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*2007 Annual Report*





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## Introduction from the President



Tor Lian  
EHF President

Dear Handball Friends,

The publication of this 2007 EHF Annual Report marks the end of another year and gives us the opportunity to look back at the moments of 2007, build-on the experiences and look forward to the new challenges, events and highlights which 2008 will bring with it.

### Keeping the ball rolling

Thoughts and memories of the 2006 Women's European Championship in Sweden were still fresh in the mind of many at the start of the New Year 2007. The key objective of the European Handball Federation for 2007 was "to keep the ball rolling". The year has certainly been an action-packed one with a Congress, Conference of Presidents, and a wide-spectrum of meetings taking place alongside the array of top class competitions.

### Taking on the challenge

The year ahead of us had a lot in store for us – in every shape and form and in each and every area of the sport, whether it be sporting, technical, sport-political or the mass array of marketing challenges, which the competitive sporting market, in which we move, brings with it.

It is true to say that the sport of handball has never been so popular. This surge in popularity also brings with it new and exciting challenges and we must jump on board and keep ahead of this positive trend, for the interest of our sport and its future.

The number of different interest groups within the sport, or stakeholders as they are often called, has increased in line with the ever increasing interest for the sport. This diversity and multitude of interest can only be looked upon as being a positive turn in the right direction for handball. It is irrelevant whether the stakeholders have economic or sporting goals - all share a common objective and all have handball in their heart.

Naturally, there are of course differentiations in the shape and form that the sport and its structure should take in the future. The European Handball Federation bears its mission, to act as an ambassador and catalyst for the development of the sport, in mind at all times – never losing sight of this common goal for the handball family.

### A new dimension

The 2006/2007 season marked a turning point for men's club handball – a new "fresh and clean" branding to the Handball Champions League product was placed with success on the sporting market, which has been spoken of as being a breakthrough for European club handball in general.

EHF Marketing GmbH worked in partnership with the top clubs and partners in the new conception and realisation of the Corporate Event Identity. The figures spoke volumes - over 525 hours of Men's Champions League match action was shown in the 20 countries analysed. Yet, we can't sit back and work is by no means over – we want the EHF Champions League to be celebrated by sports' fans throughout Europe.

At the time of going to press, the 2007/2008 club season is having a winter break but it will be back to delight the crowds again in February. This will surely be a highlight to look forward to in the year to come.



# Introduction from the President

Management

## Celebrate the Passion

The EHF held a Handball Champions League Gala on the 29th June 2007. The event brought over 300 guests from the top handball ranks of Europe together. The evening came under the motto of "Celebrate the Passion" and marked 15 years of EHF Champions League. This was a truly unique event with the focus on the Men's and Women's EHF Champions League Group Match Draws. The evening was dedicated to the elite of club handball and its history. A Champions Award Ceremony celebrated Champions League superlatives, with awards being presented to the most successful players and clubs.

## Building for the future

The summer months in the European handball year traditionally belong to the youngsters. It is a pleasure to attend the EHF Younger Age Category events, which I have the privilege to do. The vigour, energy, skill and passion that the young players show are an example to us all.

In 2007 it was the turn of the girls, who along side with the Men's 19 European Open, took part in the Women's 17 European Championship in Slovakia and the Women's 19 European Championship in Turkey. Both organisers are well experienced and it was extremely interesting to see the girls moving up the age groups and retaining their path of success: Denmark, for example, took gold once again in the Women's 19 ECh, after taking the world title in the U18 championship (IHF event) in 2006. This underlines the fact that handball is flourishing in Europe and the youngsters are getting better and better.

## A place in the sun

It wasn't just the youngsters who were active in Europe this summer. The 5th Men's and Women's Beach Handball Championships took place under the sun of Misano Adriatico. The Italian Handball Federation set a precedent for this event, offering excellent event conditions in the scorching sun. The Beach Handball played was also in a class of it's own, which is sheer proof that this branch of the sport has established itself as a top class discipline for the summer months. This was underlined at the Extraordinary Congress, when it was voted to establish a Beach Handball Commission as of September 2008.

## It's all about partnership

The EHF makes a point of stressing that it is 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 with top class product, with high class event standards and management.

There are many events, which I have not been able to mention over the course of these two pages, but I would like to take a few lines to conclude in thanking all those featured in this Report: the EHF Member Federations, the clubs, the players, the officials and my colleagues on the EHF Bodies. A special thank you also goes to the media representatives who work tirelessly in covering our sport of handball.

Wishing you all the best!



**Tor Lian**  
EHF President



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## Euro 2008 Norway Men's Championship



At the time of going to press with this Annual Report, the handball world was already looking ahead to 2008 and the all important 2008 Men's European Championship, which is due to take place in five venues around Norway from 17th – 27th January 2008. These include Stavanger, Drammen, Bergen, Trondheim and Lillehammer.

The EHF European Handball Championships come under the brand name of "EHF Euro Events" and are the EHF top event on the European sporting market. Sixteen of the best teams in the world will be in Norway to fight it out for this coveted title. Very few brave to tip the winner as it could go either way; there is no doubting that only handball of the highest calibre will be seen in Norway over the course of the Championship.



The Norwegian Handball Federation was awarded the honour of hosting the 8th 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.

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 2007 was no exception. Immense time and effort is invested, on the side of both the Organiser and the EHF, to prepare for a sporting event of this scale, to offer the sporting world across Europe a top class and innovative event.

The EHF held numerous workshops, inspections and meetings with the Euro 2008 Organising Committee and its partners – a proactive approach 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 Head of Delegation Meeting was held on 5 – 7 October 2007. This not only gave team representatives from the 16 Euro 2008 participants the chance to view all the venues, but also to give vital input relating to the teams' technical needs and wishes.

From each edition to the next they get bigger and better with the 2006 editions of the event reaching record figures – it was the most extensively covered and viewed tournament in the history of the Men's European Handball Championship. More than 760 million cumulative viewers followed some 707 hours of television coverage of the event, which took place from 26 January to 5 February 2006.

This is one of the biggest events on the 2008 men's handball calendar and the first big Championship of 2008! The European Handball Federation wishes all the teams, officials and all those working behind the scenes all the best and good luck!



# Euro 2008 Norway

## Men's Championship Qualification

Competitions

The 8th Men's European Championships will take place in five venues across Norway from the 17th – 27th January 2008. The play-off matches came to a conclusion in June 2007 and we are now just weeks away from the start of the final tournament. Norway has risen to the challenge of organising an event of this size. For the first time, since hosting the Women's World Championship in 1999, the Norwegian Handball Federation have pulled out all the stops to set new precedents and to make Euro 2008 an event to remember!



GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3	GROUP 4	GROUP 5	GROUP 6	GROUP 7
<b>BLR</b>	<b>SRB</b>	<b>ROU</b>	<b>MNE</b>	<b>SUI</b>	<b>POR</b>	<b>SWE</b>
<b>SVK</b>	<b>MKD</b>	<b>LAT</b>	<b>NED</b>	<b>LTU</b>	GRE	BIH
CYP	ISR	BUL	AUT	ITA	EST	BEL
MDA	LUX	GEO	FIN	TUR		



Qualified from a round robin system						
BLR	SRB	ROU	MNE	SUI	POR	SWE
SVK	MKD	LAT	NED	LTU		

These teams qualified directly for the play-off matches						
SLO	ISL	UKR	POL	CZE	HUN	

### PLAY – OFF MATCHES

<b>POL</b> v <b>NED</b>	<b>SLO</b> v <b>MKD</b>	<b>SWE</b> v <b>ROU</b>
LTU v <b>HUN</b>	LAT v <b>CZE</b>	POR v <b>MNE</b>
UKR v <b>SVK</b>	<b>BLR</b> v <b>SUI</b>	SRB v <b>ISL</b>

#### Defending Champion

France

#### Organiser

Norway

#### Ranked 2-6 at EURO 2006 SUI

Spain  
Denmark  
Croatia  
Germany  
Russia

#### Qualified from the play-off matches

Poland  
Hungary  
Slovakia  
Slovenia  
Czech Republic  
Belarus  
Sweden  
Montenegro  
Iceland

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
Croatia	Denmark	Spain	France
Slovenia	Russia	Germany	Iceland
Poland	Norway	Hungary	Slovakia
Czech Republic	Montenegro	Belarus	Sweden

# 2008 Women's European Championship in FYR Macedonia



The 8th Women's European Championship will take place in FYR Macedonia from the 2nd – 14th December 2008. An event of this magnitude has never been held in this small country and the FYR Macedonians are ready to rise to the challenge. The European Championships will be held in the Boris Trajkovski Arena in Skopje and the Biljanini Izvori Arena in Ohrid. In the final tournament sixteen teams will compete for this prestigious trophy.

From the qualification round that was played in a group system from 27th November – 2nd December 2007, the 9 teams in **bold** print have secured their places in the play-off matches and join those 11 teams who had already directly qualified for the play-offs. The play-off matches will take place across Europe with the first leg over the weekend of 31st May - 1st June and the second leg to follow on the 7th-8th June 2008.

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

These six teams qualified directly for the play-off matches (Participation at the 2007 Women's World Championship in France)

AUT	CRO	ESP	POL	ROU	UKR
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These five teams qualified directly for the play-off matches (Participation at the 2006 Women's European Championship in Sweden)

SRB	SLO	SWE	DEN	NED
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These nine teams additionally qualified for the play-off matches from the qualification groups

BLR	ISL	LTU	POR	MNE	SVK	TUR	CZE	ITA
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### Play-off Matches

The play-off draw for the 8th Women's European Championship in FYR Macedonia will take place after the completion of the 9th Extraordinary EHF Congress in Lillehammer/NOR on January 26th 2008.

*Defending Champion*

*Organiser*

*Ranked 2-5 at EURO 2006 SWE*

Norway

FYRO Macedonia

Russia, France, Germany, Hungary



# 2007 European Beach Handball Championships

Competitions

The summer highlight of the handball season took place on east coast of Italy from the 10th – 15th July 2007. It was a special year for Beach Handball as the playing rhythm of the competition, based on mutual accord with the International Handball Federation, changed permanently. In addition to this change, the European Beach Handball Championships returned to its origins on the beaches of Italy.

The event saw 178 matches played over six days, with 36 teams competing for the championship titles. The new champion in the women's competition is the national team of Croatia who defeated Germany in an exciting finale. In the men's competition it was Russia who conquered Croatia to go home with the title. The Italian women clinched fifth place after winning against FYR Macedonia and gave reason to celebrate in front of the enthusiastic Italian supporters. The Norwegian women beat Russia and finished their almost perfect championship in the third place. The Hungarian men took the bronze medals after defeating Serbia on shoot-outs. Below you can find all the final results and standings:



## Final Ranking (Men)

<b>1. RUS</b>	<b>2. CRO</b>	<b>3. HUN</b>	4. SRB	5. TUR	6. UKR
7. ESP	8. BLR	9. SUI	10. GER	11. DEN	12. ITA
13. CYP	14. GRE	15. NOR	16. MKD	17. MNE	18. BUL

## Final Results

Place	Teams	1st	2nd	Shoot-out	Final Result
1/2	RUS:CRO	22:14	13:23	9:6	2:1
3/4	SRB:HUN	14:23	20:19	6:9	1:2

## All Star Team

Top Scorer:	Özcan Müjdat	TUR	168 Points
Best Specialist:	Poletaev Vladimir	RUS	
Best Goalkeeper:	Hocaoglu Nevzat	RUS	
Best Left Wing:	Vazquez Diz Juan Antonio	ESP	
Best Right Wing:	Grigoriev Alexey	RUS	
Best Pivot:	Vladusic Andro	CRO	
Best Fair Play Team:	Spain		



# 2007 European Beach Handball Championships



## Final Ranking (Women)

1. CRO	2. GER	3. NOR	4. RUS	5. ITA	6. MKD
7. ESP	8. UKR	9. SRB	10. TUR	11. BUL	12. HUN
13. SVK	14. GRE	15. DEN	16. SWE	17. SUI	18. AUT

## Final Results

Place	Teams	1st	2nd	Shoot-out	Final Result
1/2	CRO:GER	12:14	19:18	8:6	2:1
3/4	RUS:NOR	12:22	18:19	-	0:2

## All Star Team

Top Scorer:	Sulland Linn	NOR	149 Points
Best Specialist:	Lovic Ivana	CRO	
Best Goalkeeper:	Oedegaard Ingrid	NOR	
Best Left Wing:	Kocevska Natasa	MKD	
Best Right Wing:	Onnis Carmen	ITA	
Best Pivot:	Hartenstein Katarina	GER	
Best Fair Play Team:	Italy		

An EHF Beach Handball Commission will be introduced following the 2008 EHF Congress. Their task is to pursue the development of Beach Handball. In 2009, in accordance with the new playing system introduced by mutual agreement of the EHF and the International Handball Federation in 2007, the next edition of the European Beach Handball Championships for Men and Women will take place from the 23rd – 28th June 2009 and the hosting venue will be defined at the EHF Executive meeting in March 2008.

After much intense application from all involved, the EHF is pleased to announce the introduction of a new competition within the sphere of Beach Handball. In 2008 the first European Youth Beach Handball Championships for those young men and women born 1998 or later will debut in the Nagyatad region of Hungary from the 27th – 29th June 2008.



# 2007 Men's 19 European Open Championship

The largest youth handball tournament took place from the 3rd – 8th July 2007 in Gothenburg, Sweden. This was the 37th edition of the tournament which began in 1970 and in the past 3 decades the strength of this competition has grown in leaps and bounds and had exceeded all expectations. In 1970, 140 teams from 8 nations convened in Sweden to play this 4 day tournament. In 2007, 39 nations spanning 5 continents provided 891 teams, a grand total of 15,500 players, who participated in 3,131 games that produced 65,007 goals!

Once again, the EHF held a parallel event that was the second official event of the summer. A total of 98 matches were played over 5 days. Each team played a minimum of 8 matches with the exception of the teams ranked 1-4 who played nine games in Valhalla and Liseberg. The finals were played out in the Liseberg Hall on the 7th July in front of a capacity crowd. This event had 24 national teams pitting themselves against one another for their chance to win the European Open Trophy. However, it was Sweden who, in front of 2000 spectators in Gothenburg, defeated Slovenia in a dramatic final to claim the European Open title. The Spanish national team put on a great performance and was overjoyed to take third place and the bronze medal.



## Final Ranking

<b>1. SWE</b>	<b>2. SLO</b>	<b>3. ESP</b>	4. CZE	5. RUS	6. ISL
7. NOR	8. POR	9. FRA	10. EST	11. ROU	12. HUN
13. LTU	14. AUT	15. SUI	16. BLR	17. LAT	18. BEL
19. TUR	20. GRE	21. ISR	22. BUL	23. FIN	24. MDA

## Final Results

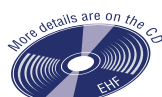
1/2	SWE:SLO	33:23	(16:10)
3/4	CZE: ESP	24:32	(11:19)

## All Star Team

Goalkeeper:	Morozov Kiril	RUS
Left Wing:	Asoltanei Alexandru	ROU
Left Back:	Patrail Mait	EST
Middle Back:	Aflituliu Inal	RUS
Line Player:	Rodriguez Sanchez Manuel	ESP
Right Back:	Carlen Oscar	SWE
Right Wing:	Lindell Sebastian	SWE
Top Scorer:	Patrail Mait	EST - 79 Goals
Best Defence Player:	Barud Niclas	SWE
Most Valuable Player:	Aflituliu Inal	RUS



# 2007 Women's 17 European Championship



The second edition of the Women's 17 European Championship took place in Bratislava, Slovakia from the 29th June – 8th July 2007. In the Sibamac Arena NTC, in front of 1100 spectators the national team of France defeated Spain to take the title of the European Champion. France was also honoured as the "Fair Team" of the competition. Number 18 from France Isaure Vigner and number 3 from Spain Ana Ferrer Prohias were awarded with the title of best players of the match. In the battle for third place, it was the team from the Netherlands that beat the national team of Russia to take the bronze medal. EHF President Tor Lian was present to declare the Championship officially over.

The W17 EURO in Slovakia was accompanied by online video streaming of the matches. As a reward for their efforts, FRA and ESP have automatically qualified for the Women's U18 World Championship (IHF Event) also in Bratislava, Slovakia from 11 to 20 July 2008.

## Final Ranking

<b>1. FRA</b>	<b>2. ESP</b>	<b>3. NED</b>	4. RUS	5. SRB	6. DEN
7. SVK	8. CZE	9. NOR	10. CRO	11. SLO	12. AUT
13. MNE	14. ROU	15. BUL	16. UKR		

## Final Results

1/2	ESP:FRA	20:30	(11:15)
3/4	RUS:NED	27:32	(11:17)

## All Star Team

Goalkeeper:	Marta Zderic	CRO	
Left Wing:	Martine Ringayen	FRA	
Left Back:	Gnonsiane Niombla	FRA	
Middle Back:	Lotte Grigel	DEN	
Line Player:	Yvette Broch	NED	
Right Back:	Nora Moerk	NOR	
Right Wing:	Marta Lopez Herrero	ESP	
Best Scorer:	Milena Knezevic	MNE	(65 Goals)
Best Defence Player:	Estefania Descalzo Perez	ESP	
Most Valuable Player:	Tatiana Khmyrova	RUS	



# 2007 Women's 19 European Championship

Denmark's victory brought the 2007 Women's 19 European Championship in Izmir, Turkey to a close. The competition for those born in 1988 took place from the 10- 19th August 2007 and was the fourth competition of the European summer season. The Danish right wing player, Louise Knak Lyksborg, scored 8 goals leading Denmark to a 29:19 win over Spain in front of 1200 spectators in the Celal Atik Sports Hall. The two finalists have automatically qualified for the 2008 U20 World Championship (IHF event) that will take place in FYRO Macedonia.



It is the 3rd consecutive title in three summers for this team, who featured nearly the same squad that had already won the W17 European Championship in 2005 and claimed last year's W18 World Championship crown. The national team of Romania took the bronze in their match against Sweden who had to settle for fourth place. President Tor Lian and Vice President Jean Brihault represented the EHF in their official capacity during the top event.

## Final Ranking

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

## Final Results

1/2	DEN: ESP	29:19	(12:10)
3/4	ROU:SWE	36:31	(15:14)

## All Star Team

Goalkeeper:	TOFT Sandra	DEN	
Left Wing:	AUGUSTESEN Mie	DEN	
Left Back:	NEAGU Cristina Georgiana	ROU	
Middle Back:	LUJAN SUAREZ M <sup>a</sup> del Mar	ESP	
Line Player:	GOIORANI Julie	FRA	
Right Back:	JORGENSEN Line R.	DEN	
Right Wing:	MARTIN BERENGUER Carmen D.	ESP	
Top Scorer:	PIELESZ Klaudia	POL	56 Goals
Best Defence Player:	JACOBSEN Sabina	SWE	
Most Valuable Player:	LUJAN SUAREZ M <sup>a</sup> del Mar	ESP	





# European Handball Federation Champions League



The 2007/2008 EHF Men's Champions League Season threw-off where last season left off, with even more dynamic, fast, top-level matches. In the 2006/2007 season, the EHF Men's Champions League saw European elite club handball entering a new dimension, the objective for the 2007/2008 season was and is to keep the ball rolling and reach new heights, with record media coverage and a clean and fresh event identity, retaining a secure place on the sporting market. The EHF and EHF Marketing GmbH works together with the participating clubs and partners to continue the development with new, innovative event elements and even greater TV and media coverage.

## 2006/2007 season

The statistics, compiled by EHF Marketing media partner TNS Sport, reached new heights in 2006/2007. In the men's competition alone, approximately 524 hours of EHF Men's Champions League match action were shown in the 20 countries analysed, generating an audience of over 212,02 million viewers. Coverage of the EHF Champions League by TV partner Eurosport paid dividends for the placement of the product on the sporting market. The 149 live/delayed broadcasts on Eurosport 2 covered the pan-European market. Figures generated from the women's competitions also confirm the upward trend and ever increasing popularity of handball. In the 13 countries analysed approximately 233 hours of EHF Women's Champions League were broadcast, with over 190 hours of match action shown around Europe.

## 2007/2008 season

The EHF Champions League is and always has been the elite competition of club handball – 32 teams from 21 countries entered the group match phase of the competition. The 2007/2008 season sees a slightly different playing system with two group phases; the "group matches" and "the main round", which guarantee more matches of the top teams and satisfies the market demand for EHF Champions League Handball. The fight for the coveted title will be tight right up to the end of the season on 10/11th May 2008.

## New Event Elements for 2007/2008

The EHF Champions League entered the 2007/2008 season with revised Event Regulations, with strong focus on the CL branding concept and event identity. The event identity which was launched on the market for the 2006/2007 season has been further reinforced with new elements.

## EHF Champions League Flooring System

An EHF Champions League "blue and lagoon" flooring system supplied by longstanding partner Gerflor is seen universally as of the group matches, adding to the attractiveness of the product both for the viewer at home and the fan in the arena.

## EHF Champions League Anthem "Hymn of the Champions"

The EHF has invested resources to strengthen the musical show element of the EHF Champions League event. The anthem comes under the title of "Hymn of the Champions" and will be played in all arenas and on TV.

## TV and Media Coverage

The quality of the TV images sent around the world now reaches even higher standards. The EHF is working with highly-respected TV networks and producers to achieve this goal. A Host Broadcaster Manual has been especially amended in line with this objective and the development of the product. More top matches than ever before will be broadcast. EHF Marketing GmbH has, to date, TV partners in 27 countries.



# 2007/08 EHF Men's Champions League Group Phase

Competitions

GROUP A	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 ESP FC Barcelona	6	0	0	206:155	51 12
2 FRA US Ivry handball	3	0	3	170:172	-2 6
3 RUS Zarja Kaspjia Astrakhan	2	1	3	172:170	2 5
4 CZE HC Banik OKD Karvina	0	1	5	140:191	-51 1

GROUP B	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 GER THW Kiel	6	0	0	210:169	41 12
2 FRA Montpellier HB	4	0	2	183:169	14 8
3 SWE Hammarby IF HB	1	0	5	184:199	-15 2
4 ROU HCM Constanta	1	0	5	152:192	-40 2

GROUP C	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 ESP C.BM. Ademar Leon	4	1	1	171:159	12 9
2 CRO HC Croatia Osiguranje-Zagreb	2	1	3	169:167	2 5
3 SUI Kadetten Schaffhausen GCZ	2	1	3	179:174	5 5
4 MKD HC Vardar PRO - Skopje	2	1	3	161:180	-19 5

GROUP D	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 ESP Portland San Antonio	4	2	0	203:170	33 10
2 DEN GOG SvendTGI Gudme	3	2	1	196:181	15 8
3 SVK Tatran Presov	1	1	4	182:211	-29 3
4 AUT A1 Bregenz	1	1	4	172:191	-19 3

GROUP E	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 GER HSV Hamburg	5	1	0	192:159	33 11
2 RUS Chehovskie Medvedi	4	1	1	186:155	31 9
3 UKR ZTR Zaporozhye	1	0	5	144:178	-34 2
4 DEN Viborg HK A/S	1	0	5	161:191	-30 2

GROUP F	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 GER VfL Gummersbach	4	1	1	193:167	26 9
2 SLO Celje Pivovarna Lasko	3	1	2	170:159	11 7
3 HUN MKB Veszprém KC	2	2	2	184:171	13 6
4 ISL Valur Reykjavik	1	0	5	151:201	-50 2

GROUP G	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 ESP BM Ciudad Real	6	0	0	213:153	60 12
2 GER SG Flensburg-Handewitt	3	0	3	179:173	6 6
3 NOR Drammen HK	1	1	4	181:200	-19 3
4 POL Interferie Zaglebie Lubin	1	1	4	161:208	-47 3

GROUP H	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 HUN Pick Szeged	6	0	0	192:134	58 12
2 SLO RK Gorenje Velenje	4	0	2	173:169	4 8
3 BIH Bosna Sarajevo	1	0	5	152:186	-34 2
4 BLR HC Meshkov Brest	1	0	5	154:182	-28 2



# 2006/07 EHF Men's Champions League



## Men's Last 16

<b>FRA</b> Montpellier HB 28:25, 23:29 (51:54)	<b>HUN</b> SC Pick Szeged 25:25, 24:25 (49:50)
<b>ESP</b> FC Barcelona-Cifec	<b>ESP</b> CBM Valladolid
<b>HUN</b> MKB Veszprém KC 32:22, 28:31 (60:53)	<b>SLO</b> Celje Pivovarna Lasko 41:31, 26:36 (67:67)
<b>DEN</b> KIF Kolding Elite A/S	<b>GER</b> SG Flensburg-Handewitt
<b>SLO</b> RK Gold Club 23:34, 29:36 (52:70)	<b>RUS</b> Chehovskie Medvedi 31:37, 29:32 (60:69)
<b>ESP</b> Portland San Antonio	<b>GER</b> VfL Gummersbach
<b>DEN</b> GOG Svendborg TGI Gudme 28:33, 30:31 (58:64)	<b>FRA</b> Chambéry Savoie HB 33:39, 27:37 (60:76)
<b>ESP</b> BM Ciudad Real	<b>GER</b> THW Kiel

## Men's Quarterfinals

<b>ESP</b> CBM Valladolid 36:36, 34:32 (70:68)	<b>ESP</b> BM Ciudad Real 26:21, 29:37 (55:58)
<b>GER</b> VfL Gummersbach	<b>ESP</b> Portland San Antonio
<b>HUN</b> MKB Veszprém KC 39:36, 32:39 (71:75)	<b>GER</b> SG Flensburg-Handewitt 31:21, 34:37 (60:55)
<b>GER</b> THW Kiel	<b>ESP</b> FC Barcelona-Cifec

## Men's Semifinals

<b>ESP</b> Portland San Antonio 30:28, 34:37 (64:65)	<b>GER</b> SG Flensburg-Handewitt 32:30, 24:25 (56:55)
<b>GER</b> THW Kiel	<b>ESP</b> CBM Valladolid

## Men's Finals

<b>GER</b> SG Flensburg-Handewitt 28:28, 27:29 (55:57)
<b>GER</b> THW Kiel

## Men's 06/07 Champion

<b>GER</b> THW Kiel
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# 2006/07 EHF Women's Champions League

Competitions

GROUP A	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 SLO RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana	5	0	1	196:173 23	10
2 DEN Aalborg DH	3	0	3	170:163 7	6
3 ESP Cem. La Union-Ribarroja	2	0	4	165:178 -13	4
4 RUS H/K Dinamo Volgograd	2	0	4	179:196 -17	4

GROUP B	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 RUS HC "Lada Togliatti"	5	0	1	192:178 14	10
2 HUN Györi Audi ETO KC	4	0	2	189:161 28	8
3 NOR Byasen HB Elite Trondheim	3	0	3	177:186 -9	6
4 MNE ZRK Buducnost T-Mobile	0	0	6	141:174 -33	0

GROUP C	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 NOR Larvik HK	5	0	1	191:156 35	10
2 DEN Viborg HK A/S	4	0	2	190:187 3	8
3 CRO Podravka Vegeta, Koprivnica	2	0	4	171:197 -26	4
4 GER HC Leipzig	1	0	5	184:196 -12	2

GROUP D	won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1 AUT Hypo Niederösterreich	5	1	1	183:165 18	10
2 DEN Slagelse DT	3	1	3	155:143 12	6
3 HUN FTC Budapest	2	0	4	177:188 -11	4
4 MKD HC Kometal Gjorce Petrov	2	2	4	143:162 -19	4

## Women's Quarterfinals

**HUN Györi Audi ETO KC**  
28:22, 27:23 (55:45)

**DEN Slagelse DT**  
30:23, 28:26 (58:49)

**NOR Larvik HK**

**SLO RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana**

**DEN Aalborg DH**  
34:24, 19:31 (53:55)

**DEN Viborg HK A/S**  
32:32, 31:33 (63:65)

**AUT Hypo Niederösterreich**

**RUS HC "Lada Togliatti"**

## Women's Semifinals

**RUS HC "Lada Togliatti"**  
28:22, 29:35 (57:57)

**DEN Slagelse DT**  
31:25, 30:22 (61:47)

**AUT Hypo Niederösterreich**

**HUN Györi Audi ETO KC**

## Women's Finals

**RUS HC "Lada Togliatti"**  
29:29, 24:32 (53:61)

**DEN Slagelse DT**

## Women's 06/07 Champion

**DEN Slagelse DT**



# European Cup

## The figures 2006/07

<i>Men 2006/07</i>		<i>Men 2007/08</i>	
Clubs:	160	Clubs:	162
Matches:	410	Matches:	442
Spectators:	776,700		
Goals:	24,014		
<i>Women 2006/07</i>		<i>Women 2007/08</i>	
Clubs:	127	Clubs:	139
Matches:	318	Matches:	366
Spectators:	385,200		
Goals:	17,219		

287 clubs took part in the 2006/2007 European Cup competitions. The EHF European Cup competitions have been at the heart of the European club competitions since the foundation of the European Handball Federation, the first European Cup champions were crowned in 1994.

The 2006/2007 season, with its EHF Champions League, EHF Cup, Cup Winners' Cup and Challenge Cup for both men and women saw a total of 728 matches. In the men's competition three German clubs topped the bill, with THW Kiel winning the EHF Champions League, SC Magdeburg the EHF Cup, HSV Hamburg the Cup Winners' Cup and UCM Resita (ROU) - a European newcomer - the Challenge Cup.

In the women's competition, four countries were represented on the medal table, Slagelse DT (DEN) - EHF Champions League, SC Zvezda Zvenigorod (RUS) - EHF Cup - another newcomer, HC "Naisa" Nis from Serbia - Challenge Cup and C.S. Oltchim RM Valcea from Romania in the Cup Winners' Cup.

At the time of going to press, the current season has currently seen 528 matches, with the crowning of the champions in May for the men's competitions and the women's competitions.

The branding of the competitions has also continued, with competition flags for each of the competitions and the European Cup website. The European Handball Federation strives to continue the development, which is certainly an exciting challenge with clubs from all corners of Europe taking part.



# EHF Cup 2006/07

Competitions

## Men's Quarterfinals

<b>GER</b>	<b>SC Magdeburg</b> 35:27, 39:35 (74:62)
<b>DEN</b>	<b>FCK Handbold A/S</b> Kopenhagen

<b>SUI</b>	<b>Grasshopper – Club Zürich</b> 32:21, 26:27 (58:48)
<b>FRA</b>	<b>Paris Handball</b>

<b>FRA</b>	<b>Dunkerque HB Grand Littoral</b> 23:28, 25:27 (48:55)
<b>DEN</b>	<b>Skjern Handball A/S</b>

<b>ESP</b>	<b>CAI BM. Aragon</b> 31:26, 25:23 (56:49)
<b>ESP</b>	<b>Bidasoa Irun</b>

## Men's Semifinals

<b>GER</b>	<b>SC Magdeburg</b> 32:24, 27:26 (59:50)
<b>SUI</b>	<b>Grasshopper – Club Zürich</b>

<b>DEN</b>	<b>Skjern Handball A/S</b> 29:25, 24:29 (53:54)
<b>ESP</b>	<b>CAI BM. Aragon</b>

## Men's Finals

<b>ESP</b>	<b>CAI BM. Aragon</b> 30:30, 28:31 (58:61)
<b>GER</b>	<b>SC Magdeburg</b>

## Men's 06/07 Champion

**GER SC Magdeburg**

## Women's Quarterfinals

<b>ESP</b>	<b>Orsan Elda Prestigio</b> 34:28, 24:28 (58:56)
<b>HUN</b>	<b>Dunaferr NK</b>

<b>ROU</b>	<b>C.S. Rulmentul Brasov</b> 19:25, 18:35 (37:60)
<b>RUS</b>	<b>SC Zvezda Zvenigorod</b>

<b>DEN</b>	<b>Ikast Bording EH A/S</b> 26:24, 26:27 (52:51)
<b>HUN</b>	<b>DVSC-Aquaticum</b>

<b>UKR</b>	<b>HC "Motor" Zaporozhye</b> 27:26, 23:25 (50:51)
<b>GER</b>	<b>TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen</b>

## Women's Semifinals

<b>DEN</b>	<b>Ikast Bording EH A/S</b> 36:35, 28:27 (64:62)
<b>ESP</b>	<b>Orsan Elda Prestigio</b>

<b>GER</b>	<b>TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen</b> 23:21, 27:32 (50:53)
<b>RUS</b>	<b>SC Zvezda Zvenigorod</b>

## Women's Finals

<b>DEN</b>	<b>Ikast Bording EH A/S</b> 35:30, 22:32 (57:62)
<b>RUS</b>	<b>SC Zvezda Zvenigorod</b>

## Women's 06/07 Champion

**RUS SC Zvezda Zvenigorod**



# Challenge Cup 2006/07



## Men's Quarterfinals

<b>NOR</b>	<b>Drammen HK</b> 37:27, 26:29 (63:56)
<b>MNE</b>	<b>HC Lovcen Cetinje</b>

<b>RUS</b>	<b>Locomotiv-Polyot Cheljabinsk</b> 30:21, 27:30 (57:51)
<b>AUT</b>	<b>HC Superfund Hard</b>

<b>RUS</b>	<b>Kaustk Volgograd</b> 30:24, 23:33 (53:57)
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<b>BIH</b>	<b>RK Konjuh Namjestaj Zivinice</b> 29:36, 33:34 (62:70)
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<b>ROU</b>	<b>C.S. UCM Resita</b>
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<b>POL</b>	<b>MKS Zaglebie Lubin</b>
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## Men's Semifinals

<b>ROM</b>	<b>C.S. UCM Resita</b> 32:32, 37:36 (69:68)
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<b>RUS</b>	<b>Locomotiv-Polyot Cheljabinsk</b> 31:32, 24:37 (55:69)
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<b>POL</b>	<b>MKS Zaglebie Lubin</b>
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<b>NOR</b>	<b>Drammen HK</b>
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## Men's Finals

<b>ROU</b>	<b>C.S. UCM Resita</b> 26:26, 36:36 (62:62)
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<b>NOR</b>	<b>Drammen HK</b>
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## Men's 06/07 Champion

**ROU C.S. UCM Resita**

## Women's Quarterfinals

<b>CRO</b>	<b>RK Tresnjevka Zagreb</b> 25:23, 27:25 (52:48)
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<b>SRB</b>	<b>HC "Naisa" Nis</b> 30:27, 25:22 (55:49)
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<b>POL</b>	<b>KS Zgoda-Ruda Slaska</b>
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<b>SVK</b>	<b>SKP HK Banska Bystrica</b>
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<b>ROU</b>	<b>Univ. Jolidon Cluj Napoca</b> 34:21, 27:28 (61:49)
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<b>ROU</b>	<b>Municipal HC Roman Neamt</b> 24:18, 23:23 (47:41)
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<b>ROU</b>	<b>C.S. Tomis Constanta</b>
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<b>FRA</b>	<b>Cercle Dijon Bourgogne</b>
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## Women's Semifinals

<b>SRB</b>	<b>HC "Naisa" Nis</b> 23:19, 20:24 (43:43)
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<b>ROU</b>	<b>Univ. Jolidon Cluj Napoca</b> 32:30, 33:27 (65:57)
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<b>ROU</b>	<b>Municipal HC Roman Neamt</b>
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<b>HUN</b>	<b>RK Tresnjevka Zagreb</b>
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## Women's Finals

<b>ROU</b>	<b>Univ. Jolidon Cluj Napoca</b> 32:23, 21:30 (53:53)
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<b>SRB</b>	<b>HC "Naisa" Nis</b>
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## Women's 06/07 Champion

**SRB HC "Naisa" Nis**

# Cup Winners' Cup 2006/07

Competitions

## Men's Quarterfinals

**DEN** Bjerringbro-Silkeborg A/S  
30:36, 27:28 (57:64)

**ESP** C.B.M. Ademar Leon

**ROU** HCM Constanta  
26:28, 29:31 (55:59)

**CRO** RK Zagreb

**MKD** HC Vardar PRO - Skopje  
32:31, 24:33 (56:64)

**BIH** RK "Bosna" Sarajevo

**GER** HSV Hamburg  
48:22, 34:31 (82:53)

**UKR** HC Portovik Yuzhny

## Men's Semifinals

**BIH** RK "Bosna" Sarajevo  
20:18, 28:35 (48:53)

**GER** HSV Hamburg

**CRO** RK Zagreb  
26:20, 23:30 (49:50)

**ESP** C.B.M. Ademar Leon

## Men's Finals

**GER** HSV Hamburg  
28:24, 33:37 (61:61)

**ESP** C.B.M. Ademar Leon

## Men's 06/07 Champion

**GER** HSV Hamburg

## Women's Quarterfinals

**CRO** Podravka Vegeta, Koprivnica  
32:27, 21:34 (53:61)

**ROU** C.S. Oltchim RM Valcea

**NOR** Byasen HB Elite Trondheim  
30:28, 35:19 (65:47)

**RUS** Astrakhanochka Astrakhan

**ESP** Cem. la Union-Ribarroja  
30:21, 25:28 (55:49)

**NOR** Gjerpen Handball Skien

**DEN** GOG Svendborg TGI Gudme  
29:29, 19:28 (48:57)

**HUN** Budapest Bank-FTC

## Women's Semifinals

**NOR** Byasen HB Elite Trondheim  
29:29, 30:30 (59:59)

**ESP** Cem. La Union-Ribarroja

**ROU** C.S. Oltchim RM Valcea  
36:23, 28:27 (64:50)

**HUN** Budapest Bank-FTC

## Women's Finals

**NOR** Byasen HB Elite Trondheim  
24:30, 29:29 (53:59)

**ROU** C.S. Oltchim RM Valcea

## Women's 06/07 Champion

**ROU** C.S. Oltchim RM Valcea





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# 2007 EHF Men's Champions Trophy in Celje, Slovenia

Competitions

The first edition of the Men's Champions Trophy (formerly known as the European Championship for Club Teams) under its new branding took place over the weekend of the 20th/21st October 2007. The playing hall, Dvorana Zlatorog, in Slovenia was filled with 4500 supporters for the final of the Champions Trophy between THW Kiel and Celje Pivovarna Lasko.

At the time of this competition, Kiel found itself plagued with various player injuries and for this reason they had only twelve players in their official delegation for the 2007 Men's Champions Trophy. Nevertheless, the squad from Germany defeated competition from all comers to take the Champions Trophy title. Due to Oymeyer, Klein and Lövgren being in fantastic form, the final score was 34:38 to THW Kiel. On behalf of the European Handball Federation, President Tor Lian awarded the best player, best goalkeeper and top scorer of the tournament after the game. Below you can see the competition results in a little more detail:



## Semi-finals

THW Kiel v HSV Hamburg	31:30 (17:14)
RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko v SC Magdeburg	33:26 (16:11)

## Finals

3/4 SC Magdeburg v HSV Hamburg	27:31 (14:13)
1/2 RK Celje Pivovarna Lasko v THW Kiel	34:38 (17:23)

Top scorer:	Vid Kavtcnik	THW Kiel	20 goals
Best player:	Stefan Lövgren	THW Kiel	
Best goalkeeper:	Thierry Omeyer	THW Kiel	

## European Selection Match

Following a request by the Serbian Handball Federation, the EHF brought together handball stars from the past over the festival period for a testimonial match to mark the retirement of three former greats of Serbia: *Skrbic, Perunicic, Peric*.

This event took place on 28 December 2007 after going to press, so unfortunately the result cannot be published. The match took place in Belgrade's "PIONIR" Hall.

The European teams was made up as follows:

A. Lavrov (RUS), C. Gaudin (FRA); R. Guijosa (ESP), I. Pásztor (HUN); P. Manaskov (MKD), F. Hagen (NOR), J. Fernandez (FRA); G. Solberg (NOR), E.B. Masip (ESP); Z. Saracevic (CRO), F. Hernandez (ESP), A.C. Ortega (ESP); M. Wislander (SWE), A. Xepkin (ESP).

Coach: Juan de Dios Roman Seco (ESP)



## 2007 EHF Women's Champions Trophy in Vâlcea, Romania



The 2007 Women's Champions Trophy came to a spectacular finish in Valcea, Romania. The event was organised by last year's Cup Winners' Cup winner, C.S. Oltchim Rm. Valcea. The 12th edition of this competition – under the name Champions' Trophy for the first time – was played out in two semi-finals on Saturday 22nd followed by the finals on Sunday 23rd September.

In front a great home support, C.S. Oltchim Rm. Valcea (ROU) won the title for the first time in their history after defeating Zvezda Zevnigorod (RUS) in the final. The fight for third place was won by Slagelse DT (DEN) after taking victory over HC "Lada" Togliatti (RUS). Vice President Jean Brihault represented the European Handball Federation at this top event and presented the awards to the players who gave an outstanding performance throughout the competition whose names are listed below.

### Semi-finals

Slagelse DT v Zvenigorod Zvezda	27:33 (15:18)
C.S. Oltchim Rm. Valcea v HC "Lada" Togliatti	31:23 (13:11)

### Finals

3/4 Slagelse DT v HC "Lada" Togliatti	35:34 (13:13, 28:28,7m)
1/2 C.S. Oltchim Rm. Valcea v Zvenigorod Zvezda	23:19 (9:9)

Top scorer:	Ana Batinic	Slagelse DT	20 goals
Best player:	Irina Poltoratskaya	Zvenigorod Zvezda	
Best goalkeeper:	Luminita Dinu	C.S. Oltchim Rm. Valcea	



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# 2007 Men's Challenge Trophy Luxembourg & Georgia



The 5th edition of the Men's Challenge Trophy took place under different circumstances in 2007. For the first time the competition was played out between two venues and the number of teams increased. Challenge Trophy 1 was held in Luxembourg and comprised of six teams. Challenge Trophy 2 was held in Georgia, where four teams played against one another. The Challenge Trophy is well known as a transitional competition that hopes to bring developing nations to the qualification stages of major national team competitions. The events hosted by the Handball Federation of Luxembourg respectively the Georgian National Handball Association and supported by the European and the International Handball Federations proved to be a great success in both countries with up to 1800 spectators watching the matches in the arenas and creating a fantastic atmosphere. The winners of the two events – Luxembourg in LUX and Georgia in GEO – qualified for a final match within the framework of the EHF Euro 2008 in Drammen, Norway, on 20 January 2008 at 15:00 hrs.

## Final Ranking

### Men's Challenge Trophy 1 - LUX

1. LUX	2. FAR	3. ENG	4. IRL
5. SCO	6. MLT		

LUX: FAR 31:25 (12:11)

### Men's Challenge Trophy 2 - GEO

1. GEO	2. MDA	3. AZE	4. ARM
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GEO:MDA 29:27 (12:12)

### ALL STAR Team - Luxembourg

Best Court Player	Merlin Braithwaite	ENG
Best Court Player	Heini Hanusarson	FAR
Best Court Player	Hichem Sefroun	IRL
Best Court Player	Alain Poeckes	LUX
Best Court Player	Andrew Said	MLT
Best Court Player	Johnnie McAleer	SCO
Best Goalkeeper	Mike Majerus	LUX
Best Defence Player	Samal Joensen	FAR
Most Valuable Player	Dan Ley	LUX
Top Scorer	Ingi Olsen	FAR
	<i>33 Goals</i>	

### ALL STAR Team - Georgia

Goalkeeper	Shota Tevzadze	GEO
Left Wing	Emin Aydamirov	AZE
Left Back	Eldar Farajov	AZE
Middle Back	Sergo Datukashvili	GEO
Pivot	Giorgi Tsivtsivadze	GEO
Right Back	Alexei Pervanciuc	MDA
Right Wing	Revaz Chanturia	GEO
Best Defence Player	Alexandr Pervanciuc	MDA
Most Valuable Player	Sergo Datukashvili	GEO
Top Scorers	Sergo Datukashvili	GEO
	Alexandr Pervanciuc	MDA
	<i>both scored 24 Goals</i>	



# 2007 European Masters Handball Championships

The 4th edition of the Men's and Women's European Masters Handball Championships took place in Krakow, Poland from the 15th – 17th June 2007. Altogether 46 teams from 14 nations took part in the event, which saw handball of a high standard. The competition has successfully continued to attract more participants and thus continued to grow. This year the women's category +43 was introduced. Teams from four different nations took gold, as can be seen below. The 2007 Men's and Women's European Masters Handball Championships were supported with a 5-disc event documentation that included a photographic gallery of the event plus the DVD ROMs' of all final matches in all age categories.



## Men +35

1. Mesikapp	EST
2. HIK Copenhagen	DEN
3. Odense Old Boys	DEN
4. Slovan Veterani	SLO
5. KIF Team OB	DEN
6. Silesia	POL
7. Fred Team	POL
8. VRK Osijek	CRO
9. Turbine Gfeuda Wien	AUT
10. Vainode/Lejaskurzemesports	LAT
11. Hort SE	HUN
12. Brno	CZE
13. CB Alster Puerto Sagunto Veteranos	ESP
14. Handbol Veterans Terrassa	ESP
15. RK Veterani Brod	CRO

## Men +45

1. MHK Martin	SVK
2. Budapest Old Boys	HUN
3. Italy Master Team	ITA
4. ZTR	UKR
5. Slask	POL
6. Old Boys HC Cement Hranice	CZE
7. Hutnik i Przyjaciele	POL
8. Hort SE	HUN
9. RTU Riga	LAT
10. Old Boys Krakow	POL
11. SVS Schwechat	AUT
12. RSK Senjorai Vilnius	LTU
13. Saline Boys de Bochezna	POL
14. MAFC Old Boys	SVK
15. Trionfale Roma	ITA
16. VRK Osijek	CRO

## Women's +33

1. Fredriksberg Idreats Forening	DEN
2. Angyalok Budapest	HUN
3. Hort SE	HUN
4. Szerenkek	HUN
5. Vilnius Egle-Erra	LTU
6. Apollo Clubs Bratislava	SVK
7. Zabice	SLO
8. BM Granollers	ESP

## Women's +43

1. Lesz Vigasz	HUN
2. Cracow Ladies	POL
3. Hypo XXXL	AUT
4. Gladsaxe HG	DEN
5. ETO XXL	HUN
6. Ruuki	LAT
7. Nostalgia Budapest	HUN



## 2007 European Beach Handball Tour

The European Beach Handball Tour has gone from strength to strength since its humble beginnings in 2003. The tournament which took place around the beaches of Europe from the 1st October – 30th September featured 114 teams who played a total of 56 competitions.

Below you can find the final rankings of the top ten teams in each competition:

Men's Competition				Women's Competition			
	Nat.	Team	Points		Nat.	Team	Points
1.	ESP	Bm-playa Hummel Barbate	554	1.	ESP	Team G-Solà	538
2.	ESP	Azuteam Ausbanc	500	2.	ESP	Malaga Costa del Sol	523
3.	ESP	Balonmano Playa Alcalá	488	3.	CRO	WBHC Kontesa Nera	385
4.	CRO	BHC Golden Balls	463	4.	SUI	Playdettes	382
5.	CRO	BHC PMF	453	5.	GER	Bumblebee Wildeshausen	365
6.	CRO	Dugi Rat	439	6.	CRO	Trešnja Klub	329
7.	CRO	Let Cepelin Toma-soft	409	7.	CRO	WBHC PMF	301
8.	ESP	Zonabalonmano.com	373	8.	GRE	Avant Garde	295
9.	GER	Beach Boys Köln	368	9.	GER	Flying Kangaroos Berlin	291
10.	POR	Arsenal de Canelas	352	10.	GRE	Neo Ionia	287

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### European Beach Tour – Masters Finals

As usual, the 2007 European Beach Tour kicked off with the finals from the 2006 season. This time around, the EBT Masters Tournament took place in Nagyatad / HUN from the 2nd - 3rd June 2007. With organisational expertise of Gabor Kosa (EHF Del) and his team the scene was set and the competition, which was broadcast live through internet streaming, took place under a great atmosphere.

Men's Competition			Women's Competition		
	Nat.	Team		Nat.	Team
1.	ESP	Balonmano Playa Hummel Barbate	1.	GER	Flying Kangaroos
2.	CRO	Golden Balls	2.	HUN	Euronics Nagyatad Beach Handball
3.	CRO	BHC PMF	3.	CRO	Tresnja Club
4.	HUN	Letenye Beach Handball Team	4.	HUN	Beach Girls
5.	CRO	Let Cepelin Toma-soft	5.	ESP	Team G-Sola

The next EBT Masters Finals will take place from the 7th - 8th June 2008. All details relating to the upcoming European Beach Handball Tour can be found at <http://www.eurohandball-beachtour.com/>



The EHF has a wide compendium of events and competitions, falling under the EHF brand name. It goes without saying that draws are part of any competition just like the matches and the winners are. All draws are public events and the majority take place in the EHF Headquarters and are part of daily business. There are however also “special” draws which are true events and often mark special occasions. The highlights of 2007 were:

### *Men's EHF Euro Draw*

The draw for the final round of the 2008 Men's EHF European Championship took place on 22nd June 2007 in the TV 2 Studios in Oslo, Norway. The Norwegian Handball Federation hosted the event as organiser of this top event in January 2008.

The draw was presented by EHF President Tor Lian. The studio in Oslo was packed for the draw, with over 200 people filling the studio. It was broadcast live on TV and streamed on the web. A TV signal was also available for news access.

Sixteen teams went into the final draw which determined where they would play their preliminary round matches and against whom during the 2008 event. The groups A – D will be played in Stavanger, Drammen, Bergen and Trondheim and the Championship will take place from 17th – 27th January 2008.

### *EHF Handball Champions League Gala*

Over 300 guests were present in Vienna, the home of the EHF Headquarters, on the evening of Friday 29th June 2007 for an EHF Champions Gala, which was also broadcast live on the web and around the world – nigh on 30 TV companies took advantage of the signal.

Representatives from top clubs, top players and stars, EHF partners, TV and marketing partners, representatives from the field of refereeing and delegates and members of handball's media circles convened on Vienna to mark the 15th season of the EHF Champions League. The event came under the motto “celebrate the passion” and more information can be found on page 40/41.

The focus of the evening were the 2007/2008 Men's and Women's EHF Champions League Group Draws. Two of handball's biggest stars were in Vienna to draw the lots. The men's draw was drawn by two-time Champions League winner and 2006/2007 Top Scorer from THW Kiel, Nikola Karabatic. He was joined by Bojana Popovic, three times Champions League winner and the season's top scorer with Slagelse DT. Both players were awarded with a gold-plated EHF Champions League ball by longstanding partner adidas.





# Men's & Women's World Championships



## Men's World Championships – GER (IHF Event)

The 20th Men's World Handball Championship was held in Germany from the 19th January to the 4th February 2007. With a stunning finish in the Cologne Arena, the national host team of Germany took the title of World Champions.

The overall ranking from the championship is listed below with the European teams in BOLD print:

1. <b>Germany</b>	2. <b>Poland</b>	3. <b>Denmark</b>	4. <b>France</b>	5. <b>Croatia</b>	6. <b>Russia</b>
7. <b>Spain</b>	8. <b>Iceland</b>	9. <b>Hungary</b>	10. <b>Slovenia</b>	11. Tunisia	12. <b>Czech Rep.</b>
13. <b>Norway</b>	14. <b>Ukraine</b>	15. Korea	16. Argentina	17. Egypt	18. Kuwait
19. Brazil	20. Marocco	21. Angola	22. Greenland	23. Qatar	24. Australia



## Women's World Championships – FRA (IHF Event)

The 18th edition of the Women's World Handball Championship was held in France from the 2nd – 16th December 2007. From across the globe, 24 teams participated in this long standing competition. The gold medal match, held in the Palais Omnisports de Paris-Bercy arena, saw the national team of Russia defeat Norway in a thrilling match that ended 29:24. Germany and Romania came third and fourth respectively.

The final ranking of all participants is listed below with the European teams in BOLD print:

1. <b>Russia</b>	2. <b>Norway</b>	3. <b>Germany</b>	4. <b>Romania</b>	5. <b>France</b>	6. Korea
7. Angola	8. <b>Hungary</b>	9. <b>Croatia</b>	10. <b>Spain</b>	11. <b>Poland</b>	12. FYR Macedonia
13. <b>Ukraine</b>	14. Brazil	15. Tunisia	16. <b>Austria</b>	17. Congo	18. Kazakhstan
19. Japan	20. Argentina	21. P.R. of China	22. Dominican R.	23. Paraguay	24. Australia



### *Men's U19 World championship (BRN – IHF Event)*

The second edition of the Men's U19 World Championship, which was organised in cooperation between the International Handball Federation and the Bahrain Handball Federation, took place in Bahrain from the 26th July to 3rd August 2007. The five European teams performed very well and all ranked within the top ten.



The final ranking with the European participants in BOLD print can be seen in below:

1. <b>Denmark</b>	2. <b>Croatia</b>	3. <b>Sweden</b>	4. Argentina	5. Egypt	6. <b>Poland</b>
7. <b>Spain</b>	8. Bahrain	9. Brazil	10. Qatar	11. Korea	12. Iran
13. Tunisia	14. Algeria	15. Marocco	16. Australia		

### *Men's U21 World championship (MKD – IHF Event)*

The 16th Men's U21 World Championship took place in FYRO Macedonia from the 13th – 26th August 2007 effectively bringing the intercontinental summer competitions to a close. Twenty teams from all continents participated in this event and the 9 of the European teams performed strongly, all ranking in the top ten and after a stunning effort Sweden taking the title of U21 World Champions.



The final ranking is listed below with the European participants in BOLD print:

1. <b>Sweden</b>	2. <b>Germany</b>	3. <b>Denmark</b>	4. <b>Croatia</b>	5. <b>Spain</b>	6. Egypt
7. <b>France</b>	8. <b>Slovenia</b>	9. <b>Russia</b>	10. FYR Macedonia	11. Korea	12. Kuwait
13. Argentina	14. <b>Slovakia</b>	15. <b>Portugal</b>	16. Brazil	17. Tunisia	18. <b>Bulgaria</b>
19. Angola	20. Chile				





# HANDBALL HITS NEW HEIGHTS

Infront's marketing partnership with the European Handball Federation has lasted over 13 years and is highlighted by the successful expansion of the European Handball Championships.

As the competition goes from strength to strength, so does the following for the sport, with television coverage in more than 80 countries for the last edition and record viewer totals.

Infront's long relationship with the European Handball Federation has been successful and productive. The competition has now hit the benchmark level of a cumulative viewing audience of 1.2 billion worldwide\*.

The European Handball Championships are more popular than ever before.

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

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

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

\* Cumulative total viewing audience for 2006 men's and women's event combined.

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## 8<sup>th</sup> EHF Conference of Presidents



### 8<sup>th</sup> Conference of Presidents and Extraordinary Congress

Over 100 delegates from 48 European handball associations converged on Rome/ITA on Saturday 13th October for the 8th Conference of Presidents and Extraordinary Congress. 47 EHF Member Federations were represented, plus Kosovo as associated federation.

The morning was taken up by the Conference of Presidents, which is a crucial discussion forum for the European handball business and its future. In the afternoon, the EHF Extraordinary Congress took place, with delegates voting on the motions tabled. President Tor Lian, together with Vice-President Jean Brihault, chaired both the meetings. There were also opening speeches from FIGH President Purromuto and Italian Olympic Committee President Pescante.

### Conference of Presidents

Following the traditional report by the President about the activities and business of the EHF over the past two years, stressing the increased media interest in the sport of handball, the delegates moved on to hear about the organisers and candidates of European events. The participants heard that 62 EHF events have been held by 34 different nations over the past 15 years. The nations which have hosted three or more major European events were then honoured. Awards went to Austria, Germany, Italy, Slovakia, Sweden and Turkey. Harijs Cebrikovs of Latvia was also honoured with a Special Award of Honour for his service and dedication to the sport of handball. The important matter of European Championship Qualifications for the EHF Euro Events formed a principle part of the morning's work, with delegates actively discussing this area in detail. Discussions centred primarily on a joint marketing package of EHF Euro qualification matches with the unanimous objective to "close the gap" between qualification matches and the actual EHF Euro Events in the whole of Europe and how to achieve this goal.

Other matches included a presentation on matters relating to international and European competitions.

*Bilateral Agreements:* The occasion was utilised to sign a number of agreements underlining the strong working relationship between nations. Slovakia became signatory to the Rinck Convention (convention on mutual recognition of coaching qualifications), Malta and Montenegro signed a SMART agreement (for development aid) and Portugal and Scotland became partners under the Foster Project, as did Switzerland and Liechtenstein (a partnership programme of support).



# 8<sup>th</sup> EHF Extraordinary Congress

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## Extraordinary Congress

The matters on the agenda for the Extraordinary Congress centred mainly around the structure of the European Handball Federation, this Congress can also be seen as being a preparatory event for the 2008 Ordinary Congress to take place in Vienna in September 2008.

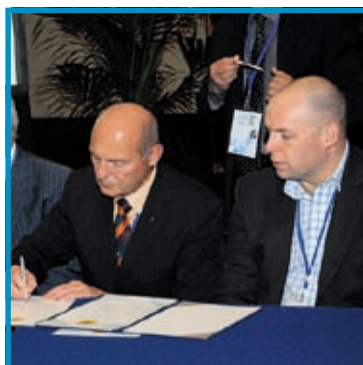
The Congress delegates discussed the proposals motions in detail. It was voted in favour to establish a Beach Handball Commission of a Chairman and 4 members to come into effect following the 2008 Congress, where the election will take place.

The proposed introduction of associated experts into the EHF political mechanisms was narrowly rejected, achieving 64.24%, which is not an absolute majority. Therefore technical forums will not be introduced. Working Groups will continue to fall under the responsibility of the EHF Executive Committee in order to ensure the exchange of expertise.

Votes were also taken on arbitration regulations, which amount to the reorganisation of the juridical EHF bodies. The Congress voted positively to establish an Arbitration Tribunal (1st Instance), which is an independent elected body. The 2nd instance will then be a pool of arbitrators in the form of a Court of Appeal. Both are independent bodies. Due to these changes, the statutes relating to the administration of justice and the respective fees were also voted on and will therefore be revised. As far as European Championship Qualifications are concerned (see above) and following the constructive discussions in the morning session, it was agreed to send a questionnaire to all EHF Member Federation enquiring about the stance on the European Handball Championship Qualifications and the Congress delegated the responsibility of setting-up a Working Group to deal with this matter in detail to the EHF Executive Committee and due to time restrictions, an additional Extraordinary Congress will be called in order to put this matter to a vote, 26th January 2008 – the final weekend of Euro 2008 in Norway –was agreed upon.

## Conclusion

All delegates used the weekend to hold important discussions with their counterparts from other countries. All were unanimous in thanking the Italian Handball Federation for their heartfelt hospitality. The Conference and Congress were held in a positive and constructive atmosphere for the sport of handball. The next Ordinary Congress will be on 26/27 September 2008 in Vienna, Austria.



# EHF Champions League Gala



## *Reason to Celebrate*

The European Handball Federation was honoured to welcome over 300 guests to Vienna – the home of the EHF Headquarters, on Friday 29th June 2007. Representatives from top European clubs, top players, EHF partners, TV and marketing partners, representatives from the field of referring and delegates and members of handball’s media circles convened on the Uniqa Tower in central Vienna to mark the 15th season of the EHF Champions League. The location was specially selected to mirror the EHF Champions League founding principles – modern, future-orientated and dynamic.

All invited and present at the exclusive sporting event were acclaimed for their significant contribution to the development of the Champions League since it came under the auspices of the European Handball Federation back in 1993. EHF President Tor Lian opened the occasion by thanking the guests for their contribution and claiming, “...each and every one of you is paramount to the European Handball Federation – both its past and its future”.

The tone for the event was set at an early stage in the event’s planning, with the motto “celebrate the passion” and the entire evening was in fact dedicated to the elite of club handball and its history. The EHF President confirmed this, “The EHF Champions League has changed significantly since its introduction to the market back in 1993. The European Handball Federation has striven to continually move with the times to present a product, which can compete on the strong sporting market. Since its introduction, a solid base has developed, upon which the EHF Champions League stands proudly today – 15 years on. The success of European handball finds its roots at club level, which is just one of the many reasons why we chose to mark the 15th Anniversary of the EHF and the start of the 15th Champions League Season with the pinnacle of club handball and the protagonists of the sport.”

## *EHF Champions League Group Match Draws*

The focus of the Gala were the 2007/2008 Men & Women’s EHF Champions League Group Matches. Two of handball’s biggest stars were in Vienna to draw the lots. The men’s draw was drawn by two-time Champions League winner and 2007/2008 Top Scorer from THW Kiel, Nikola Karabatic. He was joined by Bojana Popovic, three-time Champions league winner and the season’s Top Scorer with Slagelse DT.



# EHF Champions League Gala

EHF Events

## Champions Award Ceremony

A Champions Award Ceremony celebrated Champions League superlatives, with awards being presented to the most successful players and clubs in the history of the EHF Champions League, which was a fitting close to an exceptional evening. Awards went to:

### Most Successful Women's EHF Champions League Player

Ausra Fridrikas (*seven-time Champions League Winner*)

### Most Successful Men's Champions League Player

Andrei Xepkin (*seven-time Champions League Winner*)

### Most Successful EHF Men's Champions League Club

FC Barcelona–Cifec (*six-time EHF Champions League Winner*)

### Most Successful EHF Women's Champions League Club

Hypo Niederösterreich (*four-time EHF Champions League Winner*)

### EHF Champions League Branding Award

Celje Pivovarna Lasko

## 2006/2007 Top Scorer Awards

### 2006/2007 Women's EHF Champions League Top Scorer

Bojana Popovic / Slagelse DT – 96 goals

### 2006/2007 Men's EHF Champions League Top Scorer

Nikola Karabtic / THW Kiel – 89 goals

Both players were awarded with a gold-plated EHF Champions League ball by EHF long-standing partner adidas.

## Conclusion

The atmosphere was one of festivities, which was enjoyed by all. This was a truly unique event with a prestigious group of guests getting together to “celebrate the passion” of the sport of handball and embark on the future of handball.





# 5<sup>th</sup> EHF Conference for Secretaries General

Destination Team Play



The 2007 Conference for Secretaries General took place on 16-17 April in Vienna/AUT. The Conference for Secretaries General is a biennial meeting for the representatives of the European national federations who have a leading role in handball management. 70 secretaries' general and senior officials were in Vienna from all over Europe at the weekend to represent their respective national federations.

The conference was a great opportunity for the sports managers to exchange their ideas and experience. The meeting was a forum to talk about the future of the game and about its continuing development. Various subjects were addressed during the two-day conference such as research and development, official's task training, Euro qualifications and final tournament, business operation, sport management training and product promotion.

The motto of conference was "Destination Team Play". It emphasised the possibility of all the parties involved in handball management on a European level to work together for the future of the game. The agenda was designed by the EHF Office with the goal of securing an effective cooperation between the parties involved in European handball. After topic presentations brainstorming crews were formed. The officials of various nationalities defined possible "destinations" or objectives together.

Michael Wiederer, Secretary General of the European Handball Federation, spoke on behalf of the organisers of the event:

*"The EHF places great importance on keeping a tight working bond with its member federations and such events are essential. Those working on the management of handball on a daily basis meet to exchange ideas, experience and power the sport forward."*

Apart from the formal obligations, the event was marked by its informal atmosphere that gave the possibility for national federation officials to discuss the daily matters just as the future of the game.



One of the key elements in the area of Methods & Development within the European Handball Federation is the constant drive for knowledge and improvement. Since the initial Regional Course for Delegates took place in Kiev in 2005, the EHF has gone on to organise more courses over the past years. In 2007 this was no different. In all, four regional courses were organised.

The fourth edition of this educational sojourn for EHF Delegates took place in **Kemer, Turkey from the 10th -13th May 2007**. Taking place for the first time in Mediterranean, 18 participants from across 9 nations joined 3 EHF Lecturers for a course that, as part of the agenda, featured topics such as security and safety aspects, stress management amongst others things.

The second course of the year, the **5th EHF Regional Course for Handball Delegates** took place in Skaerbaek, Denmark, from 25-28 May 2007. This kind of course was also a first for the organisers in Scandinavia. Here, the EHF educational staff focused on issues such as Communication, Cooperation and Conflict in addition to authority and event management amongst others.

In the late summer, the **EHF Lecturers went to Balatonfüred, Hungary** to conduct the 6th EHF Regional Course for Handball Delegates that took place from 30 August to 2 September 2007. Twenty-two participants over four days discussed the interpretation of the rules of the game at major competitions. Expectation, perception and realities which included a TAIS test were also on the agenda.

The final delegates' course of 2007 **returned for the second time to Rotterdam** in the Netherlands. The 7th EHF Regional Course for Handball Delegates took place from 18 -21 October 2007. For the participants, interesting and important topics such as observations and evaluations, the difficulties that the delegates face during a tournament and the psychological aspects involved were amongst many more topics on the programme. This course was held in conjunction with the Referee Course for Candidates (see page 54-56).

Within the framework of the Women's 19 European Championship in Turkey, the THF organised the **2007 EHF Youth Coaches' Course**. The 9th edition of this event welcomed 65 participants from 10 European nations and with guest participants from India, Iraq and Japan. The course focused on training younger players in defence whilst upholding the spirit of fair play; improving strength without losing coordination. These lectures were combined with practical exercise.

In keeping with the EHF educational agenda, multiple courses for 2008 are already in the advanced developmental stage.



## *Workshops & Working Groups*

### *Beach European Championships Workshop*

Due to a change in the playing system, the 2007 edition of the Men's and Women's European Beach Handball Championships took place on the Italian coast from the 10th – 15th July 2007 (see pages 11-12 for more details). Leading up to this top summer event two workshops covering the organisational bases took place. The first workshop was held in Rome, with a venue inspection taking place in Misano Adriatico. The second workshop took place at the EHF Headquarters in Vienna. Competition Commission member Jesus Guerrero undertook the inspections of the venue which provided the basis for the workshops. Key points on this agenda were the promotional concept, TV, Live Streaming and Match Videos and naturally the Fair Play initiatives.

### *EHF Men's Champions League Seasonal Round-Up*

In May 2007 a seasonal round-up for all men's Champions League clubs was organised by EHF Marketing GmbH for the first time. The meeting took place in Vienna at the Gartenhotel Altmannsdorf. The aim of this meeting was to give all the clubs the opportunity to give their impressions, opinions and to make modification suggestions immediately after the season. EHF Marketing GmbH took this chance to provide the clubs with the necessary information regarding the upcoming season. Topics such as the new playing and advertising systems as well as the innovative floor model, etc were discussed.

### *EHF Women's Champions League Workshop*

The EHF Women's Champions League Workshop hosted at the Gartenhotel Altmannsdorf on 24 January 2007 was a look to the future for the representatives of the women's Champions League clubs. Firstly EHF Marketing GmbH gave a status report to all the clubs about the TV and media situation; the current advertising situation as well as the financial position were also examined. Based on this status report, a discussion on topics such as the new marketing situation, playing system as well as the floor and branding project was initiated.

### *Marketing Supervisor Workshop*

This year's Marketing Supervisor Workshop took place at Arcotel Wimberger on the 27th August 2007. Due to the changes to the playing system implemented at the beginning of the 2007/2008 EHF Men's Champions League season, EHF Marketing GmbH decided to increase their pool of marketing supervisors. Over 40 participants comprising of both new and existing Marketing Supervisors were invited to this workshop. The agenda was built around the feedback received from the club representatives and the supervisors regarding the previous season. Topics focused on and included the partnership with Sportfive and the advertising situation, TV situation, Media, official Champions League floor, branding and administrative matters. It was also a good opportunity for our "new" team members to obtain opinions from their colleagues who already have experience in this sector.

### *Anti-Doping Meeting*

In May 2007, a small delegation consisting of the chairmen of the EHF Methods and Competitions Commissions and the senior managers from EHF Competitions welcomed Mr. Hans Holdhaus of the IHF Methods Commission and a member of the IMSB to the EHF Headquarters in Vienna to discuss key issues facing handball today. This working group convened to research steps that could bring the anti-doping initiatives forward and find ways to implement the anti-doping measures. The anti-doping bodies welcomed the decision of the Executive Committee at their meeting in July in Italy.

### *EHF Euro Qualifications Working Group*

November 2007 saw the members of the ECh Euro Qualifications Working Group convene for their first meeting in Vienna. The group, chosen by the Executive Committee based on a Congress resolution, are in place to working group to look at the conditions of the qualifications and to present a proposal to the Executive Committee who will in turn work out a new motion to be presented at the 9th Extraordinary Congress in Lillehammer in January 2008. This meeting hammered out the finer details of the areas from the original proposal to be reworked. The ECh Euro Qualifications Working Group will reconvene in 2008.

## ***Beach Handball Task Force***

In 2007, the EHF Beach Handball Task Force comprising of Laszlo Sinka (ExeC), Jesus Guerrero (CC), Ton van Linder (MC) and Peter Fröschl (EHF), met to discuss all issues relating to the progress of beach handball; just one of the areas of the handball discipline which has continued to rapidly develop. The Task Force convened in Vienna on two occasions and within the framework of the 2007 European Beach Handball Championships for Men and Women, met in Misano Adriatico/ITA.

All meetings covered a range of topics, the first meeting in particular dealt with the organisational aspects of the 2007 Beach Handball EChs, and the introduction and the backing of a Youth Beach Handball Championships. The European Beach Tour featured heavily on the agenda of all Task Force meetings; from the publication of the promotional folder that was distributed to over 500 Beach Handball enthusiasts. The 2007 EBT consisted of a record number of teams that was followed by the EBT 06 Masters that took place in Hungary; this proved that with the improvements shown in both competitions that the wheels of development continued to harmoniously turn.

Also a key topic of the meeting was in the area of didactic instruction. The Beach Handball Task Force put together numerous publications in various formats that were distributed far and wide in the handball sphere. Hoping to increase the number of courses pertaining to all beach handball areas in 2008, the Beach Handball Task Force will reassemble in the New Year.

## ***Education Group***

Since 2005 the EHF internal Education Group consisting of Jan Tuik (CC Chairman), Frantisek Taborsky (MC Chairman), Sandor Andorka (CC Member - Refereeing) and Wolfgang Pollany (MC Member – Education and Further Training) have dealt with all educational issues surrounding referees and delegates within the EHF competitions system. Based on an Executive Committee resolution, the new EHF Refereeing Structure was implemented in 2007. The Education Group were responsible for the organisation of the three EHF Referee Candidate courses that took place in addition to the EHF Officials' Conferences that were held in Slovakia, Turkey and Sweden on the edges of the Younger Age Category competitions. On the agendas of the three Education Group meetings, that took place in Vienna, encompassed various topics. In 2008, the Education Group will continue to make positive key changes in this area of handball.

## ***European Championship Workshops – Norway / FYR Macedonia / Austria***

The European Championships are the strongest competition in the repertoire of the European Handball Federation and the organisation of such an event takes years. From the bidding and allocation process to the final tournament thousands of man hours are spent poring over the numerous intricate details in order to present a spectacular competition that attracts spectators in the 10's of thousands and TV viewers in their millions.

Key aspects of EURO organisation are the workshops that are structured at regular intervals with the organising committee of the hosting nation. For the men's European Championship in Norway in January 2008, five workshops, 2 site visits that included in-depth technical assessment of the venues and numerous meetings and discussions have occurred between the EHF "EURO Events" staff and the LOC. These workshops encompass various EURO fields from financing to flooring and venues to VIP services. For the forthcoming women's and men's European Championships in FYR Macedonia and Austria respectively, several workshops and various meetings have already taken place.

## ***EHF Youth Forum***

Based on a decision by the EHF Executive Committee on May 3, 2007, the EHF called the EHF Youth Forum, a temporary EHF Expert Group that was installed as one of the follow-up measures from 2006 EHF Youth Handball Convention. Under the chairmanship of Allan Lund (EHF MC), the EHF Youth Forum met in June 2007 for a 2-day intensive working session at the EHF Office in Vienna. Comprising of Helena Crnojevic – CRO, Mads Hovgaard – DEN, Cristina Nastase – ROU, Gregor Pecovnik - SLO, Milan Petronijevic – SRB, Natasha Engberg – SWE and with the assistance of additional EHF staff members, the group treated two major and different issues: 'Handball at school' (covered by 'Basic Handball', 'Handball in school' and 'the 4 dimensions of teaching handball in school') and 'Rules of the Game' (expressed in a simplified rulebook). A promotional website for children is in progress.

# *Meetings*

## *Union Sportive Des Polices D'Europe*

The 2nd Conference of Police Sports took place in Lausanne/FRA. Jan Tuik, Executive Committee Member and the CC Chairman represented the EHF at this meeting. On the agenda was the use of new technology in sports, utilisation of local police for crowd control at large events and the liability of sports leaders amongst many other interesting topics. The Union Sportive Des Polices D'Europe encourages sport throughout the European Police Forces and coordinates organisation of international competitions in all sports disciplines. The association also aims to build social and cooperative relations between European Police Forces. The European Handball Federation signed an agreement of cooperation with the USPE in 2004.

## *EMSA / European Masters Games Association*

In August 2007 the representatives of the European Handball Federation met with the various members of the European sporting community for a meeting with the European Masters Games Association (EMGA) that is responsible for organising the first multi-sport competition for older professional veteran athletes. In cooperation with the European Masters Sports Association (EMSA), the European organisation responsible for the bidding and placing of the games, autumn 2008 will see the very first games held in Malmö/SWE.

## *European Team Sports Federations*

The federation was created to be a platform for the exchange of knowledge and experience on basic common issues between the European Team Sports. The leaders of the team sport member federations (CEV/EHF/FIBA/FIRA-AER/IIHF/UEFA) held their annual meeting in Nyon/SUI at the UEFA headquarters in the spring of 2007. The main topic on the agenda was the European White Paper on Sport.

## *European Olympic Committees (EOC)*

The EHF met representatives of the European Olympic Committees on two occasions in 2007. In continued efforts to improve and expand the sport of handball, the two governing bodies signed an "Agreement of Collaboration" in connection with the EOC - European Summer Sports Federations Project of Agreement. In September 2007, representative from the EHF Additional Activities department were in Tampere for the first working session for the 2009 European Olympic Youth Festival. For the first time in Tampere/FIN, the competition will take place with both boys and girls born in the years 1993 and 1992 respectively.

## *EU Commission*

The key sporting issue that has affected European sport federations across the board was the publication of the EU White Paper on Sport. For European team sports, this led to increased communication between the federations and the European Commission. The paper, amongst other things, aims to bring more legal stability to sport in Europe. In the final quarter of the year, EHF Vice President Jean Brihault represented the interests of the European Handball Federation at the EU Commission meeting that took place in Brussels in October.



## *EHF Executive Committee*

10.03	Belgrade /SRB
03.05	Vienna/AUT
14.07	Misano Adriatico /ITA
15.09	Rome/ITA
12.10	Rome/ITA
15.12 – 16.12	Paris /FRA

## *EHF Finance Delegation*

15.01	Vienna/AUT
23.02 / 24.02	Brixen /ITA
10.04	Vienna/AUT
20.04	Vienna/AUT
24.06 / 25.06	Aunan /NOR
18.08 / 19.08	Izmir/TUR
03.11	St. Malo/FRA
08.12	Vienna/AUT

## *EHF Methods Commission*

13.01 – 14.01	Vienna/AUT
14.04 – 15.04	Vienna/AUT
27.10 – 28.10	Vienna/AUT

## *EHF Competitions Commission*

13.01 – 14.01	Vienna/AUT
31.03 – 01.04	Vienna/AUT
04.08 – 05.08	Vienna/AUT
27.10 – 28.10	Vienna/AUT

## *EHF Court of Appeal*

17.03 – 18.03	Vienna/AUT
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## *EHF Comptrollers*

18.04 / 19.04	Vienna/AUT
23.08 / 24.08	Vienna/AUT
5.10	Vienna/AUT



## Partners

The EHF partners are an integral part of the future of European Handball. The EHF places great importance on the term “partnership” rather than “sponsorship” and strives to work with highly reputable global companies with a respected name on both the sporting and business markets. The emphasis is placed on long-term, deep-rooted, working relationships which power the sport of handball forward. 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 EHF European Championships. This is a long standing and successful partnership, which commenced in 1993 and will run until 2014 under the present agreement. Infront markets the television rights, media rights, and main sponsorship packages including commercial rights for rotating and static boards, floor advertising and other arena signage.

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



### *adidas*

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



### *Nijha*

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



### *Gerflor*

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

# *Tasks, Projects & Initiatives*

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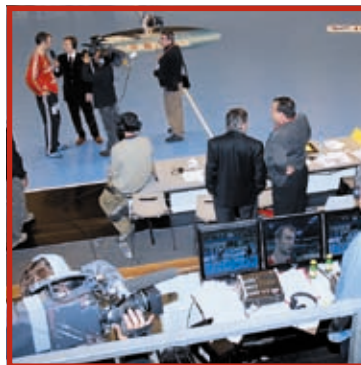
## *Information & Communication*

The sport of handball in Europe has passed through a positive stage of development over the past years, becoming ever more popular, with increasing coverage in the media. Communication has always been and continues to be an absolute key area for the European Handball Federation.

The EHF objective is to guarantee a pro-active and open communication policy and uses various methods and channels to realise this goal. The EHF sees it as its duty, as European governing body of the sport of handball, to ensure the transfer of information to all partners, who are highly diversified in the area of interest – ranging from member federations, clubs, technical experts to global corporations and of course the media.

The core of the communication methods still revolves around the EHF NEWS SERVICE, which has incidentally been around since the very beginning of the organisation; but the e-news are being increasing "overtaken" by the EHF web solutions. While the regular editions of EHF NEWS deliver up-to-date information, results and technical data to the EHF community, the EHF web domains offer news, articles, features, videos in a magazine-like style to the entire handball global community. More information can be found on page 53 about the web activities during 2007.

In fact the vast bulk of the EHF information service is now based on digital technologies, reaching target-defined audiences at speed and bearing in mind cost efficiency, which obviously plays a major role in any modern business strategy. The next three pages give you a glimpse into the work in the area of communication, giving you an impression of just how diversified the target groups are and the wide-spectrum of projects which have been successfully completed over the past year.



# Publications

## Tasks, Projects & Initiatives

In 2007, the European Handball Federation produced over 20 additional products and publications in addition to the standard productions such as the EC address books, the EHF address guide and European Cup regulations. These productions and publications from the EHF are geared towards improving all aspects of the sport discipline by providing all those involved with the sport, necessary information that uses all mediums at its disposal.

### **Publications 2007 – CD Rom**

- EHF Men's and Women's Champions League Regulations 2007/08 season
- EHF Champions League Broadcaster Manual 2007/08 season
- Celebrate the passion – 15 Years EHF Champions League (*in cooperation with the HANDBALLWOCH*E)
- Grassroots Handball Toolkit
- Web Periodical Compendium

### **Publications 2007 – Other Documentation**

- 8th Extraordinary EHF Congress & 8th Conference of Presidents Documentation
- 2007 Masters Handball European Championships Documentation
- 2007 EHF Youth Coaches Course
- 2006 European Beach Tour Finals Documentation
- 2007 European Championship Analyses: Women's 17, Women's 19, Beach Handball
- Educational Videos via the Activities Homepage
  - Part 1: Small Games
  - Part 2: Individual Defence
  - Part 3: Beach Handball

### **Corporate / Event Identity Products**

- Various event banners, flags, etc...
- EHF Champions League Draw Capsules
- European Handball Federation Flag
- European Cup Roll-Ups
- European Cup Pennants
- EURO 08 Pocket sized match schedule card
- Together we are Handball – Sponsorship Folder of the EHF Club Competitions
- EHF Handball Champions League Gala 2007 – Highlight DVD
- EHF Men's Champions League Corporate Design DVD and Corporate Identity Manual 2007/08 season
- EHF Champions League Floor Installation Manual and DVD 2007/08 season
- EHF Champions League Promo Trailer 2007/08 season
- EHF Champions League TV Master 2007/08 season
- EHF Champions League On-Screen Graphics and Slow-Motion Wipes 2007/08 season
- Hymn of the Champions – Official EHF Champions League Anthem (valid from 1st July 2007)

### **Event Publications**

- 8th Men's European Handball Championship Guide - NOR
- Women's 17 European Handball Championship - SVK
- Women's 19 European Handball Championship - TUR
- 2007 European Beach Handball Championships - ITA



## European Handball Federation Websites

The “www” is a communication channel, which a European sporting body can no longer live without. Its importance in transmitting the correct messages to the outside world and keeping handball communities informed is enormous, which is why the EHF sees significant investment to be an absolute necessity. Each year, the web solutions of the European Handball Federation evolve further to encompass the rapid developments which technologies bring with them. 2007 showed just how important this communication medium is and that this is an essential platform for handball as one of the top sports in Europe.

### *www.eurohandball.com*

Each year the EHF invests large resources in its internet platform, which centres around the domain eurohandball.com. 2008 will see a new and fresh look to eurohandball.com, which has been deemed necessary due to the expansion and exposure of this area. The EHF web presentation has developed rapidly over the past few years in line with the growth of the EHF products, the sport itself and the demands of the sporting market. Despite the fact that the web platforms of the EHF have diversified, eurohandball.com remains the first port of call for many.

In 2007 the information available was expanded further to provide the user with even more technical information in and around the game. The site offers the user data about all matches which fall into the EHF compendium of events, offers article about EHF activities and news and is an important bridge to the other EHF web platforms.

### *www.ehf-euro.com*

Again, the EHF, supported by long-term TV and Marketing partner Infront Sports and Media, worked with organisers to bring a high-quality and informative European Championship event website to the sporting world. At the time of going to press a brand new and innovative event website was being launched. This will offer the user a wide-spectrum of services for the forthcoming Men's European Championship in January 2008.

This domain will then be extended to offer a “magazine-style” event catalogue for the 2008 Women's European Championship in FYR Macedonia and 2010 Men's European Championship in Austria, with an entry platform presenting the EHF Euro brand.

The popular combination of news, interviews, statistics, media information, event information, quiz and photos will obviously be online for the user to enjoy the event. A new initiative for 2008 will be a live video service of all the matches beamed to the user directly from the EHF Euro.



# European Handball Federation Websites

## *www.ehfCL.com*

The EHF Champions League website has continued to grow throughout 2007, with much positive feedback from both the participating clubs, media representatives and the fans. The EHF web team has endeavoured to provide the user with a complete service which reflects the brand qualities of the product.

Together with a large team of EHF Champions League correspondents from across Europe, EHF Marketing GmbH is proud to present features including live streaming, highlights, photographs, interview series, reports, articles, downloads, player information and line-ups to download and print. An EHF Champions League quiz and official anthem to download were also popular in 2007. The navigation system was completely revamped to make the site even more user-friendly and a Champions League newsletter was introduced to keep the handball fan informed about the major goings on in Champions League Handball.

## *activities.eurohandball.com*

The “activities website” is the first port-of-call for all technical handball experts and enthusiasts. The site is a platform for methodical handball information to download and offers a vast amount of information from all areas of the game.

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.

Information includes a catalogue of periodicals with over 300 articles from a wide-spectrum of handball experts. This was previously available in print form, they are now all web-based and can be downloaded and printed out. European Championship analyses, course literature and Beach Handball information are all available free-of-charge. This site is truly the encyclopaedia of handball and is a must for all.

### **Other EHF domains include:**

europeancup.eurohandball.com for the European Cup competitions  
ebt.eurohandball.com for the European Beach Tour



## Referees

For the 2007/08 season the European Handball Federation registered 152 international referee couples from 41 member nations, 14 of which were female, respectively mixed pairs. In an effort to increase the number of referee's available the EHF organised two referee candidates courses conducted in Zaporozhye/UKR (28 August – 3 September 2007) and Rotterdam/NED (17-21 October 2007). The observations were successful and the EHF referee status was achieved by the candidates listed below who will be available from the New Year. Further candidates will be observed during the second half of the 2007/08 season.

BLR	Siarhei KULIK / Dzmitry NABOKAU
DEN	Dennis STENRAND / Anders Kaerlund BIRCH
ESP	Ion BUSTAMANTE / Fermin PASCUALENA
FIN	Peter SUNDELL (new partner of Päivi MITRUNEN)
GER	Lars SCHALLER / Sebastian WUTZLER
ISL	Jonas ELIASSON / Ingvar GUDJONSSON
KOS	Afrim AZEMI / Eshref BEQIRI
MDA	Igor COVALCIUC / Alexei COVALCIUC
MKD	Gjoko KOLEVSKI (new partner of Aco NIKOLOVSKI)
NED	Ferry VAN DE BEEK / Niels EGBERTS
UKR	Anatoliy NOVIKOV / Ruslan PEREPILITSY

### *New IHF Referees from Europe*

The IHF Global Referee Training Program held two courses in Veszprem/HUN (6 – 9 April 2007) and in Granollers/ESP (28 June – 2 July 2007), the following referees from Europe were awarded with the IHF status:

HUN	Peter HORVATH / Balazs MARTON
MNE	Milos RAZNATOVIC
SRB	Nenad NIKOLIC / Dusan STOJKOVIC



## *Referees Who Have Finished Their Career*

The European Handball Federation bids farewell to the following referees who have retired after reaching the maximum age; others have decided to end their careers for personal reasons. The EHF thanks these men and women for their contribution and dedication to the sport of handball and wishes them all the best for the future.

AZE	Reyhan NABIEVA / Irina FRANCHUK
CRO	Anto JOSIC / Sinisa RUDIC
CZE	Daniela RADOVA / Lucie TRUNECKOVA
DEN	Henrik LA COUR LAURSEN
FAR	Kristian JOHANSEN
ESP	Cristina FERNANDEZ / Enrique Jesus RIOS MARTIN
FIN	Mona FÖRSTRÖM
GER	Jutta EHRMANN / Susanne KÜNZIG
ISR	Yair DORENFELD / Daniel PERETZ
LTU	Algis MIKUCIONIS / Saulius ZVIRONAS
MKD	Dusko KAMISEVSKI / Zoran NAUMOVSKI
MKD	Marjan NACHEVSKI
NOR	Ida Cecilie GULLAKSEN / Karianne LOCK
NOR	Orjan VALVIK
SRB	Nebojsa GRKOVIC / Zoran TIJANIC
SUI	Francis CHOQUARD / Stephan VITZTHUM

## *Young Referees*

In 2007, four events were used by the EHF as a training platform for the Young Referees who were assessed and coached by EHF refereeing experts during the following tournaments:

### **PRAGUE CUP - Prague/CZE from 5 – 9 April 2007.**

*Six YR couples were nominated for this event:*

AUT	Christoph HURICH / Emanuel ZICHTL
CZE	Jiri NOVOTNY / Tomas PETRUSKA
DEN	Malene Krolokke LYTHJE / Karina CHRISTIANSEN
SVK	Boris MANDAK / Mario RUDINSKY
TUR	Sema TÜRKAN / Sibel ERDOGAN
UKR	Olena TOMAREVA / Marina SLEPTSOVA



## Referees

### EUROPEAN OPEN MEN 19 - Gothenburg/SWE from 3 – 7 July 2007.

*Twelve YR couples took part in the event:*

AZE	Agil GURBANOV / Samir MIRZOYEV
BEL	Stephen MARTENS / Angelo VERDONCK
CRO	Marijan KARAUULA / Tomislav MATIC
DEN	Martin HJORTSHOJ / Jakob HANSEN
KOS	Besfort JAHJA / Lorik ZHUBI
LAT	Arturs KOPANANS / Mareks SAKOLA
MNE	Dejan MARTINOVIC / Krcun MARKOVIC
POL	Maciej CHMIELECKI / Marcin PAZDRO
POR	Goncalo SANTOS / Filipe SANTOS
SLO	Bojan LAH / David SOK
SUI	David WYSS / Kevin ZOWA
SWE	Marcus WINBERG / Gattas MALKI

### 9th EUROPEAN YOUTH OLYMPIC FESTIVAL - Belgrade/SRB from 21-28 July 2007.

*Six YR couples took part in the event:*

CZE	Jiri BLANICKY / David SLEZINGER
ISL	Svavar PETURSSON / Arnar SIGURJONSSON
NED	Ferry VAN DE BEEK / Niels EGBERTS
NOR	Ismar SLOMIC / Elvis OSMANOVIC
RUS	Anton ANTASHEV / Denis MUSATOV
SRB	Marko PESIC / Radovan RADOJEVIC

### MEN'S CHALLENGE TROPHY 1 - Luxembourg/LUX from 24 – 28 October 2007.

*Two YR couples took part in this competition:*

CYP	Marios ANDREOU / Constantinos HADJIGEORGIOU
GER	Robert SCHULZE / Tobias TÖNNIES



The transfers department of the EHF has made considerable progress in this area over the past years. The ever increasing amount of work has seen obligatory changes made to the transfer regulations, which were necessary for the integrity of the sport and the players. All the business of transfers that is undertaken within the European Handball Federation is conducted in accordance with the International Transfer System based on IHF regulations.

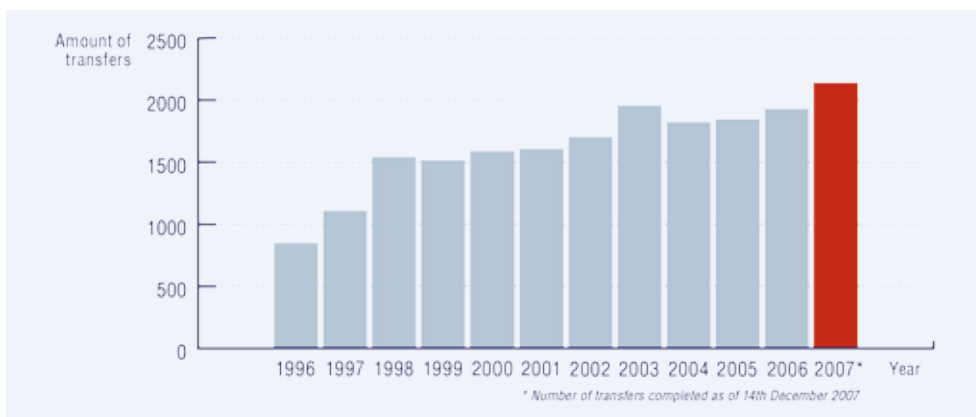
In 2007, there has been a substantial increase in the number of international transfers within Europe. This rise can be linked to the international activity during the pre-Olympic period, a trend that has been observed for the best part of a decade.

Almost every year some European Federations face the difficult situations regarding the playing eligibility of a player who is the subject of a current international transfer. In 2007, there was some obscurity in this area; with players having a valid contract in a club and who then went to another team in different country and continuing their handballing activity. Regulations were contravened, over and above the oscillation within the European clubs, meant the European Handball Federation intervening and concluding respective transfer cases through the EHF Body of 1st Instance.

At the Executive Committee meeting in September 2007, having dealt with the area of transfers that gave cause for concern and in order to bring clarification to the specific issue, it was decided that in all forms and types of competitions / matches, the players are permitted to play only when in the possession of an official and valid National Licence and the National Licence may be issued only after obtaining the official International Transfer Certificate registered and confirmed by the EHF.

There were an increasing number of transfers in the specific category of students and in order to offer more opportunity to those handball players that are at the same time studying and are registered with well-known programmes such as 'ERASMUS', 'da VINCI', 'SOCRATES', etc; the transfer administration fees were waived. For the students to be eligible a document from the respective university, proving current student status and membership to the programme concerned has to be presented upon issuance of the transfer certificate. At this time, the waiver of fees is not open to those students who are playing on a 1st or 2nd league club level.

Since the implementation of Education Compensation rules, there were in 2007 fewer cases relating to non-agreement than in the previous year.





## *Methods & Developments*

The area of methods and development at the European Handball Federation spreads out over many different areas. Since the foundation of the EHF back in 1991, many tasks, projects and initiatives have been successfully realised, with the bulk of EHF Member Federations, whether big or small, profiting in some shape and form.

The majority of the projects and initiatives in this area are not limited or restricted to the space of just one year, they span across a much longer period of time, with long-term goals and objectives in sight.

The tasks evolve in line with the development of the sport and due to the rapid changes in new technologies, the innovations and the tools used to realise the set goals undergo continuous change and are being analysed at all time.

### *Handball from the Roots*

The EHF produced a publication in 2007, under the title of "Grassroot Handball Toolkit". The kit is designed to offer a compendium of ideas, advice and tips to all those at the grassroots of the sport, whether it be mini-handball or just handball for fun. In 2008 the system will be web-based, making it accessible to all.

### *Handball at School*

The EHF Youth Handball Forum met in June 2007 and one of the points on their agenda was to look at the issue of Handball in School. The New Year will see the re-ignition of the project as the second comprehensive package, which will incorporate the summer camps and shoot-outs, is planned for 2008. The EHF places great emphasis on the development of handball in youngsters from an early age. Handball has never been so popular amongst school-aged children, who look up to the handball stars, hoping to be one of them one day in the future. The EHF has programmes to assist teachers and youth leaders in working with young, active and talented young children.

### *Wheelchair Handball*

After the success of the demonstration in 2005, the area of Methods and Development have continued in their concerted efforts to make handball a sport for all. Due to interest expressed and the feedback received, the European Handball Federation has planned the first Wheelchair Handball Tournament to take place in 2008.

### *Material Support*

The past year has seen unremitting steps being made in the area of development. The EHF has continually supported its Member Federations in the area of equipment that saw over 1000 handballs, 50 beach handballs, 2 beach handball goals and 5 lecturer nominations donated to those nations making positive advancements improving handball in their corner of Europe.



### *The “Rinck” Convention*

Within the framework of the 8th Conference of Presidents in Italy, Slovakia became the 15th signatory to the RINCK Convention. From its conception in the spring of 2000 in Tel Aviv (ISR) the principle of this summit has been the reciprocated recognition of coaches' education in European Handball; facilitating the direct admission to practice in the signatory Member Federations. Slovakia joins AUT, BUL, CRO, CZE, DEN, FRA, GER, HUN, NOR, POL, POR, RUS, SLO and SWE in this significant delegation.

### *ENSSEE*

The Review of the EU 5-level structure for the recognition of Coaching Qualifications has been completed by the European Coaching Council (a sub-committee of the European Network of Sports Science, Education and Employment - ENSSEE). Coaching delegates at the Forum have been asked to formally support the adoption of the Convention on behalf of their organisations in the form of a signed document. It is proposed that the relevant national authorities and the international federations sign up to a Coaching Convention for the recognition of coaching competence and qualifications

The Convention for the Recognition of Coaching Competence and Qualifications will represent an agreement between agencies/organisations to work together on the further development of the Framework for Coaching Competence and Qualifications. It is not a legally binding convention and it is not seeking formal national support from EU member states at this point. In case of EHF Executive Committee approval, a commitment shall be signed by the EHF and sent to ENSSEE.

### *SMART Project*

The administrative event in Italy was also the setting for forging new partnerships and cementing relations between the European handball nations. With two new signatures to the SMART accord for development support the project was transformed once again. In 2007, the agreements with the nations of Albania, Azerbaijan and Moldova came to a successful close. The European Handball Federation continues to support Armenia, Bulgaria, England and Scotland and welcomes Malta and Montenegro as the new signatories.

### *Foster Project*

The FOSTER project progressed in 2007 with the addition of Portugal and Scotland as well as Switzerland and Liechtenstein signing supportive partnership agreements. Based on solidarity, the department of Methods and Development pair well-developed handball national federations with those nations that welcome the valued support of more experienced countries.

Cooperation between AUT-LTU, DEN-BUL, HUN-LAT, NED-IRL, NOR-GEO, ROU-MDA continue to flourish.

### *More info...*

Look out for more development news in the coming year by visiting the EHF Activities homepage at <http://activities.eurohandball.com>





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# European Handball Federation Corporate Network

As the European governing body for the sport discipline of handball, the European Handball Federation has made considerable progress and has substantially changed since its conception 15 years ago. The company had adapted to the issues that have challenged European Handball both directly, here we can look to the ever-changing sport market and ultimately, where the EHF has successfully integrated new Handball nations based on the evolution of the European political map.

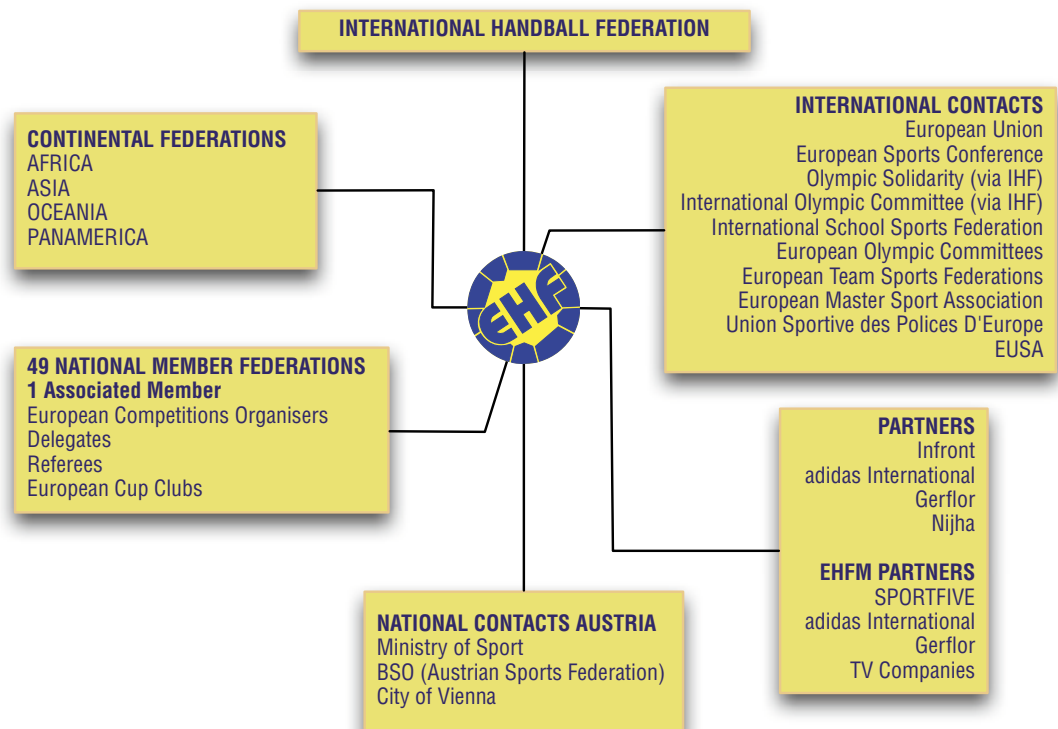
The internal advancements of the European Handball Federation are of great interest to the handball family and the representation outlining the areas of the EHF will look very different in 2008 in comparison to 2007. The most interesting development is the ongoing EHF "CAN" (Corporate Academy & Network) project. Aiming to find a joint common way between Academy Services and the Experts from the member federations, the European Handball Federation endeavours to facilitate an exchange of handball know-how that will find European and Global coverage.

Every year the European Handball organises numerous competitive and administrative events. In 2007, the EHF held their 8th Conference of Presidents and the 8th EHF Extraordinary Congress in Rome. On a competitive level, in addition to the European Cup competitions and Champions League matches, the EHF has continued to invest manpower and finances in the developing competitions that allow for the participation from all nations.

The 2007 EHF Congress ratified numerous motions that will bring vast change to the federation in 2008. The company welcomes the addition of the Beach Handball Commission, comprising of a Chairman and four members that will come into force in September 2008 at the 9th EHF Ordinary Congress. The juridical bodies of the European Handball Federation will also undergo vast change as an elected body that will function as an Arbitration Tribunal and an independent Arbitration Court selected from a pool of Arbitrators that will be introduced in the autumn of 2008.

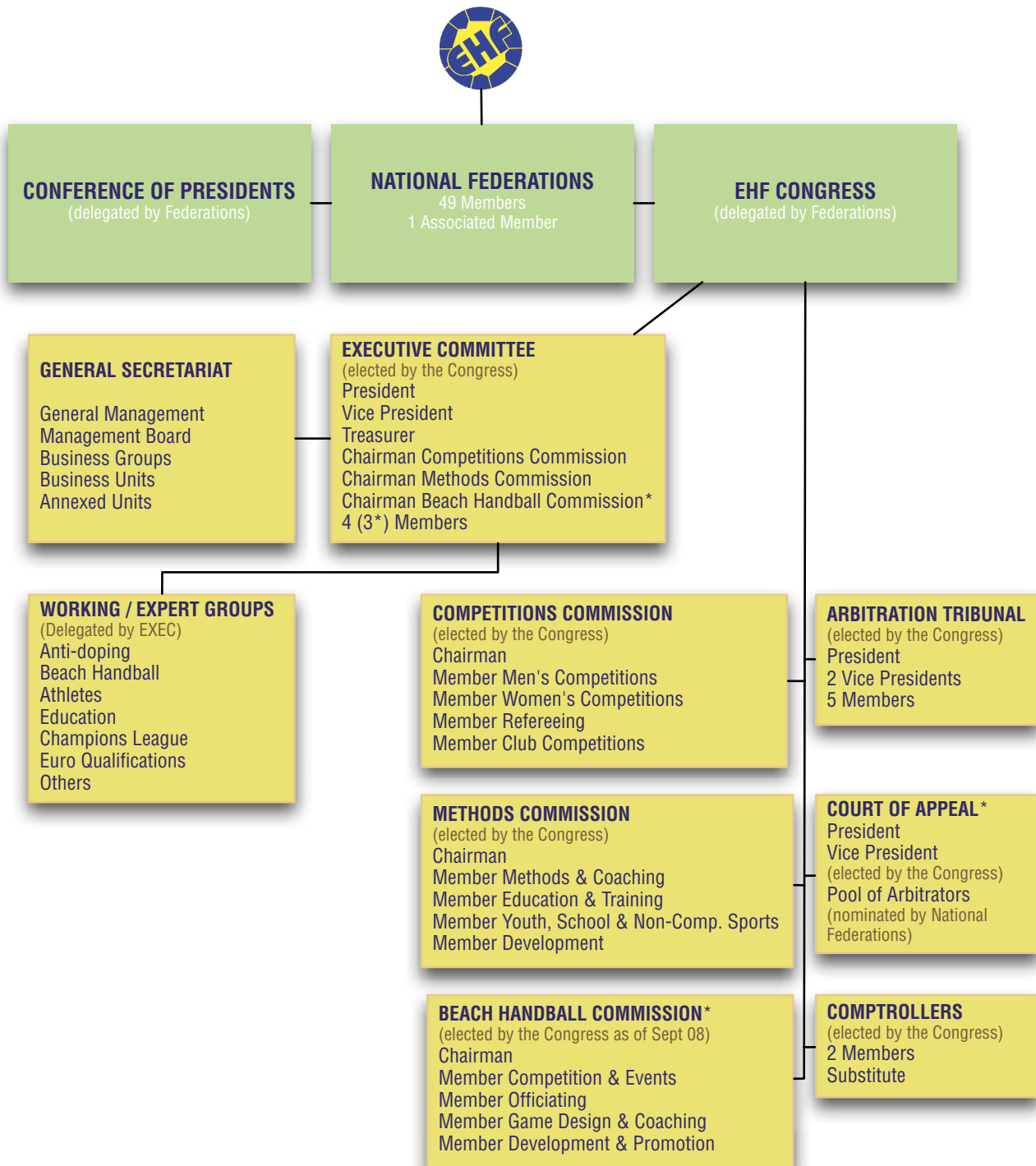
With the assistance of 26 full and part time staff members working, in harmony with the 6 staff members from the daughter company – EHF Marketing GmbH, at the EHF Headquarters in Vienna, the daily business, planning and organisation of all events is undertaken with great care on behalf of the EHF Member Federations, clubs and individuals, in particular, the sportsmen and sportswomen of Europe.

As handball continues to grow within and beyond Europe, the European Handball Federation and its league of committees and commissions continue in their demanding role, making the decisions that have brought the strong position where it is today.



# European Handball Federation Corporate Network

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\* As of EHF Congress September 2008

# European Handball Federation Executive & Commissions

## 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.



Tor Lian



Jean Brihault



Ralf Dejaco



Jan Tuik



Frantisek Taborsky



Laszlo Sinka



Arne Elovszon



Jozef Ambrus



Boris Makarov\*



Damir Poljak

## 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.



Jan Tuik



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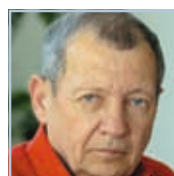
Frantisek Taborsky



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Wolfgang Pollany



Itzhak Frenkel



Allan Lund

*\*Boris Makarov, former top referee, delegate and member of the EHF Executive Committee from 2000 to his death in April of this year.*

*The European Handball Federation would like to take this opportunity to send its sincere condolences to family and friends and the Russian Handball Union.*

# European Handball Federation Executive & Commissions

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## 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.



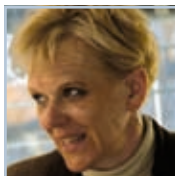
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## Comptrollers

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



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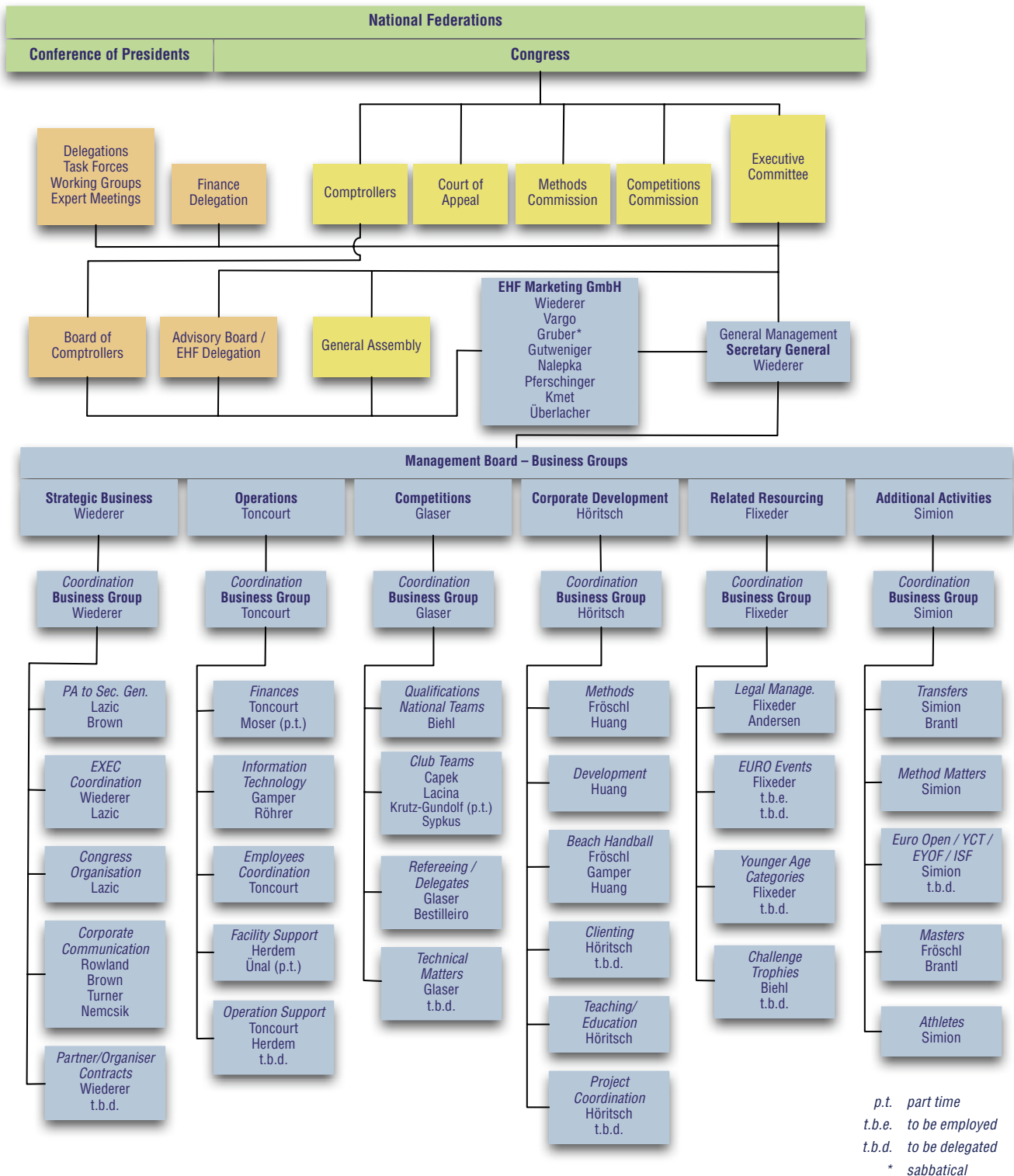
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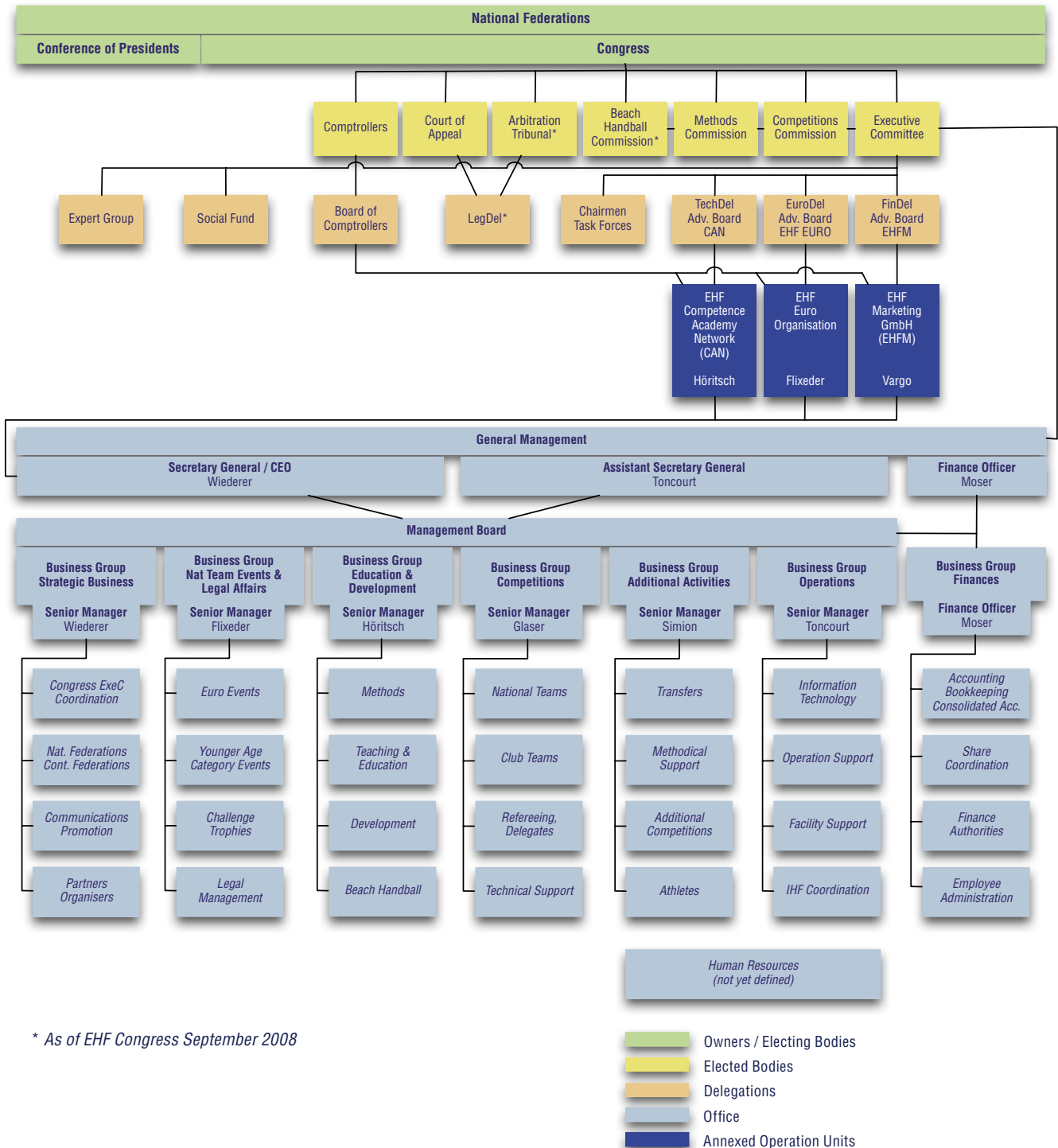
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MC – Inge-Lis Kanstrup Hansen  
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# Office Structure to 2007



# Office Structure from 2008



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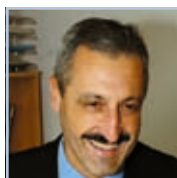
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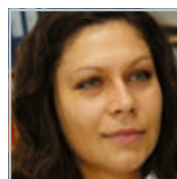
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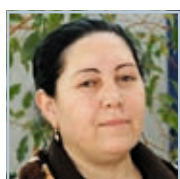
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The work of EHF Marketing GmbH centres on the EHF European club competitions. Primarily the focus is on the development of the EHF Champions League and the product placement of European club handball on the competitive sporting market.

The 2006/07 EHF Men's Champions League turned a corner, launching a new "fresh and clean" branding to the Handball Champions League product on the sporting market, which has been spoken of as being a breakthrough for European club handball in general.

Alongside the newly developed Corporate Event Identity, the Regulations for the Men's Champions League were completely revised, going into greater detail in the event management side of the competition. A Broadcasters' Manual and the selection of a pool of EHF Marketing Supervisors to support both the clubs and the marketing and TV partners have also proven their value. The new "blue and blue lagoon" flooring system by Gerflor adds to the overall look of the matches and has already developed trademark status with handball fans in the arena and at home. We are no longer talking about a single handball match; we are talking about a handball event of ever increasing proportions.

Figures have proven that the EHF is on the right road, as far as the development of the EHF Champions League is concerned. There has never been so much handball on television, coverage in the sporting press or fans in the stadia. It's all about partnership rather than sponsorship and EHF Marketing works closely with SPORTFIVE to achieve strategic goals. SPORTFIVE markets all the matches as of the main round. There is a 6 partner package, the EHF has agreed with SPORTFIVE to take back one package to deal with the clubs in order to satisfy the interests of the main sponsors of the individual clubs. Eurosport and other prestigious TV companies are also bringing the delights of the EHF Champions League into the homes of sport fans around Europe.



### The EHF Marketing Team



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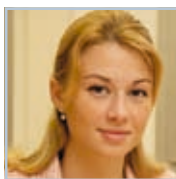
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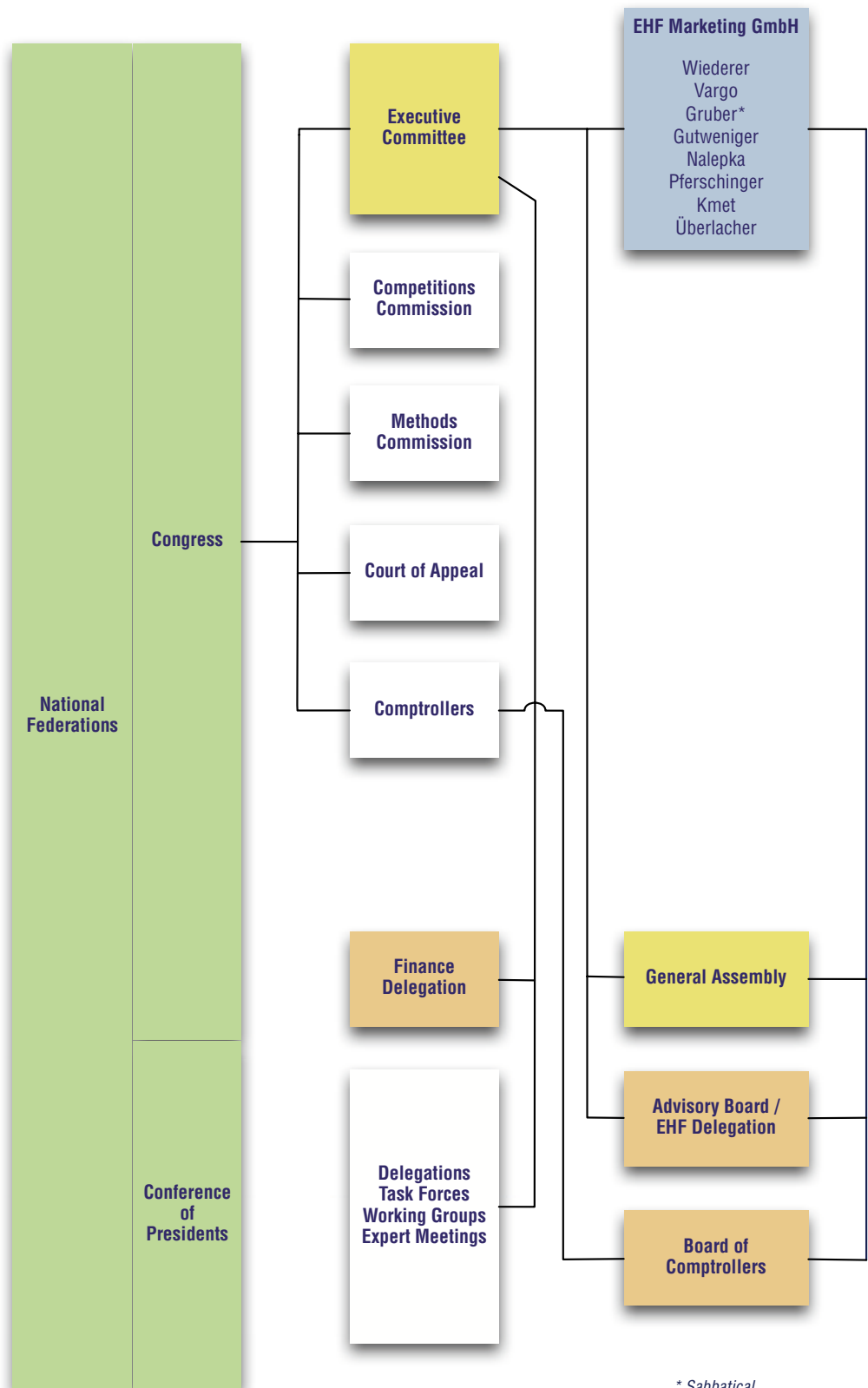


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# EHF Marketing GmbH Partners

Management

## EHF Men's Champion League – Centralised Marketing

2007/2008 is the second season where the EHF Men's Champions League is marketed in a centralised way. To have cooperation with such a major player like SPORTFIVE, gives the opportunity to strengthen the product on the market as well lead handball sport in Europe into another dimension.



## EHF Women's Champions League – Interwetten, UNIQA Hungary

Gaining Interwetten and UNIQA Hungary as two new official partners for the EHF Women's Champions League is a huge step forward to position the product "EHF Women's Champions League" on the market.



## EHF Champions League venue design

Together with its partner Gerflor, the market leader in flooring systems, EHF Marketing reaches the goal to give the Men's as well as the Women's Champions League a completely new face. The identical look of each venue leads this competition into a new generation.



## The Handball Champions League on TV

EHF Marketing prides itself on its close and harmonious long-term partnerships with over 45 TV and media partners. By signing contracts with all these international TV partners the popularity of handball throughout Europe increases dramatically.



## Ball Supplier – adidas

adidas, as the official ball supplier of the EHF Men's and Women's Champions League, has been working in partnership with the EHF for the past 15 years.



## Media Analysis – Global MMK

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



## 2008 Calendar

### JANUARY

European Cup Draw  
Men's European Championship – NOR  
Men's World Championship – CRO (IHF Event) - Qualification Europe  
Men's World Championship – CRO (IHF Event) - PO Draw  
Women's Champions League  
Women's European Championship – MKD - PO Draw

### FEBRUARY

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

### MARCH

European Cup Draws  
ISF Games (begin)  
Men's 20 European Championship - Qualification  
Men's Champions League  
Men's European Cup  
Men's National Team Week  
Women's 20 World Championship – (IHF Event) – Qualification Europe  
Women's Champions League  
Women's Challenge Trophy  
Women's European Cup  
Women's National Team Week  
Women's Olympic Games – Qualification Tournament

### APRIL

European Cup Draws  
ISF Games (end)  
Men's Champions League  
Men's European Cup  
Women's Champions League  
Women's European Cup

### MAY

Men's 18 European Championship - Qualification  
Men's Champions League  
Men's European Cup  
Men's Olympic Games – Qualification Tournament  
Women's Champions League  
Women's European Cup  
Women's European Championship – PO

### JUNE

EBT Masters  
Men's and Women's 19 Beach Handball European Championships  
Men's World Championship - CRO (IHF Event) – PO Europe  
Women's European Championship – PO

# 2008 Calendar

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## JULY

European Cup Draw  
Men's 20 European Championship – ROU  
University World Championship - ITA  
Women's 18 European Open - SWE  
Women's U18 World Championship – SVK (IHF Event)  
Women's U20 World Championship – MKD (IHF Event)

## AUGUST

European Cup Draw  
Men's 20 European Championship – ROU  
Men's 18 European Championship – CZE  
Olympic Games – CHN (IOC Event)  
Women's Police ECh - NOR  
Women's U20 World Championship – MKD (IHF Event)

## SEPTEMBER

9th Ordinary EHF Congress  
Masters Games - SWE  
Men's Champions League - Qualifications  
Men's European Cup  
Men's European Championship for Club Teams  
Men's Police ECh – HUN (begin)  
Women's Champions League - Qualifications  
Women's European Cup  
Women's European Championship for Club Teams

## OCTOBER

European Cup Draw  
Men's Champions League  
Men's European Cup  
Men's European Championship - Qualification  
Men's Police ECh – HUN (end)  
Women's Champions League - Qualification  
Women's European Cup  
Women's National Team Week

## NOVEMBER

Men's European Championship - Qualification  
Men's Champions League  
Men's European Cup  
Women's Champions League  
Women's World Championship – Qualification (IHF Event)

## DECEMBER

Women's European Championship - MKD



## Message from the EHF Secretary General

### 2008 – A look to the future



Michael Wiederer  
EHF Secretary General

We are now on the brink of 2008 and all handball enthusiasts are looking forward to the highlights, which the year will no doubt bring with it. There will be national team competitions including the European Championships and Olympic Games, but lets not forget the Men's and Women's European club handball circuit, while reaching its crescendo, together with the national leagues, in May 2008, the European club competitions send out a strong signal for our sport and its placement on the market.

Congresses and conferences will form an important part of the year's activities as far as the sport-political aspect of European handball is concerned. The important decisions and votes taken at these events will set the way for the future of the sport on our continent. Projects of a technical nature power the further developments of handball, both indoors and out.

The challenge of optimising working relationships with the wide-spectrum of partners from all areas of the sport is there for all of us - like for instance the partnership with the member federations, leagues, clubs, coaches, players, referees, delegates, lecturers on both a organisational and technical level, combined with partners from private industry and the media.

Many new initiatives for the further development of handball will form part of 2008, including the introduction of a Competence Academy Network (CAN), a network to optimise the transfer of knowledge within the spheres of European handball.

Over the past years handball has enjoyed an upwards trend: more coverage in the media, increased focus on the sport by sport fans - bringing with it an embedded "place" for handball in society.

It is the job of the European Handball Federation and its employees to take on this challenge, carry-out the daily business, while not losing sight of long-term goals.

We will work strategically with all partners to ensure the continued qualitative development – with this Annual report reflecting the work of 2007, you have memories in your hand. Let's focus now on 2008 and work together for a successful year!

All the best,



Michael Wiederer

