Bitola

FRA US d'Ivry Handball
24:26,23:33 [47:59]

DEN Skjern Handball

1/2 FINALS

FINALS

ROM Univ. Deva
33:23,31:25 [64:48]

GER BSV Buxtehude

MKD RK "Pelister" Bitola
27:20,17:34 [44:54]

DEN Skjern Handball

FINALS



1/2 FINALS

GER BSV Buxtehude
31:14,25:20 [56:34]

POR CD Gil Eanes-Lagos

ROM Rapid Bucuresti
24:25,19:21 [43:46]

ROM Univ. Deva

DEN Skjern Handball

01/02 CHAMPION

WOMEN

1/4 FINALS

ROM Univ. Deva
30:18,28:27 [58:45]

POL EB Start Elblag

ROM Rapid Bucuresti
35:26,29:24 [64:50]

GER DJK / MJC Trier

BUL Etar Veliko 64 Tarnovo
26:20,18:24 [44:44]

POR CD Gil Eanes-Lagos

RUS AGU ADYIF Majkop
26:27,23:22 [49:49]

GER BSV Buxtehude

CUPWINNERS CUP

MEN

FRA Montpellier HB
27:25,21:26 [48:51]

ESP A. D. C. Ciudad Real

RUS Voronezh RPO HC "Energia"
31:31,21:32 [52:63]

GER SG Flensburg-Handewitt

YUG Partizan Belgrad
30:18,25:32 [55:50]

NOR IL Runar Sandefjord

HUN Dunaferri SE
25:15,19:29 [44:44]

POR F.C. do Porto

1/4 FINALS

01/02 CHAMPION

RUS HC "Lada Toljatti"

HUN Dunaferri SE
21:22,21:25 [42:47]

GER SG Flensburg-Handewitt

YUG Partizan Belgrad
20:19,25:29 [45:48]

ESP A. D. C. Ciudad Real

1/2 FINALS

FINALS

ROM C.S. Olchim Valcea
32:27,20:28 [52:55]

RUS HC "Lada Toljatti"

ESP A. D. C. Ciudad Real
31:22,27:32 [58:54]

GER SG Flensburg-Handewitt

FINALS



1/2 FINALS

ESP Alsa Elda Prestigio
32:28,26:32 [58:60]

ROM C.S. Olchim Valcea

POL C.B. Zagłębie Lubin
32:28,26:32 [58:60]

RUS HC "Lada Toljatti"

ESP A. D. C. Ciudad Real

01/02 CHAMPION

WOMEN

1/4 FINALS

NOR Nordstrand 2000, Oslo
23:18,20:27 [43:45]

POL C.B. Zagłębie Lubin

FRA ASPTT Metz
32:28,26:32 [58:60]

RUS HC "Lada Toljatti"

CRO ZRK Koka Varazdin
19:31,25:31 [44:62]

ROM C.S. Olchim Valcea

GER TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen
29:28,22:25 [51:53]

ESP Alsa Elda Prestigio

ADDITIONAL COMPETITIONS



ADDITIONAL COMPETITIONS

- 26 **European Championship for Club Teams - Men**
- European Championship for Club Teams - Women**
- 28 **Women's Challenge Trophy**
- 29 **Youth Champions' Tournament for Club Teams "Partille Cup"**

ADDITIONAL COMPETITIONS

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR CLUB TEAMS



The European Handball Federation places great emphasis on the importance of club handball within its competition strategy. The European Championship for Club Teams is where the crème de la crème of club handball meet to prove themselves as being the European Club Champions.

The first European Championship for Club Teams took place in 1994. This product has since evolved to become a firm fixture on the sporting calendar and as of 2001 the television and marketing rights have been in the hands of the EHF

Partner, Sponsor Service. It is a central goal of the EHF to develop this product further to penetrate the competitive sporting market and create a unique two-day club handball event.

The 2001 Women's European Championship for Club Teams took place in Skopje, FYRO Macedonia from 2-3 November and the men's edition took place in the top handball centres of Dessau and Magdeburg in Germany from 25-26 October. You can find all the details on the following pages.

THE FIGURES

| | | |
|------------|-------------------|---|
| more than | 13 000 spectators | watched the matches |
| | 235 goals | were scored |
| a total of | 37 500 Euro | was received by the women's winning clubs |
| a total of | 55 000 Euro | was received by the men's winning clubs |



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EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR MEN'S CLUB TEAMS



This was the 7th edition of the Men's European Championship for Club Teams. The defending Champions from 2001 and host of the 2002 Championship SC Magdeburg/GER - took the title, beating their opponents from last season's Champions League final - Fotex Veszprem/HUN - in a close match. By winning the championship, SC Magdeburg, won a total of 25 000 Euro, 2nd place Fotex Veszprem won 15 000 Euro, 3rd place BM Ciudad Real 10 000 Euro and THW Kiel 5 000 Euro.

FINAL RANKING

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. SC Magdeburg/GER | 3. BM Ciudad Real/ESP |
| 2. Fotex Veszprem/HUN | 4. THW Kiel/GER |

FINAL MATCHES

Ciudad Real/ESP : THW Kiel/GER 32:20 (14:11) place 3/4
 Fotex Veszprem/HUN : SC Magdeburg/GER 30:31 (15:17) final

ALL STAR TEAM

BEST PLAYER: Olafur Stefansson - SC Magdeburg/GER
TOP SCORER: Gregorz Tkaczyk - SC Magdeburg/GER (15 goals)
BEST GOALKEEPER: Arpad Sterbik - Fotex Veszprem/HUN

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR WOMEN'S CLUB TEAMS

This was the 9th edition of the Women's European Championship for Club Teams. The home team Kometal DP Skopje won the gold medal after beating Ikast Bording EH in front of an enthusiastic home crowd. By winning the championship, Kometal DP Skopje/MKD won a total of 15000 Euro, 2nd place Ikast Bording/DEN won 10 000 Euro, 3rd place Herz FTC Budapest/HUN 7 500 Euro and Lada Toliatti/RUS 5 000 Euro.



ALL STAR TEAM

BEST PLAYER: Andrijana Budimir - Kometal DP Skopje/MKD
TOP SCORER: Kristine Andersen - Ikast Bording/DEN (21 goals)
BEST GOALKEEPER: Timea Sugar - Herz FTC Budapest/HUN

FINAL RANKING

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Kometal DP Skopje/MKD | 3. Herz FTC Budapest/HUN |
| 2. Ikast Bording/DEN | 4. Lada Toljatti/RUS |

FINAL MATCHES

HC LADA Toljatti/RUS:HERZ FTC Budapest/HUN 23:27 (12:14) place 3/4
 Ikast Bording EH/DEN:Kometal DP Skopje/MKD 28:30 (15:15) final

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ADDITIONAL COMPETITIONS

WOMEN'S CHALLENGE TROPHY



The Challenge Trophy is an EHF event directed at the so called "developing" handball nations in order to include them into the top level competition system at a later stage. It provides such nations with the ideal opportunity to gain valuable international experience within a balanced competitive environment.

This was the 2nd edition of this event for women and it took place from 7-12.05.2002 in Baku/Azerbaijan. The event was excellently organized and received massive attention from the handballing public in Azerbaijan, with all games played in front of a full house.

2002 was the turn of the women's competition.

The refereeing educational initiative, the Young Referees' Project formed an integral part of this event.

FINAL RANKING

- | | |
|--------|--------|
| 1. AZE | 4. ISR |
| 2. GRE | 5. GEO |
| 3. BEL | 6. MDA |

FINAL MATCHES

| | | |
|-----------|---------------------|---------------|
| Rank 6/5: | Moldova - Georgia | 18:35 (07:18) |
| Rank 4/3: | Belgium - Israel | 19:18 (09:11) |
| Rank 2/1: | Greece - Azerbaijan | 18:26 (06:14) |

★ ALL STAR TEAM

| | | |
|--------------|-----------------|-----|
| Goalkeeper: | O. Polyakova | AZE |
| Left wing: | A. Valasidou | GRE |
| Left back: | N. Tsvitsivadze | AZE |
| Middle back: | M. Jafarova | AZE |
| Line player: | A. Psatha | GRE |
| Right back: | T. Beilinson | ISR |
| Right wing: | S. Babayeva | AZE |

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|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| TOP SCORER: | S. Gioupi | GRE - 37 goals |
| BEST PLAYER: | M. Jafarova | AZE |



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YOUTH CHAMPIONS' TOURNAMENT FOR CLUB TEAMS

The 2002 EHF Youth Champions' Tournament for Club Teams (girls born 1985 and later) took place from 2-6 July 2002 in Sweden. It came to an end on 6th July with Györi Graboplast/HUN taking the gold medal in the final against ZRK Izola/SLO (23:18). The EHF Tournament took place within the framework of the

Partille Cup, which attracted a record number of participants this year, with over 715 teams and 12 000 participants.

The refereeing educational initiative, the Young Referees' Project, formed an integral part of this event.



FINAL RANKING

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Györi Graboplast/HUN | 5. IK Sävehof/SWE | 9. Hypo NÖ/AUT | 13. HK Rezuza/SVK |
| 2. ZRK Izola/SLO | 6. Lacz. Szczecin/POL | 10. HK Eskil/SWE | 14. Neistin/FAR |
| 3. Omnitech Pisek/CZE | 7. FIF Köpenhavn/DEN | 11. HC Maroltinger/AUT | 15. Puerto del Carmen/ESP |
| 4. Byasen IL/NOR | 8. Stjarnan/ISL | 12. OGRE Sport/LAT | 16. IFK Grankulla/FIN |

FINAL MATCHES

| | | | |
|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------|
| place 11 / 12 | HC Maroltinger/AUT | OGRE Sport/LAT | 16-12 |
| place 9 / 10 | HK Eskil/SWE | Hypo NÖ/AUT | 17-20 |
| place 7 / 8 | Stjarnan/ISL | FIF Köpenhavn/DEN | 13-17 |
| place 5 / 6 | Lacz. Szczecin/POL | IK Sävehof/SWE | 12-21 |
| place 3 / 4 | Omnitech Pisek/CZE | Byasen IL/NOR | 21-16 |
| place 1 / 2 | Györi Graboplast/HUN | ZRK Izola/SLO | 23-18 |



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



Men's World Championship

The 2003 Men's World Championship (organised by the International Handball Federation) will take place in Portugal from 20.01- 02.02.2003.

| | | | |
|------------|-----------|--------------|----------|
| Tunisia | Germany | France | Sweden |
| Spain | Iceland | Russia | Denmark |
| Yugoslavia | Portugal | Croatia | Algeria |
| Kuwait | Quatar | Saudi Arabia | Egypt |
| Morocco | Australia | Hungary | Slovenia |
| Poland | Greenland | Argentina | Brazil |

Women's World Championship

The 2003 Women's World Championship (organised by the International Handball Federation) will take place in Croatia from 01.12 - 14.12.2003. The Qualification Europe/Play-offs will take place on 24/25 May 2003 (1st leg) and 31/1 June 2003 (2nd leg).
Already qualified: RUS, DEN, NOR, FRA, CRO.

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2003 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - QUALIFICATION EUROPE

2003 MEN'S World Championship - QUALIFICATION EUROPE

directly qualified for play-offs matches

ISL,
RUS,
ESP,
CZE,
YUG,
UKR,
SLO,
SUI,
ISR,
POL,
CRO,

LTU,
HUN,
AUT,
NOR,
MKD

play-offs matches

ISR - SLO
HUN - UKR
AUT - ESP
POL - SUI
NOR - YUG
MKD - ISL
LTU - RUS
CRO - CZE

FRANCE



defending champion

PORTUGAL



organiser

SWEDEN
GERMANY
DENMARK



ranked 1-3 at EURO 2002 SWE

SLOVENIA
HUNGARY
SPAIN
POLAND
YUGOSLAVIA
ICELAND
RUSSIA
CROATIA



qualified from the play-offs matches

qualified from a round robin system in 5 groups

Group 1

1. LTU
2. BLR
3. LAT
4. BUL

Group 2

1. HUN
2. TUR
3. ITA
4. BEL

Group 3

1. AUT
2. FIN
3. NED
4. GEO

Group 4

1. NOR
2. SVK
3. ROM

Group 5

1. MKD
2. BIH
3. GRE

2003 WOMEN'S World Championship - QUALIFICATION EUROPE

directly qualified for play-offs matches



YUG,
HUN,
ROM,
CZE,
AUT,
SLO,
GER,
UKR,
ESP,
NED,
SWE,
BLR

RUSSIA



defending champion

CROATIA



organiser

DENMARK
NORWAY
FRANCE



ranked 1-3 at EURO 2002 DEN

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will qualify from the play-offs matches

qualified from a round robin system in 3 groups

play-offs matches

BUL - GER
SWE - AUT
BIH - HUN
NED - CZE
BLR - SLO
SVK - YUG
TUR - ROM
POL - ESP
LTU - UKR



POL,
BUL,
SVK,
TUR,
LTU,
BIH

Group 1

1. POL
2. BUL
3. SUI
4. GRE

Group 2

1. SVK
2. TUR
3. MKD
4. AZE

Group 3

1. LTU
2. BIH
3. POR
4. ITA

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2002 DRAW HIGHLIGHTS

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MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFFS (qualification EUROPE)

On the final day of the 2002 Men's European Championship in Sweden, the European Handball Federation held the draw for 2003 Men's World Championship Play-offs (qualification EUROPE) at the Globe Arena in Stockholm, where the finals of EURO 2002 were played. The play-offs took place in June and the final round will take place from 20 January - 2 February 2003 in Portugal (organised by IHF). The results of the play-offs and preview of the European teams which have qualified can be seen on page 31.

WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFFS (qualification EUROPE)

The final match day of EURO 2002 in Denmark saw the draw for the 2003 Women's World Championship Play-offs (qualification EUROPE). The draw took place in Arenaen Aarhus in Denmark, where the finals of the 2002 Women's European Championship were played. The play-offs will take place on 24/25 May 2003 (1st leg) and 31 May/1 June 2003 (2nd leg). The final round (organised by IHF) will take place in Croatia from 1-14 December 2003.



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WOMEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP IN DENMARK

The draw for the final round of EURO 2002 in Denmark took place on 11th June 2002 in Farum, Denmark. The draw followed the EURO 2002 Promotion Match between the Olympic Champion Denmark and the World Champion Russia (organised by the DHF). The draw was broadcast live on Danish TV.



2002/2003 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE DRAWS

On 15/16 October 2002 the European Handball Federation held the draws for the Men's (15.10) and Women's (16.10) Champions League groups. For the first time in the history of the European Cup competitions, the draw was broadcast on TV and distributed via the European Broadcasting Union network. Representatives from all the Champions League clubs taking part in the group matches were present together with federation representatives and media representatives.

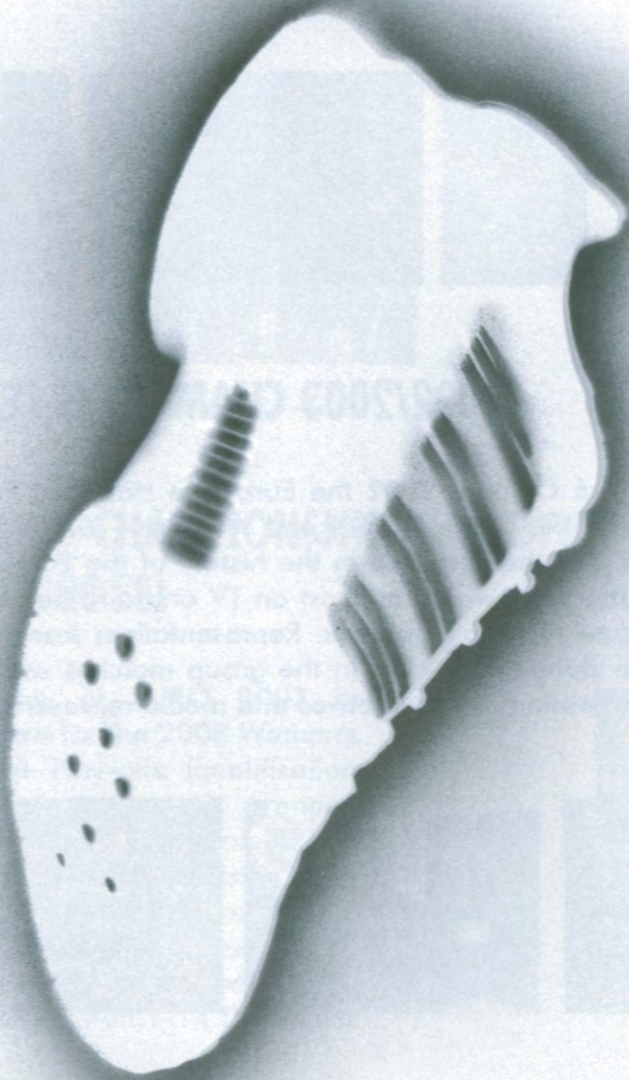


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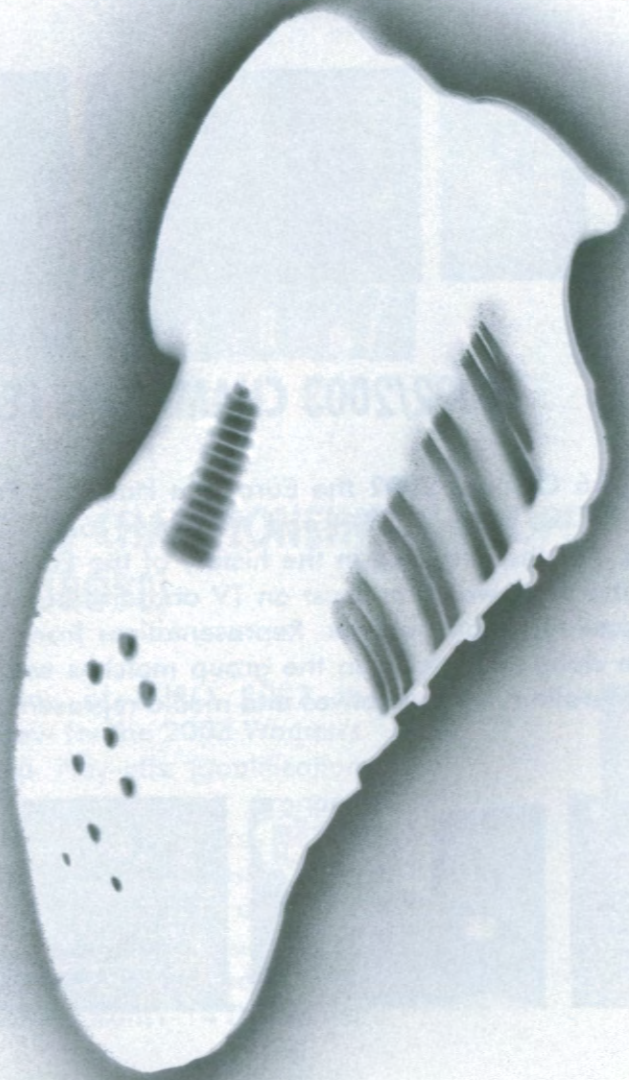
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6th ORDINARY EHF CONGRESS

Delegates from 43 EHF nations met in Salzburg/AUT from 14-15 June 2002 for the 6th EHF Ordinary Congress. They were joined by EHF body members, honorary guests - including representatives from other continental federations, IHF President Moustafa and EHF partners KirchSport, adidas, Sportcourt, Sponsor Service and Nijha.

The central focus point of the weekend was of course the Ordinary Congress, headed by EHF President Staffan Holmqvist. A core topic put before the Congress was the further advancement of the EHF Champions League. The EHF member federations agreed unanimously to delegate the right to make decisions on this matter to the EHF Executive Committee, based on the original Congress decision on distribution of financial income.

Principle steps forward for the EHF product "EURO" were also taken by the Congress. The continued development of minimum requirements for event organisers will be further strengthened with the Executive Committee being awarded the right to approve the candidacy of event applicants before the final decision is taken by the member federations. Other interesting developments for the EURO will be the printing of player names on the back of playing shirts. This will no doubt be warmly welcomed by the media and spectators alike.

In addition to the motions, the EHF 2003/2004 events were awarded. Highlights of the voting include the 2004 Men's European Championship going to Slovenia and Hungary winning the right to hold the women's edition.

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| 2003 Men's Youth European Championship | 8-17.08.2003 | in SLOVAKIA |
| 2003 Women's Youth European Championship | 22-31.08.2003 | in RUSSIA |
| 2004 Men's European Championship | 22.01-01.02.2004 | in SLOVENIA |
| 2004 EHF Congress | 07-08.05.2004 | in CYPRUS |
| 2004 Women's Junior European Championship | 30.07-08.08.2004 | in CZECHIA |
| 2004 Men's Junior European Championship | 06-15.08.2004 | in LATVIA |
| 2004 Women's European Championship | 09-19.12.2004 | in HUNGARY |

The two open positions in the EHF bodies were also decided upon by the Congress. The new member for refereeing on the Competitions Commission is Sandor Andorka of Hungary and the position in the Court of Appeal was filled by Tarik Cengiz of Turkey.

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The awarding of honours marked the close of the 2002 Congress with Manfred Prause, who served the EHF from 1991-2002 in the position of "member-refereeing" on the Competitions Commission, receiving a standing ovation. The exceptional achievements within Russian handball were also honoured. Russia achieved the title of top nation in European handball in both 2000 and 2001.

The European Handball Federation was especially pleased to welcome the protagonists of handball -

the players - to the Congress. This was an initiative to further efforts in the integration of players into the decision-making process. Five top athletes took part in a working group prior to the Congress and presented their findings to the delegates.

The athletes included: M. Basic / CRO, K. Blacha / GER, H. Hegh / NOR, E. Humenberger / AUT, B. Kökeny / HUN. S. Lövgren was excused due to playing duties but will join the working group for their next meeting.



The 7th EHF Ordinary Congress will take place in Nicosia, Cyprus from 7-8 May 2004. Preparations have already begun and the 1st inspection and talks between the EHF and the Cypriot Handball Federation have already taken place.

4th CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS



The Congress weekend was also combined with the 4th Conference of Presidents, which serves as a discussion chamber for the European Handball Federation. Key speakers included M. Benz, UEFA Senior Manager, who informed the participants about developments in club licensing in football. Delegates also listened with interest to P. Baumann from FIBA Basketball who presented FIBA's

approach to breakaway leagues.

The successful and continuous development of the EHF Top Event "EURO" was also a principle subject of discussion, with EHF Vice-president Tor Lian and KirchSport presenting the product's past record and the key factors and challenges for the future.

IHF Congress 2002

Prior to the IHF Congress in St. Petersburg/RUS, the European member federations met for a coordination meeting to discuss European and world handball matters. Topics included Statutes and the awarding of events.



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EHF EVENTS

SEMINARS

Chief of Referees' Seminar

The Seminar for Chiefs of Referees took place in Vienna from 8-9 March. 54 refereeing representatives from 35 countries converged on Vienna to focus on new developments in refereeing strategy throughout Europe. The following points were on the agenda: modern leadership, information about the EHF Working Group "Education", qualitative analysis, observation in own federation as a replacement for the candidates' courses, the public opinion and personal responsibility/ethics as an institution. The seminar was led by J Ambrus/SVK - CC Chairman. He was supported by F. Taborsky/CZE

- MC Chairman and T. van Linder/NED - MC Member.

Time was also taken to use the seminar as a discussion forum, exchanging ideas and experiences. The following points were seen as important in current European refereeing matters: new rules, exchange of referees between federations and the EHF Young Referees' project.

The event documentation can be found on the relevant CD-rom.



EHF Symposium "Handball at School"

The EHF joined forces with the Hellenic Handball Federation to organise a symposium aimed at teachers and advisors working with school children. The symposium - "Handball at School" - took place from 25 - 27 April during the final weekend of the International School Sport Federation Games in Thessaloniki/GRE. It focused on school level handball, with emphasis on making handball attractive, team-building, handball development and cooperation possibilities.

265 participants took part in this event which was led by F. Taborsky/CZE - MC Chairman, J. Guerrero/ESP - MC member, A. Lund/DEN - MC member and C. Kotzamanidis/GRE - EHF Lecturer.

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EHF Youth Coaches' Seminar

The final weekend of the Men's Junior European Championship in Poland saw an EHF Youth Coaches' Seminar. The seminar took place in Gdansk from 15-18 August and focused on technical, tactical and motoric preparation of young handball players. 83 coaches from 21 countries who work with young handball players between the age of 14 and 18 took part in the seminar. The event was led by F. Taborsky/CZE- MC Chairman, J. Czerwinski/POL - MC member and EHF lecturers V. Maximov/RUS and Z. Kuchta/POL.

The event documentation can be found on the relevant CD-rom.



"Rinck" Convention Seminar

The EHF organised a "Rinck" Convention Seminar together with the Danish Handball Association in the Danish House of Sport in Copenhagen. The seminar took place from 25-27 October and was attended by 28 representatives from 15 countries. The seminar focused on the founding principles of the Convention, national activities within the spheres of the Convention, coaching philosophies in general and case studies from specific projects carried out on a national level. A seminar initiative was the creation of a so

called "handball market" which resulted in a successful and productive exchange of specific country-related handball information. The seminar was led by T. van Linder/NED - MC Member and EHF MC "Rinck" Convention Coordinator. Allan Lund/DEN - MC member was also present.

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WORKSHOPS

Champions League Workshop



The EHF held a Champions League Workshop from 14-15 October at its headquarters in Vienna. This was the second year running that the EHF has organised this meeting, combining the occasion with the draw of the Champions League Group matches (see "Draw Highlights").

This initiative is part of the overall development of the product "Champions League" which entered its second season in its present form. The EHF Member Federations

voted unanimously at the 2000 EHF Congress in Israel to centrally market (partially) this top product. The EHF, together with partner Sponsor Service, then set about creating a brand identity for this elite European club competition on the sporting market.

The event was spread over two days with the 16 men's clubs coming together on 14th October and the 16 women's clubs meeting on the 15th. This annual workshop is in

preparation for the group matches and beyond. This event is an integral part of the Champions League Regulations. The aim of this workshop was to provide all teams with an update of information concerning the situation of TV rights as well as marketing activities. Teams were provided with all necessary material concerning the 2002/03 competition and the occasion gave the team representatives the opportunity to make the first organisational arrangements with each other.



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WORKING GROUPS

Athletes' Working Groups

A prime objective of the European Handball Federation is to strengthen the partnership between the athletes and other parties directly involved in the game and integrate the handball protagonists into the decision-making mechanisms of the EHF. The EHF places great emphasis on the players having a voice within the European handball family. For these very reasons the Athletes' Working Group was established to create a discussion forum for the exchange of ideas

and experiences and to discuss the athletes' role in the decision-making process and develop a strategy for their future involvement.

The 1st edition of the Athletes' Working Group took place during the 2002 EHF Congress on 14 June. Five top athletes met prior to the Congress and then presented their findings to the Congress.

These athletes included:

- M. Basic/CRO - active player and coach,
- K. Blacha/GER - active player,
- H. Hegh/NOR - retired player,
- E. Humenberger/AUT - active player,
- B. Kökeny/HUN - retired player,
- S. Lövgren/SWE - active player (excused).



The athletes stressed that they are the main manufacturers in producing the market product and their role in the administration of the sport should therefore be intensified and the link between the elite ranks and the grassroots strengthened. The main aim of the group is to create a better sporting environment in the interest of the attractiveness

and quality of the game and the safety of the players.

The 2nd edition of the working group took place on the final weekend of EURO 2002 in Denmark. Two members of the working group were joined by captains and key players from the EURO 2002 participating

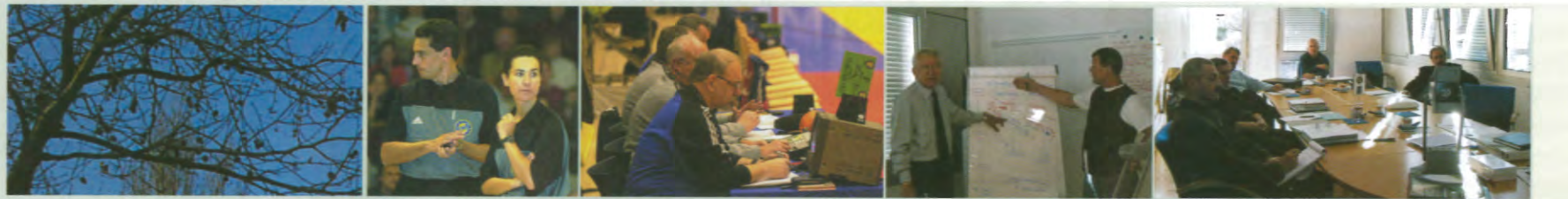
teams. As was the case for the 1st working group, key points on the agenda included the role of the athlete "in" and "out" of the game, attractiveness of the game, rules of the game, the handball system and fair play.

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WORKING GROUP "Education" of Referees and Delegates

The Working Group on "Education" of Referees and Delegates met twice at the EHF Headquarters in 2002 on 8 March and 28 September. Experts specialising in this field came together to discuss the future educational structure for referees and delegates within Europe. The group of experts including: T. van Linder/NED - MC Member, S. Andorka/HUN - CC Member, D. Costantini/FRA, T. Anthonsen/NOR, C. Cruz/POR and the referees M. Förström/FIN and A. Ljudowik/UKR stressed the following points of importance:

development of an interactive educational strategy, the introduction of a regional monitoring/mentor system, development of a qualitative analysis system, refereeing statistics, innovation of learning strategies, access to information - instruction - education and proposals for "Modern Education in Sport". The first results of the working group activities will be implemented in the final tournament in Denmark.



WORKING GROUP on Beach Handball

The Working Group on Beach Handball met twice at the EHF Headquarters in Vienna in 2002 on 9-10 March and 9-10 November. The first meeting of the year took place prior to the 2nd edition of the Men's and Women's Beach Handball European Championships, which were obviously a principle focus point of discussion for the meeting. The Beach Handball experts in both working groups (attendance according to specific subject) including:

R. Dejaco/ITA - EXEC, J. Guerrero/ESP - MC Member, T. van Linder/NED - MC Member, P. Antoniou/CYP - COA, G. Butzeck/BLR, H.P. Oppermann/GER, R. Xhonneux/BEL, K. Anders -KirchSport (excused), P. Radel - KirchSport discussed areas surrounding the development of the sport, such as future Beach Handball European Championships, Beach Handball statistics, the rules/marketing video, European Beach Handball Tour and IHF Beach Handball Rulebook.

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MEETINGS



In 2002 the EHF Executive Committee met a total of 5 times.

EHF Executive Committee

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| 01-02 | February | Stockholm/SWE |
| 16-17 | March | Vienna/AUT |
| 13 | Juni | Salzburg/AUT |
| 30-31 | August | Helsinki/FIN |
| 13-15 | December | Aarhus/DEN |

EHF Competitions Commission

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| 12-13 | January | Vienna/AUT |
| 13-14 | April | Vienna/AUT |
| 13 | June | Salzburg/AUT |
| 29-30 | June | Vienna/AUT 1) |
| 03-04 | August | Vienna/AUT 2) |
| 05-06 | October | Vienna/AUT |

In 2002 the EHF Competitions Commission met a total of 5 times.

1) only CC - Refereeing

2) only CC - Competitions

EHF Methods Commission

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| 12-13 | January | Vienna/AUT |
| 13-14 | April | Vienna/AUT |
| 13 | June | Salzburg/AUT |
| 05-06 | October | Vienna/AUT |

In 2002 the EHF Methods Commission met a total of 4 times.



EHF Court of Appeal

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| 13 | June | Salzburg/AUT |
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In 2002 the EHF Court of Appeal met once on the occasion of the EHF Congress. The EHF Comptrollers met twice.

EHF Comptrollers

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| 09-10 | April | Vienna/AUT |
| 13 | June | Salzburg/AUT |

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EHF EVENTS

EHF Meeting - CRO, HUN, MKD, SLO, YUG, BIH

The EHF used the occasion of the 2002 Women's European Championship for Club Teams in Skopje to meet with federation representatives from CRO, HUN, MKD, SLO, YUG (BIH excused). The EHF was represented by President Staffan Holmqvist-SWE, Executive Committee member Jean Brihault-FRA and Secretary General Michael Wiederer. The main items on the agenda included cross-border leagues in this region and the Champions League in the future.



Agreement of Cooperation



The Asian Handball Federation and the European Handball Federation, represented by President Holmqvist and Secretary General Wiederer, signed an Agreement of Cooperation on 27th September on the occasion of the Asian Handball Federation Congress in Korea. Both sides see this cooperative partnership as being in the interest of the global development of the sport of handball. The central goal and cornerstone of this Agreement is to exchange "know how" and resources on various levels. This Agreement formally marks the establishment of a constructive and fruitful cooperation between the two continents and their member federations.



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European Team Sport Federations' Meeting

Representatives of the European Handball Federation - K.Güntzel, Treasurer and M. Wiederer, Secretary General - took part in a meeting of the European Team Sport Federations on 9th October at the FIBA Headquarters in Geneva, SUI. The European team sport federations from basketball Europe (FIBA EUROPE), basketball (FIBA), football (UEFA), ice-hockey (IIHF), volleyball (CEV) and handball (EHF) attended the meeting. Key points of discussion included matters of common interest: club licensing systems, break-away leagues, matters relating to national team players and the exchange



of know-how in the field of experts and information on security issues. A central subject affecting all team sport federations was the representation of interests within political spheres.

Team Sports and European Union



The EHF was represented by President Holmqvist and Secretary General Wiederer at the European Sports Forum which took place in Copenhagen, Denmark from 7-8 November during the Danish Presidency of the EU. Participants in the meeting included representatives from the European Commission- Directorate for Education and Culture, Department for Sport and European Sporting Bodies. The meeting was composed of plenary sessions and working groups. The main points on the agenda included sport in community policies and actions, voluntary work in sport and the European Year of Education through Sport in 2004.

AIPS Meeting

The AIPS Special Commission Handball met at the EHF Headquarters on 14 September. Six members of the Commission - G. Pfeistlinger/AUT - Commission Chairman, J. Reinhardt/GER - Commission Sec. Gen., I. Mazhar/EGY, J. Strömberg/SWE, J. Simon/HUN and T. vom Wege/GER - came together to discuss media and communication work in international handball. This is the second time that the commission has held their meeting at the EHF headquarters. The EHF used the opportunity to discuss European media matters with the experts. Topics included the evaluation of the 2002 Men's European Championship from a media point of view. The EHF media management for EURO 2002 in Denmark, the EHF media database, new media, EHF media guidelines for EChs and European Cup matches and Beach handball promotion.



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INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

Communication

In order for the sport of handball to retain its place on today's competitive sporting market it is essential to communicate efficiently and with speed to the entire handball world, including the media and handballing public. It is for this very reason why the European Handball Federation invests so much time and so many resources into the continual development of its communication strategy.

In achieving this goal the EHF uses various communication channels. In the past few years more and more emphasis has been placed on the use of new media and the EHF communication strategy revolves around these new and rapidly developing tools, as you can see on the following pages.

It is a core goal of the EHF to optimise the transfer of information.



EHF News

2002 has seen the further development of the EHF e-news service. The objective of the EHF is to reach as many members of the handball family as possible, including EHF member federations, continental federations, EHF bodies, EHF partners, handball experts and of course the press. The e-news has taken over from the "traditional" press release by fax and contains results from the EHF competitions, draw results, and news snippets on a wide spectrum of subjects.



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PUBLICATIONS, VIDEOS, CD-ROMS...

Regular EHF Publications

The regular EHF publications have become the cornerstone of the EHF communication plan. These include: the Annual Report, Periodical, Wall Calendar, Booklets: EC Address WOMEN, EC Addresses MEN, EHF Address Guide, EHF Statutes, ECh, EC & CL Regulations, Transfer Regulations and Rules on Procedure for Delegates and Referees and Rinck Convention.



Event publications



- 6th Ordinary Congress Guide
- European Championship Guides
- Beach Handball European Championship Guide
- "Rinck Convention" Seminar

Videos

- Education Video "Beach Handball - A New Sport is Born"
- Promotion Video "European Beach Handball Championships" - ESP
- Promotion Video "2002 Men's European Handball Championship" - SWE
- European Championship matches
- EHF Youth Coaches' Seminar/POL - practical exercises

CD-roms

- European Championship Analyses
- Chief of Referees - Seminar Documentation
- Symposium "Handball at School" - Symposium Documentation
- EHF Youth Coaches' Seminar/POL- Seminar Documentation
- Official Champions League Theme tune
- EHF High Score Ball music
- Annual Report

Specials

- Beach Handball short-rule version
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EHF ON THE WEB...

The EHF website at eurohandball.com offers a wide variety of services. The EHF strives to continually develop and broaden the range of online services it offers. New features include a tournament calendar, online handball literature and more videos to download. These features join the large number of functions already available.

National Tournaments Calendar

2003 will see the introduction of a platform for the announcement of national tournaments. Organisers of handball tournaments for all categories of handball will be able to enter their tournament details via an online solution using an ID number. Upon verification the information can be seen online for the entire handball world to see. Click on "Tournaments"

Web Bibliography

Here you can find specific international handball literature to download and print

out. This includes both articles and books. Publisher details are included and the user has the opportunity to order online. It is a prime objective for 2003 to increase the publications on offer. For this feature click "Handball-The Game-EHF Bibliography".

Videos

By clicking on "videos" on the homepage you can access the EHF video database. Promotion and educational videos can either be watched line online or downloaded. The EHF is continually building-up this database, with new videos available after each major EHF event.



EURO website

2002 saw the launch of the official EURO website. The EHF teamed up with its marketing partner to provide this brand new web initiative. Both the Men's and Women's European Championship site were an outstanding success with over 2 million users. Handball friends throughout the world could get the latest news, results, stats and gossip direct from these top events.



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Awarding of the status "EHF REFEREE"

In 2001 the EHF revised the system of becoming an international referee. The previous procedure of carrying-out refereeing courses was abolished and replaced with the practice of observing the referees in action in their home country. In 2002 15 couples were observed in their home country, 12 of them were then duly awarded with the status of "EHF Referee". Among this 12 couples there is one female couple from UKR and 3 couples are products of the EHF Young Referees' Project, these couples are from DEN, FRA and LAT.

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| AZE | Alyiev / Agakishiyev | (Andorka) |
| BEL | Kums / Evers | (Van Linder) |
| DEN | Gjeding / Hansen | (Brihault) |
| ESP | Rodrigues / Franco | (Brihault) |
| EST | Ventsli / Meriküll | (Anthonsen) |
| FIN | Leandersson / Lindroos | (Guterman) |
| FRA | Lazaar / Reveret | (Cruz) |
| HUN | Dobrovits / Tajok | (Ambrus) |
| LAT | Jaskins / Zabko | (Jorgensen) |
| POL | Baranowski / Lemanowicz | (Andorka) |
| UKR | Rakitina / Tkachuk | (Andorka) |
| SWE | Mäkinen / Jonsson | (Masi) |

REFEREEING

This season there is a total of 122 international referees from 40 EHF member federations. This includes the 12 new couples which have been successful in achieving the status of EHF referee. Further candidates for this status will be observed in the course of the season.



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YOUNG REFEREES' PROJECT

The Young Referees' Project is an EHF refereeing educational initiative, which is aimed at talented and up-and-coming refereeing. It provides young referees under the age of 26 with the opportunity to gain valuable international refereeing experience and meet like-minded colleagues from across Europe.

The EHF utilises youth and junior competitions to carry-out the project. In 2002 over 40 young referee couples had the chance to take part in the project, which combines theory with practice. The project will no doubt be a stepping stone for many young referees on the way to a successful international handball career.



Three events in 2002 were combined with the project:

The first being the International School Federation Games, which took place in Thessaloniki, Greece from 21 - 28.04.2002. This event was organised by the International School Sports Federation in partnership with the Dept. of Physical Education of the Hellenic Republic.

The EHF made use of this event to implement its Young Referees' Project, by sending 22 couples from 21 nations to referee and receive expert theoretical tuition and feedback from EHF delegates.

This event was followed by the 2002 Women's Challenge Trophy, which took place from 7-12.05.2002 in Baku, Azerbaijan. The EHF sent 4 couples to Azerbaijan, where they were joined by an EHF candidate couple from Azerbaijan.

Once again, the course was a mixture of theoretical knowledge, which was then put into practice on the handball court and received valuable feedback from the EHF experts after the match.

The first ever Young referees' Course took place in Partille and for the third time running the project was also an integral part of the Youth Champions' Tournament for Club Teams which takes place annually as part of the Partille handball festival in Sweden. This years event took place 02-07.07.2002 and the EHF sent 10 couples to Partille in 2002.

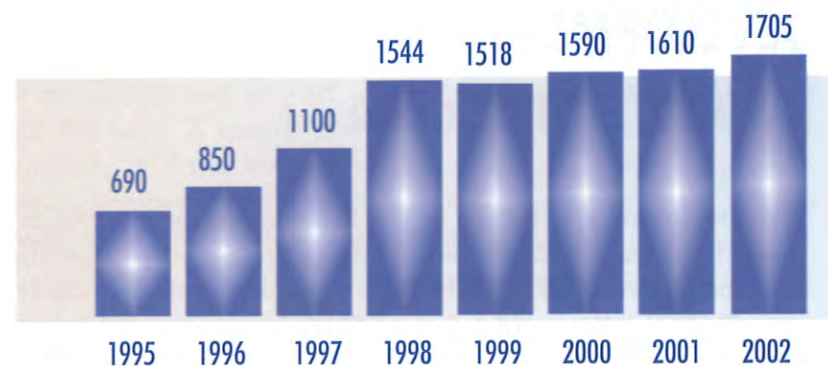
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TRANSFERS 1995 - 2002

The international transfers of players between federations have developed to a major area within the competitions department. The EHF does not only register and confirm each international transfer, it also assists the players as well as releasing and receiving federations in order to find positive solutions in all aspects of the transfers.

As you can see from the statistics the number of international transfers increased steadily over the years.



"RINCK" CONVENTION

The Project "Rinck Convention" was conceived in 1997 in Alanya, Turkey. The initiative was in response to a European Union initiative and concerns the mutual recognition of standards and certificates in the field of coaches' education in handball in Europe. Six countries signed the Convention in the initial wave, the number of signatories has since risen to twelve (AUT, BUL, CZE, DEN, FRA, GER, HUN, NOR, POL, POR, RUS, SWE). In 2002 the initiative welcomed two additional member federations. Both Austria and Portugal became signatory to the Convention at the 2002 EHF Ordinary Congress in Salzburg/AUT. There are currently 42 top coaches from six countries who have been awarded with the title of "EHF Master Coach".



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EHF TASKS, PROJECTS, NEW INITIATIVES

DEVELOPMENT PROJECT - "SMART" Programme

The development activities of the EHF fall under the title of "SMART" Programme. The EHF plays an active role in supporting nations on a short, medium and long term basis. In 2002 19 EHF countries benefitted from EHF support in various forms: 1500 balls were supplied, 500 books and 10 countries profited from the expertise of 10 EHF lecturers. The EHF currently has long-term agreements with 3 member federations: Georgia, Ireland, Turkey. For 2003 the EHF is evaluating new directions, including a new strategy to support national federations in various fields.

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25 line systems

10 lecturers

have been sent out
to the European
member federations
in order to exchange
their knowledges und
experience.

European Tournaments for Youth and Junior Clubs



On 16th February 2002, the EHF held a workshop with organisers of youth and junior club tournaments which take place every year across Europe. The aim of the event was to develop a kind of "EHF certificate of approval" for youth tournaments or a grand-prix of tournaments. The EHF has since carried-out a number of cooperation visits to key youth club tournaments.

These are just the first steps in the creation of an EHF-Organiser partnership for such tournaments, which would involve the creation of tournament guidelines and additional EHF support and guidance. Organisers will also have the opportunity to promote their events via the eurohandball.com website and such tournaments would provide an ideal environment for young referees to gain international experience.

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Digital Interschool Competition

2002 saw the preparations for a new initiative in the field of European handball development at school level. The project known as "Digital Interschool Competition" is targeted at school children between the ages of 12-16 and consists of three components: motoric handball specific tests, High Score Ball and a fair-play quiz.

This is an internet-based project with schools entering their results directly into the web. A special site is currently being developed and will be available at the eurohandball.com address. The pilot project will start in September 2003 with 20 schools taking part. They will be supplied with the High Score Ball equipment that they need.

European Beach Handball Tour

2002 saw the preparations and 2003 will see its launch - the European Beach Handball Tour Pilot Project will get underway in April 2003 and will run until the end of September. The tour is an open competition for Beach Handball teams across Europe. Teams and the Organisers of Beach Handball Tournaments will have the opportunity to register for the tour via the internet, which will form the organisational framework and information source of the competition.

Teams will gain points based on their sporting performance and the quality of tournament organisation. The climax of the tour will be a master tournament in 2004 with 32 of the best teams from the EBT (16 men's and 16 women's teams). The European Beach Handball Tour website went online at the end of 2002 and can be found at

www.eurohandball-beachtour.com.



European Masters Association and Veteran Handball Tournaments

The European Masters Association was founded in Potsdam, Germany on 18 August 2002. Michael Wiederer - EHF Secretary General - was elected Vice-president to the organisation, the EHF is now an affiliated member to the EMA. Veteran handball will be on

the EHF agenda as of 2003, with a test tournament planned for 2003 in preparation for participation in the 2004 European Masters Games. Veteran handball is already an important part of handball life in many European member federations.

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EHF STRUCTURE

The European Handball Federation was founded in 1991. The foundation stones which formed the basis for its structure are the Statutes of the International Handball Federation and the partnership between the member federations, the elected bodies - Executive Committee and Commission members and full-time employees.

In the course of the past 11 years the structure of the EHF has changed in line with the dynamic business philosophy and new and changing trends within the spheres of European handball. This development has brought with it new topics and new challenges.

Fundamental elements of the EHF working mechanism are the Commissions which are made up of experts from the member federations for the exchange of ideas, knowledge and experiences relating to specific areas of the sport of handball in a European context and the Executive Committee - on a strategic level - who work in close partnership with the full-time employees responsible for the daily business.

The basic structure of the EHF has therefore not changed substantially since its foundation in 1991/1992.



EHF CONGRESS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 elected by the Congress
President
Vice President
Treasurer
Chairman CC
Chairman MC
4 Members

GENERAL SECRETARIAT
Secretary General
Ass. Secretary General
Business Units

METHODS COMMISSION
 elected by the Congress
Chairman
 Member Methods & Coaching
 Member Education & Training
 Member Youth, School & non-comp.sports
 Member Development

COMPETITIONS COMMISSION
 elected by the Congress
Chairman
 Member Men's Competitions
 Member Women's Competitions
 Member Refereeing
 Member Club Competitions

EXPERT FORUMS
 nominated by Federations
 Referees, Delegates
 Methods
 Minihandball
 Beach Handball
 Anti-Doping
 Athletes
 Club Competitions
 Marketing & Media
 Development Questions

WORKING GROUPS
 delegated by ExeC
 Refereeing
 Women's Project
 Marketing/Media
 Club Competitions
 Beach Handball
 Development
 Athletes

CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS
 delegated by Federations
46 Members

COURT OF APPEAL
 elected by the Congress
President
2 Vice Presidents
5 Members

COMPROLLERS
 elected by the Congress
2 Members
Substitute

- ALB FEDERATA SHQIPTARE E HENDBOLLIT
- ARM HANDBALL FEDERATION OF ARMENIA
- AUT ÖSTERREICHISCHER HANDBALL-BUND
- AZE HANDBALL FEDERATION OF AZERBAIJAN
- BEL UNION BELGE DE HANDBALL
- BLR HANDBALL FEDERATION OF BELARUS
- BIH FEDERATION BOSNIE ET HERZEGOVINE DE HANDBALL
- BUL BULGARIAN HANDBALL FEDERATION
- CRO HRVATSKI RUKOMETNI SAVEZ
- CYP CYPRUS HANDBALL FEDERATION
- CZE CESKY SVAZ HAZENE
- DEN DANSK HÅNDBOLD FORBUND
- ESP REAL FEDERACION ESPAÑOLA DE HANDBALL
- EST ESTONIAN HANDBALL ASSOCIATION
- FAR HONDBOLTSAMBAND FÖR FÆRØYAR
- FIN SUOMEN KÄSIPALLOLIITTO
- FRA FEDERATION FRANÇAISE DE HANDBALL
- GBR BRITISH HANDBALL ASSOCIATION
- GEO GEORGIAN HANDBALL FEDERATION
- GER DEUTSCHER HANDBALLBUND
- GRE HELLENIC HANDBALL FEDERATION
- HUN MAGYAR KEZILABDA SZÖVETSÉG
- IRL IRISH OLYMPIC HANDBALL ASSOCIATION
- ISL HANDKNATTLEIKSSAMBAND ISLANDS
- ISR ISRAEL HANDBALL ASSOCIATION
- ITA FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA GIUOCO HANDBALL
- LAT LATVIJAS HANDBOLA FEDERACIJA
- LIE LIECHTENSTEINER HANDBALLVERBAND
- LTU S RANKINGO FEDERACIJA
- LUX URGEOISE DE HANDBALL
- MDA DERATION OF MOLDOVA
- MKD HANDBALL ASSOCIATION
- MLT HANDBALL ASSOCIATION
- NED DS HANDBAL VERBOND
- NOR ES HANDBALLFORBUND
- POL ILKI RECZNEJ W POLSCE
- POR RTUGUESA DE ANDEBOL
- ROM ROMANA DE HANDBALL
- RUS HANDBALL UNION OF RUSSIA
- SLO A ZVEZA SLOVENIJE
- SUI HANDBALLVERBAND
- SVK KY ZVAZ HADZANEJ
- SWE NDBALLFÖRBUNDET
- TUR BOL FEDERASYONU
- UKR ATION DER UKRAINE
- YUG SAVEZ JUGOSLAVIJE

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MANAGEMENT

A look at the people...



1. President: Staffan Holmqvist/SWE, 2. Vice-President: Tor Lian/NOR, 3. Treasurer: Karl Gützel/SUI, 4. CC-Chairman: Jozef Ambrus/SVK, 5. MC-Chairman: Frantisek Taborsky/CZE, 6. Member: Laszlo Sinka/HUN, 7. Member: Ralf Dejaco/ITA, 8. Member: Boris Makarov/RUS, 9. Member: Jean Brihault/FRA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee is the EHF's executive body. It is responsible for all tasks not directly assigned to the Congress by law or statutes. It may delegate tasks to the Managing Office or the Technical Commissions and appoint temporary working groups for special matters.



TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS

The Competitions and the Methods Commissions are the EHF's technical bodies. They are subordinate to the Executive Committee, which may assign areas of authority and responsibility to them, in addition to those laid down in EHF regulations.

Competitions Commission (CC)



1. Chairman: Jozef Ambrus/SVK, 2. Member: Jan Tuik/NED (Men's competitions), 3. Member: Helga Magnúsdóttir/ISL (Women's competitions), 4. Member: Sandor Andorka/HUN (Refereeing), 5. Member: Leopold Kalin/SLO (Club Competitions)

Methods Commission (MC)

1. Chairman: Frantisek Taborsky/CZE, 2. Member: Janusz Czerwinski/POL (Methods and Coaching), 3. Member: Ton van Linder/NED (Education and Training), 4. Member: Jesus Guerrero Beiztegui/ESP (Youth, School & Non-competitive sports), 5. Member: Allan Lund/DEN (Development)



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COURT OF APPEAL (COA)

The Court of Appeal is the responsible body for considering and deciding matters in second instance proceedings within the EHF. Issues being decided by the first instance are subject to an appeal, if requested by a party involved accordingly. Decisions taken by the EHF Court of Appeal are final.



1. President: Jean Kaiser/LUX, 2. Vice-President: Rui Coelho/POR, 3. Vice-President: Gunnar Gunnarsson/ISL, 4. Member: Moshe Herman/ISR, 5. Member: Kostis Doukas/GRE, 6. Member: Alenka Cuderman/SLO, 7. Member: Panos Antoniou/CYP, 8. Tarik Cengiz/TUR

COMPTROLLERS (COMPT)



1. Member: Luis Santos/POR,
2. Member: Yiangos Demetriou/NED,
3. Substitute: Helmut Schebeczek/AUT

The comptrollers examine the EHF's accounts and give a written report to the Congress.

H. J. Hinrichs and C. Rinck were presented with the first "EHF Honorary Members" title by President Holmqvist at the 5th Ordinary Congress in Tel Aviv, 2000.

EHF Honorary Members



1. Hans Jürgen Hinrichs/GER,
2. Claude Rinck/FRA

EHF REPRESENTATION IN THE IHF BODIES

Council:

Vice-president Europe - Tor Lian
Member Europe - Karl Gützel

Commissions:

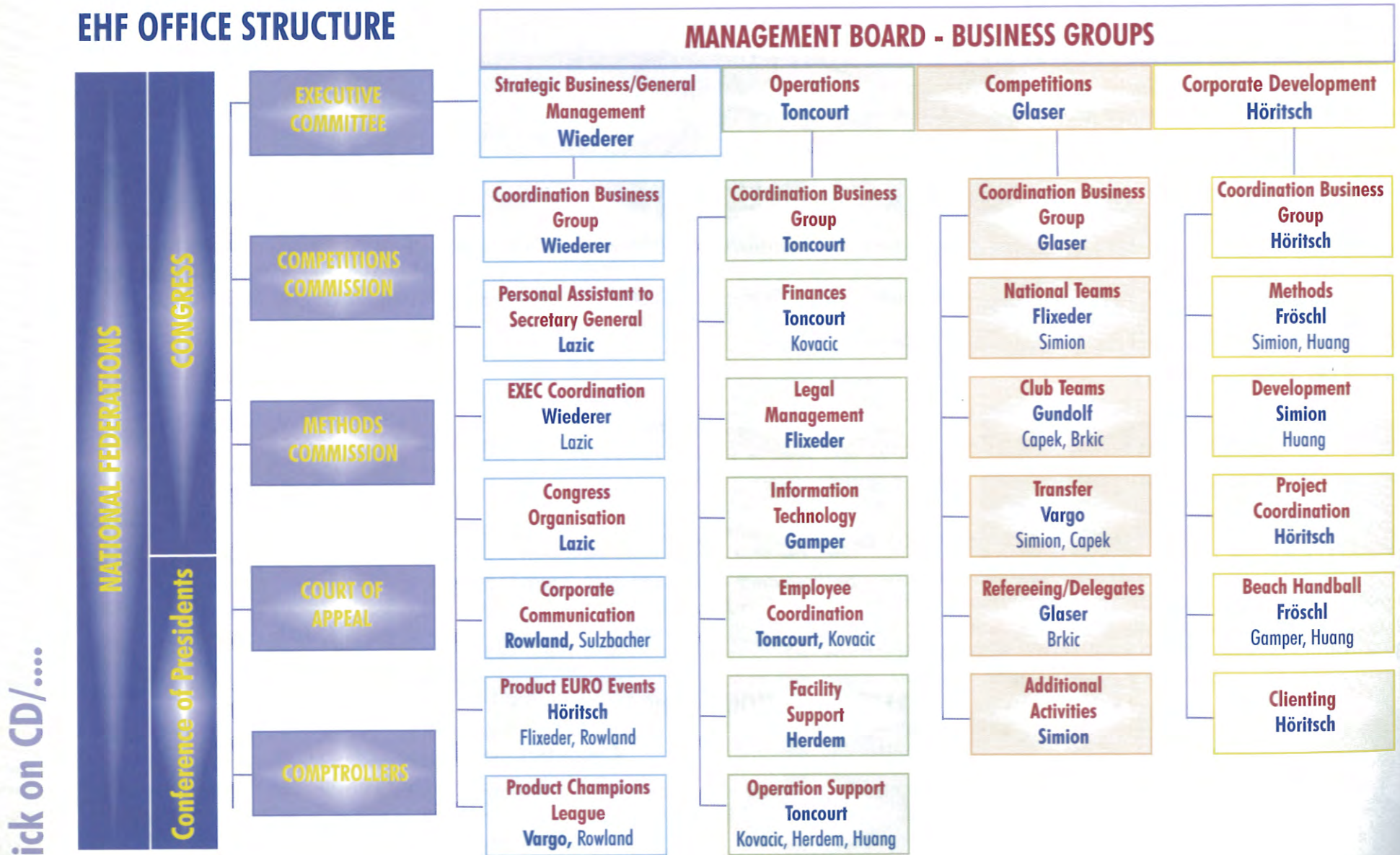
COC - Alexander Toncourt
PRC - Jozef Ambrus
CCM - Frantisek Taborsky

MC - Petra Platen
CPP - Allan Lund

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EHF OFFICE STRUCTURE



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Office Structure

In the course of the past ten years the work load and tasks dealt with by the EHF Office have expanded and the number of employees has increased in line with this development. The General Secretariat has developed from a small business to a middle-sized concern which has had an obvious knock on effect on the office's direct duties and responsibilities.

The structure and working procedures within the General Secretariat have adjusted in accordance with the specific tasks and projects. Due to the characteristic of the work

that the office deals with, the majority of employees are involved in a wide-spectrum of interlinked areas. In addition to theoretical knowledge, the employees gain "on-the-job" experience at events and workshops, which not only safeguards the quality of the event but also ensures that the employees are actively involved in the task at hand.

Due to the interlinked nature of the work, topics can be dealt with on a project-basis. As is the case with the management of all projects, a clear structural foundation is

required. In the second half of 2002 the EHF was re-structured and adjusted to meet the needs of the core areas of business.

The organigramm details the individual areas which are interlinked to allow for efficient work processes. The structure also gives the handball world a clear picture of the working areas and the working capacity involved. The structure will be continuously revised in order to accommodate the changes, trends, developments and challenges that European handball brings with it.

and look at the people...



1. Michael Wiederer, 2. Markus Glaser, 3. Helmut Höritsch, 4. Alexander Toncourt, 5. Nicole Gundolf, 6. Peter Vargo, 7. Vesna Lazic, 8. Peter Fröschl, 9. Monika Flixeder,



10. Doru Simion, 11. Andrea Sulzbacher, 12. Sevgi Herdem, 13. Sian Rowland, 14. Doris Kovacic, 15. Christoph Gamper, 16. Ines Capek, 17. Radojko Brkic, 18. Nicole Huang

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Important events in 2003 to remember..

2004 Men's Euro Qualifications
Women's Champions League
Women's European Cup
Men's World Championship (IHF)

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

Women's Champions League
Women's European Cup

Men's Champions League
Men's European Cup
Women's Champions League
Women's European Cup
Conference of Secretaries General

MARCH

APRIL

Men's Champions League
Men's European Cup
Women's Champions League
Women's European Cup
Junior World Championship Qualifications
Delegates Course

Finals Men's Champions League
Finals Women's Champions League
Finals Men's/Women's European Cup
Women World Championship Play Offs

MAY

JUNE

Youth European Championship Qualifications
2004 Men's EURO Play Offs
2004 Men's EURO Draw

JULY European Youth Club Tournament

Women's Junior World Championship (IHF)
Men's Youth European Championship
Men's Junior World Championship (IHF)
Women's Youth European Championship
European Veterans' Championship

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

Champions League Qualifications
European Cup Qualifications

Conference of Presidents
Champions League Qualifications
European Cup Qualifications
European Championship Mens Club Teams

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

European Championship Womens Club Teams
Men's European Cup
Men's Champions League
2004 Women's EURO Qualifications

Women's World Championship (IHF)
Men's Champions League
Men's European Cup
Men's Challenge Trophy

DECEMBER

Due to the large number of events this list does not detail every EHF activity, for a complete overview of the EHF year 2003, please click on CD-rom.

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To close....

2002 brought with it the many traditional handball events which every "even" year brings with it and 2003 - what does it have in store for us?

2003 is the year where the European qualifications together with the World Championships (plus Olympic qualifications) come to an end and everything starts a fresh.....

There will be European Championship qualifications, youth European Championships, a decade of European Cup winners, a

Conference of Presidents - which will bring with it strategic decisions in preparation for the big electoral Congress of 2004, a Conference for Secretaries General, new projects and much more.

The presence of handball on today's sporting market, the interest that the sport brings with it and the absolute necessity to communicate to the handball world as well as to media and the public both with speed and efficiency brings with it many challenges on all levels.

Please do not forget that the General Secretariat responsible for the management of the daily business is the service arm of the European Handball Federation and the office members are here to help in matters both large and small.

I will conclude the memories and the highlights of 2002 by wishing you all the best for 2003!

Sporting wishes,

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*Michael Wiederer
Secretary General*



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EUROPEAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS
EHF YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP



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