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2003 was yet again a year of great activity in and around European handball. On the national team front the year started on New Years Day with European Championship Qualification Tournaments, just a few days later the Men's Nations' Cup followed, which took place in Serbia and Montenegro (then Yugoslavia). This was the first official international handball event in the country for over 10 years and the interest it attracted was absolutely huge. All four top teams were warmly welcomed by enthusiastic and absolute sporting crowds.

All of the 2003 European national team events were of the highest calibre. On the European front, the year belonged to the handball stars of tomorrow, with Youth European Championships in Slovakia and Russia. Competition was fierce and top class handball was enjoyed by all.

In the senior category, 2003, being an odd year, was the year of the World Championships organised by the IHF. Both Championships took place on European soil (POR, CRO) and once again the European performance was one to be proud of. In the interest of the globalisation of our sport, a strong partnership of cooperation amongst the continents is a necessity. In the European handball calendar, the national teams were also busy fighting for one of the valuable places in the 2004 European

Championships. The starting line-up is settled for the men's competition, the women will wait until next summer, but the play-off fixtures have already been drawn.

On the other end of the scale, the EHF continued its work in the area of development, striving to provide international opportunities for all member federations. The 2003 Men's Challenge Trophy in Malta brought the sporting year to a close. Malta - as one of the youngest EHF nations - played host to 5 developing handball countries and they did a most excellent job as this was the first EHF event ever held there.

On the international club scene, 2003 was a historic year - 10 Years' European Cup. Did you know that 600 different clubs from 42 nations have participated in the European Cup over the past decade, or that 11 000 players have experienced EC competitions, or that 315 000 goals have been scored? Quite something....

The European Cup has developed rapidly over the past decade and 2003 was no exception. The Men's Champions League saw changes in time for the 2003/2004 season. These were a result of intensive talks with clubs, federations and league representatives to find a common route for the future. The EHF has always placed great emphasis and importance on club competi-



tions and their development which was the reason behind the introduction of a Champions League Convention, first for the men's competitions and followed by the women's clubs in November. The problems with the marketing of the Champions League were overcome through the direct involvement of the EHF in the TV marketing and the 2003/2004 season began promisingly with the men's group matches.

As far as sun, fun and sand is concerned, the summer months saw the EHF Pilot Project "European Beach Tour", which surpassed all expectations. Teams from all over Europe took part in the tour which will be a concrete part of the handball calendar in 2004. The "Masters" event will bring the

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2003 tour to a close in Italy in May 2004. The EHF expanded its portfolio of events in 2003 by organising the European Masters Handball Championships which catered for the more "senior" members of the handball family. It was an open-air event under the motto "handball forever". The participants had clocked up over 8 000 international appearances in their heyday. The event was such a success that it will be followed in 2005!

The year once again saw many activities in the field of refereeing. Once again the focus was placed on the next generation of referees in the form of the Young Referees Project. A course was also held for female referees in Norway. The further integration and support for female referees is an important point on the EHF refereeing agenda.

The "EHF - member federation" partnership is crucial for development and work in and

and around European handball. The EHF organised the 3rd Conference for Secretaries General and a course for Chief of Delegates. These occasions form the ideal place for the exchange of knowledge and experiences between all parties.

In the fields of Methods and Development, the Methods Commission together with the EHF Office intensified its work in the area of school handball. This will be continued well into 2004. The area of coaching was also



supported further with a coaching course in Slovakia and "on the job training" during the Challenge Trophy in Malta.

Due to the close partnership with adidas, the EHF could provide all 46 member federations with support within the development project in 2003. Each nation received handballs to assist them in their development work. This was the first time that all nations have received support in one single year!

The EHF partners have always played a crucial role in the EHF daily work and future strategies. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the EHF partners for their valuable support and commitment to European handball. My thanks also go to everybody featured in this Annual Report. The success of this year is down to the outstanding cooperation and contribution of all involved. Without you, it would not all be possible!

Last but not least, I would like to deliver the

most sincere thanks to the EHF staff members at the headquarters in Vienna. They all provide a great service, commitment, competency and understanding for the requirements and demands from the different handball cultures.

All in all, the 12th year of activity of the EHF ended in success, let's celebrate the results together and be "fit for fun" for 2004!

Staffan Holmqvist
EHF President

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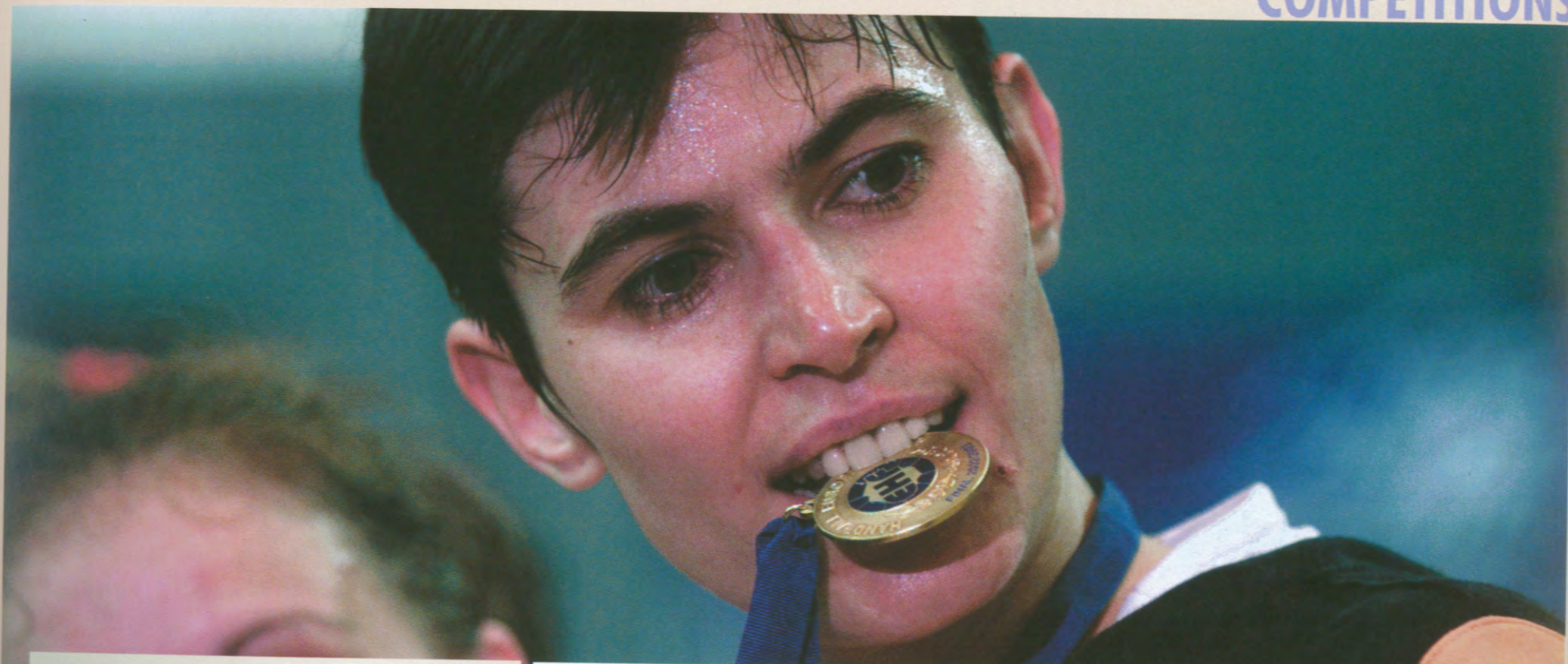
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EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

EURO 2004 - Qualification

- 6 Men's European Championship / SLO
- 7 Women's European Championship / HUN

YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 8 Men's Youth European Championship / SVK
- 9 Women's Youth European Championship / RUS

2003 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

- 12 Men's Champions League

- 13 Women's Champions League

2003 EUROPEAN CUPS

- 16 EHF Cup
- 17 Cupwinners Cup
- 18 Challenge Cup

ADDITIONAL COMPETITIONS

- 20 European Championships for Men's Club Teams
- 21 European Championships for Women's Club Teams

- 23 Men's Nations' Cup

- 24 Men's Challenge Trophy
- 25 Youth Champions' Tournament
- 26 European Masters Handball Championships
- 27 European Youth Olympic Festival

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 28 Men's / Women's World Championship
- 29 Men's / Women's Junior World Championship

2003 DRAW HIGHLIGHTS

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

EURO 2004



directly qualified for play-offs matches

CZE,
CRO,
POL,
SCG,
ESP,
HUN,
FRA,
POR,

LTU,
GRE,
NOR,
BLR,
FIN,
ISR,
TUR,
AUT,
SUI,
MKD,
UKR,
BIH

play-offs matches

BIH - CZE
ISR - UKR
BLR - CRO
AUT - POL
FIN - SCG
LTU - ESP
MKD - HUN
GRE - FRA
TUR - SUI
NOR - POR

qualified from a round robin system in 6 groups

MEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP in SLO - Qualification

SWEDEN



defending champion

SLOVENIA



organiser

GERMANY
DENMARK
ICELAND
RUSSIA



ranked 2-5 at EURO 2002 SWE

CZECHIA
UKRAINE
CROATIA
POLAND
SERBIA & MONTENEGRO
SPAIN
HUNGARY
FRANCE
SWITZERLAND
PORTUGAL



qualified from the play-offs matches

Group 1 Group 2 Group 3 Group 4 Group 5 Group 6

1. LTU	1. NOR	1. FIN	1. TUR	1. SUI	1. UKR
2. GRE	2. BLR	2. ISR	2. AUT	2. MKD	2. BIH
3. SVK	3. ROM	3. BEL	3. CYP	3. LAT	3. EST
4. ITA	4. LUX	4. FAR	4. GEO	4. BUL	4. NED

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EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

EURO 2004



WOMEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP in HUN - Qualification

DENMARK

← defending champion

HUNGARY

← organiser and 5 at EURO 2002 DEN

NORWAY

FRANCE

RUSSIA

← ranked 2-4 at EURO 2002 DEN

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← will qualify from the play-offs matches

directly qualified for play-offs matches

play-offs matches

BUL	-	CRO
MKD	-	GER
LTU	-	AUT
POL	-	ESP
SVK	-	SCG
SUI	-	SWE
AZE	-	BLR
TUR	-	SLO
POR	-	UKR
ISL	-	CZE
NED	-	ROM

SCG, ROM, CZE, AUT, SLO, GER, UKR, ESP,	CRO, NED, SWE, BLR, LTU, POL, SVK, TUR
BUL, AZE, SUI,	MKD, POR, ISL

qualified from a tournament system in 2 groups

Group 1	Group 2
1. BUL	1. MKD
2. AZE	2. POR
3. SUI	3. ISL
4. GRE	4. ITA

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YOUTH EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

2003 MEN'S EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP in SVK



The 2003 Men's Youth European Championship took place from 8 to 17 August 2003 in Kosice and Presov, Slovakia. 12 top European youth men's teams (born 1984 and later) met to play for the European Championship crown, which was awarded on Sunday, 17 August 2003. The title went to Iceland, making handball history as this was the first major European title ever for Iceland! The win also grants them a free ticket, together with second placed Germany, to the 2004 Men's 20 European Championship, which will take place in Latvia from 06-15.08.2003.

FINAL RANKING

1. ISL	4. SWE	7. POR	10. FRA
2. GER	5. SLO	8. HUN	11. CRO
3. DEN	6. SCG	9. SVK	12. RUS

FINAL MATCHES

SWE:DEN	19:29 (8:12)	place 3/4
GER:ICE	23:27 (10:13)	final

ALL STAR TEAM

Goalkeeper:	Silvio Heinevetter	GER
Left wing:	Robert Johansson	SWE
Left back:	Arnor Atlason	ISL
Middle back:	Morten Olsen	DEN
Line player:	Christoph Theuerkauf	GER
Right back:	Asgeir Orn Hallgrimsson	ISL
Right wing:	Zatko Horvat	CRO

TOP SCORER:	Asgeir Orn Hallgrimsson	ISL	55 Goals
BEST PLAYER:	Morten Olsen	DEN	



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YOUTH EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

2003 WOMEN'S EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP in RUS

The 2003 Women's Youth European Championship (born 1985 and later) took place in the Russian handball centre of Togliatti in the Samara region of Russia from 22 - 31 August 2003. The hosts, Russia, took the title convincingly by beating Romania in the final with a margin of 5 goals. A capacity crowd of 3000 gathered to watch the Russian team take the title. This means that together with Romania they have also qualified for the 2004 Women's 19 European Championship, which will take place in Czechia from 30.07 - 08.08.2004.



ALL STAR TEAM

★ Goalkeeper:	Galina Gabisova	RUS
Left wing:	Sabina Tapai	HUN
Left back:	Adina Meirosu	ROM
Middle back:	Zsofia Micsko	HUN
Line player:	Oana Manea	ROM
Right back:	Irina Bliznova	RUS
Right wing:	Yana Uskova	RUS

TOP SCORER:	Anna Radovic	SCG	53 goals
BEST PLAYER:	Adina Meirosu	ROM	

FINAL RANKING

1. RUS	4. DEN	7. SCG	10. LTU
2. ROM	5. CRO	8. SLO	11. CZE
3. HUN	6. NED	9. ESP	12. GER

FINAL MATCHES

HUN : DEN	26:20 (11:11)	place 3/4
RUS : ROM	28:23 (15:12)	final



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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
02/03	Montpellier HB	FRA



CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - WOMEN

93/94	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
94/95	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
95/96	Podravka Koprivnica	CRO
96/97	L'Eliaana 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
02/03	Krim ETA N. Roberts	SLO

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CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

The Champions League - men - saw some changes in the 2003 / 2004 season. Discussions regarding structural changes accounted for a major part of the EHF club competitions agenda in 2003. Changes were made in line with the developments in the sporting market and with the objective to optimise the partnership with the clubs, marketing partners and the perspectives for club handball in the future.



The final decisions on the future of the Men's Champions League were made by the EHF Executive Committee at their meeting on 7/8 March 2003. The Executive Committee based their discussions on the findings of the Men's Champions League Convention which took place on 14 February 2003 in Vienna.

On this occasion member federations, club and top league representatives listened to several alternatives for the future and had the chance to voice their opinion. The majority of the participants were in favour of a change to the system to have 8 x 4 groups with one qualification round less and an additional 1/8 final.

The Executive Committee was in agreement with the Convention participants and decided that the Men's Champions League - as of 2003/04 - would be played with 8 x 4 groups with an additional 1/8 final. This option opens marketing potentials for the future and

allows more nations to take part in this event. A consequence also coupled with this system is the fact that more elite clubs from top handball nations can take part in the Champions League in the future.

Following the overhaul of the men's competitions, the Women's Champions League is now up for renewal. Talks with clubs concerning the optimum match system commenced in Vienna/AUT on 11 November 2003 in the form of a Women's Champions League Convention.

As far as the sporting successes of the 2002/2003 Champions League season were concerned, a French club took the title for the first time ever, beating Portland San Antonio by a clear margin in the final. In the women's edition Krim Lubljana took the final for the second time in three seasons.



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CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - MEN

STANDINGS

GROUP A		won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 HUN	Fotex KC Veszprém	6	0	0	163 : 127	36 12
2 GER	Sportclub Magdeburg	4	0	2	179 : 166	13 8
3 POL	Wisla Plock SSA	1	0	5	167 : 195	-28 2
4 GRE	Panellinios AC Athens	1	0	5	131 : 152	-21 2

GROUP B		won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 ESP	Portland San Antonio	5	0	1	180 : 142	38 10
2 DEN	Kolding IF	4	0	2	178 : 152	26 8
3 ITA	Generali Pallam. Trieste	2	1	3	163 : 175	-12 5
4 UKR	Shakhtyor Akademi Donetsk	0	1	5	135 : 187	-52 1

GROUP C		won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 FRA	Montpellier HB	5	0	1	166 : 160	6 10
2 SLO	Prule 67 Ljubljana	4	0	2	179 : 169	10 8
3 RUS	Chehovski Medvedi,	2	0	4	182 : 170	12 4
4 CZE	HC Banik Karvina	1	0	5	167 : 195	-28 2

GROUP D		won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 GER	THW Kiel	4	0	2	175 : 150	25 8
2 CRO	RK Zagreb	3	1	2	156 : 154	2 7
3 ROM	"Fibrexnylon" Savinesti	2	1	3	164 : 162	2 5
4 MKD	Vardar Vatrost. Skopje	2	0	4	152 : 181	-29 4

1/4 FINALS

DEN Kolding IF
31:27; 26:36; [57:63]

HUN Fotex KC Veszprém

GER Sportclub Magdeburg
22:26; 34:34; [56:60]

ESP Portland San Antonio

CRO RK Zagreb
28:28; 25:34; [53:62]

FRA Montpellier HB

SLO Prule 67 Ljubljana
33:33; 28:26; [61:59]

GER THW Kiel

1/2 FINALS

SLO Prule 67 Ljubljana
29:27; 23:29; [52:56]

FRA Montpellier HB

ESP Portland San Antonio
28:20; 26:30; [54:50]

HUN Fotex KC Veszprém

FINALS

ESP Portland San Antonio
27:19; 19:31; [46:50]

FRA Montpellier HB



02/03 CHAMPION

FRA Montpellier HB

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CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - WOMEN

STANDINGS

GROUP A		won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1	RUS HC "Lada Toljatti"	5	0	1	143 : 137	6 10
2	ESP El Osito L'Eliana Valencia	3	0	3	172 : 166	6 6
3	CRO Podravka Vegeta, Koprivnica	2	1	3	163 : 168	-5 5
4	MKD Kometal D. P. Skopje	1	1	4	145 : 152	-7 3

GROUP B		won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1	HUN HERZ - FTC Budapest	5	0	1	192 : 161	31 10
2	DEN Viborg HK A/S	4	0	2	166 : 155	11 8
3	NOR Nordstrand 2000, Oslo	2	0	4	147 : 158	-11 4
4	GER HC Leipzig	1	0	5	149 : 180	-31 2

GROUP C		won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1	DEN Ikast Bording EH	4	0	2	163 : 152	11 8
2	NOR Larvik HK	3	1	2	169 : 142	27 7
3	AUT Hypo Niederösterreich	3	0	3	149 : 165	-16 6
4	POL MKS POL-SKONE Lublin	1	1	4	133 : 155	-22 3

GROUP D		won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1	SLO Krim ETA N. Roberts Ljubljana	6	0	0	183 : 148	35 12
2	YUG RK Buducnost MONET	3	0	3	161 : 162	-1 6
3	ESP Ferrobuss KU Mislata	2	0	4	147 : 147	0 4
4	FRA Handball Metz Metropole	1	0	5	142 : 176	-34 2



02/03 CHAMPION

SLO Krim ETA N. Roberts

FINALS

ESP El Osito L'Eliana Valencia
30:27; 28:36; [58:63]

SLO Krim ETA N. Roberts

1/4 FINALS

DEN Viborg HK A/S
32:24; 26:27; [58:51]

RUS HC "Lada Toljatti"

ESP El Osito L'Eliana Valencia
35:26; 32:34; [67:60]

HUN HERZ - FTC Budapest

1/2 FINALS

ESP El Osito L'Eliana Valencia
34:34; 26:23; [60:57]

DEN Viborg HK A/S

SLO Krim ETA N. Roberts
33:28; 27:21; [60:49]

DEN Ikast Bording EH

YUG RK Buducnost MONET
28:29; 26:25; [54:54]

DEN Ikast Bording EH

NOR Larvik HK
22:21; 25:30; [47:51]

SLO Krim ETA N. Roberts

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EUROPEAN CUP

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
- 02/03 FC Barcelona/ESP

CITY / *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
- 02/03 *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 Prosesa Ademar Leon/ESP
- 99/00 Portland San Antonio/ESP
- 00/01 SG Flensburg-Handewitt/GER
- 01/02 A.D.C. Ciudad Real/ESP
- 02/03 A.D.C. Ciudad Real/ESP



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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 Dunafer SE/HUN
- 98/99 Viborg HK/DEN
- 99/00 El Ferrobús Mislata/ESP
- 00/01 Montex Lublin/POL
- 01/02 Ikast Bording EH/DEN
- 02/03 Slagelse FH/DEN

CITY / *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 ES./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
- 02/03 *Borussia Dortmund/GER

CUPWINNERS CUP

- 93/94 TuS Walle Bremen/GER
- 94/95 Dunafer 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"/RUS
- 02/03 E.S.B.E Besançon/FRA

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10 YEARS' EUROPEAN CUP

2003 marked the 10 year anniversary of the European Cup competitions which means 10 years of top class club handball on the highest level. 10 seasons ago, the European Handball Federation inherited the European Cup from the International Handball Federation and with it a new era in European club handball began.



The European Cup of today is much different to the European Cup of 1993. Political changes on the European continent have changed the shape of the European Cup and in turn opened new markets and enriched its quality. In today's European Cup, almost 300 clubs take part and a European Cup place is as valuable as a cup win or league victory on the domestic circuit as

participation does not just bring sporting prestige, experience and challenges but also new marketing and sponsoring possibilities for the club and as we all are aware this is only too valuable on today's competitive sporting market.

Here are just a few highlights from the past 10 years:



EHF CUP

MEN

GER HSG Nordhorn

27:25,28:33 [55:58]

RUS Lukoil-Dynamo Astrakhan

ESP BM. Altea

24:23,24:20 [48:43]

DEN Bjerringbro FH Elite Als

LTU HC Granitas Kaunas

25:33,25:34 [50:67]

ESP FC Barcelona

SUI Pfadi Winterthur

24:27,26:28 [50:55]

HUN Dunafer SE

1/4 FINALS

02/03 CHAMPION

DEN Slagelse FH

RUS Lukoil-Dynamo Astrakhan

23:25,30:27 [53:52]

HUN Dunafer SE

ESP FC Barcelona

29:20,30:22 [59:42]

ESP BM. Altea

1/2 FINALS

FINALS

HUN Dunafer SE

27:22,20:27 [47:49]

DEN Slagelse FH

RUS Lukoil-Dynamo Astrakhan

23:35,26:33 [49:68]

ESP FC Barcelona

FINALS



1/2 FINALS

HUN Dunafer SE

33:28,22:23 [55:51]

HUN Cornexi Alcoa

DEN Slagelse FH

35:14,23:28 [58:42]

UKR Motor Zaporoshje

ESP FC Barcelona

02/03 CHAMPION

WOMEN

1/4 FINALS

ROM C.S. Oltschim Valcea

27:31,23:31 [50:62]

DEN Slagelse FH

HUN Cornexi Alcoa

34:24,25:27 [59:51]

FRA Cercle Dijon Bourgogne

RUS Volgograd AKVA

25:22,18:23 [43:45]

HUN Dunafer SE

UKR Motor Zaporoshje

28:14,24:17 [52:31]

ESP Rocasa Gran Canaria

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MEN

FRA US Creteil Handball
35:23,28:23 [63:46]

RUS SKIF Krasnodar

SWE IK Sävehof
34:26,22:24 [56:50]

ISL Gröfða-KR

GRE "Filippos" Verias
35:18,30:33 [65:51]

TUR Besiktas Istanbul

ITA SC Torggler Group Merano
24:25,25:30 [49:55]

DEN Skjern Handball

1/4 FINALS

02/03 CHAMPION

GER Borussia Dortmund

SWE IK Sävehof
24:24,27:31 [51:55]

DEN Skjern Handball

FRA US Creteil Handball
28:22,22:31 [50:53]

GRE "Filippos" Verias

1/2 FINALS

FINALS

GER Borussia Dortmund
24:16,21:27 [45:43]

ROM HC Selmont Baia Mare

GRE "Filippos" Verias
30:27,25:35 [55:62]

DEN Skjern Handball

FINALS



1/2 FINALS

POL Nata AZS-AWFis Gdansk
24:19,18:27 [42:46]

ROM HC Selmont Baia Mare

GER Borussia Dortmund
29:22,27:33 [56:55]

GER DJK / MJC Trier

CHALLENGE CUP

DEN Skjern Handball

02/03 CHAMPION

WOMEN

1/4 FINALS

FRA S.A. Merignacais HB
31:27,17:23 [48:50]

ROM HC Selmont Baia Mare

GRE A.O. Thriamvos Ormi Patras
24:22,19:28 [43:50]

GER Borussia Dortmund

ROM Uni Ursus Cluj
26:30,27:29 [53:59]

POL Nata AZS-AWFis Gdansk

GER DJK / MJC Trier
29:27,27:25 [56:52]

SWE Skuru IK

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CUPWINNERS CUP

MEN

GER TBV Lemgo
40:32,34:30 [74:62]

HUN SC Pick Szeged

ESP C.BM. Ademar Leon
30:26,25:31 [55:57]

ESP A. D. C. Ciudad Real

SLO Celje Pivovarna Lasko
44:23,33:21 [77:44]

RUS Voronezh RPO HC

SWE Redberglids IK
30:21,25:33 [55:54]

FRA S. O. Chambéry

1/4 FINALS

02/03 CHAMPION

FRA E.S.B.E. Besançon

SWE Redberglids IK
36:32,37:35 [73:67]

GER TBV Lemgo

ESP A. D. C. Ciudad Real
34:27,25:28 [59:55]

SLO Celje Pivovarna Lasko

1/2 FINALS

FINALS

UKR Spartak Kiev
30:27,15:20 [45:47]

FRA E.S.B.E. Besançon

ESP A. D. C. Ciudad Real
33:27,24:24 [57:51]

SWE Redberglids IK

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1/2 FINALS

UKR Spartak Kiev
27:24,24:24 [51:48]

DEN Kolding IF

FRA E.S.B.E. Besançon
30:18,26:27 [56:45]

HUN Györi Graboplast ETO

ESP A. D. C. Ciudad Real

02/03 CHAMPION

WOMEN

1/4 FINALS

CRO Lokomotiva Zagreb
25:22,19:26 [44:48]

DEN Kolding IF

FRA E.S.B.E. Besançon
28:27,23:23 [51:50]

GER TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen

ROM A.S. Silcotub Zalau
24:22,26:29 [50:51]

HUN Györi Graboplast ETO

ESP Alsa Elda Prestigio
29:21,17:25 [46:46]

UKR Spartak Kiev

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ADDITIONAL COMPETITIONS

20 European Championship
for Club Teams - Men

21 European Championship
for Club Teams - Women

23 Men's Nations' Cup

24 Men's Challenge Trophy

25 Youth Champions' Tournament
for Club Teams "Partille Cup"

26 European Masters Handball
Championships

27 European Youth Olympic Festival

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

28 Men's World Championship
Women's World Championship

29 Men's Junior World Championship
Women's Junior World Championship

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ADDITIONAL COMPETITIONS

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR MEN'S CLUB TEAMS



The 2003 Men's European Championship for Club Teams took place in Valladolid/ESP on 25/26 October 2003. The event was hosted by CBM Valladolid/ESP. The event was played with two semi-finals on Saturday followed by the finals on Sunday. The matches were played in front of a sell-out crowd with a great atmosphere for all matches.

FINAL RANKING

1. FC Barcelona / ESP
2. BM Valladolid / ESP
3. BM Ciudad Real / ESP
4. Montpellier Handball / FRA

FINAL MATCHES

Montpellier Handball - BM Ciudad Real place 3/4
28:29 (16:12)

BM Valladolid - FC Barcelona final
29:30 (15:15)

ALL STAR TEAM



BEST PLAYER:	Frode Hagen	(FC Barcelona)	
TOP SCORER:	Dusko Milinovic	(Valladolid)	12 goals
BEST GOALKEEPER:	Armand Torrego	(Valladolid)	



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ADDITIONAL COMPETITIONS

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR WOMEN'S CLUB TEAMS

The 2003 Women's European Championship for Club Teams took place from 01-02 November 2003 in Farum/Denmark. Slagelse FH - holder of the 2002/2003 EHF Cup - played host to three top European club teams. A total of 8 550 spectators watched the matches in the Farum Arena.



FINAL RANKING

- 1 Krim Ljubljana Slovenia / SLO
- 2 Slagelse FH / DEN
- 3 Ikast Bording EH / DEN
- 4 ESBF Besançon / FRA

FINAL MATCHES

- Ikast Bording EH - ESBF Besançon
23:22 (12:13) place 3/4
- Slagelse FH - Krim Ljubljana
28:33 (14:16) final

ALL STAR TEAM



BEST PLAYER:	Bojana Petrovic	Slagelse/DEN	
TOP SCORER:	Natallya Derepasko	Krim/SLO	16 goals
BEST GOALKEEPER:	Luminitia Dinu	Krim/SLO	



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MEN'S NATIONS' CUP

The 1st edition of the Women's Nations' Cup took place in Hungary and Austria in November 2001, the first edition of the Men's Nations' Cup was held from 4 to 5 January 2003 - in Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro (then Yugoslavia). The bronze medallist of EURO 2002 in Denmark - took the title, beating Yugoslavia in an outstanding final match, 37:29. Belgrade greeted the four top handball

nations: Denmark - 3rd EURO 2002/SWE, France - 2001 World Champion, Serbia and Montenegro (host), Sweden - 2002 European Champion with full arenas and a fantastic atmosphere for top quality handball. This was the first official handball event in Serbia and Montenegro for more than 10 years and attracted huge media interest.



ALL STAR TEAM



Goalkeeper:	Kasper Hvidt / DEN
Left wing:	Lars Christiansen / DEN
Left back:	Stefan Lövgren / SWE
Middle back:	Ljubomir Vranjes / SWE
Line player:	Dragan Skrbic / YUG
Right back:	Patrick Cazal / FRA
Right wing:	Zikica Milosaljevic / YUG

BEST PLAYER:	Ljubomir Vranjes / SWE
TOP SCORER:	Lars Christiansen / DEN (13 goals)

FINAL RANKING

1. Denmark
2. Yugoslavia
3. France
4. Sweden

FINAL MATCHES

SWE:FRA	29:34 (14:17)	place 3 / 4
YUG:DEN	29:37 (13:18)	place 1 / 2



ADDITIONAL COMPETITIONS

MEN'S CHALLENGE TROPHY



The 2003 edition of the Men's Challenge Trophy took place in Malta from 17-21 December 2003, marking the end of the 2003 European handball calendar. This was the third event of its kind which is aimed at the developing handball nations. It enables the teams to

gain valuable international experience. The coaches of the six teams also received hands on training from the EHF officials during the event. The event was extremely well received with enthusiastic crowds. This was the first ever official EHF event to be held in Malta.

FINAL RANKING

1. Moldova
2. Azerbaijan
3. Great Britain

4. Malta
5. Liechtenstein
6. Ireland

FINAL MATCHES

Moldova -v- Azerbaijan 32:19 (13:11) Place 1 / 2
Malta -v- Great Britain 16:19 (09:09) Place 3 / 4



ALL STAR TEAM

Goalkeeper:	Igor Rapouet	MDA
Left wing:	Musa Abasov	AZE
Left back:	Alexei Pervanciuc	MDA
Middle back:	Alan Govan	GBR
Line player:	Ruslan Verejan	MDA
Right back:	German Gordiyenko	AZE
Right wing:	Serghei Lucasov	MDA



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YOUTH CHAMPIONS' TOURNAMENT FOR CLUB TEAMS

The 2003 EHF Youth Champions' Tournament for Club teams (boys born 1986 and later) took place from 2-5 July 2003. It came to an end on 5th July with Brabrand IF /DEN taking the gold

medal in the final against RK Celje/SLO (27:15). The EHF Tournament took place within the framework of the Partille Cup, which attracted 725 teams this year.



FINAL RANKING

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Brabrand IF / DEN | 7. TV Kornwestheim / GER | 13. Ludzac SS / LAT |
| 2. RK Celje / SLO | 8. Sandefjord Tif / NOR | 14. Atomium '61 / NED |
| 3. SKP Bratislava / SVK | 9. Dubrava / CRO | 15. HC Dennis / FIN |
| 4. Klaipeda "Dragunas" / LTU | 10. Every Day KSE / HUN | 16. HSG Bärnbach-Köflach / AUT |
| 5. Fram Reykjavik / ISL | 11. Baracuda Handball / MDA | 17. HK Waasmunster / BEL |
| 6. SMS Gdansk / POL | 12. Skanela IF / SWE | |

ALL STAR TEAM



Goalkeeper:	12	Mateusz Zimakowski	SMS Gdansk	POL
Left wing:	8	Jesper Frédin Pedersen	Brabrand IF	DEN
Left back:	5	Gunnar Dietrich	TV Kornwestheim	GER
Middle back:	9	Sasa Mikanovic	RK Celje	SLO
Line player:	4	Musa Zeljko	RK Dubrava	CRO
Right back:	13	Arunas Srederis	Klaipeda "Dragunas"	LTU
Right wing:	9	Edgaras Zemaitis	Klaipeda "Dragunas"	LTU

FAIR PLAY: TV Kornwestheim/GER



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ADDITIONAL COMPETITIONS

EUROPEAN MASTERS HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS



**EUROPEAN
MASTERS
HANDBALL
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The year 2003 saw a new initiative in the EHF spectrum of sporting events on offer to the European handball world. The project came in the form of a Masters European Championships and was based on the experience of other sports such as athletics, basketball and table tennis. The central objective of this initiative is to make handball a sport for life and the event came under the motto "handball forever". The EHF is seeking to develop the European Masters movement further with future activities in this area.

The 1st edition of the European Masters Handball Championships took place in Vienna/Austria from 21-24 August 2003 organised by the EHF Office staff and the Vienna Handball Federation. Over 400 people enjoyed the festival atmosphere at the venue which com-

prised of an event village and 7 outdoor courts. 28 teams played in three categories - 35+ men, 45+ men and 35+ women. The event was honoured by many handball legends, with the number of international appearances reaching well into the thousands.



FINAL RANKING - MEN

CATEGORY MEN 35 +

1. Kolding IF / DEN
2. Mesikäpp / EST
3. Club Polska / POL
4. Gran Canaria / ESP
5. ZTR Zaporozhje / UKR
6. Kalakutas / LTU
7. Schwechat Oldboys / AUT
8. Brno / CZE
9. HK Vainode / LAT
10. WAT Atzgersdorf / AUT
11. TU-Riga / LAT
12. UHC Eggenburg Oldies / AUT

CATEGORY MEN 45 +

1. ZTS Martin / SVK
2. Budapest Old Boys / HUN
3. Kaffeehaus Jumbos / GER
4. RSK "Senjorai" Vilnius / LTU
5. Old Boys Krakow / POL
6. Kalakutas / LTU
7. Olimpus-85 / MDA
8. HC T. WAT Margareten / AUT

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ADDITIONAL COMPETITIONS



FINAL RANKING - WOMEN

CATEGORY WOMEN 35 +

1. Hypo NÖ / AUT
2. Riga / LAT
3. Flirt / EST
4. Kauno Santaka / LTU
5. Nosztalgia "A" / HUN
6. Cracow Ladies / POL
7. Nosztalgia "B" / HUN
8. RSK "Senjorai" Vilnius / LTU

EUROPEAN YOUTH OLYMPIC FESTIVAL (EOC Event)

- (boys born 1986/1987)

The European Youth Olympic Festival took place in Paris from 28 July - 01 August 2003. Handball is one of ten sports included in the festival. Eight European men's youth teams took part in the competition. The EOC and the European Handball Federation worked in partnership to nominate referees from the EHF Young Referees' Project for this event. The EHF was represented by Jean Brihault - EHF EXEC and responsible member for the YRP.

FINAL RANKING

1. SPAIN
2. RUSSIA
3. FRANCE
4. AUSTRIA
5. PORTUGAL
6. HUNGARY
7. ISRAEL
8. GREECE



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MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (IHF event)



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

The European ranking can be seen in CAPITAL LETTERS print below:

FINAL RANKING

- | | | | | | |
|------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1. CROATIA | 5. RUSSIA | 9. DENMARK | 13. SWEDEN | 17. Argentina | 21. Australia |
| 2. GERMANY | 6. HUNGARY | 10. POLAND | 14. Tunisia | 18. Algeria | 22. Brazil |
| 3. FRANCE | 7. ICELAND | 11. SLOVENIA | 15. Egypt | 19. Saudi Arabia | 23. Morocco |
| 4. SPAIN | 8. SERBIA MONTENEGRO | 12. PORTUGAL | 16. Qatar | 20. Kuwait | 24. Greenland |

WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (IHF event)

The 2003 Women's World Championship (organised by the International Handball Federation) took place in Croatia from 01.- 14.12.2003.

The European ranking can be seen in CAPITAL LETTERS print below:



FINAL RANKING

- | | | | | | |
|------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1. FRANCE | 5. SPAIN | 9. SERBIA MONTENEGRO | 13. DENMARK | 17. Angola | 21. Ivory Coast |
| 2. HUNGARY | 6. NORWAY | 10. ROMANIA | 14. CROATIA | 18. Tunisia | 22. Argentina |
| 3. Korea | 7. RUSSIA | 11. AUSTRIA | 15. CZECHIA | 19. China | 23. Australia |
| 4. UKRAINE | 8. SLOVENIA | 12. GERMANY | 16. Japan | 20. Brazil | 24. Uruguay |



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

MEN'S JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (IHF event)

The 2003 Men's Junior World Championship took place in Brazil from 24 August - 6 September 2003.

12 European nations took part in the championship. The European ranking can be seen in CAPITAL LETTERS print below:



FINAL RANKING

- | | | | |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. SWEDEN | 6. SWITZERLAND | 11. SERBIA MONTENEGRO | 16. Argentina |
| 2. DENMARK | 7. POLAND | 12. Qatar | 17. UKRAINE |
| 3. SLOVENIA | 8. Brazil | 13. GERMANY | 18. Algeria |
| 4. SPAIN | 9. Tunisia | 14. SLOVAKIA | 19. Kuwait |
| 5. CROATIA | 10. Egypt | 15. HUNGARY | 20. Puerto Rico |

WOMEN'S JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (IHF event)



The 2003 Women's Junior World Championship took place in FYRO Macedonia from 04 - 17 August 2003.

13 European nations took part in the championship. The European ranking can be seen in CAPITAL LETTERS print below:

FINAL RANKING

- | | | | |
|------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 1. RUSSIA | 6. SWEDEN | 11. ROMANIA | 16. China |
| 2. HUNGARY | 7. DENMARK | 12. CZECHIA | 17. Japan |
| 3. NORWAY | 8. FYRO MACEDONIA | 13. POLAND | 18. SERBIA MONTENEGRO |
| 4. CROATIA | 9. Korea | 14. Congo | 19. Algeria |
| 5. GERMANY | 10. PORTUGAL | 15. Brazil | 20. Uruguay |

2003 DRAW HIGHLIGHTS

NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITIONS



2004 European Championship Play-offs

Two draws in particular attracted much attention on the national team calendar in 2003. These included the draw for the Men's European Championship Play-offs, which took place in Portugal on the last day of the 2003 Men's WCh. This was followed almost a year later by the draw for the 2004 Women's ECh Play-offs, which took place in Croatia on the last day of the Women's WCh.

2004 Men's European Championship

The draw for the final groups of the 2004 Men's European Championship took place in the Slovenian coastal town of Portoroz on 27th June 2003. This was the biggest draw event in the history of the European Championships, proving to be a true showpiece, with live music and dancing - including a performance of the official EURO 2004 song "Our strength is in the Hands". The whole show was broadcast live on Slovenian National Television for 90 minutes.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB COMPETITIONS

Two highlights in the international club calendar were the Champions League draws for the men's and women's group matches. They took place on 15.07 and 21.10.2003 respectively. The EHF

Headquarters welcomed many representatives from member federations, clubs and the media for these events and both were once again broadcast via the EBU network around Europe.



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6th EXTRAORDINARY EHF CONGRESS

Two motions were tabled at the Extraordinary Congress, which were both unanimously agreed upon by the participants. Motion no. 1 concerned the clarification of Statute 3.3.4 relating to the EHF electoral system. The clarification is to the effect that each elected member of the EHF bodies may only serve in three terms of office, independent of the time point of election within a term of office.

Motion no. 2 concerned the EHF Rules of Procedure for Transfer in an effort to harmonise European-wide transfers. The Congress agreed to make an amendment to the Rules of Procedure agreeing that compensation claims as of 1.1.2004 are only possible during the term of contract for all European countries.

The EHF also informed that the first steps in the development of an education funding system will be made and put to vote at the 2004 EHF Congress.

7th Ordinary Congress 2004

The EHF Ordinary Congress will take place in Nicosia, Cyprus from 7-8 May 2004.



5th CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS

The Conference of Presidents acts as a consultative body of the EHF and serves to exchange experiences, opinions and information. Items on the agenda, which were up for discussion include:

2006/2008 European Championship

In order to utilise marketing potentials and allow future organisers to prepare for the Men's and Women's European Championships in good time, it was informed that alongside the 2006 European

Championships, the 2008 Men's and Women's Championships will also be voted upon at the 2004 Ordinary Congress in May in Cyprus. This step will be taken due to the fact that it has become apparent that organisers need more time to prepare for such a big event. The increase in preparation time will in particular allow for extra time for construction or renovation work to venues and for the formation of the Organising Committee. The EHF also informed about the EHF future strategy for the brand building of this event.

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2002/2003, 2003/2004 Champions League

The participants were presented with the current situation involving the Handball Champions League, both relating to the financial consequences of the bankruptcy of the EHF former CL marketing partner as well as the goals and steps for the future. The current CL situation was reported and the importance of maximising TV coverage was unanimously stressed.

Youth/Junior European Championships in the future

The structure of and the changes to the Youth and Junior Championship was an important matter on the agenda. Participants were informed about steps which have been taken following the introduction of Youth World Championships by the IHF, including changes to the sporting calendar. All parties agreed that it is essential to find the correct balance to secure that this "stepping stone" competition structure is retained and that it work in the interest of the up-and-coming athletes. The terminology of the events will be changed, starting with the men's 18 and women 17 competitions. Due to the low number of European participants in the 2006 WCh (U19), the European nations unanimously agreed to look into alternative competitions within Europe.



Further matters

The 2003 IHF Extraordinary Congress and general IHF European - related handball matters were a matter up for discussion. This was followed by information about the 2004 major handball events, including EURO 2004 in Slovenia, 2004 Men's and Women's European Beach Championships and 2004 Olympic Games (IOC event).

Resolutions

The Conference of Presidents unanimously agreed upon two resolutions. One concerning the retention of the current Olympic Games qualification system, with no additional Olympic qualification tournament. The second stating that the current advertising policy for national team shirts should remain the same in order to help national federations to refinance the national teams and the respective preparatory work. The EHF addressed the resolution signed by participants to the IHF President.

EHF EVENTS

CONFERENCES

3rd Conference for Secretaries General

The 3rd Conference for Secretaries General took place in Vienna, Austria from 14-15 March 2003. 57 participants from 39 EHF member federations met to discuss issues relating to daily European handball business. The event takes place on a two year basis and serves as an information exchange between the EHF and member

federations. The opportunity was also taken to organise participation in National Federations' tournaments in 2003/2004. Key items on the agenda included matters relating to EHF competitions - for example the future of the Champions League and national team activities.



SEMINARS

8th Seminar for Chiefs of Delegates

The 8th edition of the EHF Seminar for Chiefs of Delegates took place in Vienna/AUT from 25-26 April 2003. 39 representatives from 36 EHF member federations were present. Items on the agenda included the duties of a delegate, evaluation of delegates, special situations for referees and delegates, case studies of "problem cases", supervision with the focus on safety and security and observation of referees. The participants also took the opportunity to take part in a general discussion forum to exchange ideas and experiences.



The experts leading the seminar included: J. Ambrus - CC Chairman, T. van Linder - MC member, J. Tuik - CC member, S. Andorka - CC member, H. Magnusdottir - CC member and T. Schlick - EHF referee statistics.

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CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CONVENTION

for Men's Clubs

The EHF held a Champions League Convention for Men's Clubs on 14th February 2003. Over 50 participants from 22 of the top handball nations - including representatives from EHF member federations, top clubs and major leagues converged on Vienna for the occasion.

The European Handball Federation places great importance on club handball in general and the development of the Champions League product in particular. President Holmqvist emphasised the fact that European club handball forms a central subject and a core objective on the European handball agenda. This first convention will certainly not be the last.

The participants gave feedback and voiced their opinion on the future structure and playing modus of the Champions League, which involved speaking openly about their stance and opinion on this matter. Views and results of the discussion formed the basis of the changes to the Men's Champions League which were hence with decided upon by the Executive Committee in March 2003.



for Women's Clubs

41 representatives from 15 EHF member federations met in Vienna/AUT on Tuesday 11th November for the 1st Women's Champions League Convention. The participants were presented with details on the current TV and marketing situation, which followed by an analysis of the current system. The Convention under the Chairmanship of EHF EXEC member K. Güntzel was an open discussion forum for the future of the Women's Champions League and the optimum format. Various alternative playing systems were introduced by the EHF and participants for discussion including systems with 16, 24 and 32 teams. Before changes can be made to the current system, basic feedback was essential from all participants. The matter be dealt with by the EHF Competitions Commission and Executive Committee work on technical and marketing possibilities.



EHF EVENTS

WORKSHOPS



Champions League Workshop

Champions League Workshops form a crucial element of the EHF Champions League product development strategy. The 2003 workshops, which were the 2nd workshops of their kind, primarily focused on the 2003/2004 season, future plans for the Men's and Women's Champions League, and marketing strategies.

Men's Champions League Workshop

44 representatives from 33 of Europe's elite men's handball clubs from 25 EHF nations converged on Vienna/AUT on Tuesday 9th September for the 2003 Champions League Workshop for men's club teams.

The start of the 2003/2004 season greeted a new look Men's Champions League. The club representatives met just before the 1st

leg of the qualification round of the Champions League and with 27 of the 32 teams in the group matches known the meeting provided an ideal opportunity for all parties to discuss organisational matters.

Changes have not only been made to the Men's Champions League playing structure but also to the EHF marketing policy which

was a key point on the agenda. Other points included a review of the 2002/2003 season, Champions League Regulations, Champions League on TV, Internet/Media Relations and Product Development which lies at the forefront of the EHF 2003/2004 agenda.

Women's Champions League Workshop

A workshop followed the day after the Women's Champions League Convention on 12 November 2003 for all clubs taking part in the Women's Champions League Group matches. 23 participants from 16 clubs attended the workshop which has become an essential part of the Champions League strategy. This gave both the EHF and clubs alike an opportunity to discuss the sporting and marketing details for the season, the Champions League product and organisational details.



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Youth Coaches' Course

The EHF held a Youth Coaches' Seminar from 14-17 August on the last weekend of the Youth European Championship in Slovakia. 76 participants from 18 countries took part in the course, with EHF Lecturers Martin Tuma-CZE and Marko Sibila-SLO, they were also supported by Dr. Jaromir Simonek-SVK. The seminar focused on the technical, tactical and motoric preparation of young players. All the coaches which participated in the event work primarily with young handball players between the age of 14 and 18 years of age.



Beach Handball Courses



2nd Beach Handball Delegates' Course

A Beach Handball Delegates' Course took place parallel to the 2003 Beach Handball Referee Course from 25-29 June 2003 in Alanya/TUR. Eight Beach Handball delegates from CRO, HUN, POR, ROM, SLO, TUR and YUG passed the course which was led by Guerrero/ MC-ESP, van Linder/MC-NED and the lecturers Antoniou/CYP , Hjorth/DEN.

EHF Candidates' Course for Female Referees

The 2nd EHF Candidates' Course for Female Referees took place in Oslo/NOR from 20-23 November 2003. 6 female referees couples successfully took part in the course: BUL-Rositsa Dimkova/Yordanka Planska, FRA-Charlotte Bonaventura/Julie Bonaventura, NOR-Karianne Lock/Ida Gullaksen, POL-Edyta Bochniarz/Agnieszka

Oleskow, ROM - Anamaria Stoia/Diana-Carmen Florescu, SWE Monika Hagen/Maria Hallberg.

The course was led by 3 EHF lecturers: F. Taborsky/MC Chairman, S. Andorka/CC-HUN, T. Anthonsen/NOR.

3rd Beach Handball Referee Course

Alanya/TUR, the venue of the 2004 Beach Handball European Championships played host to the 3rd Beach Handball Referee Course from 25-29 June 2003. Eight referee couples from AZE, DEN, FRA, HUN, NOR, POR, ROM and SLO took part in the course bringing the number of qualified Beach Handball referees up to 19. EHF experts leading the couples through the course included J. Guerrero/MC-ESP, T. van Linder/MC-NED, P.Antoniou/MC-CYP and S.Hjorth/DEN.

EHF EVENTS

MEETINGS AND VISITS



The EHF held a meeting with representatives from the European Olympic Committee at the EHF Headquarters on 17 February 2003. Mr. Guido De Bondt/BEL- Chairman of the Youth Olympic Festival Committee and Mr. Victor Sanchez/ESP - Secretary of the Youth Olympic Festival attended the meeting. The main objectives for the meet-

Three representatives from the EHF attended a European Sport Forum in Verona during Italy's Presidency of the EU. This was a global summit with 500 delegates from the main worldwide sporting organisations and voluntary organisations. President Staffan Holmqvist, Secretary

General Michael Wiederer and Executive Committee Member Ralf Dejaco represented the EHF at the meeting.

The meeting was held in anticipation of the 2004 European Year of Education through Sport.

European Year of Education Through Sport 2004



In 2003, the EHF laid decisive foundation stones and held numerous meetings for its involvement in the European Year of Education Through Sport 2004, which is an EU initiative to re-ignite the love and fun for sports in Europe with emphasis on the role sport in the all-round develop-

ment and self awareness. The EHF will be working closely with the EU to support this initiative through fair play projects and with the project "Handball at School". More information can be found at www.eyes-2004.info. There is a direct link from the EHF homepage.

Team Sports Meeting

The European Team Sport Federations held a meeting (ice hockey, football, basketball, volleyball and handball) in Zürich/SUI on 11 December 2003 at the headquarters of the International Ice Hockey Federation. EHF Vicepresident Tor Lian, Treasurer Karl Güntzel and Secretary General Michael Wiederer represented the EHF. Three key points which were put forward for discussion by the EHF were sport and politics following the European Sports Forum, partnerships on a technical level and transfers and education compensation policies.

EHF and EOC Cooperation Meeting

The meeting was to discuss the 2003 Youth Olympic Festival in Paris and handball in general in the Youth Olympic Festival, including future match systems, the nomination of nations and referees and age categories. A key point on the agenda was the establishment of a EHF - EOC partnership.

European Sport Forum



Cooperation Visits

The EHF carried-out a cooperation visit to Albania on 3/4 October 2003. EHF Treasurer Karl Güntzel and Secretary General Michael Wiederer represented the EHF on this occasion in Tirana. Subjects discussed during the visit included the EHF partnership with the Albanian Handball Federation, competition matters and development initiatives.

MEETINGS



In 2003 the EHF Executive Committee met a total of 6 times.

EHF Executive Committee

31.01-01	February	Lisbon/POR
07-08	March	Vienna/AUT
20-21	June	Nicosia/Cyp
03	October	Vienna/AUT
25-26	October	Valladolid/ESP
12-13	December	Zagreb/CRO

EHF Competitions Commission

11-12	January	Vienna/AUT
11-12	April	Vienna/AUT
01-03	August	Vienna/AUT
18-19	October	Vienna/AUT

In 2003 the EHF Competitions Commission met a total of 4 times and the EHF Methods Commission met a total of 3 times but also in interlinked workshops.

EHF Methods Commission

11-12	January	Vienna/AUT
31-01	May-June	Vienna/AUT
18-19	October	Vienna/AUT



EHF Court of Appeal

14-15	June	Vienna/AUT
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In 2003 the EHF Court of Appeal met once and the EHF Comptrollers met once.

29-30	April	Vienna/AUT
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INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES

Communication Strategies

The EHF Communication Strategy has developed rapidly since the foundation of the European Handball Federation in 1991 in line with the development of the European handball sport and the political and geographic changes on the European continent. The principle objective has however remained the same: this being to optimise the transfer of information to strategically defined target groups within the EHF community.

The EHF uses various communication tools to meet its objective. Over the past few years there has been a decisive shift from the traditional mediums to new technologically based mediums which have resulted not only in faster and more efficient communication to a wider spectrum but also increased cost efficiency.



EHF News

The EHF NEWS is probably the most well known of all the EHF communications. Great importance is placed on ensuring that the EHF community is kept fully informed and up-to-date on all matches, events and activities in and around European handball. By sending

regular news releases by e-mail, it has enabled the EHF to reach far more people upon the touch of a button. 2003 saw further work on the news database, which will streamline distribution for 2004.

In 2004 Referee News will join the EHF communication strategy. The online news will make the world of refereeing accessible to all.



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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.

Videos

Refereeing Video
High Score Ball
European Championship - Promotion Video



Event Publications

European Championship Guides



CD-roms

European Masters Handball Championships Documentation
Youth European Championships Analyses
EHF Youth Coaches' Seminar
EHF Conference of Secretaries General
EHF Seminar for Chiefs of Delegates
EHF Beach Handball Referee Course/Beach Handball Delegates' Course
Official Champions League Theme Tune
ISC music CD-rom
Annual Report

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EHF ON THE WEB...

www.eurohandball.com is one of the first ports of call for handball enthusiasts world wide. The site offers news in and around European handball, match details and results from present and past, tournament calendar, important links to the European handball community, technical tools including online handball literature, videos, rules and regulations and a search engine.

The European Handball Federation strives to continually develop and broaden the range of online services it offers. In 2003, the EHF expanded the eurohandball.com domain to accommodate sub-domains for individual events and projects.



ebt.eurohandball.com

This sub-domain represents the European Beach Handball Tour, which was a pilot project in 2003. The site was linked directly to the eurohandball.com site. ebt.eurohandball.com was based on a manual system in 2003 and was operated by the EHF. Due to the success of the project, 2004 will see the further development of this domain. The site will become fully automated with members of the beach tour being able to register online with an ID number and password.

championsleague.eurohandball.com

The championsleague domain has been reserved for the Men's and Women's Champions League competitions. The first steps in the creation of this sub-domain were made in 2003. The site will first go online in 2004 with all information on the Champions League, including news, match details and interactive features.

isc.eurohandball.com

The EHF joined forces with the Danish based company medialogic to offer this site as part of the "Handball at School" project. isc stands for interschool competition which is an internet based competition including High Score Ball, star sprints, bouncing the ball, a quiz and a slogan competition. This is a fully automated system which was developed for this 2003 pilot project which involved selected schools. 2004 will see the further development of the "Handball at School" project with the site being officially opened to all interested schools.

tournament@eurohandball.com

starting from 2003, the EHF offered access to its website for organizers of tournaments. Basic information and website links can be entered by interested organizers themselves.

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Awarding of the status "EHF REFEREE"

In 2003, the EHF continued with its policy to award the status of "EHF Referee" through observation in the home country. The couples are observed by EHF refereeing experts while refereeing matches on home territory, upon completion of the process they are informed whether they have been successful or not.

11 couples were awarded with the status of "EHF Referee" in 2003:

Andrei Gousko / Serguei Repkin (BLR)
Vaclav Horacek / Jiri Novotny (CZE)
Petr Novak / Libor Skruzny (CZE)
Jens Nybo / Leif Poulsen (DEN)
Konstantinos Katsikis / Michalis Michailidis (GRE)
Mona Förström / Päivi Mitrunen (FIN)
Terje Eriksen / Kenneth Hansen (NOR)
Predrag Pavicevic / Nebojsa Vujisic (SCG)
Thierry Dentz / Denis Reibel (FRA)
Sorin Laurentiu Dinu / Constantin Din (ROM)
Lars Geipel / Markus Helbig (GER)

Jörgensen DEN
Andorka HUN
Masi ITA
Vujnovic CRO
Brihault FRA
van Linder NED
Andorka HUN
Anthonsen NOR
Andorka HUN
Andorka HUN
Lang AUT



Refereeing

This season there is a total of 145 international referee couples from 40 EHF member federations. Further candidates will be observed in the course of the season.

Female Referees

An exception to the general EHF strategy was made in November 2003 to organise the 2nd of a candidates' course for female referees (see page 37 for more details). There are currently 12 EHF female couples from 11 federations. The following female couples completed the course:

BUL - Rositsa Dimkova / Yordanka Planska
FRA - Charlotte Bonaventura / Julie Bonaventura
NOR - Karianne Lock / Ida Gullaksen
POL - Edyta Bochniarz / Agnieszka Oleskow
ROM - Anamaria Stoia / Diana-Carmen Florescu
SWE - Monika Hagen / Maria Hallberg



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YOUNG REFEREES' PROJECT

The EHF programme for the education and development of young referees comes in the form of the Young Referees Project, which will now go into its fifth year. The EHF Young Referees' Project currently involves 52 young referee couples under the age of 26. The couples

referee international tournaments in order to gain valuable international refereeing experience. Their ultimate goal is to gain "EHF Referee" status and referee on the European circuit.



The Youth Champions' Tournament in Partille/SWE

The Youth Champions' Tournament in Partille/SWE took place from 2-5 July 2003. Eight couples took part in this event which forms the oldest running course within the Young Referees' Project:

Knezoviv/Knezovic-BIH,
Kulik/Nabakao-BLR,
Madsen/Hansen-DEN,
Karuse/Kull-EST,
Bonaventura/Bonaventura-FRA,
Petursson / Sigurjonsson-ISL,
Hansen/Larsen-NOR,
Dimitrijevic/Jakovljevic-YUG

The referees were guided through the tournament by EHF lecturers.

Prague Cup in Prague/CZE

Prague Cup in Prague/CZE took place from 18-21 April 2003. 7 couples took part in this tournament:

Dolenec/Selak-CRO,
Kozler/Vales-CZE,
Kull/Karusse-EST,
Bochinarz/Oleskow -POL,
Manea/Illiescu-ROM, ,
Erdogan/Özdeniz-TUR,
Nikolic/Stojkovic-YUG.

This was the first time that this event was a part of the project.

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European Youth Olympic Festival in Paris

European Youth Olympic Festival in Paris took place from 28 July-1 August 2003 with eight European nations taking part. The EHF joined forces with the EOC (event organiser) to nominate young and up-and-coming referee couples for the event:

Raluy Lopez/Sabrozo Ramirez-ESP,
Andorka/Kecskemeti-HUN,
Devay/Dougarem-FRA,
Cacador/Nicolao-POR,
Kaveshnikov/Churilov-RUS.

Men's Challenge Trophy in Malta

The 3rd edition of the Men's Challenge Trophy took place in Malta from 17 - 21 December 2003. This event which is designed for developing handball nations and is also an integral part of the Young Referees' project. The following referees took part:

Brkic / Jusufhodzic - AUT
Sabrosa / Raluy- ESP
Devay / Dougarem - FRA
Nagy / Turoczy - HUN.

EUROFEST in Izola/SLO

EUROFEST in Izola/SLO took place from 28 June-2 July 2003. Five referee couples were nominated:

Stangl/Kovacic-AUT,
Crnojevic/Kostecki-CRO,
Simsek/Ünlü-TUR,
Kaev/Kaev-MKD,
Florescu/Stoia-ROM



European Tournaments for Youth and Junior Teams

The EHF places great emphasis on youth and junior competitions as this is the stage for the stars of the future and the future of European handball. The EHF has taken steps in bringing the youth and junior club competitions closer together, by offering its support to organisers. Not only does eurohandball.com offer an internet platform for the promotion of national tournaments through its National Tournament Calendar, but some competitions have become an integral part of the Young Referees' Project. In 2003 representatives from the EHF Executive Committee attended many of the major youth and junior club tournaments in order to carry-

out talks with organisers. The tournaments have been adopted onto an official youth and junior club competition list with the ultimate goal to create a type of "grand prix" in the future. The 2003 European Club Tournaments included:

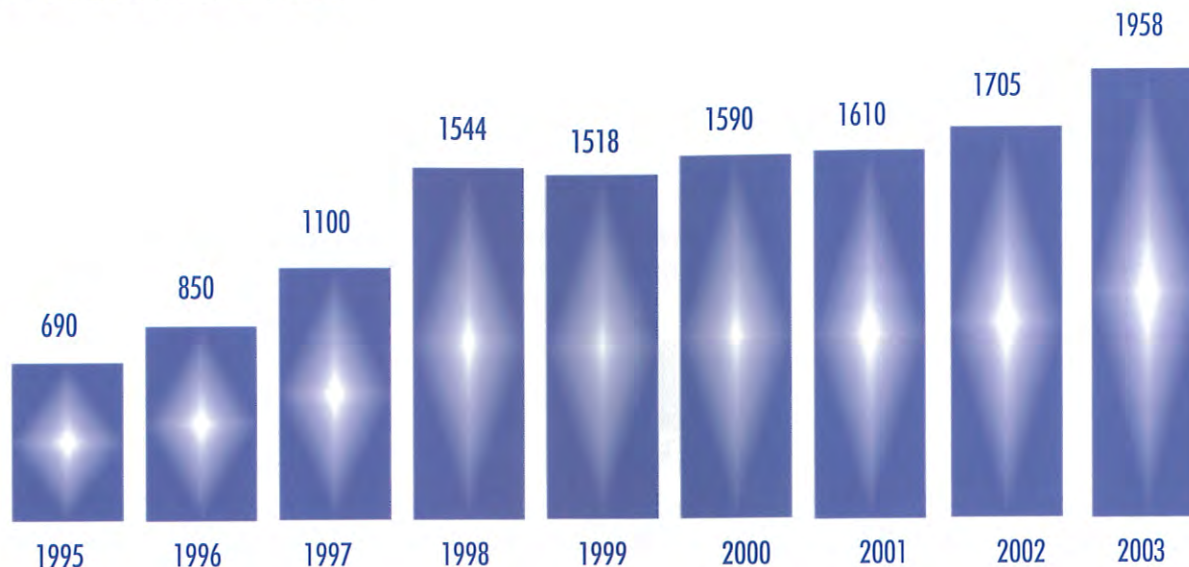
Prague Cup in Prague/CZE
Partille Cup in Partille/SWE
Dronninglund/DEN
EUROFEST in Izola/SLO.

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TRANSFERS 1995 - 2003



The development in international transfers over the past 7 years also continued during 2003. In 2003 the EHF Office dealt with more than 1900 transfer cases.

Due to recent political developments, especially connected with the enlargement of the European Union and the legal consequences for those countries entering the EU, the European Handball Federation faced more and more problem cases in regard to the main questions whether clubs from non-EU countries are entitled to ask for transfer compensation or not.

As a consequence, the European Handball Federation dealt in its various Commissions with the topic "international transfers" and made the first change to the EHF Transfer Rules of Procedure for Transfers in the first quarter of 2003.

Topics like the protection of minors, "go around - transfers", pre-conditions to transfers, limited transfers as well as the implementation of a small administration fee concerning the handling of non-contract players were up for discussion.

The most important change for the future handling of international transfers - no transfer compensation to a club in the case that the contract with the player has already terminated - in Europe becomes valid as of January 1st, 2004 but the necessary decisions were taken at the latest EHF Congress in Vienna.

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In 2003

DEVELOPMENT PROJECT - "SMART" Programme

The "SMART" Programme is the umbrella term for the EHF development activities. Great importance is placed on investing resources in the EHF "developing countries" and supporting them in the promotion and development of the sport domestically. The "M" in SMART stands for milestones - milestones are specifically set in the project and the programme can then be strategically implemented in line with these objectives on a short, medium or long-term basis.

2003 saw a unique "adidas" ball dispatch to all 46 member countries. This was the first time that all EHF nations have been supported in the same year. The EHF also sent out 10 lecturers to European countries to pass on their knowledge and exchange experiences.

with various handball
material

46 nations

have been supported

6 750 balls

5 goals

4 line systems

4 flooring system

10 lecturers

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

"RINCK" CONVENTION



The "Rinck" Convention came about in 1997. It was the result of much work by the then EHF Methods Commission Chairman Claude Rick and was the answer to a European Union initiative concerning the mutual recognition of standards and certificates in the field of coaches' education in handball in Europe. The Convention will now enter its 7th year. There are currently 12 signatory nations with others to follow suit in 2004. There are currently 51 top coaches who have been awarded the title of "EHF Master Coach".



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European Beach Handball Tour

2003 saw the first year of the European Beach Handball Tour, which had a trial run in the form of an EHF Pilot Project from 1 April - 30 September 2003. The focus of what has become known as the EBT was on sun, fun and action on the beach. The format of the tour is simple with easy to understand rules focused around a fair play philosophy.

88 teams registered for the 2003 tour online at ebt.eurohandball.com. The sub-domain of eurohandball.com offers an automated solution for registration. Those 88 teams could choose between 35 EBT tournaments which took place all over Europe.

The climax of the 2003 tour will be the Masters tournament - known as "EBT 03 - Masters". This tournament, which will conclude the tour, will take place with 16 teams (8 Men and 8 Women) in Salerno/ITA on 29-30 May 2004.

Following the success of the 2003 EBT, the EHF Executive took the decision to make the European Beach Tour an official event within the EHF Beach Handball activities.

Here is the final ranking:



TOP TEN Men's Teams

- 1 **Miercoles Iplacea Universidad de Alcala / ESP**
- 2 **Leto2003.com / SCG**
- 3 **MS Chiwawa Team Salerno / ITA**
- 4 **Pallamano Vigevano / ITA**
- 5 **Pescana Oluja Zemun / SCG**
- 6 **Vipren Gades / ESP**
- 7 **TSG Münster / GER**
- 8 **Danger Seeker Stuttgart / GER**
- 9 **Turkish National Team / TUR**
- 10 **Dream Team / ESP**

TOP TEN Women's Teams

- 1 **Zenski Rukometni Klub "Sloga" A / CRO**
- 2 **Policastelliri / ITA**
- 3 **Salerno Beachers / ITA**
- 4 **Turkish National Team / TUR**
- 5 **Zenski Rukometni Klub "Sloga" B / CRO**
- 6 **XUXU Beach Team Niederrhein / GER**
- 7 **HTH / POR**
- 8 **Rochinha / POR**
- 9 **MTV Wisch / GER**
- 10 **Gemischter Mixhaufen / AUT**

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Handball at School

In 2003 the EHF intensified its development work in the schools with an EHF Pilot Project "Handball at School". This project is comprised of two components: the InterSchoolCompetition and the Handball at School information package.

The EHF isc is a combination of practical handball exercises and web based activities testing sporting knowledge and creativity. 10 schools from AUT, CRO, CYP, DEN, EST, GBR, GEO, NOR, POR and SVK took part in the initial phase of the isc which took place from 15 September - 15 December 2003. All the schools were provided the necessary material to take part in the project, which was divided into three categories with 5 different exercises.

InterSchoolCompetition

Sporting Competition:
Knowledge Test:
Creativity Competition:

High Score Ball, Star Sprint, Bouncing Quiz
Slogan

The isc is aimed at children aged between 12 and 14 with the goal to teach them about Fair Play, Honesty, Teamwork and Respect through sport.



Handball at School Information Package

The actual information package will be sent out to schools in 2004 as teaching aids. Preparations have already been made for the package to go into production in the New Year. It will include:

Minihandball brochure

"How to organise a festival" - teaching aid

"How to play with the ball" - teaching aid

Videos (minihandball and basic handball)
Balls & Cones

The aim is to provide 2 000 schools with material so that teachers can get to know the sport. The package will be full of ideas for lessons with the children.

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Fair Play

The EHF has always placed great importance on "Fair Play" in handball. In 2003, the EHF was particularly active in this area to create new initiatives to safeguard the Fair Play philosophy in the sport. The Athletes' Working group was also called upon to give their input on the matter and together with the Technical Commission initiatives have been drawn up which will be implemented for the first time in 2004 at the Men's European Championship.

As a result of feedback from Stefan Lövgren/SWE, there will be an EHF Athletes' Meeting at EURO 2004, where the players will agree on a spirit of fair play throughout the Championship. Part of this agreement will be awarding of a "Best Player Award" after each match, where the coach from each team will nominate a player from the opposing team.



Other fair play measures include a common EHF-SLO OC fair play slogan displayed in all the venues, a fair play statement announced in both Slovenian and English before all the matches, the teams will be accompanied by a team mascot for each team line-up and the players will shake hands before and after each match as a symbolic gesture of sportsmanship.

The EHF has worked closely with the Organising Committee for EURO 2004 and the European Union to bring these initiatives to life. 2004 will mark the "European Year of Education through Sport", the EHF Fair Play initiatives will be an integral part of the EYES 2004 campaign (see page. 38).

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European Handball Pool

A key goal of the EHF is strengthen the link with partners on the sporting market through the creation of the EUROPEAN HANDBALL POOL, encompassing global players who want to be part of the handball spirit and the extensive portfolio of events that the EHF offers. The emphasis of this network is the exchange and transfer of expertise, service and contacts with all partners mutually profiting from the pool. 2003 saw the commencement of this marketing initiative.



What are the future objectives?

In a fast-moving world networking, communication and flexibility are the key prerequisites for recognition on the market and financial success.

- Development and optimisation of competence and image-based partnerships
- To gain two-way access to distribution channels
- To access new dimensions of the market
- To build a network with companies which specialise in handball products or handball-related products, health and wellness, hospitality, communication and travel and other related areas on a long-term basis
- To join new partners on the road to success
- To develop an organisational framework for like-minded partners

What does the European Handball Pool bring with it?

- European network with international orientation
- Access to the EHF's extensive event portfolio
- A market of 46 countries with activities in over 500 European cities
- New challenges and opportunities
- Access to new distribution channels and markets
- Communication platform
- Long-term partnerships
- Success

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Specially designed netsystem for more safety, the fastening of the net is inside the post.



Fun for kids

Besides the development of competition equipment, Nijha is also involved in developing special products for youngsters. New ideas with the right equipment will make handball even more fun for kids.



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EHF STRUCTURE

The European Handball Federation was founded in 1991 by the national handball federations of Europe. The Organisation is based around the partnership between the 46 member federations, the elected bodies - Executive Committee and Technical Commission members and EHF employees.

Over the past 12 years, the structure 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 interesting topics and challenges.

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

The basic structure of the EHF and the working procedures have been continually discussed at the EHF Conferences of Presidents and Congresses. Substantial changes include the enlargement of the Technical Commissions and the introduction of the Conference of Presidents on the highest level.

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)



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

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.

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 Güntzel

Commissions:

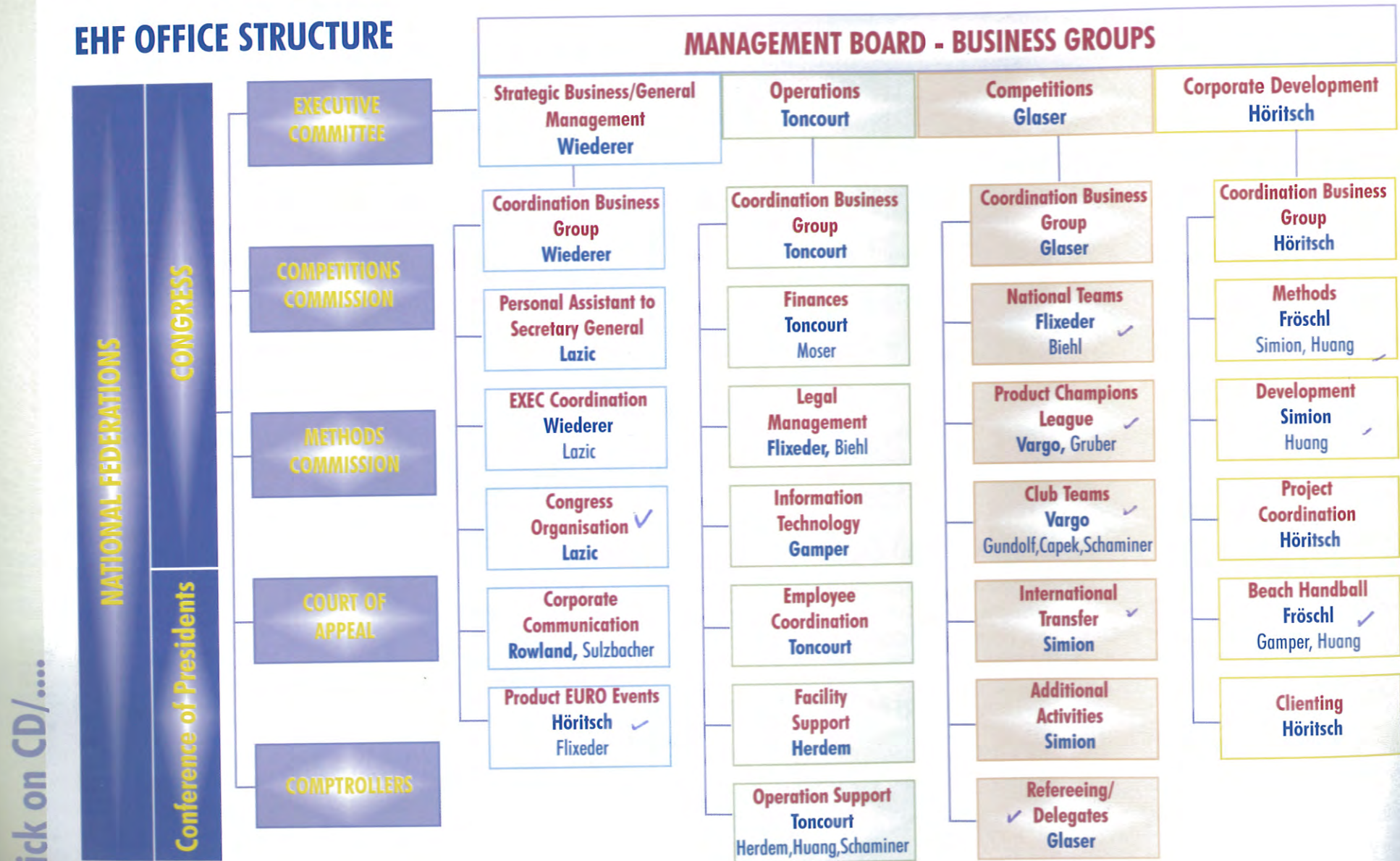
COC - Alexander Toncourt
PRC - Jozef Ambrus
CCM - Frantisek Taborsky

MC - Petra Platen
CPP - Allan Lund

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Office Structure

The adapted EHF Office Structure is tailored to accommodate the daily tasks and business that the Congress and Executive Committee delegate to the employees of the European Handball Federation.

The working areas fall into four categories, known as Business Groups: Strategic Business, Operations, Competitions and Corporate Development. Central, funda-

mental topics are dealt with at a management level by the Management Board.

The structure reflects that of a dynamic business rather than the traditional mould of a sport federation. The working processes are supported by the delegation of issues by the Executive Committee. With its strategic decision-making role, the Executive Committee delivers the "final say" in the clarification of

open questions relating to national federations and marketing partners.

The organigramm on the left hand side details the areas of daily business. The EHF strives to present a clear and decisive picture of the internal workings at the EHF headquarters. It is under continual revision in line with changes, trends, developments and challenges.

and look at the people...



1. Michael Wiederer, 2. Markus Glaser, 3. Helmut Hörtsch, 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. Christoph Gamper, 15. Ines Capek, 16. Nicole Huang, 17. Nadine Biehl, 18. Dimitrij Schaminer, 19. Nicole Gruber, 20. Andrea Moser

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Important events in 2004 to remember...

JANUARY

Women's Champions League
Women's European Cup
Men's European Championship - EURO 2004
Men's World Championship - Qualifications



FEBRUARY

Women's Champions League
Women's European Cup
Men's Champions League
Men's European Cup

Men's Champions League
Men's European Cup
Men's Champions League
Women's European Cup

MARCH

APRIL

Men's 20 European Championship - Qualifications
Women's 19 European Championship - Qualifications
Men's Champions League - Finals
Men's European Cup - Finals
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SEPTEMBER

Men's Champions League - Qualifications
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Women's European Cup



Men's Champions League

Men's European Cup

Women's Champions League - Qualifications

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Men's European Championship for Club Teams

Men's Champions League

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Men's Champions League

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2004 will be a year of fundamental importance for the European Handball Federation. 6 European Championships in Slovenia, Turkey, Serbia and Montenegro, Latvia, Czech Republic and Hungary - this is the largest number ever! The EHF - with its Commission members and employees - invests all its efforts in working closely with the organisers to hold top class events, as is the case with clubs at European club level.

The Congress will mark the beginning of a new electoral period with elections on all Commission levels. These will accompany a change of leadership to the EHF, with elections at an Executive level as well. We are currently striving to offer the best possible conditions for this occasion.

The partnership with the sporting partners - national federations, clubs, delegates, referees, lecturers - is a central issue for 2004. We are striving to strengthen the link with our business and media partners: millions of visits to the EHF homepage, increasing interest in the EHF e-mail news (on average 3 times a week) send a clear message of interest from the sporting community.

We are going to continue 2004 where we left off in 2003. We would herewith like to wish you all the very best for 2004.

Sporting wishes

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