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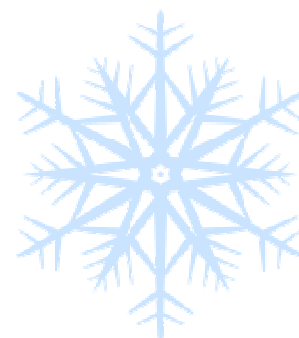
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SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear ENGSO family and partners,

Year 2010 is coming into its end. I want to thank you all for your active contribution and fruitful cooperation during this year. Special thanks goes to the Serbian Olympic Committee for organising the 18th ENGSO General Assembly in Belgrade in May and to the Croatian Olympic Committee for the ENGSO Forum which was held in lovely Dubrovnik in October. My heartfelt thanks to all members of our working groups and the Executive Committee for their important contribution to ENGSO work.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you all that the Finnish Sports Federation has decided to apply for the ENGSO Presidency 2011-2015 so I will stand as a candidate for ENGSO President for the period 2011-2015. ENGSO has been developing rapidly during the past few years, and I look forward to continuing this development and grasping the new challenges and opportunities that the future brings.

In these words I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2011.



Birgitta Kervinen
ENGSO President

ENGSO STARTS PREPARING A NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

Building on the outcomes and successful delivery of the existing strategic plan, the ENGSO Executive Committee launched a process that will eventually lead to the adoption of a new Strategic Plan for 2011-2015.

Following the feedback gathered at the 13th ENGSO Forum in Dubrovnik, ENGSO members received in December by email an updated document with the proposed vision, mission and priority areas and outcomes for the ENGSO Strategic Plan for 2011-2015. Members are asked to send their thoughts and comments on this document with any proposed actions for the priority areas they wish ENGSO to undertake on their behalf to Annuli Hämäläinen at hamalainen@euoffice.eurolympic.org by 31st January 2011. The ENGSO Executive Committee would be grateful to receive your thoughts on the information before starting to produce the detailed action plan.

EUROPEAN YEAR OF VOLUNTEERING LAUNCHED – ENGSO REPRESENTING SPORTS IN WORKING GROUPS

With another month to go before 2011, the European Commission got a head start in launching the European Year of Volunteering (EYV2011) on 2 December in Brussels. One of the main partners of the Commission in implementing the Year is the EYV2011 Alliance, a network of civil society organisations working in the field of volunteering. ENGSO represents sports organisations in the Alliance, and is providing topical information to its members about events and activities during the year. On a national level, the EYV2011 is run by National Coordinating Bodies.

The EYV2011 Alliance has nominated six working groups, each of them preparing recommendations for policy makers on topics essential for volunteering. The working group on legal frameworks of volunteering is chaired by ENGSO representative James MacDougall from the Sport and Recreation Alliance, UK, with seven other representatives from ENGSO and ENGSO Youth making the voice of sports heard in the other working groups.

For more information, go to the EYV2011 websites:

<http://www.eyv2011.eu/> - EYV2011 Alliance

<http://europa.eu/volunteering/> - European Commission

ENGSO ATTENDS EU HIGH-LEVEL STRUCTURED DIALOGUE

At the formal Sport Council held on the 18th of November, the EU Sport Ministers approved a resolution proposing the organisation of a new high-level structured dialogue on sport. The Belgian EU Presidency launched the new dialogue by hosting the first meeting in Brussels on 6 December 2010 with the Flemish Minister for Sport Philippe Muyters as chair and the Commission represented by Commissioner Vassiliou.

ENGSO vice president Jan Boháč raised especially the importance of volunteering. "It is essential to emphasise that volunteering and non-profit voluntary sports organisations are the absolute foundation of the pyramid sport model. Volunteering and its significance must be recognised, and thus it is imperative that it will be included among the priority areas of the future EU agenda on sport", he stated. In her reaction, Commissioner Vassiliou assured that this would indeed be the case.

For more information, go to the ENGSO website:

http://www.engso.eu/clanek.php?id=54&tab=latest_news

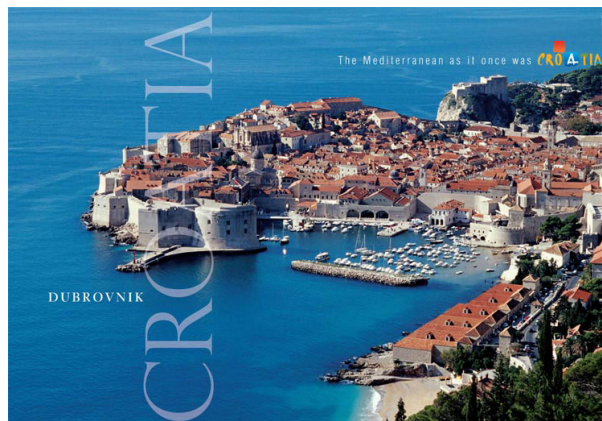
ROUND TABLE SPORT FOR ALL HOSTED BY ENGSO ENCOURAGED COOPERATION

On October 8, 2010 in Dubrovnik, ENGSO hosted a group of sport organisations working on sport for all to a joint meeting to discuss cooperation and the promotion of sport for all. The participants of the Round Table discussed cooperation notably in the field of education. The outcome of the meeting was a statement produced together by the participants, which states, among other issues, that the Round Table meetings should continue, and that in addition to exchange and cooperation between sport for all organisations, the Round Table could serve as a support for policy making in promoting the views of sport for all organisations as well as for implementing EU actions. The next Round Table Sport for All is to be organised in 2011.

For more information, go to the ENGSO website:

http://www.engso.com/clanek.php?id=47&tab=latest_news

13TH ENGSO FORUM IN DUBROVNIK



The 13th ENGSO Forum, hosted in Dubrovnik by the Croatian Olympic Committee in cooperation with the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports, discussed the themes social inclusion and education through sports on 8th and 9th October.

The Forum brought together representatives of sport organisations and experts from across Europe to learn from each other. Guest speakers from the European Commission, Council of Europe and the European Olympic Committees shared their views on the topics at hand with the participants. Project examples on both social inclusion and education through sports implemented by ENGSO members were showcased at the forum and are summarised in the Proceeding Book of the Forum, which available on the ENGSO website.

For more information, go to the ENGSO website:

http://www.engso.eu/clanek.php?id=48&tab=latest_news

WILD PROGRAMME ADVANCES TOWARDS ITS FINAL CONFERENCE

The EU-funded ENGSO project "Women's International Leadership Development" Programme, WILD, has reached its final phase with roughly two thirds of the national and European trainings conducted. During the trainings, the participants of the project have developed their personal skills, management skills and gained tools for future activities in leadership positions in sports. The second training was hosted by the Danish Olympic Committee in Copenhagen at the end of October, and discussed notably personal skills, with each participant having to draft a SWOT analysis of themselves. "I have never focused on my self like this but I like it and it has so far given me a lot!", commented one of the participants afterwards. The third and final European training will take place in Strasbourg on 16-17 February.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES READY FOR HEALTHY CHILDREN IN SOUND COMMUNITIES



A weekly schedule for primary school children with a combination of physical education lessons at schools, co-curricular physical activities and one additional hour of health and nutrition education – this is the main element of the EU-funded project “Healthy children in sound communities (HCSC)”, where ENGSO Youth is a partner together with municipalities, sport federations and scientific institutes from six European countries.

The partner organisations have been building up in the last months a multi-actor network to offer more opportunities for all to engage in an active lifestyle as a means to counteract physical inactivity and overweight. They’ve created “Round tables” where public authorities, such as school boards and health boards, and local sport clubs, other youth organisations, health centres come together. During the school year 2010/2011 primary school children in these partner communities will benefit from a daily time of physical activity plus health and nutrition education. The activities will run until March 2011 and are monitored scientifically.

Chair of ENGSO Youth, Mr Jan Holze said: “The project is a great success for the promotion of children’s health and physical activity on a European level. But the big challenge for each of the partners is the follow-up financing after the EU-project period.”

ENGSO GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN TALLINN, 19-21 MAY 2011

Following the invitation from the Estonian Olympic Committee, ENGSO is happy to announce that the General Assembly 2011 will take place on 19-21 May in Tallinn, Estonia. More information will be sent to the member organisations and made available on the ENGSO website www.engso.eu later on.

ENGSO EU PROJECT “CREATING A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD” AIMS AT PROMOTING SOCIAL INCLUSION THROUGH SPORTS

Following the adoption of the Manifesto on a Truly Inclusive Sport by the ENGSO General Assembly in May 2010, ENGSO has been preparing a project to help sport organisations and other actors implement the actions recommended in the manifesto.

In December 2010, ENGSO received a grant from the European Union to implement the project “Creating a Level Playing Field”. The project aims at exchanging best practice examples on the inclusion of immigrants in sporting activities between sport organisations, public authorities and organisations working in the field of social inclusion and anti-discrimination. In addition, an analysis of the best practice examples will be done, hoping to identify the successful elements of these projects and how they could be transferred to other settings.

To learn more about the project, go the ENGSO website:

http://www.engso.eu/clanek.php?id=51&tab=latest_news

ENGSO CALENDER

ENGSO ExCom Meetings

- February 5-6, Tallinn, Estonia
- April 7-9, Aveyron, France

ENGSO Youth

- ENGSO Youth Committee meeting, February 6-7, Tallinn, Estonia
- ENGSO Youth Assembly, May 20-21, Estonia

19th ENGSO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- May 19-21, 2011, Tallin, Estonia

ENGSO Project Conferences

- Creating a Level Playing Field Opening Conference, January 31-February 1 (tbc), Brussels, Belgium
- WILD Programme 3rd European Training, February 16-17, Strasbourg, France
- Exercising for the Future - Healthy Children in Sound Communities Final Conferences, March 8-10, Brussels, Belgium

European events

- EU Sport Forum, February 21-22, Budapest, Hungary

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