



World Congress Sport for All 2004

ENGSO requests a Round Table Meeting with IOC President Jacques Rogge

Today, sport offers different manifestations, from grassroots up to top level events. New sport developments create new needs and expectations among people involved in sports. In order to respond to these challenges it is becoming ever more important for sport organisations at European and world levels to more closely co-operate and to divide tasks.

Europe can be proud of having been the cradle of Sport for All developments. Some of them have been adapted to specific needs in other continents and new forms of mass and leisure sports have been implemented.

On the initiative of ENGSO, the **Round Table on Sport for All in Europe** was set up in 1997 in order to co-ordinate the efforts of different international Sport for All organisations in Europe. The main aim is to avoid duplication by closer co-operation and strengthen the voice of Sport for All in Europe.

Welcoming broader cooperation for the enrichment of Sport for All

In a recent joint letter to IOC President Dr. Jacques Rogge, signed by the nine different international sport organisations taking part in the Round Table initiative, we have expressed our acknowledgement of the commitment the IOC has shown towards Sport for All. The IOC has established an own IOC Sport for All Committee and granted IOC patronage to the World Sport for All Congresses.

However, the practice of Sport for All movement is more diverse and

wider than represented in the IOC and in the programmes of the World Sport for All Congresses. Thus we stressed the need for a more

broadly based co-operation. We are ready to actively contribute to the benefit of the common goals of Sport for All, which in the global picture is still receiving less attention and support, as compared with the highly media profiled top sports.

We therefore made an appeal to the IOC President to consider the variety and significance of Sport for All currents in Europe in a more comprehensive way in the programme of future World Congresses, both in the range of topics as well as in the choice of conference speakers.

It is with great interest and optimism that we are looking forward to the scheduling of a date for an exchange of views with IOC President Dr. Jacques Rogge to discuss our concerns and proposals in view of a more effective involvement of some of the main European Sport for All stakeholders. Their contributions could further enrich the Sport for All movement and its impact on sport-loving people world-wide.

Marlis Rydzy-Götz
ENGSO Secretary General



Welcome to the 12th ENGSO General Assembly in Belgrade 16-18 April 2004

It is a great honour and pleasure for the Olympic Committee of Serbia and Montenegro to organise the 12th ENGSO General Assembly in Belgrade – to host our colleagues and sports friends in the ENGSO family.

The Olympic Committee of Serbia and Montenegro has made great efforts to prepare this meeting in the best possible way.

In view of the needs of such an important international event, our Committee has chosen Hotel *Beograd Inter-Continental* as the site for the Assembly. This hotel offers both excellent accommodation conditions and meeting facilities.

Members of the ENGSO Executive Committee have already visited the site as they held one of their meetings in Belgrade in January 2004. We are convinced that their experience was positive and they took good impressions with them.

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Mr. Dragan Kicanovic
President of the Olympic Committee of
Serbia and Montenegro



Some of the central topics of the 12th ENGSO General Assembly

- Youth issues including the 2004 EYES "Crossroads" project of the Council of Europe – in which the ENGSO Youth is a key partner
- Future plan of action of the EU group including enlargement issues and the follow-up of an article for sport in the EU Constitutional Treaty
- Voluntary leadership
- CDDS/Council of Europe
- Co-operation with European Women and Sport and other European partners

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Welcome to the European Crossroads: SPORT - FRONT DOOR TO DEMOCRACY

Council of Europe, European Commission, ENGSO and the European Olympic Committees are on their way to preparing the European Crossroads: Sport – front door to democracy held in Strasbourg, 13 – 14 May 2004. The Crossroads will be co-financed within the European Year of Education through Sport 2004.

The Crossroads will invite representatives from governmental and non-governmental sport institutions working in sport and youth. They are invited to bring examples of best national and local practices and experiences about the following themes:

- role of local sport associations in bridging the gap between school sport and sport in the community
- examples on the value of non-formal education
- involvement of younger people in decision-making processes
- social importance of sport: promoting individual development and social integration
- how different partners in sport (ministries, local authorities, organisations and clubs) promote real say of young people.

In the Crossroads, ENGSO Youth will present the ENGSO Guidelines for children and youth sport explaining their importance, aims and perspectives. We will also compile facts and figures on youth sport in Europe and lead workshop sessions.

If you are interested in sending good examples, contact your national CDDS delegation (sport ministry or agency).

Ilonda Luse - Latvia
Member of ENGSO Youth Committee

Rosemary Paul Chopin
Chair of ENGSO Youth Committee



Youth Committee for the Hungarian Sport Confederation

The Hungarian Sport Confederation has since November 2003 had its official Youth College. Members of the Youth College are delegates from 65 Sport Federations, 20 County Sport Federations and from the Hungarian Sport Confederation's Social College.

The Youth College is led by president, **Ms. Eszter Rudas**, and vice-president, **Mr. Tamás Nagy**. The college aims to:

- promote exchange of views necessary for a successful integration to the European Union and utilization of the related possibilities
- maintain relations with ENGSO and the Youth Organisations of the member countries
- maintain relations with EU organisations and state organisations responsible for sport and youth affairs
- strengthen the voice of youngsters.

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Eszter Rudas
President of the Youth College

Sport is a policy tool in favour of the European youth

28 January 2004 was a lobby day for ENGSO Youth in Brussels. The goal for **Rosemary Paul Chopin**, ENGSO Youth Committee Chair, and **Jennifer Hedderich**, ENGSO Youth Executive secretary, was to meet representatives from three institutions important to future ENGSO Youth policy and actions at the European level.

Our first meeting was with **Jutta Koenig** in the European Commission regarding the European Year of Education through Sport 2004 and the youth programme with a focus on European voluntary service. Special recommendations have been given to national agencies to promote and increase sport projects in this program around democracy and citizenship.

Tony Geudens from the Coordination Agency for international youth work provided us with information about the SALTO program and the field of inclusion. Training course *Inclusion through sport* will be organised in the spring.

Finally, we met with **Dr. Johanna D. Tzanidaki** from the European Youth Forum, to which we are seeking membership. European Youth Forum and ENGSO Youth have a lot in common – not only in the field of education through sport. Membership in the Forum could provide us with new contacts via other partners and prove that sport is a policy tool in favour of the European youth.

It was a satisfying day for ENGSO Youth. New contacts have been established and ENGSO Youth is now better known in Brussels. It is time to complete our membership application to the European Youth Forum.

Rosemary Paul Chopin
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The Austrian way – how the youth became independent

In March 2004, the youth working group of the Austrian Sports Federation (BSO) is organising the 3rd Youth Sport Forum where the elections for the first Youth Committee will take place. The young participants from different sports

federations will elect 10 members to the first BSO Youth Committee, which will promote different youth sport topics on national and international level.

Some years ago, a youth working group was in place consisting of volunteers only. The work was not too tremendous, and the group soon ceased to exist. In 2001, a restart was launched with four people – all employees in BSO and in the three Sport for All-federations ASVÖ, ASKÖ and SPORTUNION. This was the start for a success story: We organised two Youth Sport Forums where young people could express their ideas in front of other youngsters and discuss topics on youth sport matters.

Young volunteers have always been involved in the preparations of the forums. In 2003, special sport management courses for young people under the age of 26 were put in place in the frame of the "sport manager" education program of BSO. Other projects include collaborations with other youth organisations and joint seminars with our Ministry for Youth.

In November 2003, the BSO General Assembly accepted the standing orders for the BSO Youth. We have reached our first big goal: Young people from all federations will come together and elect the first Youth Committee.

We hope the Austrian example will motivate other ENGSO member countries to give their young also a strong position in sport.

Ulrike Gruber - Austria
Member of ENGSO Youth Committee

Sport is on its way toward the EU Constitutional Treaty

The ENGSO EU working group held its first meeting of the year in February in Brussels. **Mr Tomas Nagy** from the Hungarian Sports Federation, **Ms Ksenja Klepek** from the Olympic Committee of Slovenia, **Ms Judith Wood** from the Central Council of Physical Recreation (UK) as well as **Ms Essi Puustonen** as part of the delegation of the Finnish Sports Federation joined the group for the first time.

Intergovernmental Conference on a break

European sport organisations have considered the convention proposal of the sport article generally good. The Convention proposal emphasises the educational role and the European dimension of sports, youth exchange and the protection of young people.

ENGSO wished to have certain amendments to the EU article III – 182. The previous EU president Italy submitted a compromise of the specificity of sports to the European Council in Naples in November 2003. It is expected that such issues of lesser importance as sports will not be taken into discussion again in the continuing Intergovernmental Conference.

The aim of the IGC is to organise all the previous EU treaties in the New Constitutional treaty. It is anticipated that sport will be part of the complementary actions of the future European Union. This maintains the decision making in the member states.

A smaller working group within ENGSO has been formed to create an ENGSO European Union policy paper of the sport's position in the Treaty.

Irish EU presidency focuses on the 2004 European Year of Education through Sports

The number of EU member states will grow to 25 when the ten new members enter the European Union 1 May 2004. ENGSO can help this enlargement process with good working relations in all parts of Europe.

The Irish EU presidency, will focus on the European Year of Education through Sports. Ireland has promised to report on the progress of the IGC by the end of March 2004.

EU bathing water directive too strict for swimming and water sports

Sophie Christ and **Britta Jahnke** reported on the *EU bathing water directive*. The new directive will not only affect swimming but will also be extended to other water sports like surfing, windsurfing, kayaking etc. Several national water sport organisations and the European Canoe Federation oppose this new directive and lobby for a change of the wording. The directive is not in force yet.

Opening of the borders of services on the agenda

The objective of the Commission to continue liberalising the trade of services among the member states could also mean some important challenges and changes for national sports. First, the national lottery system could be affected by harmonisation and liberalisation. Although the proposed directive now excludes any harmonisation of the national lottery systems, the Commission reserves its right to make any proposals for harmonisation instruments where necessary – also with regards to the national lottery system – after one year after the directive entered into force.

Second, through liberalisation of the service sector, sport service providers such as ski or diving schools would have to act in a more competitive environment. The existing system of national authorisation and licensing procedures for services would be abolished by the Commission proposal. The "country of origin principle," as it already exists for goods, shall also be applied to the service sector. Basically, this principle states, that once a service is legally available in one state, it should also be able to sell it in any other EU state under the same conditions as in the first authorising state.

Concerning this comprehensive proposal, a consultation procedure has been opened by the Commission, and statements of all stakeholders involved are welcomed.

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Monthly topics keep the discussion alive in EYES 2004

March:	Sport and Gender
April:	Health
May:	EU Enlargement
June:	Voluntary work
July:	Sport and Finance
August:	Olympic Values
September:	Disability
October:	Sport and Culture
November:	Sport and new media
December:	Sport and Social Inclusion

www.eyes-2004.info



Ireland hosted the European launch of the Year of Education through Sport 2004

in Dublin, 29-30 January

Ireland, during its Presidency of the EU, hosted the European Launch of the Year of Education through Sport 29-30 January 2004. Outstanding experts – such as Professor **Jean Côté** from the School of Physical and Health Education of Queen's University, Canada, and Dr. **Sue Campbell**, Chief Executive of the Youth Sport Trust of the UK – together with workshops and visits to local schools, community centres and facilities brought forward the remarkable educational potential of sports in its many forms.

According to Dr. Sue Campbell, education through sport and Physical Education have the potential to:

- improve educational standards
- develop healthy lifestyles
- grow toward citizenship: social responsibility
- enhance socialisation: behaviour and attitude
- nurture creativity: curiosity and exploration
- develop key life skills
- grow aspirations: confidence, self-esteem.

Trust is a vital element in education and learning

Local sport club IceHearts opened the EYES 2004 with a seminar on Education through Sport in Vantaa, Finland, with a theme: Everyone is truly included.

"It is important that children are brought up resistant to forces that can be harmful to her or his self-esteem and creative potential. No one should be judged or oppressed. It is every adult's responsibility to prevent emotional violence, which can be much more damaging than physical punishment", stated **Kari Uusikylä**, Professor of Pedagogy.

"Children need to be freed from the excessive demands and expectations of others. Competition, when overly emphasised, and groups that early divide children into groups based on talent, discourage creativity and resourceful children. Instead, different children should be grouped together, so that they can learn from each other and act as positive examples to others."

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www.icehearts.fi/eframit.htm

ENGSO CALENDAR

ENGSO Executive Committee

16 April 2004, Belgrade
4-5 June 2004, Prague

ENGSO EU Working Group

3-4 June 2004, Brussels
21-22 October 2004, Brussels

ENGSO Youth

16 April 2004, Belgrade
4-6 June 2004, Helsinki
17-19 September 2004, Riga
10-12 December 2004

12th ENGSO General Assembly 2004

16-18 April 2004, Belgrade

6th European Conference on Women and Sport

23-25 April 2004, Paris

European Crossroads: Sports – Front door to democracy

13-16 May 2004, Strasbourg

10th World Sport for All Congress 2004

11-14 November 2004, Rome

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Free of charge sport schools for 6500 children from low income families in Turkey

There are approximately 20 million children below the age of 15 in Turkey and 60-70 percent of them are from lower income families. Most of the public and private sports facilities and clubs charge a fee of some kind. However, children of poor families cannot pay the fees and never get a chance to participate in sports.

The National Olympic Committee of Turkey's Women's Commission runs a Free of Charge Sport Schools Project (FCSS) to provide opportunities for underprivileged children to participate in sports.

Project started in the underprivileged parts of Istanbul

The NOC of Turkey's Women's Commission established the Free of Charge Sport School Project in 1996 in collaboration with the Provincial Directorates of Ministry of Education, Provincial Governor and General Directorate of Youth and Sport.

For the establishment of the project, sport halls and gymnasiums of public schools located in the outlying and underprivileged parts of Istanbul were selected.

With the help of sponsors, the sport halls and gymnasiums were repaired. Sports equipment such as nets, balls, and sportswear were supplied for each school.

Expert PE teachers and students studying at Physical Education and Sport Departments at the universities were employed for the project.

For wider publicity, banners were hung in the neighborhoods where the project opened.

Earthquake affected children's sports

When the terrible earthquake hit Northwestern Turkey in August 1999, thousands of citizens lost their lives and homes. Children were affected the most.

In order to help to rehabilitate the children and youth through sport activities, the Women's Commission started FCSS Project in five provinces.

Today, the project has reached 19 schools in three regions – including one sport school for children with intellectual disabilities. Around 3,500 girls and 3,000 boys are participating in sport activities through the project. Every year the number of schools and children have increased due to enormous interest and need.

Financing the project has required creativity

The main expenditures of the project have included:

- repair and maintenance of sports halls
- salaries of coaches and staff
- sport equipment and sportswear
- organisation of tournaments.

In addition to sponsorship income the project

has organised fundraising activities including bring-and-buy sales, lotteries at NOC events and fundraising dinners.

Strong dedication to expand the project

Thousands of Turkish children are waiting to have a chance to participate in sport. The Women's Commission of the NOC of Turkey is dedicated to expanding this crucial project all over Turkey and continues to look for sponsor companies and volunteers willing to support it.

Every child has the right to participate in sports. Let's give them a chance.

Alev Ercins

Women's Commission Chairwoman



WOMEN'S COMMISSION OF THE NOC OF TURKEY

The Women's Commission of the NOC of Turkey, established in 1996, consists of former women athletes or sport enthusiasts who love sport and children and would like to contribute to Turkish society through sport.

The Women's Commission aims to:

- provide sports opportunities to all children and youngsters regardless of financial difficulties or sport facilities and equipment
- help future generations grow into physically and mentally healthy adults
- prevent children and youngsters from acquiring harmful habits
- teach values of sport and Olympism – friendship, unity, fair-play, respect to opponents etc.

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