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*2006 Annual Report*



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European Handball Federation*



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## From the President



Tor Lian  
EHF President

Each year I sit down and take a moment to think about the year that has sped by once again at lightening speed. Here I am again writing the foreword for the Annual Report of the European Handball Federation and I feel truly honoured to do so. There is so much to reminisce upon: the magic moments, the challenges and the developments in our sport. It seems that each year goes past quicker and quicker, is fuller and fuller and probably the thing that makes me most proud; each year is more and more exciting.

### *What it's all about*

The European Handball Federation's central goal and duty is to guarantee the continued development of handball on the continent of Europe and to act as the link in the chain for all members of the European Handball Family. The EHF is an organisation with the underlying principle of serving the sport of handball.

Handball is a sport of rapid development; nobody can argue about the fact that we have seen many dynamic changes over the years - 2006 was no different. It is perhaps merely a symbolic (and sentimental) milestone that 15 years of European handball were celebrated in November of 2006, yet it seems quite fitting that the focus of the actual birthday celebrations was on the future and the future strategy for the sport.

### *The handball network*

Despite the ever increasing dimensions of European handball and the growth of the sport, it is often said that there is a family atmosphere in handball. I go to many events and never cease to be touched by the people I meet, their commitment, professionalism, passion and devotion to the sport. It is something that takes me aback each time.

Over the past 15 years the event compendium of the EHF has expanded dramatically and is hugely diverse. I have decided to take a look at just a few areas of our work, which have left happy memories for me personally, as President of the European Handball Federation

### *The year got off with a bang*

The year started with the Men's European Championship in Switzerland. This was the 7th Men's European Championship and the biggest ever. The developments, which handball has undergone, were clear to see and the event dimensions were huge, which gave everybody in the arena a special feeling - just how it should be. The figures spoke volumes as well. Again, Infront Sports & Media, the longstanding partner of the EHF, only spoke of records following the event. New records in TV coverage, viewers and website hits were all clocked up. Event standards were set, which have set a new precedent for handball. I can only assure you that we will continue along these lines and not stop in our efforts to better handball.

The year went out with a bang too, this time it was the turn of the women and the Women's European Handball Championship. They continued where the men's national teams left off - with a top class event, great atmosphere in the halls and dynamic, first class handball.

### *The catalysts*

At each event, I am amazed again and again about the skill of the catalysts of our sport, the players. This was not just proved to me at the two senior European Championships, but continuously over the course of the season in the European club competitions.



## From the President

Despite the fact that this Annual Report is actually a look back at the past year (2005/2006 season), I would like to take a moment to look forward and talk about the present season (some results are included on page 24). The EHF places great importance on the relationship with the clubs in Europe, which work so hard at grassroots level to develop and promote handball. The “new look” Champions League, with its fresh and unified approach, is a huge step for European club handball. Again we can talk about records – TV figures say it all and handball has never been so popular, but its not just about the figures, its about the sport and this year I feel we have turned a corner and entered a new dimension. This is only possible when the EHF has such a close relationship with the clubs, is in constant contact and never rest in its endeavours to achieve a common goal.

### Working together

Just as the EHF meets and consults with the clubs of Europe on a regular basis, the relationship with the Member Federations, is just of importance. They are the key link between the European governing body and the individuals involved in handball on a national level. 2006 was no different in the fact that the EHF ensures that there are regular meetings with the Member Federations, with the emphasis on communication and the exchange of information. One highlight of the sport-political year was the Congress in Portugal. Organised to perfection, it provided the perfect setting to define the strategic path of the EHF. Communication is a continuous process and 2007 will be no different, the EHF will do its utmost to represent the interests of its members both in Europe and on the global stage.

I would also like to offer a warm welcome to three new members, we now have 49 member nations and one associated member! We welcomed Monaco at the Congress and then shortly afterwards, following political changes in southern Europe, Serbia and Montenegro as members in their own right.

### All about partnership

The EHF would not be where it is today without its strong relationship with its partners. Infront Sports & Media, with its long term investment in the EURO events, adidas as clothing and equipment supplier, Nijha providing state-of-the art goals, Gerflor, with its extended partnership, providing the trademark “yellow and blue” EURO flooring system and now the Champions League floor as well, then we have a new Champions League partner SPORTFIVE. They have stated their firm support for the marketing and promotion of the Men’s Champions league. We are proud of the fact that we work with such high-class partners, who guarantee event standards and management.

### Thank you!

I could write pages in this report and I feel that I have failed to mention so much – let’s not forget the summer activities with the Men’s 20 European Championship in Austria and the Men’s and Women’s European Beach Handball Championships and many more events that the EHF put its name to in 2006. None of you are forgotten. Thank you!!

I would like to thank my colleagues in the Executive Committee, and the Technical Commissions and my colleagues around Europe. Before I close I want to take just a moment to thank the employees of the EHF, who are dedicated to working hard to realise the objectives of the Federation. Let’s look forward to what 2007 will bring.

You too, take a moment, sit back and reminisce before channelling all our energies into the year ahead.

All the best!



Tor Lian  
President



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## euro06 Switzerland Men's Championship



The Handball euro06 took place in Switzerland from 26 January – 5th February 2006. It was the first big handball highlight of the year and attracted more attention than ever before. France took the coveted title home for the first time in Championship history, with a convincing victory, in a packed stadium in Zurich, against World Champions Spain. The success of this top event was not only underlined by the high event standards but also by the figures.

It was the most extensively covered and viewed tournament in the history of the Men's European Handball Championships. More than 760 million cumulative viewers followed 707 hours of televised event coverage. The championship was transmitted by close to 120 television and radio broadcasters worldwide and benefited from approximately 800 accredited journalists, photographers and technicians to deliver record media coverage.

The official tournament website, [www.euro06.com](http://www.euro06.com), which was jointly provided by the EHF, the Swiss Handball Federation and Infront, provided fans with extensive information about the event, participating nations and players. It received 74.6 million page impressions from the beginning of January through 5 February. The result more than tripled those compared to the 2004 event website – another tournament record.

The 2006 Men's European Championship, held in Switzerland in January, turned a corner and set a precedent for international, indoor sporting events. The EHF will continue its work with its partners on a long-term basis to encompass the 2008 and 2010 European Championships to reach even greater heights.



# euro2006 Sweden Men's Championship

The 2006 Men's European Championship came to a spectacular finish on the 5th February 2006 with France taking the European Championship title. In front of a capacity crowd in the Hallenstadion in Zurich/SUI, France claimed their very first European title with an impressive and clear victory over the current world champions Spain. Once again, an EHF Euro event has broken records in all areas. Over 60 countries followed the event via the service provided by 56 television and 17 radio broadcasters. The official euro06 website saw a 60% increase of users in comparison to the Euro 2004 figures.



## Final Ranking

<b>1. FRA</b>	<b>2. ESP</b>	<b>3. DEN</b>	4. CRO
5. GER	6. RUS	7. ISL	8. SLO
9. SCG	10. POL	11. NOR	12. UKR
13. HUN	14. SUI	15. POR	16. SVK

## Final Results

Place	Teams	Result
Place 1 / 2	ESP:FRA	23:31 (13:17)
Place 3 / 4	DEN:CRO	32:27 (16:09)

## All Star Team

Goalkeeper	Thierry Omeyer	FRA
Left Wing	Eduard Koksarov	RUS
Left Back	Iker Romero	ESP
Middle Back	Ivano Balic	CRO
Line Player	Rolando Urios	ESP
Right Back	Olafur Stefansson	ISL
Right Wing	Soren Stryger	DEN
Top Scorer	Siarhei Rutenka	SLO (51 Goals)
Best Player	Ivano Balic	CRO



## Qualifications at euro06

### 2007 Men's World Championship

In addition to Germany as the organiser, the top three teams at EURO 2006 have qualified automatically for the next World Championship: Spain (has an automatic place as defending Champion), France, Denmark, and Croatia.

### 2008 Men's European Championship

The teams ranked 1-5 at the EURO 2006 qualified for the next European Championship: France, Spain, Denmark, Croatia and Germany. The 8th Men's European Championship will be held in Norway from the 17th – 27th January 2008. Naturally, Norway as the organiser has a fixed place in the competition.



## euro2006 Sweden Women's Championship



The 2006 Women's European Handball Championship was the last big event of the year! The new European Champion of 2006 was crowned on Sunday 17th December! Norway took the prestigious title home with them and this was not all, they also won a prestigious Olympic place for the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, an automatic starting spot in the 2007 Women's World Championship and an automatic place at the Women's European Championship in FYRO Macedonia in 2008.

The 7th Women's Championship took place in venues around Sweden; Stockholm, Gothenburg, Malmo and Skövde. The emphasis of this top event for women was indeed female participation. With over 300 female top athletes, the EHF selected top female referees and delegates to officiate the matches. The Swedish Organising Committee also made this a central policy of their selection process, with women playing a huge role in the organisation of the event. Throughout all the venues, women were in the majority, whether you were looking in the press centre, security or on the officials' table.

The event was extensively covered in the media, with over 500 media representatives in Sweden to cover the event and 50 TV stations and 12 radio stations and due to the fact that all information and statistics from the championship are available on the touch of the button at [www.euro06.com](http://www.euro06.com), more and more media representatives from all fields are choosing to cover the event from home. The website was visited by handball fans from around the world and as far away as Australia and Sri Lanka, it proved to be most popular in Hungary, Sweden and Norway.

The next European Championship will be held in Fyro Macedonia. The EHF has never held such a big event in this country and the excitement is already growing. We will see you there!



# euro2006 Sweden Women's Championship

The 7th edition of the Women's European Handball Championship came to an end on Sunday 17th December with Norway winning the European Championship title in the Hovor Stadium in Sweden. This is the 3rd European Championship title for Norway.



## Final Ranking

<b>1. NOR</b>	<b>2. RUS</b>	<b>3. FRA</b>	4. GER
5. HUN	6. SWE	7. CRO	8. POL
9. ESP	10. AUT	11. DEN	12. MKD
13. UKR	14. SRB	15. NED	16. SLO

## Final Results

Place	Teams	Result
Place 1 / 2	NOR:RUS	27:24 (16:12)
Place 3 / 4	FRA:GER	29:25 (14:11)

## All Star Team

Goalkeeper	Inna Suslina	RUS	
Left Wing	Mette Kari Johansen	NOR	
Left Back	Nadine Krause	GER	
Middle Back	Gro Hammerseng	NOR	
Line Player	Liudmila Bodnieva	RUS	
Right Back	Ibolya Mehlmann	HUN	
Right Wing	Annika Wiel Preden	SWE	
Top Scorer	Nadine Krause	GER	(58 Goals)
MVP	Gro Hammerseng	NOR	
MVP Defence	Isabelle Wendling	FRA	



## 2006 European Beach Handball Championships



On the north coast of Germany in Cuxhaven, the 4th edition of the Men's and Women's European Beach Handball Championships was the hit of the summer. The competition, which took place from 11th – 16th July 2006 saw 135 matches, played over six days, with a total of 30 teams from across Europe battling for the championship titles. The new champion in the women's competition is the hosting team – GERMANY who defeated RUSSIA (2004 Champion) in a thrilling final. In the men's competition it was SPAIN, who was victorious over HUNGARY, who went home with the title. Below you can find all the final results and standings.

### Final Ranking (MEN)

<b>1. ESP</b>	<b>2. HUN</b>	<b>3. TUR</b>	4. GER
5. SCG	6. CRO	7. RUS	8. UKR
9. CYP	10. NOR	11. SUI	12. ITA
13. NED	14. BUL	15. POL	16. GRE

### Final Results

Place	Teams	1st	2nd	Shoot-out	End Result
1/2	HUN:ESP	(20:19)	(20:23)	(2:7)	1:2
3/4	GER:TUR	(12:16)	(21:14)	(2:5)	1:2

### All Star Team

Best Fair Play Team	CROATIA	
Best Player	Gabor Báthori	HUN
Best Goalkeeper	Ibrahim Demir	TUR
Top Scorer	Juan Antonio Vazquez	ESP 135 points



# 2006 European Beach Handball Championships

## Final Ranking (WOMEN)

<b>1. GER</b>	<b>2. RUS</b>	<b>3. CRO</b>	4. TUR
5. NOR	6. HUN	7. ESP	8. BUL
9. UKR	10. ITA	11. SCG	12. NED
13. SUI	14. SWE		

## Final Results

Place	Teams	1st	2nd	Shoot-out	End Result
1/2	GER:RUS	(16:14)	(27:17)	-	2:0
3/4	CRO:TUR	(17:12)	(16:10)	-	2:0

## All Star Team

Best Fair Play Teams	ITALY, HUNGARY		
Best Player	Janin Hetzer	GER	
Best Goalkeeper	Jelena Grubisic	CRO	
Top Scorer	Andrea Lekic	SCG	89 Points



The next edition of the Beach Handball European Championships for men and women will take place in Misano Adriatico / ITA from the 10th – 15th July 2007, this is due to the fact that, through mutual agreement, the International Handball Federation and the European Handball Federation decided to change the playing rhythm of the Beach Handball World and European Championships. The following time schedule will now apply for the future:

- European Beach Handball Championships – 2007, 2009, and in a two-year cycle.
- World Beach Handball Championships – 2008, 2010, and in a two-year cycle.



## 2006 Men's 20 European Handball Championship



The Men's 20 European Handball Championship which took place in Innsbruck/AUT from the 10th to 19th August 2006, came to a spectacular finish in a final between Germany and Sweden. In the arena "Olympiaworld" in front of 4000 spectators, the national team of Germany defeated Sweden to take the title of European Champion. Reaching out to handball fans across Europe, the M20 EURO in Austria was accompanied by live streaming of the matches online.

### Final Ranking

<b>1. GER</b>	<b>2. SWE</b>	<b>3. DEN</b>	4. SCG
5. BLR	6. SVK	7. CRO	8. SLO
9. ESP	10. FRA	11. POL	12. NOR
13. AUT	14. CZE	15. LAT	16. EST

### Final Results

Place	Teams	Result
Place 1 / 2	GER:SWE	24:19 (11:08)
Place 3 / 4	DEN:SCG	33:32 (16:18)

### All Star Team

Goalkeeper	Johan Sjöstrand	SWE
Left Wing	Uwe Gensheimer	GER
Left Back	Mikkel Hansen	DEN
Middle Back	Martin Strobel	GER
Line Player	Henrik Toft Hansen	DEN
Right Back	Siarhei Shylovich	BLR
Right Wing	Ivan Cupic	CRO
Top Scorer	Richard Wöss	AUT (63 Goals)
Best Player	Zarko Sesum	SCG



# 2006 Men's 18 European Handball Championship

The Men's 18 European Handball Championship took place from the 28th July – 6th August 2006, and came to a sensational end in a final between Croatia and Denmark. The atmosphere in the TTÜ arena was highly charged as 700 spectators filled the arena to witness this handball final in Tallinn, Estonia. In an emotional match Croatia defeated Denmark (30:24) to take the championship title! Sweden defeated Poland to take third place and the bronze medal. Congratulations to you all! Below you can find all the final results and standings:



## Final Ranking

<b>1. CRO</b>	<b>2. DEN</b>	<b>3. SWE</b>	4. POL
5. ESP	6. FRA	7. SCG	8. TUR
9. GER	10. HUN	11. SVK	12. EST
13. SLO	14. AUT	15. CZE	16. RUS

## Final Results

Place	Teams	Result
Place 1 / 2	CRO: DEN	30:24 (13:9)
Place 3 / 4	POL: SWE	28:34 (17:21)

## All Star Team

Goalkeeper	Ivan Pesic	CRO
Left wing	Casper Ulrich Mortensen	DEN
Left back	Mait Patrail	EST
Middle back	Domagoj Duvnjak	CRO
Line Player	Adria Figueras Trejo	ESP
Right back	Oscar Carlen	SWE
Right wing	Sebastian Lindell	SWE
Top Scorer	Mait Patrail	EST (84 Goals)
Best Player	Domagoj Duvnjak	CRO

Through their efforts, Croatia and Denmark have automatically qualified for the 2008 Men's 20 ECh (ROM) and the 2007 U19 World Championship in Bahrain.



## 2006 Women's 18 European Open



A highlight of the summer of 2006, was the handball event that took place from 4th – 8th July 2006, during the famous Partille Cup in Sweden. For the first time, the Women's 18 European Open took place within the framework of the event. Canada joined 23 European national teams in the European Open as a participating guest nation.

The European Open saw Denmark taking the gold; the same team won the Women's 17 European Championship, which took place in Austria in 2005. The Russian team progressed from a 9th place at the event in 2005 to take second in Sweden, while third place Norway came from nowhere after failing to qualify for the W17 last year. Another newcomer, who shone during the competition, were the Netherlands; they managed a final ranking of 5th.

### Final Ranking

<b>1. DEN</b>	<b>2. RUS</b>	<b>3. NOR</b>	<b>4. ROM</b>
5. NED	6. CZE	7. SLO	8. ESP
9. GER	10. POL	11. AUT	12. SVK
13. CRO	14. SWE	15. BLR	16. POR
17. TUR	18. BUL	19. ISR	20. SUI
21. ISL	22. LAT	23. CAN	24. AZE

### Final Results

Place	Teams	Result
Place 1 / 2	DEN:RUS	23:22 (13:12)
Place 3 / 4	NOR:ROM	38:24 (19:10)

### All Star Team

Goalkeeper	Anna Ivanova	RUS
Left Wing	Mia Augustesen	DEN
Left Back	Klaudia Pielez	POL
Middle Back	Trine Haugstad	NOR
Line Player	Yvette Broch	NED
Right Back	Anna Punko	RUS
Right Wing	Christina Aaling	DEN
Top Scorer	Klaudia Pielez	POL (50 Goals)
Best Player	Yvette Broch	NED



## EHF Champions League

The objective behind the creation of EHF Marketing GmbH back in July 2005 was to form a sister company of the European Handball Federation to focus on the further development of the European club competitions and the 2005/2006 season proved just that. We saw the EHF Champions League, which is the initial focus of the EHF Marketing's work, turn a corner. Rapid developments have been undertaken and the EHF Champions League of today looks vastly different to that of just a few years ago.



Despite the huge and adventurous steps that have been taken, any teething problems have been overcome. The EHF Champions League product of today would not have been possible without the tremendous support from the top clubs and EHF partners.

### Media Coverage

The figures from the 2005/2006 Champions League season showed that this elite European club competition is more popular than ever before. TV and media coverage reached new heights. The EHF is striving to continue this trend by offering a "clean", attractive product on the market. Breakthroughs have already been made in 2006, with a new TV partnership with Eurosport which bring Champions League handball into more homes than ever before.

### New Look to the EHF Champions League

EHF Marketing, together with its partners, have worked hard with the Champions League clubs to present the Champions League with a new look. Alongside the newly developed Corporate Event Identity, the Regulations for the Men's Champions League have also been newly drawn up, going into greater detail into the event management side of the competition. A Broadcaster's Manual and the selection of a pool of EHF Marketing Supervisors to support both the clubs and the marketing and TV partners at the matches also boost the product further.

### Extended partnership with Gerflor

The EHF has also extended its partnership with the market leader in flooring systems, Gerflor. Gerflor has been the supplier of the traditional Euro flooring system in its trademark "yellow and blue" colours since 2004. Gerflor are now an important partner of the EHF Men's Champions League. In addition to selected venues during the group phase, they will provide Taraflex® flooring systems to all the clubs as of the last 16 final phase. This will give the Men's Champions League a universal look with its "black and blue lagoon" colours, taking the Men's Champions League into a new generation.

### The 2006/2007 season well underway

At the time of going to press, the Men's Champions League competition of 2006/07 is already underway, with the quarterfinals before us. We have included the group match standings from the current season for your reference. Last season's results as of the last sixteen are also listed for your records. The women's group matches will get underway at the start of 2007. All results to date can be found on the Annual Report CD.





# 2005/06 EHF Men's Champions League



## Men's Last 16

<b>DEN</b>	<b>KIF Kolding</b> 30:31, 33:34 {63:65}	<b>ESP</b>	<b>C. BM. Ademar Leon</b> 22:27, 31:26 {53:53}
<b>SLO</b>	<b>Celje Pivovarna Lasko</b>	<b>ESP</b>	<b>Portland San Antonio</b>
<b>GER</b>	<b>SC Magdeburg</b> 23:27, 24:26 {47:53}	<b>SLO</b>	<b>RK Gorenje Velenje</b> 28:33, 26:22 {54:55}
<b>ESP</b>	<b>FC Barcelona-Cifec</b>	<b>FRA</b>	<b>Montpellier HB</b>
<b>CRO</b>	<b>RK Zagreb</b> 24:28, 25:23 {49:51}	<b>HUN</b>	<b>MKB Veszprém KC</b> 31:28, 30:21 {61:49}
<b>GER</b>	<b>SG Flensburg-Handewitt</b>	<b>DEN</b>	<b>Arhus GF</b>
<b>HUN</b>	<b>SC Pick Szeged</b> 27:36, 31:32 {58:68}	<b>FRA</b>	<b>Paris HB</b> 28:44, 21:28 {49:72}
<b>ESP</b>	<b>BM Ciudad Real</b>	<b>GER</b>	<b>THW Kiel</b>

## Men's Quarterfinals

<b>ESP</b>	<b>BM Ciudad Real</b> 33:28, 34:27 {67:55}	<b>GER</b>	<b>THW Kiel</b> 34:32, 28:32 {62:64}
<b>SLO</b>	<b>Celje Pivovarna Lasko</b>	<b>GER</b>	<b>SG Flensburg-Handewitt</b>
<b>ESP</b>	<b>Portland San Antonio</b> 23:26, 25:21 {48:47}	<b>FRA</b>	<b>Montpellier HB</b> 22:27, 23:21 {45:48}
<b>ESP</b>	<b>FC Barcelona-Cifec</b>	<b>HUN</b>	<b>MKB Veszprém KC</b>

## Men's Semifinals

<b>ESP</b>	<b>BM Ciudad Real</b> 29:27, 31:22 {60:49}	<b>HUN</b>	<b>MKB Veszprém KC</b> 29:32, 29:27 {58:59}
<b>GER</b>	<b>SG Flensburg Handewitt</b>	<b>ESP</b>	<b>Portland San Antonio</b>

## Men's Finals

<b>ESP</b>	<b>Portland San Antonio</b> 28:27, 19:25 {47:62}
<b>ESP</b>	<b>BM Ciudad Real</b>

## Men's 05/06 Champion

<b>ESP</b>	<b>BM Ciudad Real</b>
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## 2005/06 EHF Women's Champions League



GROUP A	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 SLO Krim Ljubljana Slovenia	5	0	1	161:140 21	10
2 DEN Viborg HK A/S	4	0	2	173:164 9	8
3 NOR Larvik HK	3	0	3	153:154 -1	6
4 ESP Orsan Elda Prestigio	0	0	6	143:172 -29	0

GROUP B	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 DEN Slagelse DT	5	0	1	178:149 29	10
2 RUS HC "Lada Togliatti"	3	0	3	168:161 7	8
3 HUN Dunaferri NK	3	0	3	170:160 10	6
4 SCG ZRK Knjaz Milos	1	0	5	146:192 -46	2

GROUP C	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 AUT Hypo Niederösterreich	4	0	2	168:153 15	8
2 ESP CBM Astroc Sagunto	3	0	3	153:156 -3	6
3 SCG ZRK buducnost MONET	3	0	3	150:154 -4	6
4 NOR Byasen Trondheim	2	0	4	147:155 -8	4

GROUP D	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 MKD Kometal GJ. Petrov. Skopje	3	1	2	167:157 10	7
2 DEN Aalborg DH	3	1	2	182:169 13	7
3 HUN Györi ETO Kezilabda Club	3	0	3	154:169 -15	6
4 RUS Dinamo Volgograd	1	2	3	148:156 -8	4



### Women's Quarterfinals

<b>RUS</b> HC "Lada Togliatti" 18:25, 36:29 (54:54)	<b>DEN</b> Aalborg DH 30:28, 28:29 (58:57)
<b>SLO</b> Krim Ljubljana Slovenia	<b>AUT</b> Hypo Niederösterreich
<b>DEN</b> Viborg HK A/S 30:24, 26:28 (56:52)	<b>ESP</b> CBM Astroc Sagunto 27:29, 26:24 (53:53)
<b>DEN</b> Slagelse FH	<b>MKD</b> Kometal Gjorcije Petrov

### Women's Semifinals

<b>ESP</b> CBM Astroc Sagunto 28:32, 26:31 (54:63)	<b>DEN</b> Aalborg DH 26:31, 31:30 (47:54)
<b>DEN</b> Viborg HK A/S	<b>SLO</b> Krim Ljubljana Slovenia

### Women's Finals

<b>SLO</b> Krim Ljubljana Slovenia 22:24, 21:20 (43:44)
<b>DEN</b> Viborg HK A/S

### Women's 05/06 Champion

<b>DEN</b> Viborg HK A/S
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## European Cup The Figures 2005/06



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### Men 2005/06

Clubs: 158  
Matches: 419  
Spectators: 700,400  
Goals: 23,984

### Men 2006/07

Clubs: 160  
Matches: 410

### Women 2005/06

Clubs: 123  
Matches: 309  
Spectators: 403,900  
Goals: 16,735

### Women 2006/07

Clubs: 127  
Matches: 318

Over 281 clubs took part in the 2005/2006 European Cup competitions. The European Cup competitions have been at the heart of the European club competitions since the foundation of the European Handball Federation, the first European Cup champions were crowned in 1994.

The 2005/2006 season, with its Champions League, EHF Cup, Cup Winners' Cup and Challenge Cup for both men and women saw a total of 728 matches. For the first time in the 2005/2006 season clubs from England and the associated member federation of Kosovo took part in the competitions. In the Cup Winners' Cup of last season the Romanian clubs managed the double by winning both the Women's and Men's Challenge Cup.

The current season (2006/2007), has welcomed a team from Ireland and three English teams in the Challenge Cup. Clubs from Serbia and Montenegro, which are both now Member Federations in their own right, have also played European Cup handball for the first time since the historic political change in this area. At the time of going to press, the current season has currently seen 464 matches, with the crowning of the champions in April for the men's competitions and May for the women's competitions.

The branding of the competitions has taken a further step, with competition flags for each of the competitions and the recently launched European Cup website. The European Handball Federation strives to continue the development, which is certainly a challenge with clubs from all different parts of Europe.



# EHF Cup 2005/06

## Men's Quarterfinals

<b>GER</b> <b>TBV Lemgo</b> 33:31, 33:18 (66:49)	<b>GER</b> <b>VFL Gummersbach</b> 26:30, 35:25 (61:56)
<b>RUS</b> <b>Lukoil-Dynamo Astrakhan</b>	<b>ESP</b> <b>Bidasoa Irun</b>
<b>POL</b> <b>KS Vive Kielce</b> 34:26, 21:35 (55:61)	<b>DEN</b> <b>GOG Svendborg Gudme</b> 32:37, 24:29 (56:66)
<b>FRA</b> <b>US Creteil Handball</b>	<b>GER</b> <b>Frisch Auf Göppingen</b>



## Men's Semifinals

<b>GER</b> <b>VFL Gummersbach</b> 26:25, 27:29 (53:54)	<b>FRA</b> <b>US Creteil Handball</b> 19:23, 30:26 (49:49)
<b>GER</b> <b>TBV Lemgo</b>	<b>GER</b> <b>Frisch Auf Göppingen</b>

## Men's Finals

<b>GER</b> <b>Frisch Auf Göppingen</b> 22:25, 29:30 (51:55)
<b>GER</b> <b>TBV Lemgo</b>

## Men's 05/06 Champion

<b>GER</b> <b>TBV Lemgo</b>
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## Women's Quarterfinals

<b>HUN</b> <b>DVSC Debrecen</b> 23:25, 20:16 (43:41)	<b>HUN</b> <b>Cornexi Alcoa</b> 24:26, 26:28 (50:54)
<b>FRA</b> <b>HB Metz Moselle Lorraine</b>	<b>CRO</b> <b>Podravka Vegeta, Koprivnica</b>
<b>DEN</b> <b>Ikast Bording EH A/S</b> 24:24, 27:29 (51:53)	<b>DEN</b> <b>GOG Svendborg Gudme</b> 23:31, 30:29 (53:60)
<b>UKR</b> <b>HC "Motor" Zaporozhye</b>	<b>HUN</b> <b>FTC Budapest</b>



## Women's Semifinals

<b>CRO</b> <b>Podravka Vegeta, Koprivnica</b> 26:21, 29:24 (55:45)	<b>HUN</b> <b>FTC Budapest</b> 24:23, 27:27 (51:50)
<b>HUN</b> <b>DVSC Debrecen</b>	<b>UKR</b> <b>HC "Motor" Zaporozhye</b>

## Women's Finals

<b>HUN</b> <b>FTC Budapest</b> 33:32, 37:36 (70:68)
<b>CRO</b> <b>Podravka Vegeta, Koprivnica</b>

## Women's 05/06 Champion

<b>HUN</b> <b>FTC Budapest</b>
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## Challenge Cup 2005/06

### Men's Quarterfinals

<b>MKD</b>	<b>HC Vardar PRO - Skopje</b> 29:34, 35:31 (64:65)	<b>RUS</b>	<b>"Stepan R. N." St. Petersburg</b> 28:28, 26:32 (54:60)
<b>ROM</b>	<b>Steaua Bucuresti</b>	<b>CRO</b>	<b>Agram-Medvescak Zagreb</b>
<b>SCG</b>	<b>Jugopetrol Zeleznicar Nis</b> 33:36, 28:29 (61:65)	<b>POR</b>	<b>Sporting Club Horta</b> 26:28, 30:25 (56:53)
<b>SUI</b>	<b>BSV Bern Muri</b>	<b>NOR</b>	<b>NIT-HAK Nittedal</b>

### Men's Semifinals

<b>ROM</b>	<b>Steaua Bucuresti</b> 24:25, 30:28 (54:53)	<b>POR</b>	<b>Sporting Club Horta</b> 28:28, 32:25 (60:53)
<b>CRO</b>	<b>Agram-Medvescak Zagreb</b>	<b>SUI</b>	<b>BSV Bern Muri</b>

### Men's Finals

<b>POR</b>	<b>Sporting Club Horta</b> 26:21, 27:34 (53:55)
<b>ROM</b>	<b>Steaua Bucuresti</b>

### Men's 05/06 Champion

**ROM Steaua Bucuresti**



### Women's Quarterfinals

<b>ROM</b>	<b>C.S. Rulmentul Brasov</b> 18:19, 32:19 (50:38)	<b>ROM</b>	<b>C.S. Tomis Constanta</b> 28:20, 29:22 (57:42)
<b>FRA</b>	<b>FRA Cercle Dijon Bourgogne</b>	<b>CRO</b>	<b>ZRK "Split" Split</b>
<b>ISL</b>	<b>Valur Reykjavik</b> 32:27, 25:21 (57:48)	<b>FRA</b>	<b>Merignac Handball</b> 32:24, 30:25 (62:49)
<b>SUI</b>	<b>LC Brühl Handball</b>	<b>ITA</b>	<b>HC Teramo 2002</b>

### Women's Semifinals

<b>ROM</b>	<b>C.S. Tomis Constanta</b> 28:35, 37:25 (65:60)	<b>ROM</b>	<b>C.S. Rulmentul Brasov</b> 25:22, 23:25 (48:47)
<b>ISL</b>	<b>Valur Reykjavik</b>	<b>FRA</b>	<b>Merignac Handball</b>

### Women's Finals

<b>ROM</b>	<b>C.S. Rulmentul Brasov</b> 30:22, 25:24 (55:46)
<b>ROM</b>	<b>C.S. Tomis Constanta</b>

### Women's 05/06 Champion

**ROM C.S. Rulmentul Brasov**

# Cup Winners' Cup 2005/06

## Men's Quarterfinals

<b>GER</b>	<b>HSG Nordhorn</b> 26:25, 36:21 {62:46}	<b>SVK</b>	<b>Tatran Presov</b> 28:35, 27:30 {55:65}
<b>SUI</b>	<b>Kadetten Schaffhausen</b>	<b>RUS</b>	<b>Chehovski Medvedi, Chekhov</b>
<b>DEN</b>	<b>Skjern Handball</b> 28:35, 31:35 {59:70}	<b>ESP</b>	<b>Fraikin BM Granollers</b> 26:31, 33:31 {59:62}
<b>ROM</b>	<b>HCM Constanta</b>	<b>ESP</b>	<b>CBM Valladolid</b>



## Men's Semifinals

<b>ROM</b>	<b>HCM Constanta</b> 31:40, 29:33 {60:61}	<b>RUS</b>	<b>Chehovski Medvedi, Chekhov</b> 28:33, 36:30 {64:63}
<b>ESP</b>	<b>CBM Valladolid</b>	<b>GER</b>	<b>HSG Nordhorn</b>

## Men's Finals

<b>ESP</b>	<b>CBM Valladolid</b> 36:29, 24:32 {60:61}
<b>RUS</b>	<b>Chehovski Medvedi, Chekhov</b>

## Men's 05/06 Champion

**RUS Chehovski Medvedi, Chekhov**



## Women's Quarterfinals

<b>HUN</b>	<b>Dunaferr NK</b> 28:29, 32:32 {60:61}	<b>GER</b>	<b>TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen</b> 21:18, 23:29 {44:47}
<b>NOR</b>	<b>Gjerpen Handball Skien</b>	<b>SCG</b>	<b>ZRK Buducnost MONET</b>
<b>ESP</b>	<b>S.D. Itxako Estella</b> 19:31, 17:18 {36:49}	<b>HUN</b>	<b>Györi ETO Kezilabda Club</b> 34:24, 30:33 {64:57}
<b>NOR</b>	<b>Larvik HK</b>	<b>FRA</b>	<b>E.S.B.F. Besancon</b>



## Women's Semifinals

<b>NOR</b>	<b>Gjerpen Handball Skien</b> 29:37, 24:28 {53:65}	<b>HUN</b>	<b>Györi ETO Kezilabda Club</b> 33:28, 22:23 {55:51}
<b>SCG</b>	<b>ZRK Buducnost MONET</b>	<b>NOR</b>	<b>Larvik HK</b>



## Women's Finals

<b>SCG</b>	<b>ZRK Buducnost MONET</b> 26:23, 25:25 {51:48}
<b>HUN</b>	<b>Györi ETO Kezilabda Club</b>

## Women's 05/06 Champion

**SCG ZRK Buducnost MONET**

## 2006/07 EHF Men's Champions League Group Phase



GROUP A	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points	
1 ESP Portland San Antonio	5	0	1	199:146	53	10
2 HUN MKB Veszprém KC	5	0	1	207:160	47	10
3 BIH RK "Bosna" Sarajevo	2	0	4	167:188	-21	4
4 SVK MSK SIRS Povazska Bystrica	0	0	6	161:240	-79	0

GROUP B	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points	
1 ESP BM Ciudad Real	6	0	0	206:162	44	12
2 HUN SC Pick Szeged	3	1	2	153:153	0	7
3 SUI Kadetten Schaffhausen	2	1	3	168:169	-1	5
4 BLR Brest HC Meshkov	0	0	6	146:189	-43	0

GROUP C	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points	
1 DEN KIF Kolding Elite A/S	5	1	0	199:153	46	11
2 FRA Chambéry Savoie HB	3	1	2	171:163	8	7
3 POL Wisła Płock S.A.	2	0	4	141:170	-29	4
4 SRB Crvena Zvezda Beograd	1	0	5	158:183	-25	2

GROUP D	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points	
1 GER SG Flensburg-Handewitt	5	0	1	199:164	35	10
2 RUS Chehovskie Medvedi	4	0	2	182:164	18	8
3 CRO RK Zagreb	3	0	3	153:148	5	6
4 MKD RK Metalurg Skopje	0	0	6	148:206	-58	0

GROUP E	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points	
1 GER THW Kiel	6	0	0	244:170	74	12
2 DEN GOG Svendborg TGI Gudme	3	0	3	203:180	23	6
3 ROM C.S. HCM Constanta	2	1	3	172:205	-33	5
4 CZE HC Baník OKD Karvina	0	1	5	175:239	-64	1

GROUP F	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points	
1 GER VfL Gummersbach	5	0	1	212:177	35	10
2 SLO Celje Pivovarna Lasko	5	0	1	205:170	35	10
3 NOR Sandefjord TIF	2	0	4	179:202	-23	4
4 ISL Fram Reykjavík	0	0	6	163:210	-47	0

GROUP G	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points	
1 ESP FC Barcelona-Cifec	6	0	0	205:152	53	12
2 SLO RK Gold Club Kozina	3	0	3	168:180	-12	6
3 GRE Panellinios AC Athens	2	0	4	160:197	-37	4
4 SWE Hammarby IF HB	1	0	5	182:186	-4	2

GROUP H	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points	
1 ESP CBM Valladolid	4	2	0	197:162	35	10
2 FRA Montpellier HB	4	1	1	173:144	29	9
3 UKR HC Portovik Yuzhny	2	0	4	138:161	-23	4
4 AUT A1 Bregenz HB	0	1	5	144:185	-41	1



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## 2006 Men's European Championship for Club Teams



The 2006 Men's European Championship for Club Teams came took place on the weekend of the 25/26 November 2006 in the "Kölnarena" in Germany. The event was organised by the "wild card" participants VfL Gummersbach. The 11th edition of this competition was played out in two semifinals on Saturday 25th followed by the finals on Sunday 26th November. In front a record breaking 15,200 spectators, BM Ciudad Real (ESP) won the title for the second time in two years after dramatically defeating VfL Gummersbach (GER). The fight for third place was won by TBV Lemgo (GER) after taking victory over Chehovski Medvedi (RUS).

### Ranking

1. **BM Ciudad Real** (ESP)
2. **VfL Gummersbach** (GER)
3. **TBV Lemgo** (GER)
4. **Chehovski Medvedi** (RUS)

### Matches

Saturday 25th October

**Semifinal 1** **VfL Gummersbach (GER) - TBV Lemgo (GER)**  
34:33 (19:18) 11,000 Spectators  
Referees: Nachevski/Nikolovski (MKD)

**Semifinal 2** **BM Ciudad Real (ESP) - Chehovski Medvedi (RUS)**  
37:34 (16:21) 10,850 Spectators  
Referees: Lazaar/Reveret (FRA)

Sunday 26th October

**Final for 3/4** **TBV Lemgo (GER) - Chehovski Medvedi (RUS)**  
37:33 (17:20) 14,500 Spectators  
Referees: Lazaar/Reveret (FRA)

**Final for 1/2** **BM Ciudad Real (ESP) - VfL Gummersbach (GER)**  
36:31 (18:13) 15,200 Spectators  
Referees: Nachevski/Nikolovski (MKD)

### EHF officials

**Representatives:** Tor Lian (EHF President), Jan Tuik (EHF Exec)  
**Officials:** Sandor Andorka (EHF CC), Leopold Kalin (EHF CC)  
**Referees:** Lazaar/Reveret (FRA), Nachevski/Nikolovski (MKD)

**Best Player** **Daniel Narcisse** (VfL Gummersbach)  
**Best Goalkeeper** **Arpad Sterbik** (BM Ciudad Real)  
**Top Scorer** **Mirza Dzomba** (BM Ciudad Real) 17Goals



# 2006 Women's European Championship for Club Teams

The 2006 Women's European Championship for Club Teams took place in Viborg on 28/29 October 2006 in the Viborg Stadionhal in Denmark, the home of the 2005/2006 Women's Champions League winner Viborg HK A/S. The event was played out with two semifinals on Saturday 28th followed by the finals on Sunday 29th October. Under an electric atmosphere, Viborg HK A/S /DEN won the title for the third time in a stunning victory over RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana /SLO. In the battle for third place, Buducnost T-Mobile of Montenegro defeated FTC Budapest from Hungary.

<b>Ranking</b>	<b>1. Viborg HK A/S</b>	(DEN)
	<b>2. RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana</b>	(SLO)
	<b>3. Buducnost T-Mobile</b>	(MNE)
	<b>4. FTC Budapest</b>	(HUN)

## Matches

Saturday 28th October

**Semi-final 1** **Viborg HK A/S (DEN) - Buducnost T-Mobile (MNE)**  
32:26 (14:13) 600 Spectators  
Referees: Pavel / State

**Semi-final 2** **FTC Budapest (HUN) - RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana (SLO)**  
25:34 (11:19) 600 Spectators  
Referees: Reisinger / Kaschütz

Sunday 29th October

**Final for 3 / 4** **Buducnost T-Mobile (MNE) - FTC Budapest (HUN)**  
30:25 (15:14) 300 Spectators  
Referees: Pavel / State

**Final for 1 / 2** **RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana (SLO) - Viborg HK A/S (DEN)**  
26:31 (15:15) 800 Spectators  
Referees: Reisinger / Kaschütz

## EHF officials

*Representatives:*

Tor Lian (EHF President), Laszlo Sinka (EHF Exec)

*Officials:*

Helga Magnusdottir (EHF CC), Wolfgang Gremmel (EHF Compt)

*Referees:*

Reisinger/Kaschütz (AUT), Pavel/State (ROM)

Best Player

**Henriette Mikkelsen** (Viborg HK A/S)

Best Goalkeeper

**Katalin Palinger** (RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana)

Top Scorer

**Tatjana Oder** (RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana) 20 Goals



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## 2006 Women's Challenge Trophy

The 4th edition of the Women's Challenge Trophy took place in Vogošća, Bosnia Herzegovina from the 5th – 9th April 2006. This event focuses on the developing handball nations. This year eight nations took part in the competition, it was Bosnia Herzegovina who took the title in the final against Faroe Islands.

The event hosted by the Handball Federation of Bosnia Herzegovina; supported by the European and the International Handball Federations, was a great success with 600 spectators watching the final and creating a superb atmosphere in the arena. The final match was broadcast live on National TV. The winning team were presented with a commemorative winner's plate, which was handed over by EHF Vice President Jean Brihault.



### Final Ranking

<b>1. BIH</b>	<b>2. FAR</b>	<b>3. CYP</b>	4. GEO
5. EST	6. ARM	7. ENG	8. ALB

### Final Results

RANKING	TEAMS	RESULT
Place 1 / 2	BIH:FAR	40:24 (22:08)
Place 3 / 4	GEO:CYP	18:23 (09:12)
Place 5 / 6	EST:ARM	22:18 (10:11)
Place 7 / 8	ALB:ENG	13:35 (08:18)

### ALL STAR Team

Goalkeeper	Frida Petersen	FAR
Left Wing	Marjana Turudic	BIH
Left Back	Ioanna Sizinou	CYP
Middle Back	Sabina Pehic	BIH
Line Player	Armine Antonyan	ARM
Right Wing	Anna Samuelsen	FAR
Top Scorer	Sabina Pehic	BIH 56 Goals
Best Player	Sabina Pehic	BIH



## 2006 EHF Youth Champions' Tournament



For the past 12 years, the European Handball Federation has held competitions for young men and women within the framework of the Partille Cup. As a cornerstone in the Swedish handballing history, the Partille Cup continues to attract hundreds of young teams. In 2006, 870 teams from 50 nations competed in this competition. Over the course of this event, between them the teams played 2,899 matches and scored a massive 69,396 goals! The next handball event will take place from the 3rd - 8th July 2007 in Gothenburg/SWE.

The EHF Youth Champions' Tournament (girls born 1990 or later) was held from the 5th – 8th July 2006 in Gothenburg within the framework of the annual Partille Cup. This year, fifteen clubs, which are the elite of their nation, took part in the Youth Champions' Tournament

Hypo Niederösterreich (AUT) was present on the medal table two years ago (1st), the teams ranked one and two – Kärro HF (SWE) and Lada Toljatti (RUS) are newcomers to the competition. The gold medal match was decided by a shoot-out, with the Swedes winning.

### Final Ranking

<b>1. Kärro HF (SWE)</b>	<b>2. Lada Toljatti (RUS)</b>	<b>3. Hypo Niederösterreich (AUT)</b>
4. HK Slavia Partiz. (SVK)	5. RK Krim Mercator (SLO)	6. MGA Handball (AUT)
7. Skuru IF (SWE)	8. MRK Kova (LTU)	9. Fram (ISL)
10. Fylkir (ISL)	11. Nordstrand IF (NOR)	12. MTS Kwizyn (POL)
13. Vd Voort/Quintus (NED)	14. DHC Meeuwen (BEL)	15. SK Dvigatel (EST)

### Final Results

Place	Teams	Match	Shoot-out	End Result
1/2	Kärro HF (SWE) v Lada Toljatti (RUS)	26:26	4:3	30:29
3/4	HK Slavia Partic. (SVK) v Hypo NÖ (AUT)	15:22	-	15:22

### ALL STAR Team

Goalkeeper	Simona Sulovska	SVK	HK Slavia Partizanske
Left Wing	Snezhana Makheneva	RUS	Lada Toljatti
Left Back	Vivian Lerant	AUT	Hypo Niederösterreich
Middle Back	Erina Nikitina	RUS	Lada Toljatti
Line Player	Ekaterina Loshkar	RUS	Lada Toljatti
Right Back	Emilie Seferaj	SWE	Kärro HF
Right Wing	Maria Sjögren	SWE	Kärro HF
Best Player	Erina Nikitina	RUS	Lada Toljatti



## 3rd European Masters Handball Championships

The third edition of the European Masters Handball Championships for Men and Women took place in Győr (HUN) from the 23rd – 25th June 2006. For this summer highlight event, hundreds of former top class athletes who in total encompassed 45 teams entered the competition. In the men's competitions, the reigning champions were back to defend but failed to retain their titles. Kolding, who won the title in 2003 and 2005 were beaten by a strong Hungarian team coming under the name of worldhandball.com. The Budapest Old Boys (HUN), who won the title in the category 45+ last year were beaten this year by Oldtimers Klub Martin (SVK). In the women's competitions, the defending champion in the women's 33+ category Fredriksberg Idræts-Forening (DEN) made way for the strong Hungarian teams, with the Silver Stars taking gold. Final ranking results from each category:



Men +35		Men +45	
1. Worldhandball.com	HUN	1. Klub Martin	SVK
2. KIF Kolding	DEN	2. Budapest Old Boys	HUN
3. HIK Copenhagen	DEN	3. Italian Master Team	ITA
4. ZTR	UKR	4. MAFC Old Boys	HUN
5. Silesia	POL	5. Slask	POL
6. Fred Team	POL	6. SVS Vienna	AUT
7. HK Vainode	LAT	7. RTU – Riga	LAT
8. Old Boys Bratislava	SVK	8. RSK „Senjorai” Vilnius	LTU
9. Alser Puerto Sagunto	ESP	9. Hort SE	HUN
10. UHLZP Austria	AUT	10. Trionfale Roma	ITA
11. Brno	CZE	11. Saline Boys de Bochezna	POL
12. Handbol Veterans Terrassa	ESP	12. Old Boys Krakow	POL
13. Mesikäpp	EST	13. Olimpus – 85	MDA
14. Kalakutas Kaunas	LTU		
15. UHC Eggenburg	AUT		

Women's +33		Women's +43	
1. Silver Stars	HUN	1. Lesz Vigasz	HUN
2. Erima Budapest	HUN	2. ETO XXL	HUN
3. Frederiksberg Idræts-Forening	DEN	3. HYPO XXXL	AUT
4. Krvk „Kauna Santaka”	LTU	4. Nostalg Bg.	HUN
5. Duplje-Trizic Team	SLO	5. HC Start Trencin	SVK
6. Egle Vilnius	LTU	6. Start Bratislava	SVK
7. Hort SE	HUN	7. Cracow Ladies	POL
8. HYPO XXL	AUT		
9. Gladsaxe HG	DEN		
10. Riga – Rukki	LAT		



## European Beach Handball Tour 2006

The European Beach Handball Tour in 2006 continued the success of previous tours that have gone before. Taking place across the continent, the competition began in October 2005 and ended September 2006. In total, 103 teams from 21 nations played 43 tournaments over the course of the season. Below is the top ranking teams from each competition.

### Men's Competition

1. Balonmano Playa Hummel Barbate	ESP
2. Balonmano Playa Alcalá	ESP
3. Let Cepelin Toma-soft	CRO
4. BHC Golden Balls	CRO
5. BHC Popescu	CRO
6. Easy-Rider BHC	HUN
7. Beers&Beach	ESP
8. dugirat.com	CRO
9. calderon summer 04	GRE
10. BHC PMF	CRO

### Women's Competition

1. Team G-Solà	ESP
2. Malaga Costa del Sol A	ESP
3. Trenja Club	CRO
4. WBHC Kontesa Nera	CRO
5. Trakomakedones -Hondos Center	GRE
6. Avant Garde Asprovalta	GRE
7. WBHC PMF	CRO
8. Nemesis	GRE
9. Dream Team Femenino	ESP
10. Playadettes Luzern	SUI

### European Beach Tour 2005 Masters

The European Beach Tour Masters took place on the 3rd-4th June 2006. This was the final tournament for the best teams of the tour in 2005. The setting for this event was Katerini, Greece. A total of 10 teams took part in the men's competition, divided into 2 groups of 5 teams and a total of 8 teams divided into 2 groups of 4 teams in the women's competition. The final results were as follows:

### Men's Teams

1. Winterthur BHC Budapest	HUN
2. Letenye-Hyundai	HUN
3. Balonmano Playa Hummel Barbate	ESP
4. Sand Devils Minden	GER
5. Alal Vera	SRB
6. Leto2002.com	SRB
7. Pescana Oluja	SRB
8. Let Cepelin (Toma-soft)	CRO
9. Thrakomakedones-Summer	GRE
10. Metalloplastiki Agriniou	GRE

### Women's Teams

1. WBHC Kontesa Nera	CRO
2. Ferrecirk	HUN
3. Beach Girls	HUN
4. Team G-Solà	ESP
5. A.Ke.TH.Costa Boda	GRE
6. Libra Tehnicar	CRO
7. Leto2002.com	SRB
8. Waterside	TUR



## 2006 Draw Highlights

Draws are part and parcel of the European Handball Federation's daily business. The majority of the draws take place in the conference room at the EHF Headquarters and are well visited. However, the EHF often uses the opportunity of events and special occasions to combine them with draws. The highlights in 2006 included:

### *Men's and Women's World Championship Play-off (Europe) Draws*

The draw for the Men's World Championship play-offs (Europe) took place on 5th February 2006 on the final day of euro06 in Switzerland. It was combined with the final day press conference of the European Championship, which has now become a tradition on the final day of the EHF European Championships. Over 200 people packed into the press conference room in the Hallenstadion in Zürich to follow the draw, which was also broadcast by various TV stations around Europe. The event was followed by an EHF brunch, where all involved in the European Championship had the chance to get together, have a chat and share experiences. The Men's World Championship will take place from 19th January – 4th February 2007.

The same was true at the end of the year. The women's edition of the draw took place on the final day of the Women's European Championship on 17th December 2006 and was the last draw of the season, again it was combined with a press conference and a get together afterwards. The play-offs (Europe) will take place on 2/3 June and 9/19 June 2007.

### *Men's and Women's Champions League Draws – Group Matches*

The defending champions of the 2005/2006 Champions League titles in both the women's and the men's disciplines hosted the draws for the group match phase of the Champions League. The men's draw took place at the home of the Spanish team of Ciudad Real. Representatives from all of the participating clubs, joined the EHF representatives for the draw, which was also followed live around Europe on the EHF website. Kiril Lazarov was also present at the draw to accept the "Top Scorer" award.

The EHF used the occasion of the Women's European Championship for Club Teams in Viborg, Denmark to hold the draw for the Women's Champions League Group matches. This took place before the final and was broadcast live on TV.





# 2007 Men's World Championship European Qualification



## Pre-qualification Groups

GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3	GROUP 4	GROUP 5
<b>GRE</b>	<b>AUT</b>	<b>CZE</b>	<b>ROM</b>	<b>SWE</b>
BIH	FIN	MKD	LTU	BLR
NED	ISR	EST	LAT	TUR
ITA	BUL	CYP	LUX	BEL

These teams qualified directly for the play-off matches →

**HUN**  
**POL**  
**SCG**  
**SVK**  
**ISL**  
**POR**

Plus the winners of the Pre-qualification Groups →

**GRE** **SLO**  
**AUT** **UKR**  
**CZE** **NOR**  
**ROM** **RUS**  
**SWE** **SUI**

## Play-off Matches

Winners are shown as bold red text

SCG v **CZE**  
GRE v **POL**  
POR v **UKR**  
SUI v **RUS**  
**SLO** v AUT  
SWE v **ISL**  
ROM v **NOR**  
SVK v **HUN**

## European Nations

The 2007 Men's World Championship will take place from the 20.01 – 04.02.2007 in Germany. The continent of Europe will be represented by the following top national teams:

Defending Champion	SPAIN
Organiser	GERMANY
Ranked 1-3 at EURO 2006 SUI	FRANCE DENMARK CROATIA*
Qualified from the Play-off matches	CZECH REPUBLIC HUNGARY ICELAND NORWAY POLAND RUSSIA SLOVENIA UKRAINE

\*4th place, nevertheless qualified due to the defending champion SPAIN



# 2007 Women's World Championship European Qualification



## Pre-qualification Groups

GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3
<b>ROM</b>	<b>BLR</b>	<b>TUR</b>
POR	SVK	MNE
ISL	LTU	CZE
AZE	SUI	BUL
ITA	LAT	GRE
-	-	BIH

These teams qualified directly for the play-off matches →

**SWE**  
**CRO**  
**POL**  
**ESP**  
**AUT**  
**DEN**  
**MKD**  
**UKR**

Plus the winners of the Pre-qualification Groups →

**ROM**  
**BLR**  
**TUR**   **SRB**  
**NED**  
**SLO**

## Play-off Matches

Winners of each match will go through to the 2007 Women's World Championship

<b>NED v CRO</b>
<b>ESP v TUR</b>
<b>SWE v ROM</b>
<b>POL v SRB</b>
<b>SLO v AUT</b>
<b>MKD v BLR</b>
<b>DEN v UKR</b>

## European Nations

The 2007 Women's World Championship will take place from the 02 – 16.02.2007 in France. The continent of Europe will be represented by the following top national teams:

Defending Champion	RUSSIA
Organiser	FRANCE
Ranked 1-3 at EURO 2006	SWE
	NORWAY
	GERMANY*
	HUNGARY*

A further 7 teams will qualify from the play-off matches that will take place in June 2007.

\* 4th place / 5th place, qualified due to the defending champion RUSSIA and organiser FRANCE





# HANDBALL HITS NEW HEIGHTS

Infront's marketing partnership with the European Handball Federation has lasted over 12 years and is highlighted by the successful expansion of the European Handball Championships. As the competition goes from strength to strength, so does the following for the sport, with television coverage in 80 countries for the last men's edition and record viewer totals.

Infront's long relationship with the European Handball Federation (EHF) has been successful and productive. In 2004 the competition hit the benchmark level of a cumulative viewing audience of one billion worldwide\*.

The 2006 men's edition was the most extensively covered and viewed tournament in the history of the event - with a cumulative audience of 760 million and 707 hours of televised event coverage. The European Handball Championships are more popular than ever before.

Infront's role includes the marketing of the broadcasting and sponsorship packages including commercial rights for rotating and static boards, floor advertising and other arena signage.

Planning, teamwork and long term partnerships continue to bring the best marketing results. We look forward to working with the EHF for many years to come.

Infront Sports & Media – Exclusive Marketing Partner to the EHF for the European Handball Championships.

\* Cumulative total viewing audience for 2004 men's and women's events combined.

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## 8th EHF Ordinary Congress



The 8th EHF Ordinary Congress commenced in Vilamoura, Portugal on Friday 5th May 2006, with 46 of the EHF's 47 Member Federations and associated member Kosovo present for this important sport-political event to path the way of European handball for the next period of 2 years.

Over 150 participants listened to the Chairman of the Congress, President Tor Lian, open the event welcoming all member nations and guests from the Portuguese authorities and longstanding EHF TV and Marketing partner Infront Sports and Media.

The President of the European Handball Federation presented a business report of the period 2004 – 2005, looking back at the spectrum of EHF activities during this period. This included developments in club handball. The continuous success of the European Championships was stressed. Figures from the Men's European Championship in Switzerland, which took place back in January/February, reported coverage by 120 TV/radio stations with over 760 million viewers. Lian went on to inform the Congress that EHF major sporting events have been organised by 75% of Member Federations, which amounts to 37 of the 47 nations. This is a number to be proud of by the entire European Handball Federation.

This followed a report by the EHF Secretary General Michael Wiederer, in his function as Managing Director, on the business agenda of EHF Marketing GmbH, which was founded in July 2005 and has now completed its first season of existence. The Congress heard of increased media coverage and new initiatives introduced such as web streaming of matches and TV Highlight Magazine. The success will reflect on the support given to the clubs in the future. Wiederer looked forward to the coming seasons, speaking of future plans including TV contracts and general product developments, such as a Champions League flooring system.

### Day 1

Day 1 of the Congress belonged to the tabled motions and discussions on them. The nations voted unanimously on the adoption of motions relating to the following points. Amendments to the Arbitration Statutes of the EHF, Resolutions on Disputes, Initiator of Proceedings which will mean that the Executive Committee is delegated the task to appoint an institution to act as an initiator of proceeding, prior to the instigation of the official EHF legal process of 1st (Competitions Commission) and 2nd Instance (Court of Appeal).

Further motions passed related to the continued development and promotion of handball which allows the EHF, as a non-profit making organisation, to operate educational facilities and training programmes and donate proceeds from charity events to the EHF Social Fund.

It was also agreed, in line with professional EHF event management, that the official language at EHF events will be English in the future. Cross border club competitions for senior teams were also discussed, the Congress agreed that such competitions shall fulfil special requirements and therefore be subject to the approval of national federations and information will be forwarded to the EHF.



# 8th EHF Ordinary Congress

Jan Tuik, Competition Commission Chairman, presented the new format for European Championship qualifications, which has been drawn up following a Working Group and discussions which took place at the EHF Conference of Presidents back in November 2005. The participants then discussed this matter in some detail and voted to adopt the proposal. This will come into effect for the men after the 2010 Men's European Championship in Austria.

## New Members

The Congress voted unanimously to welcome Monaco as a new member of the EHF and to make allowances for the admission of Montenegro as a separate member dependant on the result of political developments in this area based on the forthcoming referendum. Since the Congress, the Executive Committee has fulfilled its duty delegated by the Congress; Serbia and Montenegro are now recognised as full EHF members in their own right. This brings the number of EHF Member Nations to 49.

## Awarding of Events

Day 2 focused on the awarding of events for the 2008 – 2010 EHF competitions. They were awarded as follows:

### 2008

Men's 20 European Championship (players born '88): ROMANIA (July 25th – August 3rd)  
Men's 18 European Championship (players born '90): CZECH REPUBLIC (Aug. 8th–17th)

### 2009

Women's 17 European Championship (players born '92): FYR. MACEDONIA (June 25th–July 5th)  
Women's 19 European Championship (players born '90): HUNGARY (August 14th – 23rd)

### 2010

Men's European Championship: AUSTRIA (January 19th – 31st)  
Women's European Championship: DENMARK/NORWAY (joint organiser) (December 7th – 19th)

## Prizes

Denmark received the prize for the top European nation for the years 2004 and 2005.

Tor Lian closed the Congress, thanking Portugal for the excellent organisation and the Member Nations of the EHF for their contribution to the sport of handball.



## 2006 EHF Youth Handball Convention

### 2006 EHF Youth Handball Convention



The European Handball Federation celebrated its 15th “birthday” with the focus on the future of handball. Over 150 participants from 45 nations met in Vienna, the home of the EHF Headquarters, to discuss their ideas and views on the development of the sport.

The participants of the European Youth Handball Convention were joined by the top representatives from the EHF Member Federations to listen to core lectures on the demographics of handball, 15 years of younger age category competitions, the physiological profile of players and talent identification in handball. These formed the introduction to the event, which was designed to be an interactive convention.

All participants rotated around workshops which centred around the subjects of youth handball, handball in the future in the areas of animation/promotion, education training/leadership & competition and top level handball, parallel to this a group of young referees, coaches and players aged from 18 – 24 discussed what handball should look like in the future in a Youth Handball Forum.

The result of the workshop and ideas from the youth forum were presented to the national federations in the closing period of the event and will have direct influence on the further procedure and future strategy of the EHF.

### Other highlights

As always at EHF events, many meetings took place to use the opportunity that all nations were together:

- The EHF signed a protocol of cooperation with the Mediterranean countries as seen in the photograph, on page 41
- A newly introduced Foster Project, where leading handball nations partner and support developing nations was also signed. Austria partners Lithuania, Denmark – Bulgaria, Ireland – Netherlands, Norway – Georgia, Romania – Moldova and Hungary – Latvia. Further partnerships are planned.
- Tor Lian and the President of the Italian Handball Federation, Francesco Purromuto, signed the contract of organisation for the 2007 Men’s and Women’s European Beach Handball Championships, which will be played in Misano Adriatico (near Rimini) in July.

### Wheelchair Handball Demonstration

The participants were also treated to a demonstration on wheelchair handball, to show how the game can be adapted. The emphasis of this form of the game is on fair play and sporting spirit. The spectators were all impressed with how quickly the players picked up the sport and enjoyed the experience.



## *15th Anniversary of the EHF*

It was symbolic for the 15 year celebrations that participants from the Youth Handball Convention joined the representatives from the Member Federations and EHF Partners. Part of the programme was the awarding the newly introduced Infront Award (longstanding EHF TV and Marketing Partner for the Euro Events) for the top ranked nations in the Younger Age Category competitions. Denmark; Russia were joint first and Spain and Romania third. The nations were awarded with a diploma and a financial endowment.

The evening was a huge success, with spirits for the future of our sport high and a friendly and festive atmosphere.





## *Workshops & Working Groups*

### *Beach Handball Task Force*

The Beach Handball Task force, comprising of Laszlo Sinka (Exec), Jesus Guerrero (CC), Ton van Linder (MC) and Peter Fröschl (EHF), met three times over the course of the year. The first meeting was held in Zurich during the final weekend of the Men's European Championship. This meeting covered multiple topics in relation to the structure of Beach Handball, the Beach Handball European Championships and the Youth European Championships where the focus was aimed at finding way to reduce the cost for participants and organisers in the future. The second meeting of the year was held in Greece in the city of Katerini within the framework of the 2005 European Beach Tour Masters. During this meeting plans for some of the courses that took place through the year were cemented. Also a focal point of discussion was the further development of the European Beach Tour. The final meeting of the Beach Handball Task Force took place in October at the EHF Headquarters. This meeting dissected and evaluated the 2006 European Beach Handball Championships that took place in Germany in July. The upcoming Beach EChs, that will take place in Italy in the summer of 2007, were also on the agenda alongside publications, Masters and other issues. The Beach Handball Task Force will reconvene in January 2007.

### *Marketing Supervisor Workshop*

On the 10th September the marketing branch of the European Handball Federation invited 35 participants to Vienna to a workshop aimed at creating a new position at events, that of a supervisor who would take on specific duties relating to the marketing aspect and the overall visual presentation of the EHF Champions League. The agenda for this meeting included an in-depth look at all areas of the EHF Champions League with particular focus on TV agreements and coverage. The regulations governing the competition were also a key fixture in this workshop and the role of the Marketing Supervisor was discussed at length. The participants were also assessed on their knowledge of the competition and its regulations. Additionally visual presentations were also given. The marketing arm of the European Handball Federation has made comprehensive changes in 2006; the addition of the Marketing Supervisor is one reflection to the many initiatives that have been implemented.



## Workshops & Working Groups

### *EHF Champions League TV Workshop*

EHF Marketing GmbH organised a TV Host broadcasters meeting at the EHF Headquarters in Vienna on the 21st September. Representatives from TV stations around Europe met the EHF Marketing team and partners for this one-day session, where they received information on the Champions League product and its identity and the EHF TV partner requirements. At the top of the agenda were the review of the EHF Champions League season 2005/2006 and a preview of the 2006/2007 season that included a look at the limitation of advertising and branding amongst other topics. In addition to EHF TV partner requirements, a full media analysis and there was also information on the new playing system that has since been implemented.

### *Men's Champions League Workshop*

The workshop that takes place before the start of each EHF Champions League season took place on the 13th September at the Gartenhotel Altmannsdorf in Vienna. The aim of this workshop was to provide all teams with an update of new standards and projects as well as the situation of TV rights and marketing activities. Another goal of this year's workshop was the exchange of ideas concerning a further development of the product Champions League in terms of TV, marketing, playing halls, floors, etc. The teams were also be provided with all necessary material for the 2006/07 competition season and took the opportunity to acquaint themselves with other top European teams.

### *European Championship Workshop – Sweden*

The first workshop of the 2006 European Championship for Women took place in July of 2004; there have been a total of six workshops for this event and countless meeting and communication between all parties. In March of 2006, the fourth workshop took place, when the organisation was at a critical point; the first thing on the agenda was naturally the status of the organisation, also discussed were match schedules, arenas, media management and logistics in addition to many other topics. In this meeting that lasted two days, the Swedish organising Committee was represented by Frank Ström and Arne Elovsson. The fifth workshop was carried out on the 7th July this year and the final workshop before the event took place in Göteborg on the 6th October, together with the head of delegation seminar with the representatives of the participating teams, where all details were finalised and finely tuned. Please go to the competitions section of the 2006 Annual Report for more details on this top handball event.



## *Courses*

### *2nd EHF Regional Course for Handball Delegates*

Seventeen participants from 10 European nations took part in the 2nd EHF Regional Course for Handball Delegates in Tata (HUN) from the 31st May – 4th June 2006. The participants fully immersed themselves in the various course and training sessions organised by the EHF Education Group in cooperation with Peter Sandor from the Hungarian Handball Federation. The contents of this course were in line with those of the EHF “Pilot” course that took place in Kiev (UKR). Through interactive discussions and exercises, the course aimed to improve communication between referees and delegates as well as honing event management skills amongst other things.

### *3rd EHF Regional Course for Handball Delegates*

Following on from the successful preceding courses first held in Kiev (UKR) and then the 2nd course held in Győr (HUN), the 3rd EHF Course for Handball Delegates took place in Rotterdam (NED) from the 1st – 5th November 2006. In cooperation with the Nederlands Handbal Verbond and the EHF Technical Commissions, the course was held within the framework of the 2006 Holland Tournament for Women. The EHF Course for Handball Delegates remains the platform for the practical education. Eighteen participants from ten European nations actively participated in the course that was led by Jan Tuik (Competition Commission Chairman), Wolfgang Pollany (Methods Commission) and Terje Anthonsen (Mentor Referee Guidance). The topics open for discussion included rules, event management and interaction between referees and delegates.



### *EHF Top Coaches' Seminar*

The 2006 EHF Top Coaches Seminar in Zurich was held on the final weekend of euro06 from the 2nd – 5th February. Frantisek Taborsky (EHF EXEC) was pleased to welcome 113 participants from 25 EHF Member Federations, as well as from the Continental Federations of Asia, Pan America and Africa. The target group was all coaches working with top teams and the main focus of this seminar was: “Speed and efficiency in top level handball”. Michal Barda (CZE), Branislav Pokrajac (SCG), Wolfgang Pollany (AUT) and Zvonimir Serdarsusic (GER) conducted the lectures. The entire course documentation is available in a 2-disc set.



### *2006 EHF Mentors “Referee Guidance” Coordination Meeting*

The objective of the 2006 EHF Mentors “Referee Guidance” Coordination Meeting that took place in Győr (HUN) from the 22nd – 25th June 2006 was to promote discussion and exchange information on such topics as: New ways of Observation, Mentoring and Guidance, Referee Curriculum and the Nomination Criteria for Referees. Eleven EHF Mentors attended this course that was led by the EHF Education Group and three EHF Lecturers.



## Meetings

### *EHF – Noos Institute*

On the 24th April 2006 the EHF welcomed Mr. Urdangarin and Mr. Sansa of the Noos Institute in Spain to give a presentation on the project Valencia 2010. During this cooperation meeting the possibility of a Multi Sport Event on a European Level in the future including handball was discussed. The event would once again bring handballs top athletes back into the spotlight. The discussions remain in the preliminary stage at the close of the year and the European Handball Federation, through our news service will impart any new developments to the handball community.

### *EHF – LTU Secretary General Jolanta Jankeviciene*

By invitation extended by the European Handball Federation, a meeting was held on the 25th April 2006 with Jolanta Jankeviciene. The EHF utilised the occasion to welcome the new secretary general of the Lithuanian Handball Federation. It was also the perfect opportunity for both parties to discuss topics on all levels ranging from general questions to more specific queries relating to competitions, methods and developmental issues. Once again, we welcome Ms. Jankeviciene to her new post and wish her every success.

### *Cooperation Visit to Bosnia Herzegovina*

Within the framework of the Women's Challenge Trophy, EHF representatives Lian and Wiederer met with the president and other representatives from the Handball Federation of Bosnia Herzegovina. In continued efforts to strengthen ties between the EHF and its member federations, this meeting allowed the participants to discuss the Challenge Trophy, the BIH Championship Cup and interest shown by BIH to possibly host a European Championship in the future.

### *Cooperation Visit to Serbia and Montenegro*

The visit to the former state of Serbia and Montenegro, in Belgrade and Podgorica, that took place in April 2006 and entailed a detailed discussion with the entire federation. This meeting was absolutely necessary to cover topics such as competitions that were already in progress and the future qualifications of national teams, European Cup competitions, the competitions department in Serbia, as well as many other topics. Further to the referendum in Montenegro on the 21st May 2006 and having obtained authority from the 2006 EHF Congress, Montenegro was admitted as a full member to the EHF on the 1st July 2006. Following the political changes in both countries, the IOC officially designated the code of MNE to Montenegro, while Serbia took on the official code of SRB.

### *Celebrations*

Two EHF Member Federations had cause to celebrate at the end of May. The Handball Federation of Belarus celebrated its 50th Anniversary on 24th May and Moldova celebrated the official opening of its new international sports' hall in Chisinau on 29th May. EHF Executive Committee Member Boris Makarov (RUS) was present on both occasions to officially hand over a Gerflor "yellow and blue" euro floor to both federations in the interest of further handball development.

### *Meeting of the European Team Sports Associations*

On 31st May 2006, the EHF President and Secretary General were guests at the UEFA Headquarters in Nyon, Switzerland for a Meeting of the European Team Sports Associations which has now become an annual event on the team sports' calendar. Representatives from various sporting associations used this opportunity to exchange knowledge on principle matters common to all team sports. In addition, private initiatives for club competitions were also discussed. It also presented the opportunity to discuss the Independent European Sports Review, which was published shortly before this meeting took place and makes numerous recommendations to the administration of sports in the future. Furthermore, the EHF Executive Committee discussed this issue once again when they met in Prague/CZE on June 10th 2006.



## Partners

The EHF partners are an integral part of the future of European Handball. They are the catalysts in shaping the sport on the European continent in the future and have played a decisive role in the development of the European Handball Federation and its products so far. The EHF would like to use this opportunity to thank its partners for their continued support and dedication to European Handball. We are proud to have our name linked to such professional companies.



### *Infront Sports & Media*

Infront Sports and Media is the exclusive commercial partner of the European Handball Federation for the Men's and Women's European Championships. This is a long standing and successful partnership, which commenced in 1993 and will run until 2010 under the present agreement. Infront markets the television rights, media rights, and main sponsorship packages including commercial rights for rotating and static boards, floor advertising and other arena signage.

The EHF works extremely closely with Infront and has regular working sessions in Vienna and Zug in both the preparatory period and during the European Championships to guarantee a sporting event of the highest standards. Infront has played a considerable role in securing the placement of the European Championship product on the sporting market, with the event proving to be as popular as ever.



### *adidas*

The reputation of the adidas trademark precedes itself. adidas has been the official EHF partner for sporting equipment and clothing since 1992. The company supplies top class balls and sports clothing for the EHF events and officials. adidas has also supplied the Champions League ball since the 2004/05 season. The EHF is looking forward to being connected to adidas for many years to come.



### *Nijha*

The EHF official goal supplier for EURO events, both senior and the younger age categories has been working with Nijha since 2002 and has an agreement up to and including 2008. The specially developed goals meet the exceptional requirements necessary for high-class handball events. Additionally, NIJHA is the official Beach Handball partner of the EHF. Special balls and innovative goals for Beach Handball are subject to a cooperation agreement that commenced in 2005.



### *Gerflor*

The "blue and yellow" no line flooring system at the European Championship has become a trademark feature of the events and is recognised world-wide. The EHF has been working with Gerflor since 2004 to provide the European Championships for Men and Women, plus the Younger Age Category, events with a high quality event floor which satisfies the needs of both the athletes and the requirements of a modern top class event. In 2006 the agreement was extended to include a Champions League flooring system for selected matches in the group phase and in all venues as of the last sixteen matches. The distinctive "Champions League colours" of blue lagoon and black will be used to present the event identity.



### *SPORTFIVE*

In May 2006, EHF Marketing entered into a five-year agreement with the international sports marketing company SPORTFIVE, which came into effect with the 2006/07 season. In a first step, the two partners have jointly standardised and fine-tuned sponsor publicity in the Men's Handball Champions League. Thomas Röttgermann, Executive Vice President of SPORTFIVE. "Entering into the international club handball community gives us the opportunity to expand our business into other fields outside of football and to work hand in hand with EHF and their marketing experts to sharpen the profile of the Handball Champions League."

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## Information & Communication

It is the duty of the European Handball Federation to act as a common voice for the European Member Federations and ensure that the business of the EHF and activities are communicated to all parties in an efficient and effective way. The EHF's objective is to guarantee a pro-active and open communication strategy and uses various methods and channels to realise this goal.

The core of the communication methods still revolves around the EHF NEWS SERVICE, which has been around since the very beginning of the EHF; regular news editions still form the basis of the EHF communication strategy. In 2006 more than 180 news editions were published, which means practically every second day. The work of the EHF covers a wide spectrum and involves working with many different people from all areas of the sport on a daily basis. We strive to ensure that all are kept informed on the daily activities and events of the federation. E-mail has proved to be an ideal communication medium for this purpose; it is not only quick but also cost effective.

In fact the vast bulk of the EHF information service is now based on digital technologies, reaching target-defined audiences at speed and bearing in mind cost efficiency, which obviously plays a major role in any modern business strategy.

Over the next three pages, you can gain an impression of the work, which is currently being done in this area and the methods which are being used.



## European Handball Federation Websites

The World Wide Web is a communication channel, which a European sporting body can no longer live without. Its importance in transmitting the correct messages to the outside world and keeping handball communities informed is enormous, which is why the EHF sees significant investment to be an absolute necessity. Each year the EHF invests large resources in its internet platform, which centres around the domain eurohandball.com; over the years this has become a household name in terms of web recognition.

### *www.euro06.com*

Once again, the EHF, supported by long-term TV and Marketing partner Infront Sports and Media, worked with organisers from both European Championships to bring a high-quality and informative event website to the sporting world. At the time of going to press, the figures from the Women's European Championship, which came to an end on 17th December 2006 were not yet known, but the statistics from the men's event spoke volumes, with 74.6 million page impressions. Each event sees more and more features, for the Women's European Championship match round-ups were online to watch with English commentary and sport fans could download them onto their MP3 Media player, which for the modern-day sport fans is a true plus. The usual combination of news, interviews, statistics, media information, event information, quiz and photos were obviously also online for the handball fan to enjoy the event from home.

### *championsleague.eurohandball.com*

Along with the developments of the Champions League product, the Champions League website has continued to grow, with much positive feedback from both the participating clubs and the fans. Together with a team of Champions League correspondents from across Europe, the EHF is proud to present features including detailed match reports and player lists to download and print, news from all the matches, interviews, the "Up Close & Personal" series with Kiel star Dominik Klein, a Champions League quiz and all match details. Further development initiatives are continually being realised, this investment and growth will continue again in 2007.

### *activities.eurohandball.com*

The so called activities website is the first port-of-call for all technical handball experts and enthusiasts. The site is a platform for methodical handball information to download. The user can also find news items relating to the latest EHF activities within the field of methods and development. All activities, project information and new initiatives can be looked up to find detailed and illustrated information on the specific subjects.

### Other EHF domains include:

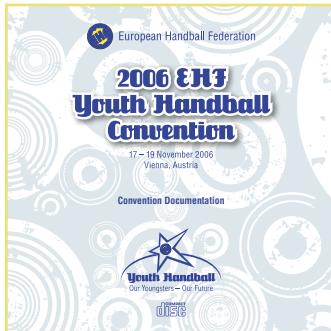
- [www.eurohandball.com](http://www.eurohandball.com) as overall entry platform of the European Handball Federation, including technical data, the EHF event database and EHF news
- [europeancup.eurohandball.com](http://europeancup.eurohandball.com) for the European Cup competitions
- [ebt.eurohandball.com](http://ebt.eurohandball.com) for the European Beach Tour





## Publications

In addition to the regular publications, such as the EC address books, the EHF address guide and the new version of the Champions League regulations, the EHF has continued to document the happenings of the federation. In 2006, over 30 new publications, in varying formats, were added to the ever growing repertoire of Guides, CD-ROMs, DVD and general documentation.



### Publications 2006 – CD Rom

- EHF Champions League – Corporate Identity Manual
- 2006 EHF Youth Coaches Course / EHF Top Coaches Seminar
- European Cup Club Package
- EHF Web Periodical Collection 2006
- The Shoot-out: A new way of deciding a game
- Summer Camp Philosophy
- 2006 EHF Conference “Handball at School”
- 2006 “RINCK” Convention Seminar
- Euro 2006 Analyses – Switzerland
- Youth Handball Convention Documentation
- 2006 Men’s & Women’s European Masters Handball Championships Documentation (including DVD’s)



### Publications 2006 – other mediums

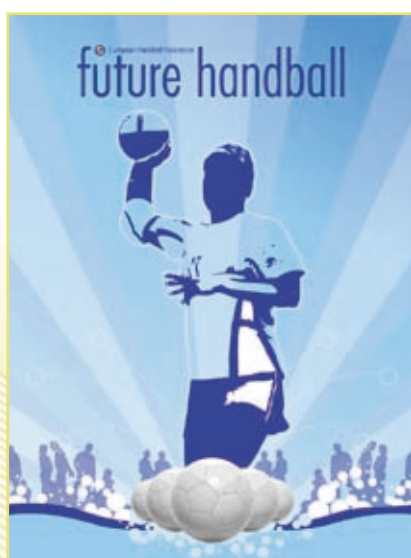
- 2006 EHF Youth Handball Convention / EHF YAC Championships 1992 – 2006
- Wheels on Fire – Wheelchair Handball
- EHF Champions League Floor Installation Manual
- 8th Ordinary EHF Congress Guide
- EHF Lecturers’ Manual

### Event Identity Products

- Various event banners, flags, medals
- European Cup Banners
- The pocket sized match guide to accompany the EURO 06 guide
- Future Handball Folder

### Event Publications

- EURO 2006
- European Championship M20
- European Championship M18
- 2006 European Beach Handball Championships

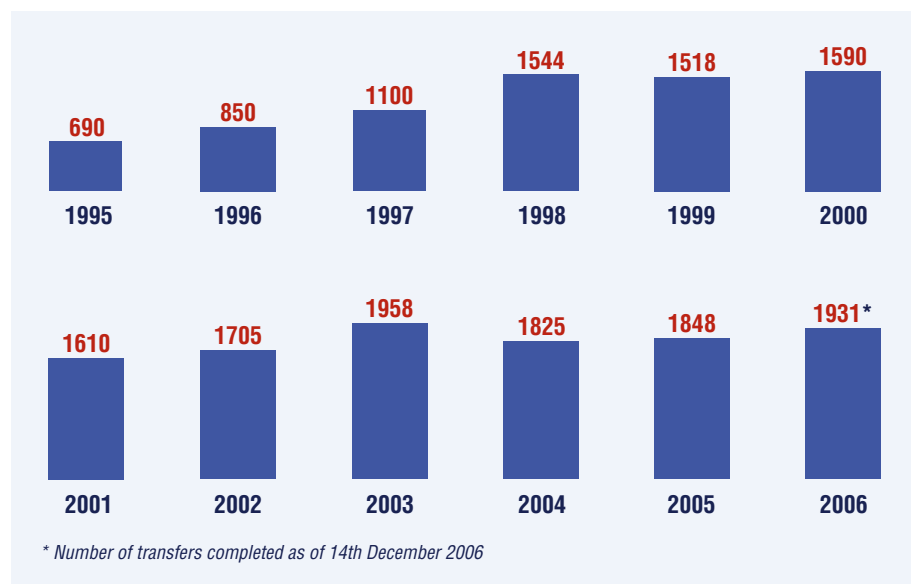


## Transfers

The international transfer system is based on the IHF regulation. The European Handball Federation has made a substantial contribution to this work, due to the increasing number of transfers within Europe.

There were an increasing number of transfers in a specific age category (16 – 23 years) that prompted the Education Compensation rules to be applied. In comparison to implementation period of these rules, in 2006 there were fewer cases relating to non-agreement than in 2005.

Additionally, in order to offer more opportunity to handball players who are in the process of continuing their studies and are registered with well-known programmes such as “ERASMUS”, “da VINCI”, etc; the administrative transfer fee has been waived. A document from the respective university, proving current student status and membership to the programme concerned has to be presented upon issuance of the transfer certificate. This exception to the rule does not apply to those students who are playing on a 1st or 2nd league club level.



## Referees

### New EHF Referees

This season there are a total of 147 International referee couples from 40 EHF member federations. Several referees have retired after reaching the maximum age; others have decided to terminate their careers for personal reasons. Thanks to the observations conducted in the referees' own countries, the following new couples are available for the 2006/07 season.

#### Referees

Daniela Radova / Lucie Truneckova (CZE / female couple)  
Kenan Gökmen / Ayhan Gök (TUR)  
Stévan Pichon / Richard Thobie (FRA)  
Robert Harabagiu / Silviu Stanescu (ROM)  
Marco Di Domenico / Lorenzo Fornasier (ITA)  
Jiri Opava / Pavel Valek (CZE)  
Peter Dvorsky (SVK) / (new partner of Milan Sivak)  
Pinar Ünlü / Mehtap Simsek (TUR / female couple)  
Emil Aghakishi / Ernest Aghakishi (AZE)

#### EHF Lecturer

Rancik (SVK)  
Andorka (HUN)  
Christensen (DEN)  
Andorka (HUN)  
van Linder (NED)  
Andorka (HUN)  
Jug (SLO)  
Jorgensen (DEN) / Rancik (SVK)  
Christensen (DEN)



Further candidates will be observed during the course of the season 2006/07. Taking into consideration the experience from the last few years in the area of observations of referee candidates in the own country, there will be no observations in the own country anymore and new referee candidates will rather be tested on tournaments together with other candidate couples. This concept was approved by the EHF Executive Committee during their meeting held in Bratislava in September 2006.



### Referees Who Have Finished Their Career

After the 2005/06 season the following people have ended their careers as EHF Referees. The EHF takes this opportunity to thank them all for their years of hard work and dedication.



Ivan Dolejs	(CZE)
Athanasios Paraschos	(GRE)
Stefan Arnaldsson / Gunnar Vidarsson	(ISL)
Vincenzo Ardente / Giovanni Cardone	(ITA)
Feliksas Gedvilas	(LTU)
Tadas Jansonas	(LTU)
Alexandr Covalciuc / Anatol Covalciuc	(MDA)
Vane Acev	(MKD)
Svein Olav Oie / Oyvind Togstad	(NOR)
Terje Eriksen / Kenneth Hansen	(NOR)
Antonio Marreiros / Dario Ramos	(POR)
Jan Rudinsky / Ladislav Podlucky	(SVK)
Michele Falcone	(SUI)
Peter Hansson / Peter Olsson	(SWE)
Hakan Küçükylmaz / Hakan Altan	(TUR)
Rifat Pala / Ziya Davasligil	(TUR)

Thank you and farewell, we look forward to working with you again in a different function.

### New European Referees with IHF Status

An IHF course was held in Cheb/CZE from 4-8 April 2006 under the direction of Sandor Andorka and Manfred Prause. The international women's tournament in Cheb was very well organised and offered excellent conditions for the course, which was necessary due to the existing age structure within the IHF, especially in view to nominations for future Junior / Youth World Championships. The following referee couples participated and passed the course successfully:



## Referees

Radojko Brkic / Andrej Jusufhodzic	(AUT)
Cristina Fernandez / Enrique Rios	(ESP)
Vaidas Mazeika / Mindaugas Gatelis	(LTU)
Gjorgji Nachevski / Slavko Nikolov	(MKD)
Edyta Bochniarz / Agnieszka Oleskow	(POL)
Ivan Caçador / Eurico Nicolau	(POR)
Rickard Canbro / Mickael Claesson	(SWE)

### Female Referees

For some time, and especially during the last season, the EHF has paid special attention to the development and the performance of the international female referee couples in Europe. In order to work with some female referee couples who showed good potential for the future EHF women's competitions like the European Championship, the EHF held 3 courses for female referee couples during the 2005/06 season:

**INTERNATIONAL HOLLAND TOURNAMENT FOR WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAMS** took place in Rotterdam (NED) from 11 to 15 October 2006 with three female EHF referee couples.

**INTERNATIONAL ANTALYA TOURNAMENT FOR WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAMS** took place in Antalya (TUR) from 8 to 12 May 2006. Five female EHF referee couples took part in the event.

**SIKA-CUP FOR WOMEN'S CLUB TEAMS** took place in Bad Urach (GER) from 1 to 3 September 2006. Four female EHF referee couples took part in the event

Please view the 2006 Annual Report CD-ROM for a listing of all participants!

### Young Referees

The EHF has organised a total of 4 courses for Young Referees, which have been designed to build on experience and to broaden the referees' expertise in readiness for possible introduction to more demanding matches in the future.

**2006 ISF HANDBALL WORLD SCHOOL GAMES (ISF EVENT)** took place in Limoges/FRA from the 24th to 31st March 2006. The EHF provided the referees for the handball event. Selected handball experts were present to guide and advise the 19 nominated YR couples from 17 EHF Member Federations. The EHF lecturers Frantisek Taborsky, Allan Lund, Pablo Permuy Villanueva and Jean-Michel Germain covered the field of teaching and observing 20 Young Referee couples.

**WOMEN'S CHALLENGE TROPHY** took place in Vogosca/BIH from 5 to 9 April 2006. In all, five YR couples took part in the event.

**PRAGUE CUP** took place in Prague/CZE from 13 to 17 April 2006. Nine YR couples took part in the event.

**WOMEN'S 18 EUROPEAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP & YOUTH CHAMPIONS' TOURNAMENT FOR CLUB TEAMS (WOMEN'S YOUTH BORN 1990 OR YOUNGER)** took place in Gothenburg/SWE from 4/5 to 8 July 2006. A total of 21 Young Referee couples took part in the event.

Please view the 2006 Annual Report CD-ROM for a listing of all the names of the young men and women who participated in all the events listed above.



## Methods & Developments

### *“SMART” Programme*

The European Handball Federation continued in their endeavours to support the developing handball nations across the continent. The core of this project is to aid developing nations by donating handball materials. The EHF “SMART” programme has advanced in their activities and managed, in 2006 to supply nine nations including ARM, ALB, AZE, ENG, MDA and SCO who are included under the current project. Between these nations, they have received: indoor handballs, beach handballs, beach handball line systems, beach handball goals, indoor goals, scoreboards and 6 lecturers have shared the benefits of their knowledge. All participants in the “SMART” programme have also benefited from financial assistance.

### *The “RINCK” Convention*

It was the design and dedication of former Methods Commission chairman, Claude Rinck, that saw the RINCK Convention established in 1997. This was the response to an EU initiative concerning the mutual recognition of standards and certificates in the area of coaches’ education in handball in Europe.

Towards the end of the year (30th Sept – 1st Oct 2006), a “RINCK” Convention seminar took place at the EHF headquarters in Vienna. The signatories from 14 nations participated in a fruitful debate about the European community and education with an overview of the ‘European education strategies’, within the framework of changing European policy, and accordingly, further consequences for future evolution in the educational field.



The European Handball Federation is pleased to announce that another 10 men and women have met all necessary requirements and the total number of EHF Master Coaches now stands at 85.

### *EHF Foster Project*

It is in the interest of the EHF and the member federations to have as many strong and developed member federations as possible. The EHF Foster Project was initiated in 2006 by the Methods Commission and is aimed at establishing cooperation between the EHF, developing handball federations and developed handball federations in Europe. The EHF is endeavouring to encourage the more developed member federations to foster a developing handball nation in order to provide support and further guidance based on mutual agreement for a certain period of time. On the occasion of the Meeting of President on the 18th November the following nations and the EHF signed further cooperation agreements:

AUT – LTU; HUN – LAT; DEN – BUL; ROM – MDA; NOR – GEO; NED – IRL



## Methods & Developments

### *Handball at School*

The EHF "Handball at School" Conference took place in Innsbruck (AUT) from the 18th to the 19th August 2006 on the occasion of the men's 20 ECh. Following up from the meetings last year, the topics up for discussion were: How to motivate pupils/children and how to motivate teachers/parents/universities. Additionally, the aspect of publications and the Handball-at-School package were once again put into the spotlight. The EHF lecturers who coordinated the topics were Teomin-Frenkel (ISR-MC), Pollany (AUT- MC), Lund (DEN-MC), Hjorth (DEN - Working Group "Handball at School") and Sevim (TUR - Working Group "Handball at School"). The EHF welcomed thirty participants from 24 nations, as well as the four external experts who were on hand to share their knowledge and experience.

### *Shoot-out!*

The EHF began an initiative in 2004 based on a new idea and rule experiment, since then the idea of the "shoot-out" has been continuously developed. In 2006 the EHF produced a brochure that included a CD-ROM that carries a visual example of the game that is intended to decide a match without the implementation of extra time and 7m-throws. For both youth and senior teams to be able to implement this innovation the "Shoot-Out" can be operated under the "Light" or "Premium" versions. The CD-ROM and brochure are available by contacting the EHF Headquarters.



### *Summer Camp*

Here at the EHF, we are well aware that the future of handball lies in the hands of our younger players. In the field of Methods and Development here at the EHF Headquarters, the staff continue to work with the issue of Summer Camps. The main focus of these camps is to combine matches with fun and life time sporting activities as well as education that include lessons on fair play, ethics and morals in sport and social life. In 2006, the EHF produced the "Summer Camp Philosophy" information sheet that included a CD-ROM containing demonstrations aimed at aiding the summer camp organiser.



### *Wheelchair Handball*

Handball is constantly growing thanks to all people who love this sport and who want to share their knowledge, time and patience. People like us. We, the European Handball Family, heartily welcome all people interested in handball and we are eager to establish the best conditions to meet their needs.

Now it is time to welcome a new member to our family and to open up handball for disabled people sharing our handball philosophy. We have to be aware of our responsibility to sportsmen, and women, who are not able to play handball in the traditional manner. Handball should not be limited to age, gender or physical condition. Handball is a sport for all with no borders!



Therefore the EHF worked on the pilot project "Wheelchair Handball". After less than one year preparation the EHF was able to organise its first Wheelchair Handball demonstration in cooperation with the 5-times winner of the Austrian Wheelchair Basketball championship, the "sitting bulls" on the occasion of the 2006 EHF Youth Handball Convention dated 18 November 06.

The intention was to show all participants how "Wheelchair Handball" could be played and to provide them with some guidelines and ideas to realize this game. Therefore the EHF produced a proposal on "How to play Wheelchair Handball" guided by an mpeg video of the demonstration game. In 2007, development in this area will continue and the EHF welcomes any enquiries relating to this new and exciting sphere in handball.





Nijha developed the new goal for the European Championships. Goalkeepers and players were very enthusiastic about the quality. The specially designed netsystem gives the goalkeeper more safety.



Specially designed 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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## Corporate Network

### *EHF Structure*

Built on the vision of National Handball Federations across Europe, the European Handball Federation founded in 1991, is in alliance between the member federations, the elected bodies and EHF personnel. Forged in order to develop European handball, the EHF has gone from strength to strength.

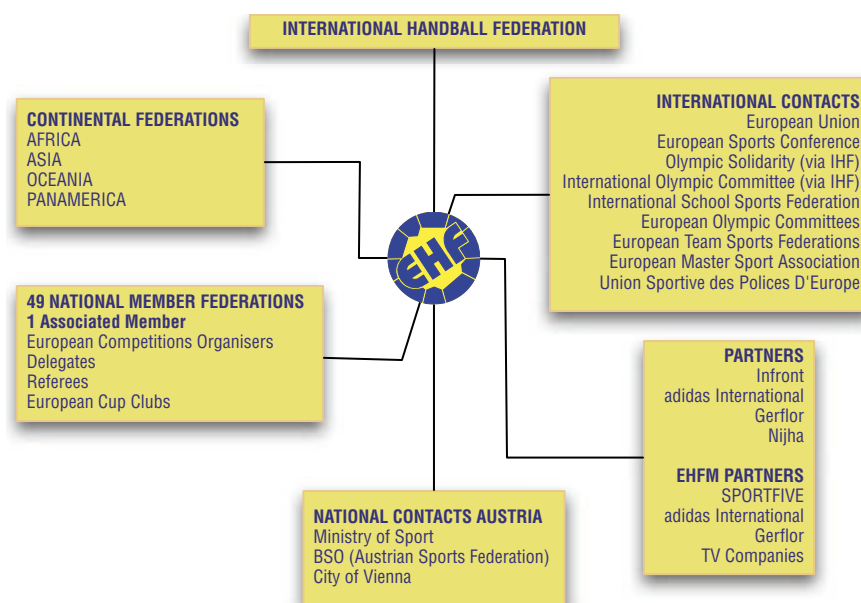
The EHF celebrated its 15th year anniversary in 2006. The EHF has made remarkable progress in all areas of handball development. This has meant that the original EHF structure has been adapted to keep up with all the new developments and trends in the field of European handball. The EHF has faced adversity in many areas, the sporting market is continually changing, the political map of Europe evolves, challenges are faced, successes are celebrated yet the overall goal never disappears from view.

The work of the European Handball Federation is multifaceted, with a varying range of subjects and in all areas the headquarters strives to innovate and develop to the best of their ability.

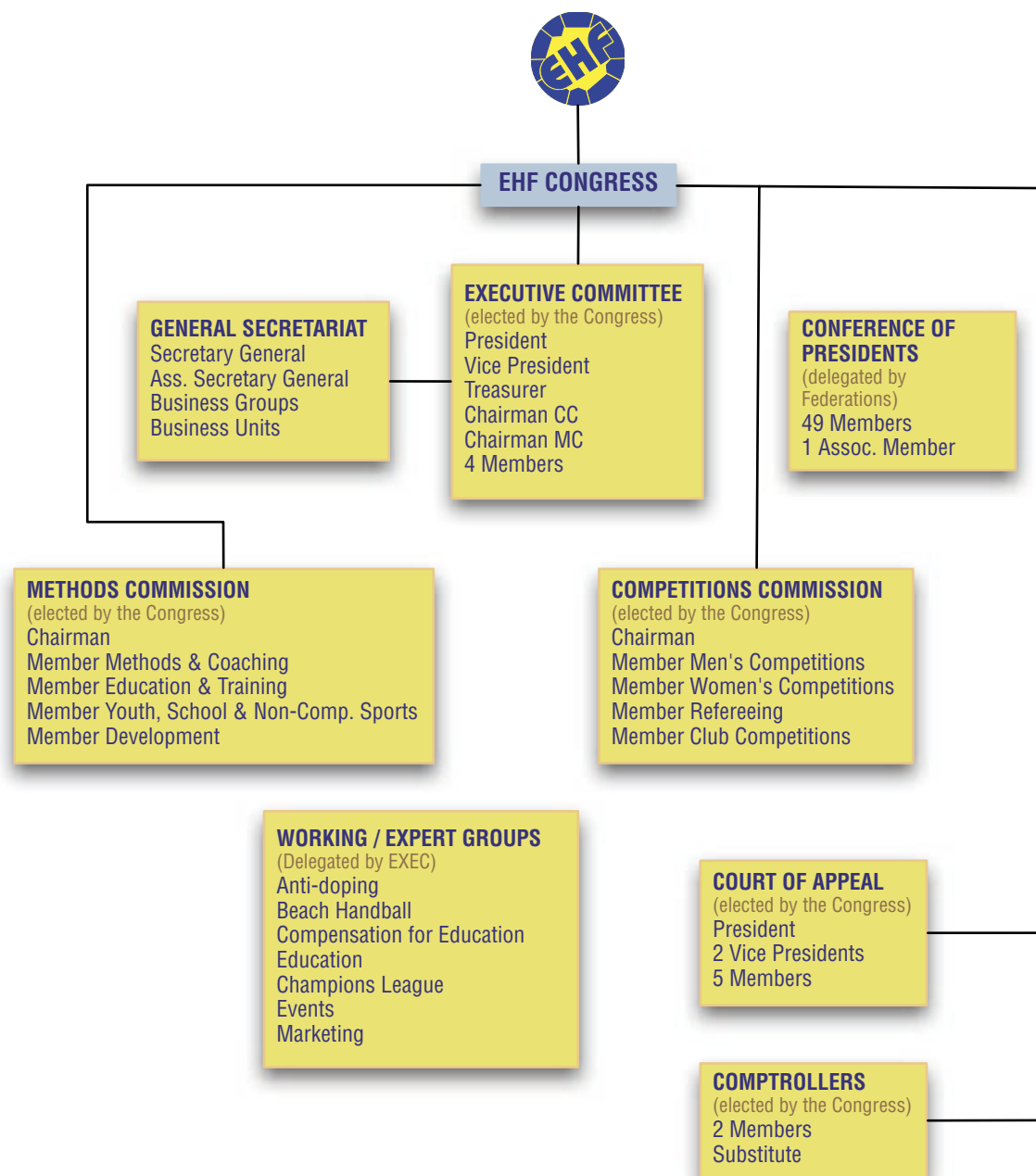
In 2006, to name just a few, the EHF organised two senior European Championships, a Congress, a Youth Handball Convention, not to mention the European Championship for Club Teams, Champions League matches and the European Cup competitions.

Modifications within Europe have led to changes within the EHF, the EHF is now composed of 49 member federations and an associated federation. In addition to this, 23 people (EHF) and six people (EHF Marketing GmbH) contribute on a full and part-time basis to the product handball. The EHF Headquarters have been extended to accommodate the internal changes and in order to fulfil the tasks as a base for activities such as seminars and draw events.

Based on the strategic decisions made by the Executive Committee, the EHF continues to excel. The working partnership between all involved continues to contribute to the development of European handball.



# Corporate Network



## ***EHF Executive & Commissions***



*Tor Lian*



*Jean Bribault*



*Ralf Dejaco*



*Jan Tuik*



*Frantisek Taborsky*



*Laszlo Sinka*



*Arne Eloussou*



*Jozef Ambrus*



*Boris Makarov*

### ***Executive Committee***

As the EHF's executive body, the Executive Committee is responsible for all tasks not directly assigned to the Congress by law or statutes. Temporary working groups for special matters are also appointed by the Exec.



*Jan Tuik*



*Jesus Guerrero*



*Helga Magnúsdóttir*



*Sandor Andorka*



*Leopold Kalin*

### ***Technical Commissions - Competitions Commission***

The EHF's technical body comprise of the Competitions and Methods Commissions. Subordinate to the Executive Committee, who assign areas of authority and responsibility to them, in addition to those laid down in the EHF Regulations.



*Frantisek Taborsky*



*Ton van Linder*



*Wolfgang Pollany*



*Itzhak Frenkel*



*Allan Lund*

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## *EHF Executive & Commissions*



*Rui Coelho*



*Panos Antoniou*



*Moshe Herman*



*Jana Stasova*



*Alenka Cuderman*



*Costis Doukas*



*Viktor Konoplyastyy*



*Bozidar Djurkovic*

### *Court Of Appeal*

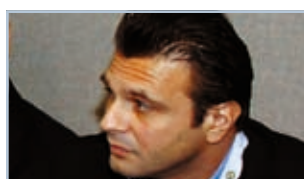
The EHF Court of Appeal is responsible for considering and deciding matters in the second instance proceedings within the EHF. Issues of first instance are subject to appeal, if so desired by the party involved accordingly. All decisions taken by the COA are final.



*Helmut Schebeczek*



*Wolfgang Gremmel*



*Ioannis Karanassos*

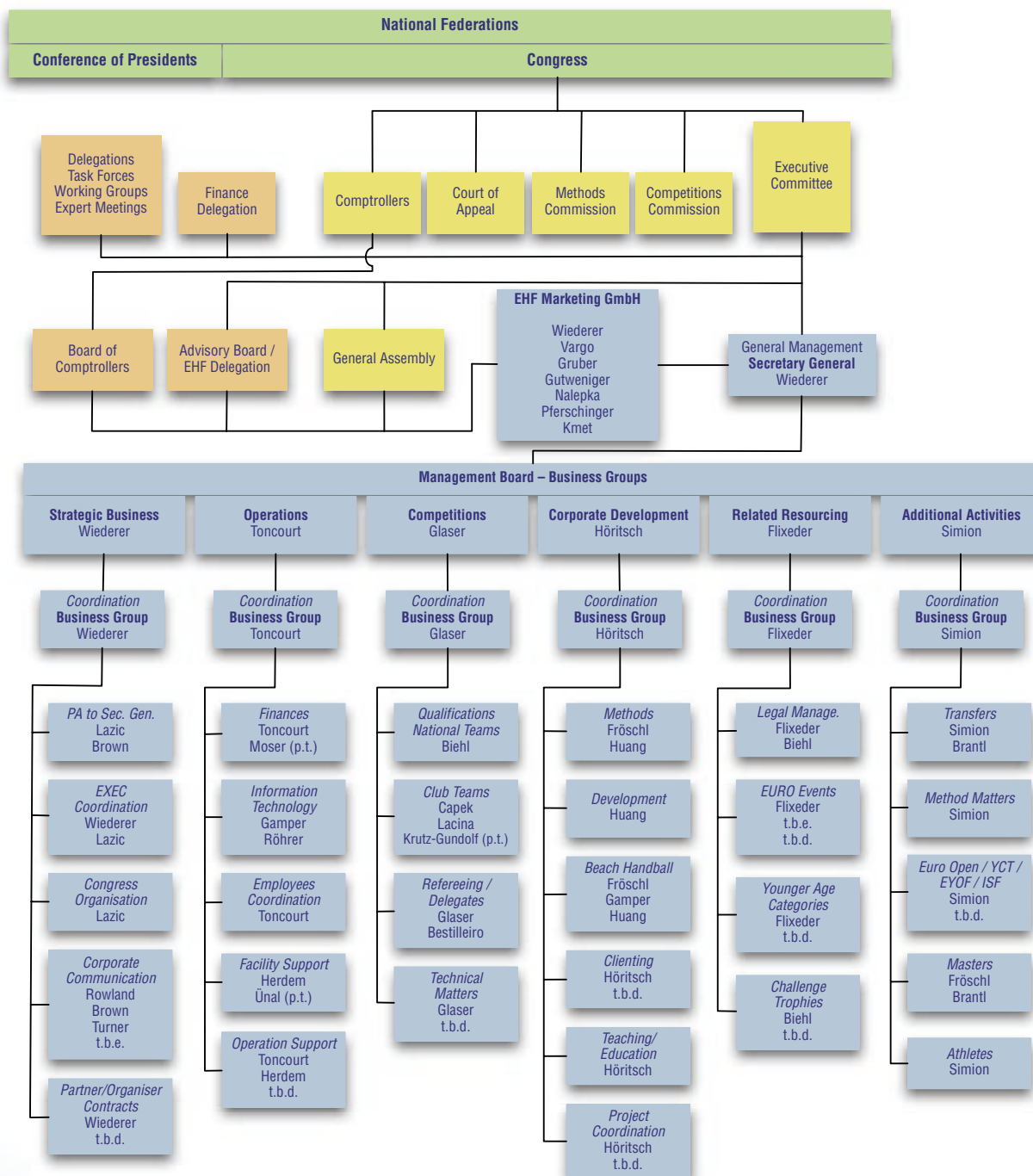
### *Comptrollers*

The Comptrollers are the body responsible for the examination of the EHF accounts. Their findings are submitted in a written report to the EHF Congress

### *EHF Representation in IHF Bodies*

<b>Council</b>	Vice President Europe – Tor Lian Member Europe – Jean Brihault
<b>Commissions</b>	COC – Alexander Toncourt PRC – Sandor Andorka CCM – Frantisek Taborsky MC – Inge-Lis Kanstrup Hansen CCP – Helmut Höritsch

# Office Structure



p.t. part time  
t.b.e. to be employed  
t.b.d. to be delegated

## A look at the EHF Staff



*Michael Wiederer*



*Markus Glaser*



*Helmut Hörtsch*



*Alexander Toncourt*



*Vesna Lazic*



*Doru Simion*



*Peter Fröschl*



*Monika Flixeder*



*Sevgi Herdem*



*Sian Rowland*



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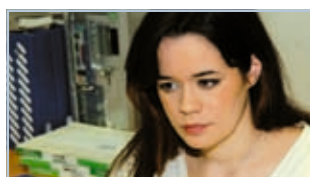
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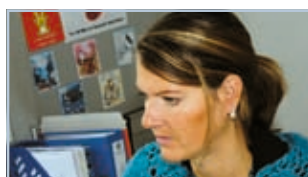
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*Nurten Ünal*



*Nicole Krutz-Gundolf*

## EHF Marketing GmbH



*Michael Wiederer  
Managing Director*



The work of EHF Marketing GmbH centres on the EHF European club competitions. Primarily the focus is on the development of the EHF Champions League and the product placement of European club handball on the competitive sporting market.

2006 proved to be a milestone in the development of the EHF Champions League and can be seen as a breakthrough for European club handball in general. EHF Marketing focused its attention on the branding of the product with the mission to offer a "clean" and attractive package for the sporting world.

New regulations, in an easy-to-use format have been drawn up, which can only be seen as a step forward for club handball as a whole and the quality of the events that the EHF offers. They include important guidelines about "the look" of the event, the professional management of the matches and the media management and promotion surrounding the entire event. We are no longer talking about a single handball match; we are talking about a handball event of ever increasing proportions.

Figures have proven that the EHF is on the right road, as far as the development of the EHF Champions League is concerned. There has never been so much handball on television, coverage in the sporting press or fans in the stadia. It's all about partnership rather than sponsorship and the EHF Marketing has turned a corner for club handball, with strong ties with SPORTFIVE, who are marketing the Men's Champions League, to-a-part, in the group phase and as of the last 16. Eurosport is also bringing the delights of the EHF Champions League into the homes of sport fans around Europe.

EHF Marketing GmbH never loses sight of the unique passion, which handball offers and strives to use this as the underlining statement in the development of the sport. This will continue in 2007 and no doubt there will be more to report at the end of next year.

### *The EHF Marketing Team*



*Peter Vargo*



*Nicole Gruber*



*Julia Nalepka*



*Ulrich Gutweniger*



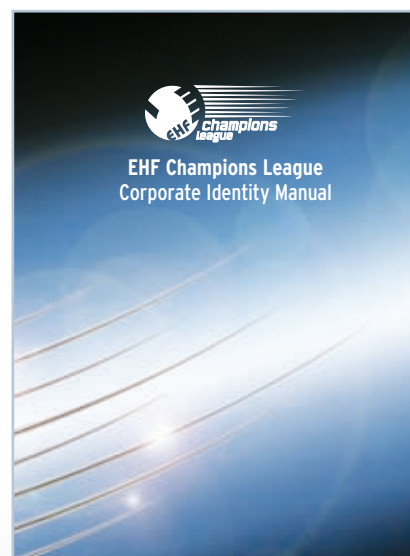
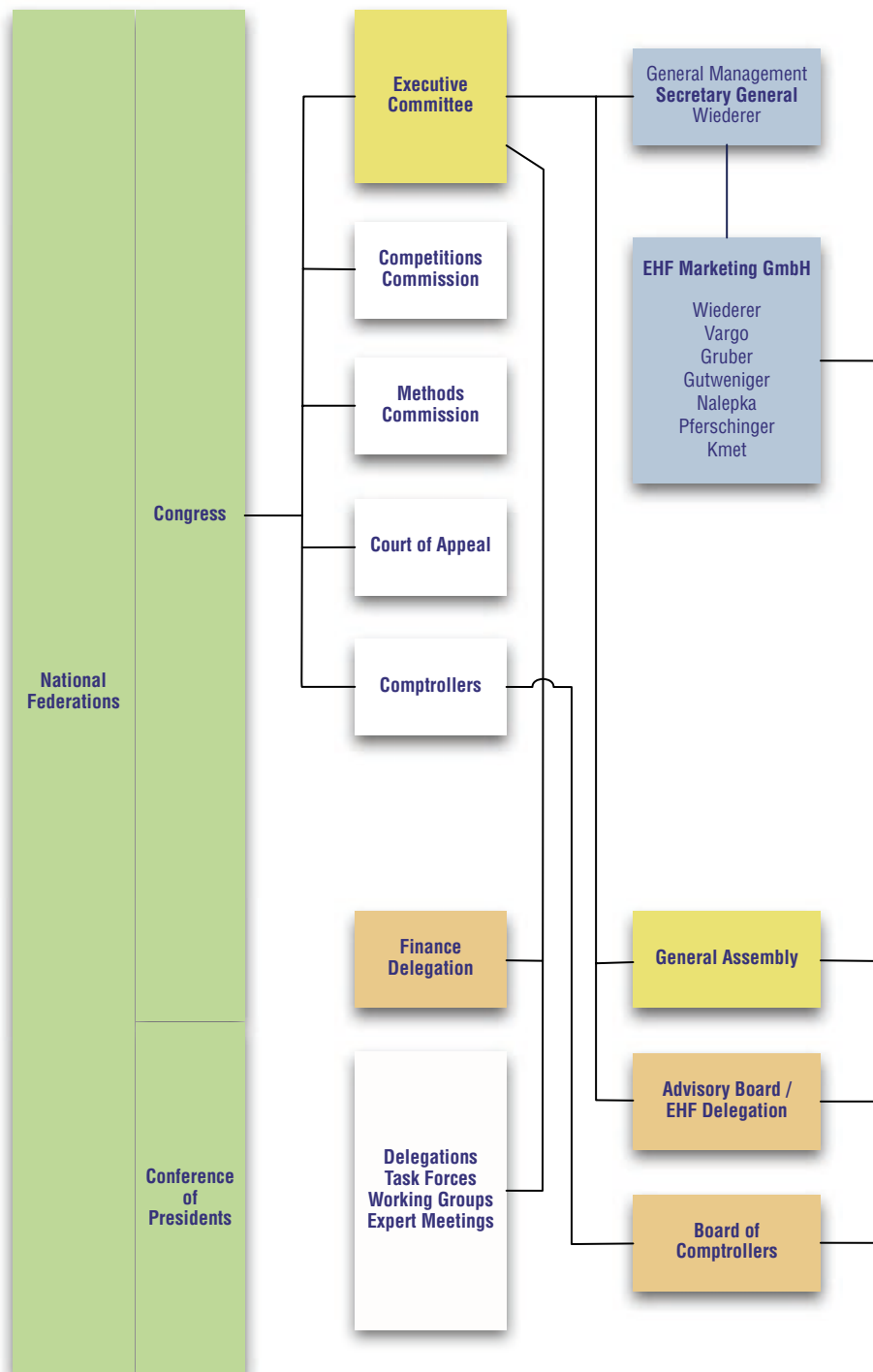
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# EHF Marketing GmbH

## EHF Marketing Structure





## EHF Marketing Partners



### *Centralised Marketing – EHF Men's Champions League*

Signing a marketing agreement with SPORTFIVE in May 2006 is a huge step forward in the product development and placement of the Champions League on the sporting market. The signing of the agreement with such a major player like SPORTFIVE and the implementation of the centralised marketing strategy with Samsung, bet-at-home and Intersport is hugely significant for international club handball in Europe.



### *EHF Champions League venue design*

The EHF extended its partnership with the market leader in flooring systems, Gerflor. Gerflor is now an important partner not only of the European Championships but also of the EHF Men's Champions League, giving the competition a universal look with its "black and blue lagoon" colours, taking the Men's champions League into a new generation.



### *The Handball Champions League on TV*

EHF Marketing prides itself on its close and harmonious long-term partnerships with over 45 TV and media partners. The new agreement with Eurosport / Eurosport 2 - leading TV channel in the sporting sector - was a big step which not only secures steady TV presence on the German market but even more increases the popularity of handball throughout Europe.



### *Uniq Hungary – EHF Women's Champions League*

Having the Hungarian arm of the insurance company Uniq as an official partner for the EHF Women's Champions League was a huge step in the EHF Marketing efforts in creating a unified and uniform image for the competition.



### *Ball Supplier – adidas*

adidas, as the official ball supplier of the EHF Men's and Women's Champions League, has been working in partnership with the EHF for the past 14 years.



### *Media Analysis – TNS Sports*

Together with its partner TNS Sports, EHF Marketing has created a new platform to give all our partners the opportunity to have a perfect overview about their sponsor presence as well as to get the exact data about the audience ratings and TV coverage throughout Europe.





## 2007 Calendar

### January

- European Cup Draw
- Men's European Championship – Qualification
- Men's World Championship – IHF Event - GER
- Women's Champions League
- Women's European Cup

### February

- European Cup Draw
- Men's Champions League
- Men's European Cup
- Men's European Championship PO Draw
- Women's Champions League
- Women's European Cup

### March

- European Cup Draws
- Men's Champions League
- Men's European Cup
- Women's 17 European Championship – Qualification
- Women's European Cup
- Women's National Team Week

### April

- Conference of Secretaries General
- European Cup Draws
- Men's Champions League
- Men's European Cup
- Men's National Team Week
- Men's U21 World Championship – IHF Event – Qualification Europe
- Women's 19 European Championship – Qualification
- Women's European Cup
- Women's Champions League

### May

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

### June

- European Beach Tour Masters
- European Masters Handball Championship – POL
- Men's European Championship – PO
- Women's 17 European Championship – SVK
- Women's World Championship – IHF Event - PO Europe



## 2007 Calendar

### July

- Beach Handball European Championships for Men and Women – ITA
- European Cup Draw
- Men's 19 European Open – SWE
- Men's U19 World Championship – IHF Event - BRN
- Women's 17 European Championship – SVK

### August

- European Cup Draw
- Men's U21 World Championship – IHF Event - MKD
- Women's 19 European Championship – TUR

### September

- Men's Champions League
- Men's European Cup
- Women's Champions League
- Women's European Cup
- Women's European Championship for Club Teams

### October

- Conference of Presidents - ITA
- European Cup Draw
- Men's Challenge Trophy
- Men's Champions League
- Men's European Championship for Club Teams - SLO
- Men's European Cup
- Men's National Team Week
- Women's Champions League
- Women's European Cup
- Women's National Team Week

### November

- European Cup Draws
- Men's Champions League
- Men's European Cup
- Women's Champions League
- Women's European Championship – Qualification
- Women's European Cup

### December

- Women's European Championship PO Draw
- Women's World Championship – IHF Event – FRA

## Celebrating 15 years of the EHF

The vision of a European Handball Federation, serving the sport of handball on the European continent and coordinating the development path of our sport, was a concept for many years before it was realised. On 17th November 1991, the dream became a reality and the European Handball Federation was formed.

Since this historic date, the EHF has done its utmost to take on its role as ambassador to European handball, acting as a common voice for the European Member Federations, representing the entire European Handball Family on an international stage and working together with other continental handball federations.

Now, 15 Years later the European Handball Federation can look back with pride at the developments, which the sport of handball has undergone on our continent. The status of handball is no longer that of 15 years ago. The activities of the EHF and all its partners, who have worked in unison together and formed the European handball bond, have all gone down in history. All have been recorded in the Annual Reports.

The EHF is now looking to the next 15 years and beyond and will continue to pursue its objective to develop and serve our sport – handball; however before the anniversary year is over, we would like to send you back down memory lane with a look at the EHF Annual Reports of the past! We hope they bring back many happy memories!



2006



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2002



2003



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1991 – 1993



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1998

## Message from the EHF Secretary General



Michael Wiederer  
EHF Secretary General

*Another year has come to an end! 2006 is just a distant memory and we're now well into 2007!*

2006 was an extra special year for all those involved in handball. It was certainly an action-packed and busy year for everybody. The European Handball Federation celebrated its 15 year anniversary, where we took a moment to look back with pride at the evolution of the European Handball Family and the huge developments that the sport on our continent has undergone. The sport of handball has earned itself an extra special reputation, and has proven itself to be one of the most popular team sports in Europe, which underlines the work on all levels, by all those who are smitten by – what we call in the trade – the “handball bug”.

The EHF is made up of 49 Member Federations and works on a daily basis with over 700 individuals who all contribute to strengthening the image of our sport and who are all experts in their own specialist field. The characters which contribute to the personality of our handball family are too many to list, but without them the business of professional handball management, presenting our sport in a good light on the market and the developments which we see, would not be possible.

Media coverage was greater than ever before in 2006. This can be said for both national and European levels, and last year was by no means an isolated case, the trend continues. 2007 promises to be an attractive year for handball on our continent, with top events, national team and club team activities and let's not forget the international projects of different magnitudes.

The European Handball Federation and all its employees do their utmost to work closely with all partners both internally and externally. We all have one goal in sight and that is to do our best to develop the sport of handball.

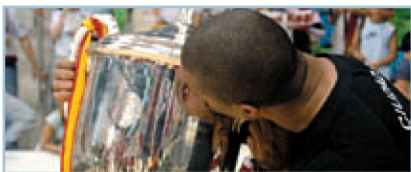
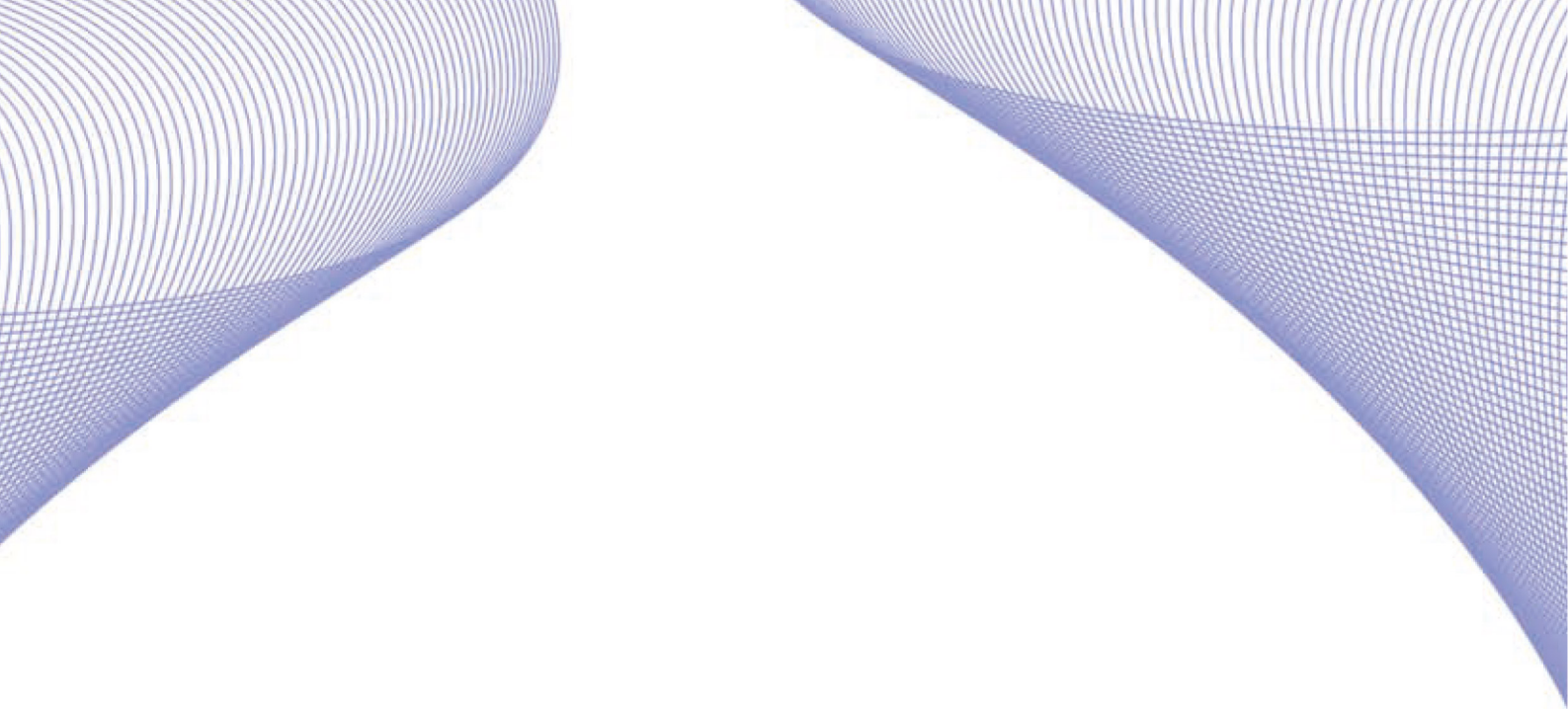
So let's hear it for 2007 – here's to an even better year!

All the best and sporting wishes



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