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From the President



Tor Lian
EHF President

Introduction

What a year! Each year the activities and events of the European Handball Federation get bigger and greater. 2005 saw an intense year of competitions, events, meetings, courses, projects, activities and new initiatives. The 2005 EHF Annual Report takes us back over the highlights of the European handball year, focusing on the wide-spectrum of activities within the EHF event compendium.

With ambition and drive

The EHF entered the year with continued ambition and drive, to take over where 2004 left off, creating and achieving even bigger results in the growth and placement of handball on the European sporting stage. It is the prime objective and principle responsibility of the European Handball Federation to manage the professional development of the sport through a concentrated and target-driven approach. Realisation of this objective is only possible through close-knit partnerships on all levels.

Spreading the message

The EHF places great importance on creating and maintaining transparent networks of cooperation, which is supported by a pro-active information and communication strategy. The image of the sport played a decisive role throughout 2005. The internet – a medium which reaches the widest audience – has been widely invested in, the Euro06 site went online in a joint venture with the Swiss Handball Federation and TV/Marketing Partner Infront, a year before the 2006 Men's European Championship, the Champions League website went from strength to strength with even wider coverage and more information, a new "Activities" website was launched opening up the "ins and outs" of the sport to all and the end of 2005 saw the introduction of a site focusing on the European Cup competitions.

Working together

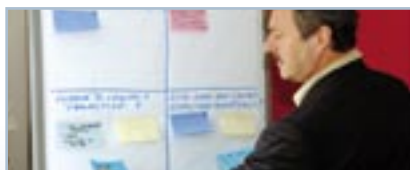
The success of the EHF events is only possible when the European Handball Family sets ambitious goals and works as a team to achieve them. In 2005, the EHF worked with more people than ever before to bring its event compendium to life and underline the passion that the sport brings with it.

Enhancing the networks

This year saw a spectrum of networking events, which served to bring specific target groups together to discuss the progressions and advancements in handball and share experiences and ideas for the future. In April, the EHF two key groups in handball met – the referees and delegates – for the first event of its kind, a EHF Referee/Delegate Convention. It served as a working forum, mixing experts from all areas of the sport and other major team sports together.

The EHF holds a Conference for Secretaries General in the uneven years. This year was no exception. Professionals in handball management converged on Vienna for a constructive workshop-format event. This event is seen to be an essential tool to gather professional staff from the EHF Member Federations together in one place.

Vital preparations were also made for 2006. In November the highest representatives from the Member Federations met for the 7th Conference of Presidents. This is a statutory discussion forum to talk about up-to-date topics from the forever changing world of handball. The work done during that event will form the basis for the 2006 EHF Congress in Portugal.



From the President

Building for the future

2005 saw the introduction of new competitions into the EHF event compendium - two Younger Age Category events for the key actors of tomorrow. For the first time the EHF held a Men's 19 European Open in Gothenburg/SWE. This was – as the name suggests – open to all teams in Europe. Qatar also joined the Europeans in the quest to win the title. The second of the two events was the Women's 17 European Championship hosted by the Austrian Handball Federation. These events set new standards in the organisation of YAC competitions.

The traditional and well established Youth Champions' Tournament also took place for boys' club teams. This tournament occurred during the famous Partille Handball Festival, as did the European Open – as ever the "Partille" organisation and the Swedish Handball Federation were perfect hosts. 2006 has much more in store for the younger age groups.

Stretching right across Europe

The European club competitions excelled once again, delighting fans across Europe. Never before have so many spectators flocked to watch handball at its best. The EHF is well aware of the fact that much of the essential work is done within the European clubs. In July of 2005, the EHF launched a new company under the name of "EHF Marketing", which focuses primarily on the product development of the European club competitions, with the Handball Champions League on the business agenda in the initial phase. Decisive steps have already been made in the second half of 2005, with the introduction of a TV Highlight Magazine and greater TV coverage around Europe.

All about partnership

The EHF makes a point of stressing that its not about sponsorship but partnership and prides itself on having strong relationships with long serving partners, which play a decisive role in the development of the sport. Infront, adidas, Gerflor and Nijha and other partners all play an essential part in the work of the EHF, contributing to the product placement and development on the competitive sporting market and this is of paramount importance. The TV and media coverage of European handball has continued to flourish with handball booming, without such partners this would not be possible. The athletes are offering us handball at the highest level, it is up to us to deliver the public a top class product, with high class event standards and management.

Supporting the developing nations

The 4th Men's Challenge Trophy also took place. Six of the developing handball nations converged on Ireland for the event. This was the first time an EHF event has ever been held in Ireland – the association deserves a big round of applause. Resources were invested further in supporting the EHF developing nations in the form of the SMART project, which will be boosted by the establishment of a Foster Project in 2006. More countries than ever before have benefited.

Thank You!

I would like to close by thanking all those featured in this Report: the EHF Member Federations, the Clubs, the Players and my Colleagues on the EHF Bodies. Without You, the year would not have been possible. I would also like to express my gratitude to the Staff working at the EHF Headquarters in Vienna who work with skill and great enthusiasm in the realisation of the goals and projects set.

Step inside and enjoy the year once again, before we leave it behind to focus our energies on what 2006 has in store....

Wishing you all the best!

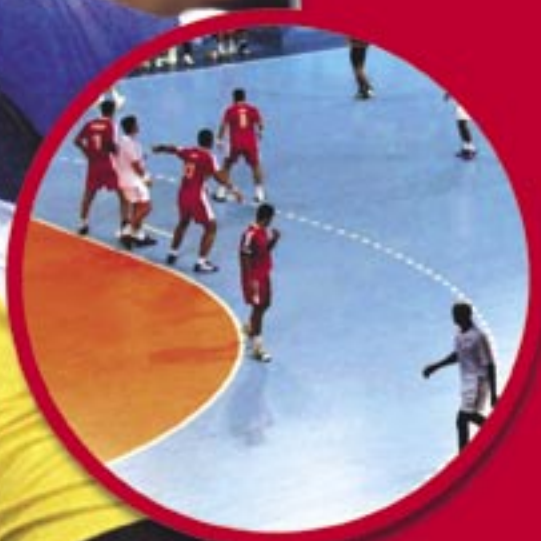


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President





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Euro06 Switzerland

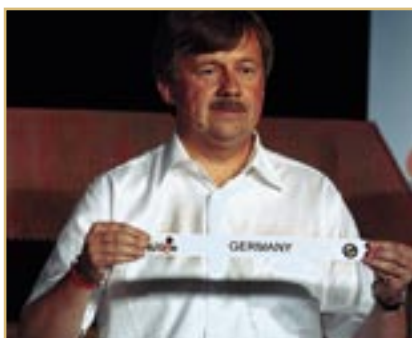


The event itself will take place from 26th January – 5th February 2006 across 5 venues in Switzerland: St. Gallen, Sursee, Bern, Basel and last but by no means least in the brand new arena in Zürich. Despite the fact that the Euro Events take place in the “even” years, the bulk of the preparations for the men’s event take place in the “odd” years and 2005 was no exception. Immense work is invested, on the side of both the Organiser and the EHF, to prepare for a sporting event of this scale, to offer handball fans across Europe a handball treat and a sporting competition to match no other.

The EHF European Handball Championships come under the brand name of “Euro Events” and have become the EHF top event on the European sporting market. From each edition to the next they get bigger and better with the 2004 editions of the event reaching record figures – the number of TV viewers reached the 1 billion mark for the 2004 Men’s and Women’s Championships and the event websites clocked up over 42 million hits.

The Swiss Handball Federation was awarded the honour of hosting the 7th Men’s European Handball Championship by the EHF Congress in May 2004 and preparations commenced immediately. The EHF works intensively with its long-serving Euro partners: Infront Sports & Media, adidas, Nijha and Gerflor, together with the Organiser, to create a top class event. It is a joint venture which follows a strict and target-driven timetable from the outset.

The EHF held numerous workshops, inspections and meetings with the Euro06 Organising Committee and its partners – a pro-active approach and open discussion is used to plan all areas of the Championship from A to Z, ranging from the technical side of matters to event and media management.



The competition itself obviously revolves around the athletes. A special Heads of Delegation Meeting was held on 21st – 22nd October 2005. This not only gave team representatives from the 16 Euro06 participants the chance to view all the venues, but also to give vital input relating to the teams’ technical needs and wishes.

Never before have the preparations for a Euro Event been so clearly documented. For the first time in the history of the Men’s and Women’s European Championships, the EHF joined forces with the Organising Committee with support from partner Infront, to launch the Euro06 Official Website over a year before the actual event commences. This means that this is the first port of call for handball friends from around the world to find out everything they need to know about the event, from venue, ticket and tourist information to news about the teams. This service will be boosted further during the Euro06 and can be found at www.euro06.com



This is the biggest event on the 2006 men’s handball calendar and the first big Championship of 2006! The European Handball Federation wishes all the teams, officials and all those working behind the scenes all the best and good luck!



Euro06 SUI Men's Qualification

These teams qualified from the qualification phase 1 which took place in January 2005.



GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3	GROUP 4	GROUP 5	GROUP 6
HUN	MKD	UKR	SVK	AUT	LTU
BLR	BIH	ROM	POL	ISR	POR
ITA	TUR	EST	NED	LAT	BUL
CYP	BEL	LUX	AZE	FIN	

These teams qualified directly for the play-off matches

CZE	ESP	FRA	GRE	ISL	NOR
SCG	SWE				

PLAY – OFF MATCHES

ROM v SCG	SWE v POL	ISL v BLR	NOR v BIH
ISR v FRA	CZE v POR	GRE v UKR	LTU v ESP
MKD v HUN	AUT v SVK		

Defending Champion

GERMANY

Organiser

SWITZERLAND

Ranked 2-5 at EURO 2004 SLO

SLOVENIA
DENMARK
CROATIA
RUSSIA

Qualified from the play-off matches

FRANCE
HUNGARY
ICELAND
NORWAY
POLAND
PORTUGAL
SERBIA & MONTENEGRO
SLOVAKIA
SPAIN
UKRAINE



The seventh Men's European Championship will take place in Switzerland from the 26th January to 5th February 2006.

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
SLOVENIA	GERMANY	DENMARK	CROATIA
POLAND	FRANCE	SERBIA & MONTEN.	RUSSIA
SWITZERLAND	SPAIN	HUNGARY	PORTUGAL
UKRAINE	SLOVAKIA	ICELAND	NORWAY



EURO 2006 SWE Women's Qualification



The 7th Women's European Championships will take place in Sweden from the 7th - 17th December 2006 – being the last major EHF event of 2006. It will take place in four venues across Sweden: Gothenburg, Malmo, Skövde and Stockholm. Over the past year initial preparations have been taking place including first inspections and workshops to finalise the playing venues. In 2006, these preparations will intensify further.

Sixteen teams will be in Sweden for the Championship, 31 team teams applied for one of those valuable places. The qualification first phase was played in two tournaments amongst the following 12 teams from 22nd – 27th November 2005. The tournaments took place in Portugal and Italy. Four teams qualified for the play-offs from group 1 and three from group 2

In November 2005 in the qualification phase 1, these **teams** qualified for the play-offs. The other teams failed to qualify.

GROUP 1	GROUP 2
BUL	SVK
ITA	POR
TUR	LTU
ISL	GRE
SUI	FIN
BEL	AZE

These **teams** have qualified automatically for the play-offs, which will take place on 27th – 28th May and 3rd – 4th June 2006



AUT	CRO	FRA	MKD
NED	POL	ROM	SLO
UKR	BLR	CZE	ESP
SCG			



The draw for the play-offs took place on the last day (18.12.2005) of the 2005 Women's World Championship in St. Petersburg, Russia

ISL – MKD	UKR – SVK
CRO – POR	AUT – ITA
FRA – TUR	NED – BLR
SLO – BUL	ROM – SCG
LTU – POL	ESP – CZE



Defending Champion
NORWAY

Organiser
SWEDEN

Ranked 2-5 at EURO 2004 HUN
DENMARK
HUNGARY
RUSSIA
GERMANY

Men's 19 European Open Championship

Under the motto "A world of Handball" the largest youth handball tournament took place in Gothenburg/SWE from the 5th – 10th July 2005. From across five continents, 776 teams played 2,738 games. Over 6 days, 63,672 goals were scored by the 13,500 participants.



The European Handball Federation holds two tournaments during the Partille event. One being the Youth Champions' Tournament which has been taking place in Sweden for many years. This is held every year, one year for the boys' teams and the next year for the girls' teams. More information on this event can be found on pg. 26 under "Additional Competitions."



The second EHF competition within the sphere of the Partille Cup was a new event, which was held for the first time in 2005 – the Men's 19 European Open. It took place from 5th – 9th July in Gothenburg, Sweden. National teams from 21 European countries took part in this event and Qatar were part of this competition as a continental guest nation. Germany took the title after facing Russia in the final. Sweden took the bronze medal after defeating Slovenia.

Here you can see the ranking of the tournament:

1. GER	2. RUS	3. SWE	4. SLO
5. ESP	6. LTU	7. SVK	8. FIN
9. POL	10. NOR	11. ISL	12. SUI
13. QAT	14. AUT	15. LAT	16. BEL
17. CZE	18. EST	19. ROM	20. BUL
21. TUR	22. ITA		

The **ALL STAR** team was awarded as follows:

Goalkeeper	Vadim BOGDANOV	RUS
Left Wing	Uwe GENSHEIMER	GER
Left Back	Pavel ATMAN	RUS
Middle Back	Martin STROBEL	GER
Line Player	Andrej PETRO	SVK
Right Back	Emir ARNARSON	ISL
Right Wing	Guillermo REDONDO	ESP
THE BEST SCORER	Marko VUKELIC	SUI (52 Goals)
THE BEST PLAYER	Pavel ATMAN	RUS



Women's 17 European Championship



The first Women's 17 European Championship came to an end on 28th August in a spectacular final between Romania and Denmark. The final Match took place in the "BSFZ" Südstadt in Maria Enzersdorf in Lower Austria. National teams from 16 European countries took part in this event. Denmark took the title after playing a thrilling match in front of a capacity crowd. The final score was 26:29 (16:15). France took the bronze after defeating Slovenia.

Here you can see the ranking of the tournament:

1. DEN	2. ROM	3. FRA	4. SLO
5. SVK	6. CRO	7. GER	8. HUN
9. RUS	10. AUT	11. SWE	12. LTU
13. ESP	14. SCG	15. CZE	16. TUR

The **ALL STAR** team was awarded as follows:

Goalkeeper	Amre PANDZIC	SLO
Left Wing	Alexandra CATINEANU VIERU	ROM
Left Back	Petra POPLUHAROVA	SVK
Middle Back	Allison PINEAU	FRA
Line Player	Julie GOIORANI	FRA
Right Back	Adrienn KOVÁCS	HUN
Right Wing	Lina RASK	DEN
THE BEST SCORER	Adrienn KOVÁCS	HUN (66 Goals)
THE BEST PLAYER	Lina RASK	DEN



Champions League

The Handball Champions League is the crème de la crème of international club competitions for both men and women. Only the best teams in Europe from the elite handball nations gain a place in the Champions League. The 188 matches every season offer top-level handball at its best and the fight for the famous Cup was as tough as ever in the 2004/2005 season, with 2006 promising even more.



The EHF works closely with the professional European top clubs and regional TV and marketing partners to fulfil the market potential of the Champions League and develop the product further. A decisive step was taken for the future of the product in 2005, the EHF branched out to create a marketing agency "EHF Marketing GmbH" (more information can be found in the "Management" chapter), which has the principle objective of professionally marketing and developing the Handball Champions League to secure its positioning in the sporting market.

The EHF strove to optimise the product and secure media coverage of the competition in as many countries as possible in 2005. The 2004/2005 season saw record interest for the Champions League. Over 450 hours of live action from the men's competition were broadcast, with over 350 million viewers tuning in to watch (in the 11 countries analysed). The women's edition also enjoyed increased coverage, with viewing hours reaching a record high in Denmark, Slovenia and Hungary. Fans also flocked into the arenas: 520 000 fans enjoyed the atmosphere in the arenas around Europe.

New or continued initiatives, which were offered during the course of 2005, included Champions League intros/outros, TV trailers, TV graphics, TV promotional line, music and the first edition of the TV Highlight Magazine. This was just the first in a series of TV magazines which was offered by the EBU network to countries around Europe and was available to download on the Champions League website, which incidentally was also launched in January of 2005 at championsleague.eurohandball.com! EHF Marketing will continue and intensify its work in 2006.



Champions League



GROUP A	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 HUN SC Pick Szeged	4	1	1	147:143	4
2 ESP FC Barcelona	4	0	2	172:136	36
3 MKD Vardar Vatrost. Skopje	1	2	3	124:153	-29
4 ROM HCM Constanta	1	1	4	146:157	-11

GROUP B	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 FRA Montpellier HB	6	0	0	198:150	48
2 UKR ZTR Zaporozhye	3	0	3	162:153	9
3 CRO RK Zagreb	3	0	3	165:170	-5
4 ITA A.S. Conversano 2003	0	0	6	143:195	-52

GROUP C	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 RUS Chehovski Medvedi, Chekhov	5	0	1	197:179	18
2 DEN GOG Gudme	4	0	2	178:151	27
3 SLO RK Gorenje Velenje	2	0	4	166:170	-4
4 BLR Brestskiy HC Meshkovo	1	0	5	143:184	-41

GROUP D	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 ESP Portland San Antonio	5	0	1	194:143	51
2 SLO Celje Pivovarna Lasko	4	0	2	188:163	25
3 SCG Crvena Zvezda Beograd	2	0	4	143:201	-58
4 POL Wisla Plock SSA	1	0	5	159:177	-18

GROUP E	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 ESP B.M. Ciudad Real	6	0	0	199:167	32
2 DEN Kolding KIF	3	0	3	216:202	14
3 MKD Vardar Vatrost. Skopje	3	0	3	183:201	-18
4 ROM HCM Constanta	0	0	6	168:196	-28

GROUP F	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 GER THW Kiel	5	0	1	200:159	41
2 SWE IK Sävehof	3	2	1	172:171	1
3 ISL Haukar Hafnarfjörður	1	1	4	186:211	-25
4 FRA US Creteil Handball	1	1	4	162:179	-17

GROUP G	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 HUN Fotex KC Veszprém	6	0	0	195:138	57
2 GER TBV Lemgo	4	0	2	185:158	27
3 LTU HC Granitas Kaunas	1	1	4	144:197	-53
4 NOR Sandefjord TIF	0	1	5	154:185	-31

GROUP H	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 GER SG Flensburg-Handewitt	5	1	0	204:155	49
2 SVK Tatran Presov	3	1	2	174:158	16
3 CZE HC Banik Karvina	2	1	3	159:174	-15
4 CRO RK Metkovic	0	1	5	141:191	-50



Champions League



Men's 1/8 Final

DEN	Kolding KIF 38:29, 25:36 {63:65}	SLO	Celje Pivovarna Lasko 23:23, 21:20 {44:43}
FRA	Montpellier HB	HUN	SC Pick Szeged
SVK	Tatran Presov 32:38, 25:41 {57:79}	UKR	ZTR Zaporozhye 29:28, 29:39 {58:67}
GER	THW Kiel	HUN	Fotex KC Veszprém
GER	TBV Lemgo 45:32, 22:23 {67:55}	SWE	IK Sävehof 34:30, 26:31 {60:61}
RUS	Chehovski Medvedi	GER	SG Flensburg-Handewitt
DEN	GOG Gudme 29:45, 31:34 {60:79}	ESP	FC Barcelona 28:22, 24:30 {52:52}
ESP	B.M. Ciudad Real	ESP	Portland San Antonio

Men's Quarterfinals

GER	THW Kiel 30:25, 27:33 {57:58}	FRA	Montpellier HB 36:22, 19:32 {55:54}
ESP	FC Barcelona	GER	SG Flensburg-Handewitt
ESP	B.M. Ciudad Real 29:22, 34:33 {63:55}	GER	TBV Lemgo 29:33, 30:35 {59:68}
HUN	Fotex KC Veszprém	SLO	Celje Pivovarna Lasko

Men's Semifinals

SLO	Celje Pivovarna Lasko 34:31, 26:31 {60:62}	ESP	B.M. Ciudad Real 30:24, 31:33 {61:57}
ESP	FC Barcelona	FRA	Montpellier HB

Men's Finals

ESP	B.M. Ciudad Real 28:27, 27:29 {55:56}
ESP	FC Barcelona

Men's 04/05 Champion

ESP FC Barcelona



Champions League

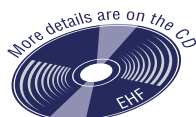


GROUP A	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 DEN Ikast Bording EH	4	1	1	174:163 11	9
2 HUN Dunafer SE	4	1	1	165:141 24	9
3 ESP CBM Astroc Sagunto	2	0	4	179:190 -11	4
4 SCG ZRK Buducnost MONET	1	0	5	141:165 -24	2

GROUP B	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 DEN Viborg HK A/S	4	0	2	173:141 32	8
2 AUT Hypo Niederösterreich	4	0	2	174:157 17	8
3 RUS Dinamo AQUA Volgograd	4	0	2	164:160 4	8
4 NOR Nordstrand 2000, Oslo	0	0	6	119:172 -53	0

GROUP C	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 DEN Slagelse FH	5	0	1	153:134 19	10
2 MKD Kometal D. P. Skopje	4	0	2	146:127 19	8
3 RUS HC "Lada Toljatti"	2	0	4	148:159 -11	4
4 UKR HC "Motor" Zaporozhye	1	0	5	132:159 -27	2

GROUP D	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 SLO Krim Ljubljana	6	0	0	178:140 38	12
2 ESP Orsan Elda Prestigio	2	2	2	161:156 5	6
3 NOR Tertnes Bergen	2	1	3	149:166 -17	5
4 SCG RK DIN Nis	0	1	5	147:173 -26	1



Women's Quarterfinals

AUT Hypo Niederösterreich 32:27, 31:32 (63:59)	HUN Dunafer SE 27:26, 31:30 (58:56)
DEN Ikast Bording EH	DEN Viborg HK A/S
ESP Orsan Elda Prestigio 31:34, 21:28 (52:62)	MKD Kometal D. P. Skopje 24:21, 21:23 (45:44)
DEN Slagelse FH	SLO Krim Ljubljana

Women's Semifinals

HUN Dunafer SE 25:28, 17:21 (42:49)	AUT Hypo Niederösterreich 32:30, 18:22 (50:52)
DEN Slagelse FH	MKD Kometal D. P. Skopje

Women's Finals

DEN Slagelse FH 27:23, 27:20 (54:43)
MKD Kometal D. P. Skopje

Women's 04/05 Champion

DEN Slagelse FH

European Cup The Figures 2004/05

Men

Clubs:	158
Matches:	382
Spectators:	709,400
Goals:	21,543

Women

Clubs:	123
Matches:	307
Spectators:	386,900
Goals:	16,600

Over 280 clubs took part in the 2004/2005 European Cup competitions, which once again proved to be at the heart of the EHF club competition season. The European Handball Federation is happy to contribute, with its services, to the success of the European Cup. The objective of the European Cup competitions: EHF Cup, Cup Winners' Cup and Challenge Cup is to create a high-class competition atmosphere for the best clubs from the EHF Member Nations. A starting place in the European Cup competitions is a great honour for the clubs and is highly sought after.

For the first time in the history of the competitions, a Scottish club took part in the 2004/05 Men's Challenge Cup, which was made possible due to the new group format for the first round. The 2005/2006 season has since welcomed a club from England and clubs from the EHF Associated Member Federation of Kosovo.

In comparison to the 2003/2004 figures there have been slight changes within the European Cup season 04/05. Whilst the number of clubs remained the same, the men's EC showed a gain of 5,800 spectators in the arenas across Europe. The power to hit the back of the net decreased for the men as they scored 661 goals less than in the previous season, nevertheless the women increased their shooting talent by an increase of 607 goals.



New European Cup Logos

In June the EHF unveiled the new logos for the 2005/2006 European Cup. The logos have been made available to all clubs, member federations and media organisations, so that the new logos can be used in conjunction with all the EHF European Cup competitions. The European Cup competitions are a great source of pride to the EHF and through these established competitions; we have seen clubs make their mark on the handballing world. To be able to continue to give these clubs a competitive outlet remains a primary goal of the EHF.



EHF CUP



CUP WINNERS' CUP



CHALLENGE CUP



EHF Cup

Men's Quarterfinals

RUS Lukoil-Dynamo Astrakhan 38:26, 23:25 (61:51)	AUT A1 Bregenz HB 28:30, 25:41 (53:71)
SWE IFK Skövde HK	GER SC Magdeburg
GER VFL Gummersbach 30:21, 30:35 (60:56)	ESP BM Granollers 29:29, 25:34 (54:63)
HUN Dunaferre SE	GER Tusem Essen

Men's Semifinals

GER VFL Gummersbach 25:24, 32:34 (57:58)	GER Tusem Essen 31:23, 25:26 (56:49)
GER SC Magdeburg	RUS Lukoil-Dynamo Astrakhan

Men's Finals

GER SC Magdeburg 30:22, 22:31 (52:53)
GER Tusem Essen

Men's 04/05 Champion

GER Tusem Essen

Women's Quarterfinals

HUN Cornexi Alcoa 32:26, 29:32 (61:58)	HUN Györi ETO Kezilabda Club 35:22, 30:31 (65:53)
DEN Horsens Handbold Klub	ROM C.S. Silcotub Zalau
HUN FTC Budapest 31:30, 32:32 (63:62)	GER HC Leipzig 32:29, 21:22 (53:51)
DEN GOG Gudme	FRA Handball Metz Metropole

Women's Semifinals

GER HC Leipzig 33:27, 31:43 (64:70)	HUN Cornexi Alcoa 30:31, 31:29 (61:60)
HUN Györi ETO Kezilabda Club	HUN FTC Budapest

Women's Finals

HUN Györi ETO Kezilabda Club 27:21, 19:28 (46:49)
HUN Cornexi Alcoa

Women's 04/05 Champion

HUN Cornexi Alcoa



Challenge Cup



Men's Quarterfinals

ROM	HC Minaur Baia Mare 31:27, 22:32 {53:59}	SUI	TSV St. Otmar St. Gallen 36:28, 27:22 {63:50}
POR	ABC Braga - Andebol SAD	NOR	Fyllingen Handball
AUT	HC Superfund Hard 33:26, 21:23 {54:49}	BIH	RK Borac Banja Luka 24:23, 23:33 {47:56}
SCG	RK Metaloplastika Sabac	SUI	Wacker Thun

Men's Semifinals

SUI	TSV St. Otmar St. Gallen 31:27, 33:40 {64:67}	POR	ABC Braga - Andebol SAD 33:17, 27:23 {60:40}
SUI	Wacker Thun	AUT	HC Superfund Hard

Men's Finals

SUI	Wacker Thun 29:24, 26:29 {55:53}
POR	ABC Braga - Andebol SAD

Men's 04/05 Champion

SUI	Wacker Thun
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Women's Quarterfinals

GER	BSV Buxtehude 31:28, 34:36 {65:64}	GER	TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen 21:15, 25:23 {46:38}
ROM	C.S. Oltschim Valcea	UKR	Motor 2 Zaporoshje
POL	MKS Vitaral Jelfa 32:37, 29:25 {61:62}	FRA	Cercle Dijon Bourgogne 30:28, 26:27 {56:55}
CRO	ZRK "Split Kaltenberg" Split	ITA	HC Florgarden

Women's Semifinals

CRO	ZRK "Split Kaltenberg" Split 20:38, 20:28 {40:66}	GER	BSV Buxtehude 22:20, 23:26 {45:46}
GER	TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen	FRA	Cercle Dijon Bourgogne

Women's Finals

FRA	Cercle Dijon Bourgogne 28:27, 22:25 {50:52}
GER	TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen

Women's 04/05 Champion

GER	TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen
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Cup Winners' Cup

Men's Quarterfinals

MKD Vardar Vatrost. Skopje 36:20, 31:26 (67:46)	SLO RK Gorenje Velenje 37:31, 25:33 (62:64)
CRO Medvescak Infosistem	BIH RK Izvidac Ljubuski
GER HSV Hamburg 25:29, 27:25 (52:54)	SCG RK Partizan Belgrad 23:20, 18:22 (41:42)
ESP C.BM. Ademar Leon	CRO RK Zagreb



Men's Semifinals

ESP C.BM. Ademar Leon 37:30, 38:33 (75:63)	MKD Vardar Vatrost. Skopje 23:21, 26:34 (49:55)
BIH RK Izvidac Ljubuski	CRO RK Zagreb

Men's Finals

ESP C.BM. Ademar Leon 37:25, 31:25 (68:50)
CRO RK Zagreb

Men's 04/05 Champion

ESP C.BM. Ademar Leon

Women's Quarterfinals

NOR Tertnes Bergen 40:24, 22:28 (62:52)	GER 1. FC Nürnberg 38:29, 22:28 (60:57)
ROM CS Rapid CFR Bucuresti	RUS HC "Lada Toljatti"
RUS Dinamo AQUA Volgograd 28:27, 29:36 (57:63)	CRO Podravka Vegeta 39:30, 29:32 (68:62)
NOR Larvik HK	ESP CBM Astroc Sagunto



Women's Semifinals

NOR Tertnes Bergen 24:32, 20:31 (44:63)	GER 1. FC Nürnberg 31:31, 27:37 (58:68)
NOR Larvik HK	CRO Podravka Vegeta

Women's Finals

CRO Podravka Vegeta 26:31, 27:37 (53:68)
NOR Larvik HK

Women's 04/05 Champion

NOR Larvik HK



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Men's European Championship for Club Teams

The 2005 Men's European Championship for Club Teams took place in Leon on 26/27 November 2005, hosted by CBM Ademar Leon. The event was played with two semi-finals on Saturday followed by the finals on Sunday. The matches were played in front of large crowd and in a tremendous atmosphere! BM Ciudad Real with the new coach Talant Duishebaev took the trophy and a cheque of EUR 30,000.- after beating SC Magdeburg in the final. See the detailed results below:

Ranking

1. BM. Ciudad Real / ESP
2. SC Magdeburg / GER
3. F.C. Barcelona Cifec / ESP
4. CBM Ademar Leon / ESP

Matches

Saturday November 26

Semifinal 1 F.C. Barcelona Cifec – BM. Ciudad Real
27:31 (10:15) 6 000 Spectators
Referees: Josic/Rudic - CRO

Semifinal 2 CBM Ademar Leon – SC Magdeburg
26:27 (10:12) 6 000 Spectators
Referees: Abrahamsen/Kristiansen - NOR

Sunday November 27

Final for 3 / 4 CBM Ademar Leon – F.C. Barcelona Cifec
30:31 (16:15) 4 500 spectators
Referees: Abrahamsen/Kristiansen - NOR

Final for 1 / 2 BM. Ciudad Real – SC Magdeburg
37:28 (19:16) 5 000 spectators
Referees: Josic/Rudic - CRO

EHF Officials

Referees: Josic/Rudic CRO, Abrahamsen/Kristiansen NOR
Delegates: Jesus Guerrero (EHF CC), Helmut Schebeczek (EHF Compt)
Representative: Jean Brihault (EHF Vice President), Arne Elovsson (EHF Exec)

BEST PLAYER: Rolando Fonseca Urios (BM. Ciudad Real)

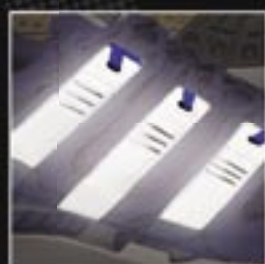
BEST GOALKEEPER: Arpad Sterbik (BM. Ciudad Real)

TOP SCORER: Sjarhei Rutenka (BM. Ciudad Real) 13
Gregorz Tkaczyk (SC Magdeburg) 13
Raul Entrerrios Rodriguez (BM. Ademar Leon) 13





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Men's 2005 Challenge Trophy

The 4th edition of the Men's Challenge Trophy took place in Dublin, Ireland and came to an end on 30th October 2005. This event is aimed at the developing handball nations. Six nations took part in the competition, with Moldova taking the title in a close final against Azerbaijan.

The event, hosted by the Irish Olympic Handball Association and supported by the European and the International Handball Federation was a huge success in Ireland with hundreds of school children watching the matches and creating a superb atmosphere. EHF Vicepresident Jean Brihault handed over the Challenge Trophy Winners' Plate.



The final results were as follows:

PLACE 5/6	MLT: IRL	23:20 (08:12)
PLACE 3/4	ENG: SCO	18:24 (09:12)
PLACE 1/2	MDA: AZE	29:27 (14:17)

The ALL STAR team

Goalkeeper	Eugeniu Andreev	MDA
Left Wing	Uzeir Salimov	AZE
Left Back	William McLachlan	ENG
Middle Back	Oleg Georgievskiy	AZE
Line Player	James Addie	IRL
Right Back	Allan Govan	SCO
Right Wing	Serghei Lucasov	MDA
Best Player	Oleg Georgievskiy	AZE
Top Scorer (60 Goals)	Serghei Lucasov	MDA



2005 Youth Champions' Tournament

2005 Youth Champions' Tournament



Every year the European Handball Federation holds the Youth Champions Tournament within the sphere of the Partille Cup. With the men's and women's competitions been held in alternate years, the 6th – 9th July 2005 saw 16 European men's youth teams (born 1988 or younger) take part in the competition. The team "Wisla Plock" from Poland took the title after defeating MHK Kosice/SVK in the final and "HK Tyrold" of Sweden came third.

1. POL	Wisla Plock	2. SVK	MHK Kosice
3. SWE	HK Tyrold	4. AUT	Aon Fivers
5. SLO	HC Gorenje Velenje	6. DEN	Brabrand IF
7. ISL	HK Kopavogur	8. LTU	Panevezio-KKSC Grifas
9. BEL	KV Sasja HC	10. LAT	LSPA Riga
11. CZE	Dukla Praha	12. NED	Fiqas/Aalsmeer
13. FIN	BK-46 Karis	14. NOR	SKI IL
15. SUI	TV Steffisburg	16. SWE	IFK Kristianstad

The **ALL STAR** team was awarded as follows:

Goalkeeper	BLAHA Lukas	Aon Fivers	AUT
Left wing	BOLIC Denis	Aon Fivers	AUT
Left back	GUZY Vladimir	MHK Kosice	SVK
Middle back	PIORKOWSKI Damain	Wisla Plock	POL
Line Player	ERIKSSON Alexander	HK Tyrold	SWE
Right back	HRUSCAK Patrik	MHK Kosice	SVK
Right wing	STRANCAK Lukas	MHK Kosice	SVK



2005 European Youth Olympic Festival (EOC Event)

The European Youth Olympic Festival took place in Lignano/ITA from the 4th – 10th July. The festival showcased 11 Olympic sport disciplines from a youth team point of view. With handball being one of the disciplines at the festival, the European Handball Federation in cooperation with the EOC was pleased to have eight national teams representing the sport. The championship was for younger age category girl's born 1988 or younger. The final results were as follows:

1. RUS	2. NOR	3. DEN	4. SLO	5. AUT	6. UKR	7. SCG	8. ITA
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European Masters Handball Championships

The European Handball Federation organised the 2nd edition of the European Masters Handball Championships. This time, the competition was held from the 24th-27th March in Granollers/ESP. With the competition moving from strength to strength, the hosts were pleased that they were able to welcome over 400 people from 11 European countries. This handball festival was played out under 3 age categories: Men 35+, Men 45+, and Women 33+.

Let us take a look at the final ranking results of each category:



Men 35+

1. Kolding	DEN
2. Mesikäpp	EST
3. HIK, Copenhagen	DEN
4. POLAND +35	POL
5. BM.sagunto	ESP
6. ZTR – Zaporozhye	UKR
7. RTU-Riga	LAT
8. BM.Granollers	ESP
9. H/K Vainode	LAT
10. H.Terrassa	ESP

Men 45+

1. Budapest Old Boys	HUN
2. SVS Vienna	AUT
3. Mestsky Hadzanarsky Klub Martin	SVK
4. MAFC Old Boys	HUN
5. Old Boys Krakow	POL
6. BM.Granollers	ESP
7. Olimpus 85	MDA
8. Saline Boys De Bochezna	POL
9. Trionfale Roma	ITA

Women 33+

1. FIF-Fredriksberg Idraets-Forening	DEN
2. Riga Ruukki	LAT
3. Flirt	EST
4. Cracow Ladies	POL
5. BM.Granollers	ESP



European Beach Handball Tour 2005

Now in its third successful year, the European Beach Tour was just one of the EHF handball highlights of the year. The tournament which took place from the 1st October 2004 to the 30th September 2005 featured 116 teams from 18 nations who took part in 44 competitions.

Men's Competition

Ranking	Team	Nation
1.	Toma-Soft	CRO
2.	BHC Popescu	CRO
3.	Balonmano Playa Barbate	ESP
4.	Balonmano Playa Alcala	ESP
5.	Salon tepiha	CRO
6.	Leto2002.com	SCG
7.	Dugi Rat	CRO
8.	Azuteam-Aubanc	ESP
9.	Alal Vera	SCG
10.	BHC "Golden Balls"	CRO

Women's Competition

Ranking	Team	Nation
1.	Team G Sola	ESP
2.	Dream Team Femenino	ESP
3.	Malaga Costa Del Sol	ESP
4.	WBHC Kontesa Nera	CRO
5.	Beach Girls	HUN
6.	Adidas Team	POR
7.	Mares Vivas	POR
8.	Ferrecirk	HUN
9.	Balonmano T. Tecnocasa	ESP
10.	Sponzorruse	CRO

EBT 2004 Masters

The 2005 Beach Tour season began with the finals from the 2004 season. The EBT Masters tournament took place in Suances / Cantabria (ESP) from 14th – 15th May 2005.



Men's Competition

Ranking	Team	Nation
1.	Leto2002.com	SCG
2.	C. HM-Playa H. Barbate	ESP
3.	Cobanci (Golden Balls)	CRO
4.	Sand Devils Minden	GER
5.	BM Playa Toscares	ESP
6.	Credit Suisse	HUN
7.	BM Playa Alcala	ESP
8.	Dream Team Euskadi	ESP
9.	Amigos del Balonmano	ESP

Women's Competition

Ranking	Team	Nation
1.	WBHC Kontesa Nera	CRO
2.	Ferrecirk	HUN
3.	XXS- Team	GER
4.	D. Team Euskadi Fem.	ESP
5.	Bal. Triana Tecnocasa	ESP



The EBT 05 Masters will take place from the 3rd - 4th June 2006 in Paralia / GRE. All details relating to the European Beach Handball Tour are to be found at <http://ebt.eurohandball.com>.



Draw Highlights

Men's Champions League

In the summer we saw the draw for the Men's Champions League Group Matches. It was hosted by the EHF Marketing GmbH and took place in the city of the current title holder Barcelona Cifec in the Historical Museum of Catalonia. This was the 1st time that an event of this scale had taken place on the occasion of the Men's Champions League Group Match Draw.

Over 60 guests from the world of handball were present for the draw, with the EHF President Tor Lian leading the event. Officials from the Spanish Handball Federation and League – ASOBAL were also present.

For the first time ever, a live TV signal was produced and offered via the EBU. There was also live streaming of the draw, hosted by the Danish Television Company, DR, and was accessed through eurohandball.com.

European Championship Draw

Another summer highlight was the draw for the EURO 2006 final round which took place in Lucerne/SUI. The draw, presented by President Tor Lian, took place within the sphere of the "Swiss Handball Day". This event was aimed at raising the profile of the entire handball sport and promoting the European Championship. On the 25th June, the UNO special representative for sport – Mr. A. Ogi – joined Secretary General Wiederer on stage and helped carry out this draw. In addition, more than 1000 spectators watched the draw take place.

2006 Women's European Championship Play-Off Draw

On the last day of the Women's World Championship in St. Petersburg/RUS (IHF event) on 18th December 2005, the EHF staged the draw for the play-offs of the 2006 Women's European Championship. The play-offs will take place on 27th/28th May and 3rd/4th June 2006. The tournament itself will take place from 7th – 17th December 2006.



Men's & Women's World Championships*

Men's World Championship – TUN

The Men's World Championship was held in Tunisia from the 24th January – 6th February 2005. At the 19th edition of this competition, organised by the International Handball Federation, European teams dominated the top ten ranked teams. The overall ranking from the championship is listed below with the European teams in BOLD print:

1. SPAIN	2. CROATIA	3. FRANCE	4. Tunisia
5. SERBIA & MONTE.	6. GREECE	7. NORWAY	8. RUSSIA
9. GERMANY	10. CZECH REP.	11. SWEDEN	12. SLOVENIA
13. DENMARK	14. Egypt	15. ICELAND	16. Japan
17. Algeria	18. Argentina	19. Brazil	20. Angola
21. Qatar	22. Kuwait	23. Canada	24. Australia

Women's World Championship – RUS

The 2005 Women's World Championship (IHF event) came to an end on 18th December 2005 in St. Petersburg/RUS. Fourteen European teams took part in the competitions, with home nation Russia taking the title in a convincing victory over Romania. Below you can see how the European teams got on:

* IHF event



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



IHF Competitions

Men's U19 World championship (QAT)

The 1st Men's U19 WCh took place in Qatar from the 3rd – 11th August 2005. With all the European teams ranking in the top 5, it was an excellent start to an important competition. The final European ranking can be seen in BLOCK print below:

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|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. SERBIA & MONTE. | 2. Korea | 3. CROATIA | 4. DENMARK |
| 5. Qatar | 6. Egypt | 7. Argentina | 8. Iran |
| 9. Tunisia | 10. Morocco | | |

Men's U21 World championship (HUN)

The 15th Men's U19 WCh took place in Hungary from the 15th – 28th August 2005. With nine European teams ranking in the top 10, it was an excellent finish to a long-standing and important competition. The final European ranking can be seen in BLOCK print below:

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. DENMARK | 2. SERBIA & MONTE. | 3. HUNGARY | 4. GERMANY |
| 5. SPAIN | 6. ROMANIA | 7. Egypt | 8. SLOVENIA |
| 9. ICELAND | 10. ISRAEL | 11. Argentina | 12. Korea |
| 13. CZECH REP. | 14. FRANCE | 15. SWEDEN | 16. Brazil |
| 17. Tunisia | 18. Kuwait | 19. Congo | 20. Chile |

Women's U20 World championship (CZE)

The 2005 Women's U20 WCh took place in the Czech Republic from the 1st – 14th August 2005. Russia successfully defended their title and Norway, who took the Bronze Medal in 2003, took the Silver in 2005. The final European ranking can be seen in BLOCK print below:

- | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. RUSSIA | 2. NORWAY | 3. Korea | 4. HUNGARY |
| 5. DENMARK | 6. SERBIA & MONTE. | 7. CROATIA | 8. POLAND |
| 9. Brazil | 10. Japan | 11. SPAIN | 12. UKRAINE |
| 13. China | 14. LITHUANIA | 15. Angola | 16. CZECH REP. |
| 17. FRANCE | 18. SWEDEN | 19. Tunisia | 20. Argentina |





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7th EHF Conference of Presidents



The 18th and 19th November 2005 saw the highest representatives from the EHF Member Federations meeting in Vienna/AUT. Sixty eight participants from 44 nations took part in the 7th Conference of Presidents on Saturday 19th. The participants were joined by the members of the EHF Executive Committee and EHF staff members. In the 14 years that the EHF has existed, there have been 7 Conferences of Presidents, which serves as a discussion forum in the years between Congresses, as preparation for the Congress and to discuss long and short term European handball strategies.

Introduction

The President of the EHF, Tor Lian, opened the Conference with a welcome speech and a look back at the EHF events and activities of 2005. Lian went on to look at the individual business areas of the EHF, focusing on the pro-active information strategy, technical areas and the corporate development of the EHF and the development of handball on the European stage as a whole.

EHF Marketing GmbH

A significant part of the morning session was reserved for EHF Marketing GmbH, which was launched on 1st July 2005 after an EHF Congress decision in December 2004. Vicepresident Jean Brihault informed the participants about the legal status of the EHF Marketing GmbH. Wiederer, EHF Secretary General, followed with a presentation on the EHF Champions League, stressing on the marketing and TV situation throughout Europe. To close the topic, the participants were treated to the 1st edition of the EHF Champions League TV Highlight Magazine, a long-term project, with highlights and interviews from the Men's Champions League Group Match Phase. It was seen as a positive development by all. Further editions are planned for this season, to be intensified for the 2006/2007 season.



Qualifications for National Team Competitions

Jan Tuik, Competitions Commission Chairman, presented a proposal by the Working Group concerned with the matter of Qualifications Systems for European Championships to the Conference. The Working Group was called into being at the 2004 EHF Extraordinary Congress to deal with the future strategy for qualifications for Men's and Women's European Championships. Following the presentation, a pro-active discussion took place, where participants could voice the opinion and position of their respective federation. The proposal, which would give national teams the opportunity to play home matches was widely encouraged by the audience. The matter will be tabled as a motion at the 2006 EHF Congress in Portugal in May.



7th EHF Conference of Presidents

International Competitions

Jean Brihault - in his function as EHF Vicepresident and Member representing Europe on the IHF Council – reported on the IHF talks on the future of World Championship qualifications and the European position.

Alexander Toncourt – as European Member on the IHF Commission of Organising and Competition (COC) – informed about the last COC meeting and the discussions on the technical side relating to Olympic qualifications as well as World Championship qualifications.

European Transfer System

The participants also discussed the European Transfer System. Arne Elovsson/EXEC Member made a presentation on the matter focusing on the Education Compensation topic within Europe, informing on the findings of the Working Group “Education Compensation” with the objective to clarify this issue. The representatives discussed the pros and cons of the system, while showing interest to change the system. The Working Group will continue their work in order to bring the subject up at the 2006 Congress.

M18 and M20 Men’s European Championship Draws

The draws for the qualification round of the two Championships were also made by representatives from the Estonian (M18) Organising Committee and Austrian (M20) Organising Committee. The results were published in EHF NEWS 136.

Other Topics

Two major events on the 2006 European Handball calendar – the 2006 Men’s European Championship in Switzerland (26.01 – 05.02.2006) and the 2006 EHF Congress in Portugal (4/5.05.2006) – were also reported on by the Organiser, with presentations made. Prior to the close of the Conference, the floor was opened to the participants to bring up subjects of their choice for discussion.

This included the interest of Montenegro to become an independent member of the EHF. Statements about Beach Handball: the wish for it to become an Olympic sport, information on the 2006 European Beach Handball Championship in Cuxhaven, Germany (11 – 16.07.2006) and information on the European Masters Handball Championship (veterans) 23 – 25.06.2006 in Győr/HUN.

Tor Lian declared the Conference officially closed, following his closing speech, referring to the positive atmosphere in European handball.



4th EHF Conference for Secretaries General



The 4th edition of the Conference for Secretaries General took place in Vienna/AUT, home to the EHF Headquarters, on 2/3 November 2005. Secretaries General, Sport Directors and Assistants gathered for the event which is held every other year.

Forty of the 47 EHF Member Federations were present for the event, with over 85 participants. It took place in a brand new part of the hotel close to the EHF Headquarters, which was in fact the inaugural event for the hotel. Michael Wiederer, EHF Secretary General, opened the Conference in the rather significantly named "Europa" Room.

The event was organised in a new format, with interactive, pro-active discussions and workshops, which gave the participants more time to confer between themselves. The focus of the event was on the following topics:

- **Professional Handball Network – Cooperation Platform in European Handball**
- **Competitions for National Teams – Future qualifications**
- **EHF Standards**
- **Education Compensation**
- **Handball Development Project – Future strategies**

Many of the participants also took part in a "just for fun" Beach Handball event on Wednesday afternoon in an indoor sport venue.



The results from the discussions have since been analysed by the staff of the EHF and forwarded to the respective Technical Commissions and Executive Committee. This Conference was followed by the 2005 Conference of Presidents, which took place in Vienna on Saturday 19th November 2005. This was in preparation for the 2006 EHF Congress, which will be hosted by the Portuguese Handball Federation in May 2006.



2005 Referees' & Delegates' Convention

Two hundred refereeing and delegate experts were in Vienna over the weekend (15th – 17th April 2005) for the 2005 Referees' and Delegates' Convention. This was the first time that the EHF had held such an event, aimed at both referees and delegates. It is usual practise to hold seminars for these target groups separately on alternate years.

Both the EHF referees and delegates play a decisive role at EHF events and can be seen as "facilitators and communicators". The EHF has been investing resources into this area for some time to determine the future direction of this key area and felt it to be important to bring this group of specialists together to set the path for the event management at EHF events and exchange ideas and experiences on setting new standards and precedents in European handball, therefore forming the EHF position on event management and underlining its corporate identity both short and long term.

The event primarily focused around two core areas: EVENT MANAGEMENT and REFEREEING. The event commenced on Friday afternoon with key note speeches opened by Tor Lian, President of the EHF, Michael Wiederer, Secretary General and guest speaker Christer Ahl/USA, PRC President. This was followed by a lively podium discussion between the participants and Marit Breivik, National Women's Coach of Norway, Viggo Sigurdsson, Icelandic Men's National Team Coach and Nodjalem Myaro, French National Team Player and Sport-psychologist. This was chaired by Ton van Linder/ Methods Commission and Jan Tuik/Competitions Commission Chairman.

The event was structured in such a way so that the participants could contribute as actively as possible. Different workshops took place, led by renowned external lecturers from different team sport federations (UEFA – football, IIHF – icehockey, FIBA – basketball, CEV – volleyball) and experts in sport psychology, which then led onto discussions. This was the first time that the EHF has worked so intensively with other team sport federations on a technical level and all involved were very positive about the results.

Workshop 1: EHF Event Manager/Delegate's Profile

Workshop 2: EHF Referee Profile – Referee of the Future

Workshop 3: Cooperation Referees and Delegates

Workshop 4: Education and Further Training of Refs/Del in the Future

Workshop 5: Trend Analysis of the Game/Refereeing

Workshop 6: Referees/Delegates in Basketball

To close the event, the results of the discussions were presented and the participants made a symbolic agreement to fulfil all EHF competition related tasks in the interest of professional European handball event management, the guidelines of which are summarised in a special EHF event publication, the "EHF Event Management Toolkit".

2005 EHF Referees' & Delegates' Convention

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Workshops & Working Groups

EHF Experts Group on Beach Handball - 18/19 February

In February the Beach Handball Experts Group met in Vienna to attend a two day meeting at the EHF Headquarters. The future perspective of the expert group is to make Beach Handball Olympic. Members from both the Methods and Competitions Commissions contributed to a full agenda that began with the structure of Beach Handball. The meeting covered all areas of Beach Handball: philosophy, rules and regulations, organisation, finances, competitions and further procedure. A proposal with suggestions on how to take Beach Handball forward has been presented to the Executive Committee.

Compensation for Education – 25/26 April

In 2004 there were many changes in regards to education compensation; motions passed at the EHF Congress in Cyprus were ratified at the EHF Extraordinary Congress in Budapest. Since then the EHF has dealt with many Education Compensation cases. However, some EHF Member Federations continue to have difficulties surrounding the topic. In response, the working group for Education Compensation was held in Vienna in April in order to discuss the situation and possible solutions that stay within the legal boundaries of the European Union and also benefits all parties involved. Due to the intricacies subject, the issue remains in process. The working group will reconvene in January 2006.

Qualification system for the ECh – 25/26 April

Another meeting held in April was the working group dealing with the Qualification system for the European Championships, led by the Competitions Commission Chairman – Jan Tuik. Topics on the agenda included a review of the playing systems past and present. Economics, Media presence, the international calendar as well as other issues were discussed amongst the participants who met in Vienna. The proposals of the working group are the basis for a respective motion that will be put to the EHF Congress in 2006.



Workshops & Working Groups

Anti Doping

On the 15th October 2005, Hans Holdhaus (IHF MC) was invited to inform the European Handball Federation on open questions directly related to the topic of Anti Doping. A brief summary on the whole situation, concentrating on the new IHF anti doping regulations, was given to the EHF, this was supported by other documentation and new information. One of the aspects under discussion were doping controls during EHF matches, which are organised by national federations, clubs, authorities, without the knowledge of the EHF. The suggestions made within the briefing session are all under consideration and the EHF will continue to make positive steps to tackling such problems within handball.

European Championship Workshops SUI & SWE 2006 / NOR & MKD 2008

The European handball community are aware that the workshops organised in partnership, by the EHF and the event organiser are an important part of the preparation for European Championships. This is a step-by-step process in the run up to a big event.

Cooperation between the EHF and the SUI Organising Committee has been intense during the final preparation stage. Over the past 8 months numerous workshops, meetings and inspections have taken place between the EHF, the SUI OC and all the various partners including Infront, where the various issues including general administration, finance and venues were finalised.

In preparation for the 7th Women's European Championship in Sweden scheduled for December 2006, the EHF has already concluded three workshops along with a technical inspection tour leading up to March 2005. During this workshop issues surrounding accreditation, match schedule and the final round draw as well as other logistical questions were clarified.

In 2005 not only did the EHF work intensively on the preparations for EURO 2006; the preparations for EURO 2008 are also underway. The venue approval inspection was carried out in June for the Men's European Championship in Norway and for the Women's ECh in FYRO Macedonia; the inspection was carried out in October. Topics on the agenda for both the meetings in FYRO Macedonia and in Norway were the EURO websites, logos and mascots and the organisational contracts between the EHF and the organising Member Federations.

During the workshop in Norway, friendly matches were organised and took place at the Oslo Spectrum, one of the approved halls being used for this event. The MKD OC is well supported by political bodies/authorities in the country. During the visit receptions at the offices of the President, the Prime Minister as well as the Mayors of Skopje, Kumanovo and Ohrid were scheduled.



Workshops & Working Groups

European Open Workshops Review M19 SWE / Preview W18

The workshop which took place in October began with a preview of the W18 European Open which will take place in Gothenburg/SWE from the 3rd – 9th July 2006. Stefan Albrechtson represented the Swedish Organising Committee in Vienna. Topics discussed relating to W18 administration issues included accommodation, ceremonies and cost. The issues surrounding the M19 European Open, which took place under the umbrella of the Partille Cup in July 2005, were reviewed thoroughly so that improvements can be made for the forthcoming competition.

IHF / EHF Transfer Matters

In May, the EHF transfers department - led by Doru Simion - met with Patric Strub (IHF Transfers) at the EHF headquarters in Vienna to discuss various topics of consequence in relation to the IHF Transfer Regulations. On the agenda was a review of transfer development over the past year, the situation regarding continental and intercontinental transfers as well as the release of players to their national team. Cooperation between the IHF and the EHF remains on a high echelon, the meeting was supported with statistics from both the IHF and the EHF. In the realm of daily transfer business, the exchange of information is to be expanded.



Beach European Championship – GER

The 2006 Beach Handball European Championships will take place from the 11th – 16th July in Cuxhaven/GER. The first workshop, which included a venue inspection, took place at the Hotel Seelust in Cuxhaven in August. Michael Wiederer and Peter Fröschl represented the EHF and they met with Ulrich Strombach - DHB President, Michael Giehrl - Chairman DHB Beach Handball as well as other Deutscher Handballbund (DHB) representatives. The EHF is pleased that the 2006 Beach Handball EChs will coincide with the Centenary Celebration of the club TSV Altenwalde, who have helped to organise the German Beach Handball Championships for the 7th year and who will serve as a local organiser for the 2006 EChs.



Workshops & Working Groups

Men's Champions League

In September, the Men's Champions League Club Workshop took place in Vienna. The workshop was attended by 44 participants from 32 different clubs. The goal of the workshop was to provide all teams with an information update regarding Champions League TV rights, marketing activities, and materials concerning the 2005/06 competition. In a season that saw the top event draw take place in Barcelona in July, the workshop gave the teams the possibility to make first contact and arrangements with their upcoming opponents. In an effort to continuously develop the Champions League competition another aim of this year's workshop was the exchange of ideas concerning further development of the product Champions League in terms of TV, marketing, playing halls, floors, etc.

Education Group

The EHF Education Group was founded through joint cooperation between the Competitions Commission and the Methods Commissions in order to focus on important issues affecting the EHF referees and delegates. The group is staffed with joint Chairmen Jan Tuik (CC/NED) and Frantisek Taborsky (MC/CZE). Two additional EHF commission members, Sandor Andorka (CC Member - Referees/HUN) and Wolfgang Pollany (MC Member - Education/AUT) complete the Education Group.

In 2005 the EHF Education Group met on three separate occasions to tackle key topics such as referee mentoring, course concepts, education and further training basics. Currently there are 10 referee mentors who hold EHF Lecturer status, in place to guide the referees in their tasks. Other issues include the implementation of a more involved educational curriculum including the introduction of examinations for the referees and delegates. Projects in realisation phase include the organisation of regional delegate courses as well as a new referee evaluation system.

European Masters Handball Championship Workshop

In November the first workshop for the 2006 European Masters Handball Championships took place in Hungary. The competition organisers and representatives from the EHF met in the city hall of Győr. Items on the agenda were competition matters, the contractual agreement and task distribution amongst other things. The workshop revolved around the organisation of the competition that will take place in June 2006. The Championship is for both men's and women's teams and staged under four age categories. The men's categories are +35 and +45 years and the women's categories are +33 and +43 years.



Courses

EHF Youth Coaches Course

The 7th EHF Youth Coaches course took place from the 25th-28th August 2005 during a Younger Age Category competition. The long-standing course welcomed over 90 participants from across three continents. Once again the course focused on the theoretical and practical points in handball. The course welcomed the coaches who work with the younger teams on a regular basis. Experts from the fields of Handball, Basketball, and Ice Hockey were on hand to give professional advice.

EHF Lecturers' Seminar

EHF Lecturers from across Europe met during the Women's 17 European Championship in Vienna / AUT to attend the seminar that ran, in part, parallel to the EHF Youth Coaches Course. The topics on the agenda included *Methods and Coaching*, *School Handball* and *Development* as well as *Education* and *Further Training*. With the focus on development and the work involved in the Younger Age Categories, the participating EHF Lecturers discussed new ideas and their visions for the future.

Beach Handball courses

From the 18th – 21st August 2005 in the town of Balatonboglar (HUN), a Beach Handball educational extravaganza took place. Three courses which took place alongside each other were organised in cooperation with the Hungarian Handball Federation welcomed guests from across Europe to hear members from the Beach Handball team of experts; J. Guerrero (ESP), W. Pollany (AUT), O. Jorstad (NOR), lecture in their specialist topic areas. The 1st Beach Handball Coaches Course focused on practical exercises. The organisers also arranged a Beach Handball Tournament that was followed up with a workshop and evaluation. The 3rd Beach Handball Delegates Course centred on the requirements of being a Beach Handball observer, the participants then completed theoretical and practical tests. The participants of the Beach Handball Referees Candidates – Course No°4 reviewed the Beach Handball rules in depth and completed an examination. The participants in each of the courses held over the weekend also participated in group lectures and discussions. L. Sinka (HUN) opened the event and J. Guerrero (ESP) brought the event to a close.



Courses

2005 EHF "Pilot Course" for Handball Delegates

The 2005 EHF "Pilot Course" for Handball Delegates took place on 24th-27th November 2005 in Kiev (UKR). The Pilot Course was organised parallel to the Turchin Cup 2005 (Women's 4 Nation Tournament). Seventeen participants from 10 different nations - including 3 former female Olympic Gold Medallists - took part in the EHF Pilot Course. The main topics of the course were event management, rules and regulations, and communication & interaction between delegates and referees. The EHF was represented by Jan Tuik - EHF CC Chairman, Sandor Andorka - EHF CC Member, and Wolfgang Pollany - EHF MC Member. The objective of the 2005 EHF "Pilot Course" for Handball Delegates was to increase the quality and performance of delegates, teach delegates about the ins and outs of the task in hand and intensify the contact with the EHF. All participants undertook an examination on the rules and regulations as part of the course.



Meetings



Intercontinental Meeting of Managers

On the 22nd - 23rd April 2005, a working session focusing on business matters was held. In an effort to promote and expand intercontinental communication based on a unanimous initiative by the continental federation managers, the 1st edition of the Intercontinental Meeting of Managers took place at the EHF headquarters in Vienna/AUT. In attendance were the Secretaries General and managing directors from the Continental Federations of Pan America, Oceania, Asia and Europe.

EHF Finance Delegation – IHF EXEC

The EHF Finance Delegation held meetings with the IHF Executive which underlined the exchange of information between the two organisations. As a sign of a more intensive cooperation between the IHF and the EHF it was decided that meetings will take place on a regular basis, to be coordinated and organised jointly.

European Masters Sports Association

The European Sports Masters Association is a non-profit organisation founded in 2002 with the common goal of organising European Masters Games for all member sports with veteran activities. The members of the organisation met on numerous occasions, cumulating in a General Assembly that was held in October 2005. During the General Assembly held in Rüsselsheim in Germany, where topics such as the 2008 Master Games were discussed, J. Ambrus – in the EHF Executive in charge of Masters Activities, was elected as Vice President of EMSA.



Cooperation Visit – BIH & GRE

In continuing efforts to strengthen ties between the EHF and its Member Federations, EHF President Lian made a 2 day cooperation visit by invitation to Bosnia Herzegovina. Positive discussions surrounding the International Doboj Tournament took place between the President and the representatives from the Handball Federation of Bosnia Herzegovina as well as other political and sport political authorities. Michael Wiederer represented the EHF on a cooperation visit to Greece in December 2005. Meetings were held with the Greek Federation (HHF) and sport authorities.



Anniversaries – LTU and AUT

The year 2005 saw two member federations celebrate their national federation anniversary. Both national federations celebrated in style with a grand event in their respective countries. In April, Lietuvos Rankinio Federacija celebrated 50 golden years of Lithuanian Handball. Secretary General Wiederer was in attendance on behalf of the EHF. The Österreichischer Handballbund commemorated their 80th anniversary in May with the EHF President Lian representing the EHF.



European Team Sports Federation Meeting

In February the European Teams Sports Federations met in Luxemburg to discuss matters of common interest. The group currently comprise of the sports Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Ice Hockey and Handball. The EHF President and Secretary General represented the European Handball Federation.



The EU and Sport

Within Europe the issue of sport and politics remains very complex in certain areas of the business. For this reason, meetings organised in 2005 were very well attended by the various European Sports Federations. The EHF Executive representative Vice President Brihault attended the meetings which took place in Brussels.

Meetings

EHF Bodies

EHF Executive Committee

26.02 – 27.02	Bozen/ITA
27.05 – 28.05	Vienna/AUT
23.09 – 25.09	Vilamoura/POR
18.11	Vienna/AUT
16.12 – 18.12	St. Petersburg/RUS

In 2005, the EHF Executive Committee met a total of 5 times.

EHF Finance Delegation

11.03	Vienna/AUT
15.06	Vienna/AUT
06.07	Lignano/ITA
10.09	Vitznau/SUI
18.11	Vienna/AUT

In 2005, the EHF Finance Delegation met on 5 occasions.

EHF Methods Commission

07.01 – 08.01	Vienna/AUT
29.04 – 30.04	Vienna/AUT
14.10 – 15.10	Vienna/AUT

In 2005, the EHF Methods Commission met on 3 occasions.

EHF Competitions Commission

09.01 – 10.01	Vienna/AUT
03.05 – 04.05	Vienna/AUT
08.08 – 09.08	Vienna/AUT
15.10 – 16.10	Vienna/AUT

In 2005, the EHF Competitions Commission met a total of 4 times.

EHF Court of Appeal

19.03 – 20.03	Vienna/AUT
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EHF Comptrollers

18.04 – 19.04	Vienna/AUT
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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 and having become a benchmark in handball top events.



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. In 2005, the close partnership continued with a number of coordination meetings, one of which was held at the adidas headquarters in Herzogenaurach/GER. 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 was signed 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 worldwide. 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.

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Information & Communication

It is also the duty of the European Handball Federation to act as the common voice for the European Handball Member Federations and represent the entire European handball family on the international sporting stage. With this in mind, there is no getting away from the fact that communications and all that the area entails play a decisive and crucial role in these processes.

As announced in the 2004 Annual Report, the strengthening of the image of the sport of handball was a major point on the 2005 EHF agenda. The EHF is well aware of the fact that the image of the sport directly correlates with the messages which are sent out to the "outside" world. Experience has taught us that the communications strategy of the EHF and the corporate and brand images that the EHF project; have to be continuously worked on, accessed, improved and developed.

The strategy, which the EHF follows is of a pro-active nature, continually developing to take account of developments in technology and changes in the sporting market. The vast majority of the EHF information 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.

The EHF still uses traditional communication channels, like regular news editions and printed publications and as mentioned before in this text, modern tools are complementing these methods more and more. The online strategy of the EHF saw considerable changes in 2005, the year was decisive in establishing the path for the next few years if not decade. In 2006 more is planned, especially in the area of web activities.



Publications

In 2005 the EHF has produced over 20 publications, ranging from our regular booklets produced every season such as the EC address books, the EHF address guide and a slimmer version of the Champions League regulations. In addition to this there has also been the wall calendar, the annual report and the European Championship guides. This year has seen a wealth of activity for the EHF and this has all been documented in the form of guides, CD ROM and DVD analyses and general documentation.

Publications 2005 – CD ROM

2005 EHF Referees and Delegates Convention
2005 European Masters Handball Championship in ESP
2005 Youth Coaches Course in AUT
2005 EHF Beach Handball Course for Referees, Delegates and Coaches in HUN
2005 EHF Lecturers Seminar in AUT
2005 Women's 17 European Handball Championship Analysis
2005 EHF Workshop - Summer Camps – in GER
2005 EHF "Pilot Course" for Handball Delegates in UKR
4th EHF Conference for Secretaries General
European Cup Results 2004/2005
EHF Marketing GmbH and Champions League – Corporate Identity
7th EHF Conference of Presidents

Publications 2005 – other mediums

Note book for handball tactics
EHF Marketing GmbH – Brochure
2005 EHF Workshop - Summer Camps – in GER (DVD)
EHF Event Management Tool Kit

Specials

The new EHF bag incorporating EHF Marketing GmbH
The pocket sized match guide to accompany the EURO 06 guide

Event Publications

European Championship Guides

European Open M19
European Championship W17
Euro06



European Handball Federation Websites

EHF on the WEB at eurohandball

The website service of the European Handball Federation has expanded rapidly over a relatively short period of time. The website *eurohandball.com* reaches the widest audience of all the communication tools used by the EHF, it is of prime importance that the desired messages and image of the EHF are projected. It is for this reason why the EHF has chosen to expand and invest into this channel of communication quite considerably. The traditional *eurohandball.com* site has been developed to encompass sub-domains under the well-known and positioned eurohandball name.

These sub domains include: *Champions League Official Website, European Beach Tour, Activities, European Cup* (early 2006). In addition to this the euro website for senior European Championships have also been developed to encompass the preparatory period prior to the Championships. Essentially this means that there is a euro event website (managed jointly with the respective organiser) continuously present on eurohandball.com.

www.euro06.com

The European Championship Official Website was originally launched for the 2002 Men's European Championship in Sweden. In a joint venture, together with TV and Marketing Partner Infront Sports & Media, the EHF set about presenting its top event on the sporting market in an ambitious online initiative. The site has since gone from strength to strength, with the figures proving that there is a huge demand for such a service. In both the 2004 Men's and Women's European Championship the figures topped 40 million hits.

The EHF went one better in 2005 by launching the site for the 2006 Men's European Championship in partnership with the Organiser one year before the event. The site can be found at *www.euro06.com* and will reach its peak during the Championship in January/February.



European Handball Federation Websites

championsleague.eurohandball.com

The site was launched in January 2005, with the aim to introduce a non sport-political website focused solely on the elite Handball Champions League. This has been seen as a big step in the product development of the Champions League, bringing news and team information to handball fans around the world. The EHF works with a network of correspondents from around Europe to offer this service. These are then posted with the author's name on the site. The EHF also works closely with the Champions League clubs to offer team information. The match and player information available was considerably increased in the second half of 2005.

The EHF was also proud of the live streaming features which were offered on the domain in the latter part of 2005. Together with TV partner DR, the draw for the Men's Champions League Group Matches was streamed live from Barcelona. This was followed by the TV Champions League Highlights Magazine in November. More is to follow in 2006.

europeancup.eurohandball.com/ec.eurohandball.com

In 2005, the next step was taken for a site dedicated to the European Cup competitions to complement its "big brother" Champions League. This site will be very similar to the Champions League site, adding to the product value of the European Cups. There will be news (provided by both the EHF and clubs), match information, statistics and interactive fun features.

activities.eurohandball.com

The site was launched in September 2005, with the aim to send the message that "handball is for all", with handball information available for everybody. A vast platform for methodical handball information to download. Information which was previously limited to the select few is now available to all handball enthusiasts to develop handball further. 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. The user can gain a greater insight into who is who within this area of the EHF, which brings the user closer to the people working in this field.



Referees

Awarding of the status “EHF Referee”

In the 2004/05 season there were a total of 152 International referee couples from 39 EHF member federations. Further candidates will be observed during the course of the season 2005/06.

This year, the EHF has bid farewell to referees that have retired and to referees who have made the decision to terminate their EHF Referee careers on personal grounds. Due to a relatively large number of observations that took place across Europe, in addition to the 3rd EHF Candidates Course for Female Referees, the following newly qualified refereeing couples are available:

Referees

Radojko Brkic / Andrej Jusufhodzic (AUT)
Reyhan Nabieva / Irina Franchuk (AZE)
Vjekoslav Lovric / Hrvoje Petkovic (CRO)
Claus Gramm Pedersen / Henrik Mortensen (DEN)
Enrique Rios (ESP) / new partner of Cristina Fernandez
Urmo Sitsi / Toomas Heinla (EST)
Dimitrios Tsakonas / Athanasios Haskis (GRE)
Eydun Samuelsen / Andreas Hansen (FAR)
Ferenc Bonifert (HUN) / new partner of Viktor Oláh
Ivars Cernavskis / Edmunds Bogdanovs (LAT)
Vaidas Mazeika / Mindaugas Gatelis (LTU)
Joe Leyder / Marc Jung (LUX)
Dorjan Sirbu / Valentin Suponicov (MDA)
Gjorgji Nachevski / Slavco Nikolov (MKD)
Michal Malek / Arkadiusz Nowak (POL)
Andrej Kaveshnikov / Peter Plotnikov (RUS)
Evgenij Zotin / Nikolay Volodkov (RUS)
Jure Cvetko / Brstin Kavalar (SLO)
Rikard Canbro / Mikael Claesson (SWE)
Anatolij Mishchuk / Valeriy Rozhkov (UKR)

EHF Lecturer

Vujnovic (CRO)
Vujnovic (CRO)
Andorka (HUN)
Masi (ITA)
Bürgi (SUI)
Vujnovic (CRO)
Christensen (DEN)
Anthonsen (NOR)
Jug (SLO)
Vujnovic (CRO)
Vujnovic (CRO)
Lang (AUT)
Vujnovic (CRO)
Jörgensen (DEN)
Christensen (DEN)
Vujnovic (CRO)
Vujnovic (CRO)
Jörgensen (DEN)
Jörgensen (DEN)
Jug (SLO)



The 3rd EHF Candidates Course for Female Referees Jicin/CZE

The course, held in March, was dedicated to the practical and theoretical education of the candidates. Under the direction and tutelage of F. Taborsky and S. Andorka, the course was carried out parallel to a handball tournament held in the Czech Republic, which was very well organised and in turn offered excellent conditions for the course. From the 4 nominated referee pairs the following 2 pairs were successful:

Referees

Katalin Pech / Maria Vagvölgyi (HUN)
Valerija Guseva / Stella Vartanijan (RUS)

EHF-Lecturer

Taborsky (CZE)
Andorka (HUN)

The EHF welcomed Miklos Andorka / Robert Hucker (HUN) - another referee pair who received their status during the Women's 17 European Championship in AUT

Referees

In 2005 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.

Jan Boye / Bjarne-Munk Jensen (DEN)
Fotis Bavas (GRE)
Dragan Nachevski (MKD)
Rajko Imbronjev (SCG)
Dimitri Stegura (UKR)

Angel Pablo Permuy (ESP)
Gudjon Sigurdsson / Olafur Haraldsson (ISL)
Andrzej Dutka / Zbigniew Uszynski (POL)
Jan Beno / Vladimir Rancik (SVK)

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

New European referees with IHF Status

Due to the fact that the existing IHF referees in Europe are slowly passing the age limit for nomination to IHF competitions on a junior level, it was necessary to make an effort in refreshing the list of European referees with IHF status with some new and rather "young faces". For this reason the following IHF referee courses were held parallel to the respective tournaments:

2005 Women's U20 World Championship – Qualification Europe (Group 2)

In Abbeville-Paris/FRA:

Boris Satordzija / Sasa Pandzic (BIH) and Jan Erik Leandersson / Mikael Lindroos (FIN)
IHF Lecturer: Prause (GER)

2005 Men's U21 World Championship – Qualification Europe (Group 7)

In Oborniki Wielkopolskie/POL:

Lars Geipel / Marcus Helbig (GER) and Peter Brunovsky / Vladimir Canda (SVK)
IHF Lecturer: Andorka (HUN)

Flanders Handball Cup In Antwerpen/BEL:

Kenneth Hansen / Terje Eriksen (NOR), Constantin Din / Sorin Llaurentiu Dinu (ROM) and Eduard Borisov / Sergej Tarasikov (RUS)
IHF Lecturer: Prause (GER)

Young Referees' Programme

The EHF has organised a total of 6 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.

PRAGUE CUP (Prague/CZE) 24 – 28 March 2005

Eight YR couples took part in the event:

Marijan Karaula / Tomislav Matic (CRO)	Bedrich Frieser / Lukas Frieser (CZE)
Mathilde Barbier / Aurore DeMichele (FRA)	Zoltan Arokszallasi / Csaba Janaky (HUN)
Dorian Sirbu / Valentin Suponicov (MDA)	Cristina Nastase / Simona Anton Raluca (ROM)
Brane Bozic / Ozren Backovic (SLO)	Boris Cipov / Martin Pastierik (SVK)

MEDITERRANEAN CUP (Rijeka, Opatija, Lovran and Matulji/CRO) 22-26 June 2005

Six YR couples took part in the event:

Helena Crnojevic / Emina Kostecki (CRO)	Marijan Karaula / Tomislav Matic (CRO)
Jiri Blanicky / David Slezinger (CZE)	Tamas Szekely / Gergely Vattay (HUN)
Igor Cavor / Mladen Beharevic (SCG)	Urban Krajnc / Saso Kmet (SLO)



Referees

GRANOLLERS CUP (Granollers/ESP) 24-28 June 2005

Five YR couples took part in the event:

Anders Birch / Dennis Stenrand (DEN)
Ion Bustamente / Fermin Pascualena (ESP)
Ioanna Papamattheou / Evaggelos Syrepisios (GRE)
Elvis Osmanovic / Ismar Slomic (NOR)
Daniel Accoto Martins / Roberto Accoto Martins (POR)

EUROPEAN YOUTH OLYMPIC FESTIVAL (Lignano-Sabbiadoro/ITA) 2-9 July 2005

Six YR couples took part in the event:

Stefan Stangl / Herwig Kovacic (AUT)
Morten Madsen / Peter Hansen (DEN)
Marcello Albergoni / Gennaro Longobardi (ITA)
Igor Yamalijnov / Alexandr Smirnov (RUS)
Vanja Dimitrijevic / Jelena Jakovljevic (SCG)
Rok Kikel / Rok Zupan (SLO)

EUROPEAN OPEN MEN 19 & EUROPEAN MEN'S YOUTH CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (Gothenburg/SWE) 5-9/10 July 2005

Sixteen YR couples and two EHF couples took part in the event:

Bedrich Frieser / Lukas Frieser (CZE)	Robert Schulze / Tobias Tönnies (GER)
Gábor Hargitai / Gábor Marko (HUN)	Svavar Petursson / Arnar Sigurjonsson (ISL)
Dimitar Mitrevski / Blagojce Todorovski (MKD)	Dennis Oxaas / Lars Jorum (NOR)
Duarte Dos Santos / Ricardo Fonseca (POR)	Pascu Doru Manea / Radu Iliescu (ROM)
Anton Pavlyukov / Dmitry Yampolsky (RUS)	Ivan Mosorinski / Aleksandar Pandjic (SCG)
David McCreddie / Kenneth McManus (SCO)	David Wyss / Kevin Zowa (SUI)
Boris Mandak / Mario Rudinsky (SVK)	Michael Johansson / Jasmin Kliko (SWE)
Marcus Winberg / Gattas Malki (SWE)	Anil Eglengül / Cengiz Ömer (TUR)
Martin Gjeding / Mads Hansen (DEN - EHF)	Kim Andersen / Per Morten Södal (NOR - EHF)



Young Referees Programme and Delegates' Course

Five up and coming referee couples were selected for the Challenge Trophy event in Dublin /IRL as part of the Young Referees' Programme. They took part in a week long course which was a mix of practical learning, followed by feedback and theoretical sessions. The EHF Delegates also took part in a course, learning vital skills for the job as an EHF Delegate and gaining valuable experience. Jan Tuik, Competitions Commission Chairman and Sandor Andorka, Competitions Commission Refereeing were on hand to lead the participants through the week. The Men's Challenge Trophy took place in Dublin/IRL from 25th - 30th October 2005. The 5 YR couples that took part in the event were:

Alex Vad / Per Krabbe (DEN)
Loic Rieu / Vincent Rieu (FRA)
Igor Covalciuc / Alexei Covalciuc (MDA)
Goncalo Santos / Filipe Santos (POR)
Pascal Guyot / Lukas Stalder (SUI)

Transfers

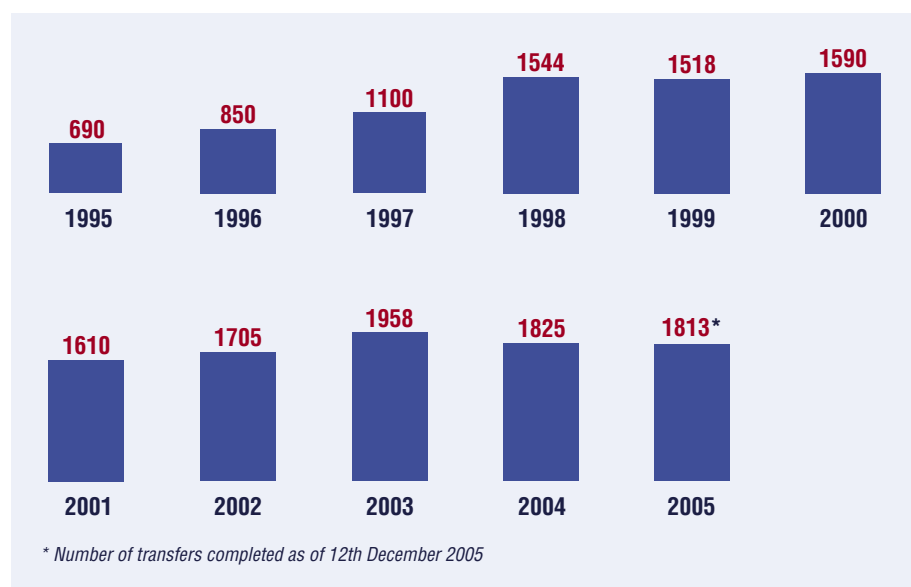
The international transfer system is based on the IHF Regulations. The European Handball Federation has made a substantial contribution to this work, due to the many European transfers.

In this field, it is the EHF responsibility to ensure that players change clubs correctly and that both national and international competitions are beyond reproach. 2005 saw an increase in the number of players changing clubs.

A significant change in the area of transfers is the age structure. More and more younger players are moving to a club in a different country, which puts education compensation on the agenda.

The EHF processes the requested transfer according to the regulations and attempts to secure the release of players for national team duties. The working processes, decisions of the first instance and the service offered in connection to the federations are all part of this area of handball business.

The figures depict the actual developments in this area.



Development

“SMART” Programme

In 2005, the EHF continued in their efforts to support the developing nations and improve the level of handball in all corners of Europe. The core of this project is to aid developing nations by donating handball materials and facilitating “know-how transfer” by means of expert lecturers. The EHF “SMART” project has progressed in their activities and has managed to assist thirteen nations who have received between them: 400 balls, 7 Beach Handball line systems, 14 goals and 5 lecturers have shared the benefits of their knowledge. Handball nations currently benefiting from this programme include Albania, Azerbaijan, Bosnia Herzegovina and Moldova.

The next step within the development of the “SMART” project is the EHF Foster Project, the philosophy of which is 1+1+1=4. This project aims to guarantee the continued development of the countries who were assisted in the SMART project. This philosophy stands for the cooperation between well established nations + developing nations + the EHF aiming for the maximum outcome. The EHF Foster project is the next step after EHF short or long term support with the idea to establish cooperation mainly between two national federations by providing further guidance and support.

The “RINCK” Convention

Born from the dedication and design of the former EHF Methods Commission chairman Claude Rinck, the Rinck Convention founded in 1997 was the response to a European Union initiative concerning the mutual recognition of standards and certificates in the field of coaches' education in handball in Europe. The EHF is proud to have 69 top coaches who have earned the title of “EHF Master Coach”

In addition to the fourteen members at the start of the year, BEL, NED, ISL, SUI and TUR have shown significant interest in the convention and its works. The issue of membership will be discussed further.



Handball at School

In 2005, the EHF working group for the project of Handball at Schools carried out two sittings in April and October of this year. The topics up for discussion were the motivation of teachers and parents, motivation of students and teachers, in addition to publications and the "Handball at School package". The participants included EHF Lecturers: Hjorth (DEN), Sevim (TUR) and Zvonarek (CRO), MC Representatives: Taborsky and Frenkel and the CC representative Guerrero.

In 2006 the EHF will organise a conference dedicated to Handball at School during the M20 European Championship in August. The representatives of the area "Handball at School" of the national federations as well as external experts shall be invited to come together and to share their opinion and experience in order to collect different ideas and to learn from already existing national projects.

Summer Camp – How to Organise a Summer Camp

The EHF is convinced that the future of our sport lies in the hands of our handball youngsters. Summer Camps focused on handball and offering adequate games combined with fun, life time sport activities and education concerning fair play, ethics and moral in sport and social life has been established in various European countries. From the 11th – 14th August 2005, the EHF invited European Member Federations to participate in the EHF Workshop on Summer Camps in order to get some backstage experience. In a joint effort with Klaus Feldmann (Handball-Akademie.de), the workshop was led by Itzhak Frenkel (EHF MC Member) and Wolfgang Pollany (EHF MC Member) and took place in Kronburg (GER).



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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 an 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.

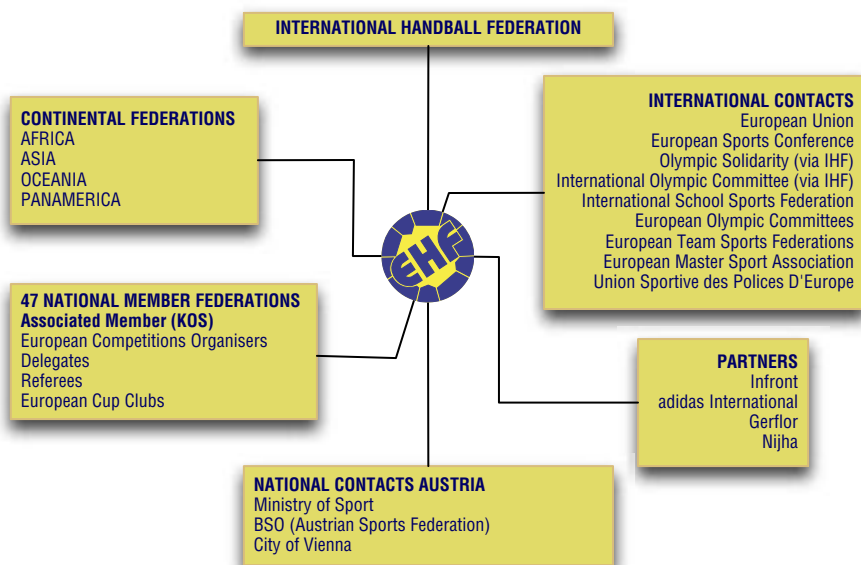
Now in its 14th year, the EHF has made remarkable progress in all areas of handball development. This has meant that the original EHF structure has been adapted to keep up with all the new developments and trends in the field of European handball. The EHF has faced adversity in many areas and has also celebrated their successes on numerous occasions.

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

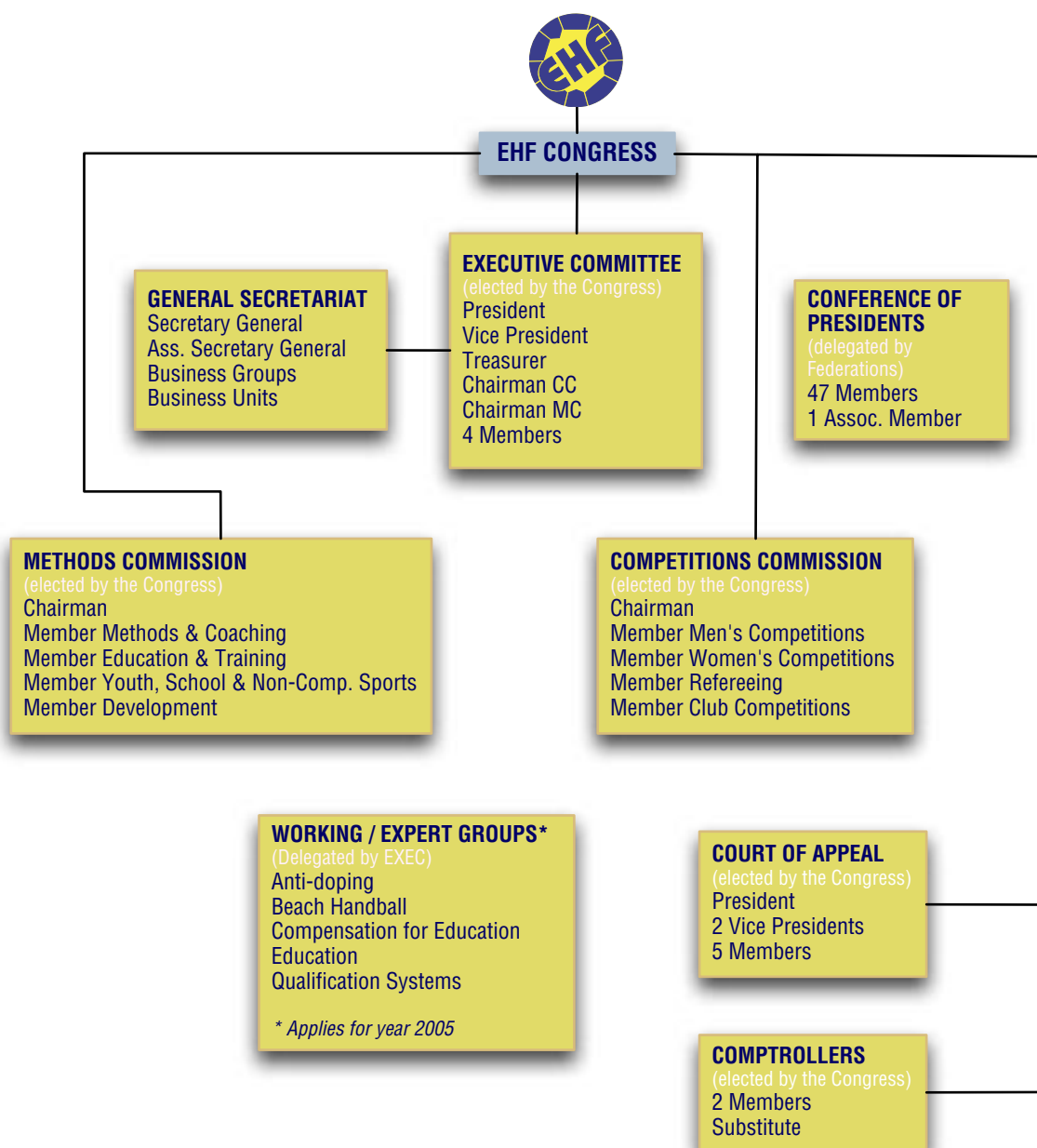
In 2005, the EHF organised two large conferences and a convention, where representatives from the member federations were invited to Vienna and took part in discussions that were held not only to inform but to help the EHF improve the service that handball community receives.

Modifications within Europe have led to changes within the EHF, now joining the 47 member federations in 2005 is an associated federation and others are waiting to join. In addition, there are now 28 members of staff contributing on a full time and part time basis to the product handball on behalf of the National Federations in comparison to the 5 full time staff members 10 years ago. The EHF headquarters is being 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 elected bodies which include the commissions responsible for all aspects of the sport work in close cooperation with the professionals who handle the daily business at the EHF Vienna headquarters. The working relationship between all involved continues to contribute to the development of European handball.



Corporate Network



EHF Executive & Commissions



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Jean Bribault



Ralf Dejaco



Jan Tuik



Frantisek Taborsky



Laszlo Sinka



Arne Elovsson



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



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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

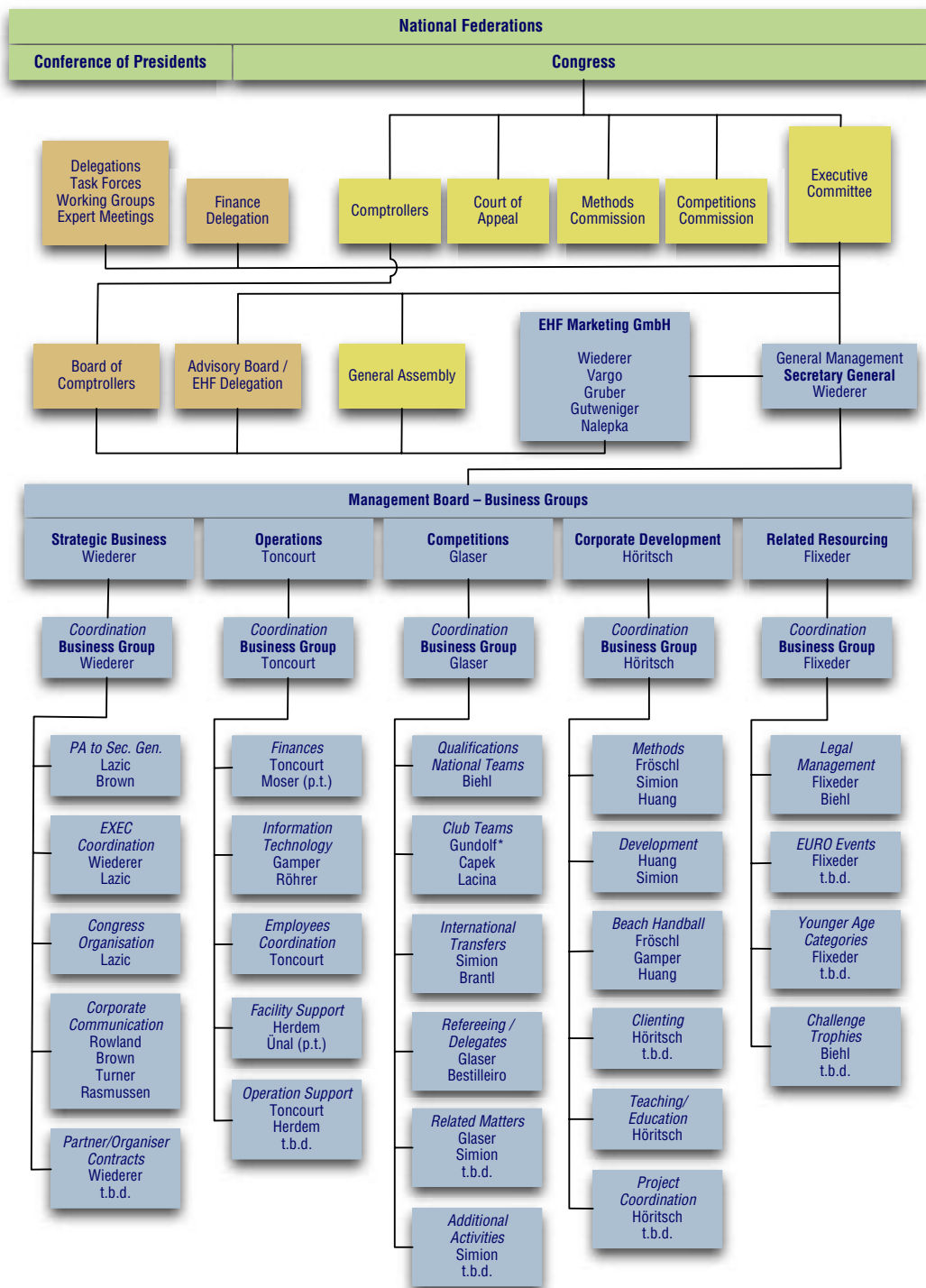
Comptrollers

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

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

Office Structure



* maternity leave & part time for CL refereeing
 p.t. part time
 t.b.d. to be delegated

A look at the EHF Staff



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Christoph Gamper



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Nicole Huang



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Andrea Moser



Marcos Bestilleiro



Claudia Brantl



Nadja Lacina



Marsha Brown



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Stine Rasmussen



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Nurten Ünal



Nicole Gundolf *

* Maternity leave

EHF Marketing GmbH



EHF Marketing focuses on European club handball. The EHF international club competitions have come a long way since they were introduced to the sporting market in 1993. All four competitions – Champions League, EHF Cup, Cup Winners' Cup, Challenge Cup – will be marketed by the company, which will however primarily concentrate in the first phase on the further development of the Handball Champions League and the intensifying of the product placement.

Tor Lian, President of the EHF and Chairman of the EHF Marketing Advisory Board, sees the establishment of this “daughter company” as, “.... a positive development for club competitions, especially in terms of the further development of the Champions League, which has gone from strength to strength in the past two seasons with substantial increases and positive progression in TV and media presence. The company will be fully overseen by the EHF, which has – since its foundation in 1991- been a success story, working with the 47 Member Federations and in close cooperation with the top clubs to develop handball on the sporting stage, investing resources in gaining and securing its position on the competitive market.”

EHF Marketing GmbH (EHFM) operates from the EHF Headquarters in Vienna, Austria and be directed by the Managing Director and EHF Secretary General Michael Wiederer, supported by Senior Manager Peter Vargo, Manager Nicole Gruber and two further Marketing Assistants. The Mission Statement of the Company declares to professionally market European club competitions to their full extent, prioritising the Handball Champions League, representing the interest of the sport of handball, its continual growth and the clubs from all corners of the European continent, while securing the product identity and keeping the passion of the game intact.

The logo constitutes the familiar Champions League colours and what has become known as the Champions League ball – which represents the speed of the sport. The court shows the handball markings. They are unique to the sport which connects the logo to handball immediately.



The EHF Marketing Team



Michael Wiederer



Peter Vargo



Nicole Gruber



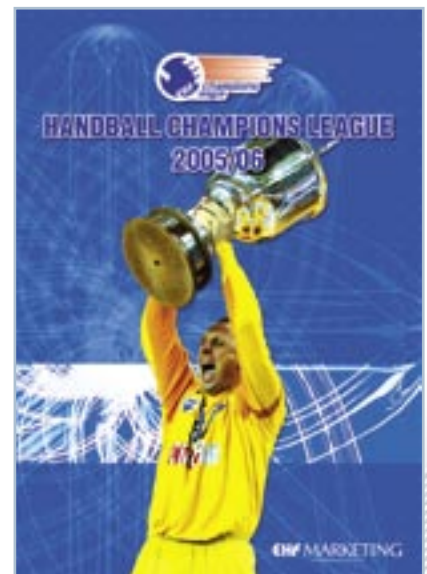
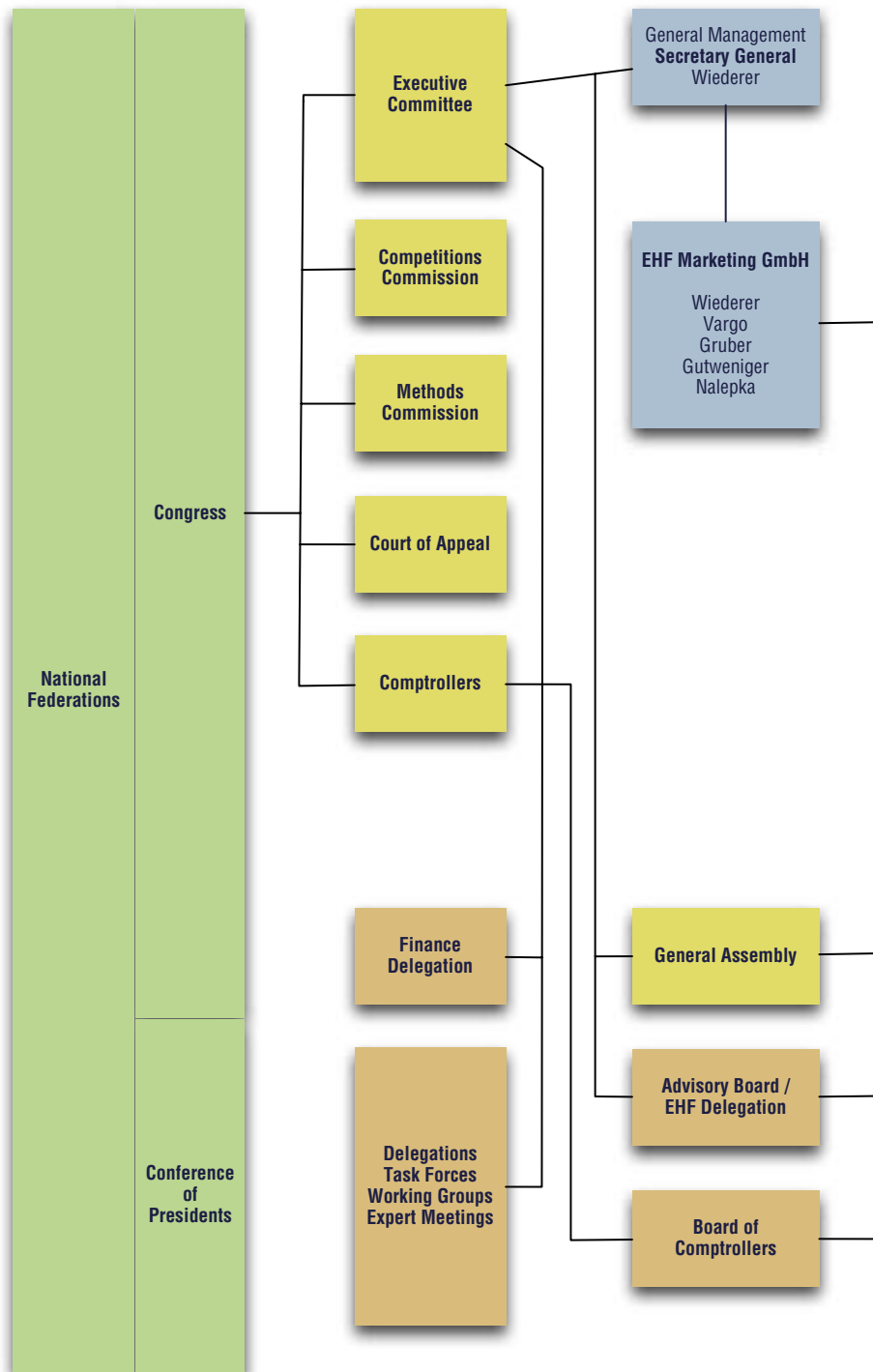
Julia Nalepka



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EHF Marketing Structure





Calendar 2006



January

Men's European Championship – SUI
Men's World Championship – Qualifications Europe
Women's Champions League
Women's European Cup
European Cup Draw

February

Men's Champions League
Men's European Cup
Women's Champions League
Women's European Cup
Men's World Championship PO Draw – Europe
European Cup Draw



March

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

April

Men's Champions League
Men's European Cup
Women's Champions League
Women's European Cup
Men's 20 European Championship – Qualifications
European Cup Draws
Women's National Team Week
Women's Challenge Trophy – BIH
Men's National Team Week



May

Women's Champions League
Women's European Cup – Final
Women's European Championship – PO
EHF Ordinary Congress - POR

June

Men's 18 European Championship – Qualification
Men's World Championship – PO Europe
European Masters Handball Championship – HUN
European Beach Tour Masters
Women's European Championship PO



Calendar 2006

July

European Cup Draw
Women's Youth Championship for Club Teams – SWE
Women's 18 European Open – SWE
Men's and Women's Beach Handball European Championship – GER



August

Men's 18 European Championship – EST
Men's 20 European Championship – AUT
Women's U18 World Championship – CAN – IHF Event

September

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

October

Men's Champions League
Men's European Cup
European Cup Draw
Women's European Cup
Men's National Team Week
Women's European Championship for Club Teams



November

Men's Champions League
Men's European Cup
Women's World Championship - Qualification Europe
Women's National Team Week
Men's European Championship for Club Teams

December

Men's European Cup
European Cup Draw
Women's European Championship - SWE
Women's World Championship - Qualification Europe
Women's World Championship PO Draw – IHF Event



Message from the EHF Secretary General

European handball continues on its way....



*Michael Wiederer
EHF Secretary General*

2005 may well already be history, but it has paved the way, both strategically and in terms of the organisational aspects for 2006. It goes without saying that the increase in and ever developing presence of the sport of handball in the media has led to an attempted rise in the exertion of influence from external parties.

This is, in no shape or form, a matter of hindrance on a technical or organisational level. The specialists present at the venues around Europe, whether it be European club competitions or an event for national teams at European Championships, continue to follow the necessary path, with 2006 being no exception. All focus and work on one prime objective; this being to present the sport of handball in the best possible light, which in turn results in a product which can secure a good position on the sporting market.

A handball match may only be played over two periods of 30 minutes, but we are responsible for the whole package, which means everything in and around the game. It is our job to create the best possible conditions for the sport – not just at the highest of levels but also for the beginner. We need to do this to secure developments and the future of the sport.

The European Handball Federation and all its employees will continue working intensively and in partnership with all parties, both on an internal and external level, in order to optimise the coming year. We have a year ahead full of sporting highlights. We will strive to offer events of the best standards and provide the best possible service on all levels.

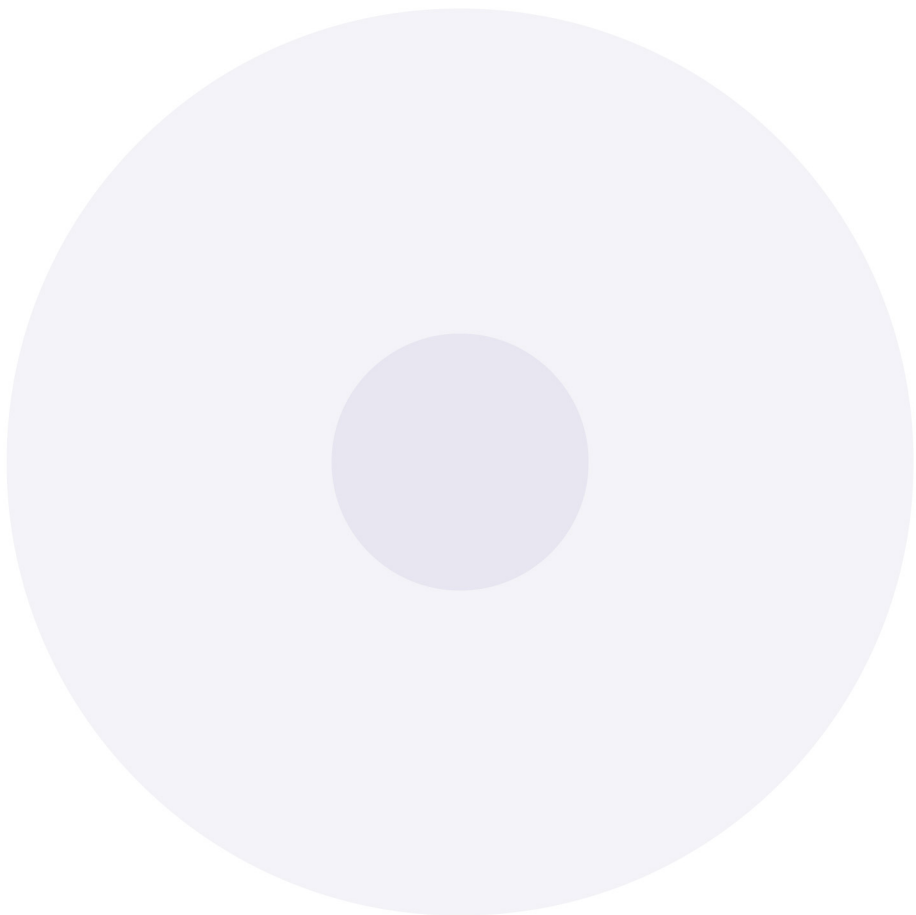
We are looking forward to European handball in 2006!

All the Best!



Michael Wiederer







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