



Let's give more people the opportunity to have fun!

One of the main aims of ENGSO is to promote the unity of sport from children and youth sports, over "sport for all" activities to elite sports. ENGSO and its member organisations represent sport in its broadest sense!

In order to meet the interests of children, youth, adults, elderly and disabled people, ENGSO tries to inspire its national members to improve the development of sports in their countries. All people should be offered an opportunity to feel good and find pleasure while being a partner in the sports family. These aims have reflected on ENGSO's development projects during the last decade.

We, in ENGSO, appreciate the public confidence we have enjoyed from the Council of Europe and its departments of Sport and Youth during many years, exemplified by the successful ENGSO and ENGSO Youth involvement in the conference "Sport as a front door to democracy". Furthermore we have felt that the politicians of EU - through the Nice-declaration year 2000 and the new Supporting article for Sport - proposed in the new Treaty - fully recognize the contribution of the sports movement to the European society. I am also convinced that this new article will have

a great impact on sport. This is really encouraging and challenging!

However, dear friends, may I raise a question: How do we fulfil our aim of sport for all people at national and local level in practise? Do our sport federations and their local clubs do their best to extend their activities and offers? Often it is said: "Sport in our countries will be what the clubs make it!" This means that the development has to happen at the local level! Our task at European and national level is to stimulate and support the clubs and their leaders in this work. In order to meet these aims well educated and dedicated leaders are needed. Regular training of sport leaders at all levels must be given a high priority.

Allow me also to stress another crucial topic! Have we in the sport organisations fully understood the great value of our product - sport activities? Have we understood that it is more than elite sport and the co-operation with sponsors and realised the great extent within the so called "fitness sport"?

Our product, the different sport activities, has a great potential on the market. If we ourselves do not take the lead of this development we are giving it away to commercial institutions who will

sell it forward for their own profit! We, being the specialists in our respective sports, should realise the extent of the target groups that we have. I do hope that the leaders of sports federations who have not yet realised all their potential target groups will wake up. Otherwise they might lose their opportunities to recruit new members and leaders, earn money as well as heighten their status.

Sports have a lot to contribute for individual people and the society. Therefore, I now ask all our members to reflect and discuss about the broadening of sports for new target groups as "Sport is such fun that it is astonishing it is not banned!" For that reason, let's give more people the opportunity to have fun in sport!

Good luck in your development work!

Wishes,
Bengt Sevelius
ENGSO President

The Head of the EU-commission's Sport Unit visits the 13th ENGSO General Assembly in Riga

I am very pleased to announce that the new Head of the Sport Unit, **Mrs Marianne Hildebrand** visits the GA of ENGSO in Riga, 15-17 April. She will give her views on the political situation and inform us about the plans of the Sport Unit for 2005. It is of the utmost importance that ENGSO-members use this opportunity to receive information and express their wishes and expectations on future EU matters.

During the GA an ENGSO-EU related strategy and action plan 2005-2006 will be discussed and adopted. In addition, the ENGSO involvement in different EU-projects will be introduced.

On the Agenda will also be the following subjects:

- ENGSO Youth Action plan for 2005-2007
- Sport and Environment - ENGSO plan and priorities
- A draft proposal for ENGSO Monitor and Leadership programme
- ENGSO priorities for 2005-2006
- Presentation of the membership applications of the Bulgarian Union of Physical Culture and Sport and the Macedonian Olympic Committee
- Elections for the ENGSO Executive Committee (Secretary General, Vice President and two members)

I recommend all our members to send their delegates, boards and staff members to the General Assembly as well as young people to the second Youth Assembly!

Hoping to see many of you in Riga!

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PS. Those who have collections of sport pins are kindly asked to bring them to Riga for a small sport-pin exhibition. For further information please contact Zdenko Kriz, tel. +421 2 4924 91 22.



ARCTOS, Anti-Racism-Tools

Unfortunately, discrimination in sports can be found everywhere. Swearing and insulting among athletes or from spectators is present in small sports clubs as well as in elite sports. The project ARCTOS was a 2-year European joint project of (youth) sport organisations from the following countries: Germany, France, Norway, Latvia, Czech Republic, Finland, the UK and Austria. The German Sports Youth (dsj) was the co-ordinator of the project.

The goal of the project was to develop assisting and supporting material for fighting and preventing discrimination in the area of youth sport. An e-learning training programme was developed and it will be used in training and further education of coaches and sports instructors in each of the participating countries.

To develop this training programme the first conference was held in Berlin (Germany), where approx. 30 youngsters from the seven partner countries exchanged experiences. One of the main aims of the conference was to widen the knowledge about different cultures by getting to know people from different countries and different backgrounds. Furthermore, there were lectures on racism and sport and on inter-cultural learning. The main goal of the youth conference was to choose from the youngster experiences 10 discriminating situations from the sports environment. These situations were handled with the help of role play. On the basis of these discussions the situations were filmed in Austria during the summer for the training material. In order to make the video clips applicable for all countries it became necessary to use mainly non-verbal communication. With the intention of



The Second ENGSO Youth Assembly and Conference

As announced in the last ENGSO newsletter (No. 3/2004) we are moving fast towards the second ENGSO Youth Assembly / Conference, taking place in Riga 14-17 April 2005. The invitations and a programme draft have been sent out to all ENGSO Youth members.

The programme of the gathering is divided into two parts. In the first part, Conference, we are going to work on the themes of voluntarism, the social possibilities and youth co-determination. All sessions will be prepared and lead by ENGSO Youth Committee members. However, there are also experts invited

from France, Germany and Latvia, who will speak about different topics. The second part, Assembly, will then deal with more issues concerning the organisation. This includes the report of the last period, the statutes and the action plan for the up-coming two years. And, finally there are the elections of the nine ENGSO Youth Committee members. We would like to thank all organisations, which have nominated candidates. It will be exciting as there is one candidate more than positions.

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Vice-Chair: Rosemary Paul Chopin (28), French Olympic Committee
Members: Barbara Hubmayer (29), Austrian Sports Federation
Doitchin Ninolaev Angelov (24), Bulgarian Union for Physical Culture and Sport
Judith Wood (26), CCPR/Confederation of British Sports
Päivi Laihonen (31), Finnish Sports Federation
Eszter Rudas (26), Hungarian Sports Confederation
Ilonda Luse (32), Latvian Sport Federation Council
Stine Kvalø Nordseth (23), Norwegian Olympic Committee and Confederation of Sports
Anders Rönmark (24), Swedish Sports Confederation

getting underneath individual's stereotypes, which also might vary between countries, we created a person or a group called 'the green'. Green is the minority representative in the video scenes. Because green is not connected to a specific social group it enables to surprise the viewer and at the same time generalise discriminatory situations. The situations are also meant to help the viewer to be aware of and understand his or her stereotypes, and to more easily understand and recognize general discrimination. The idea is to show everyday situations where often people do not even realise that discrimination is happening.

The culmination of the project was the second conference in December 2004 in Nymburk (Czech Republic). There, the young people tested the international usability of the programme for the first time. They had a chance to train their skills by using the tool and learn more about the topic.

The access to the tool is through the network's website www.youth-sport.net. The training media is available under the title ARCTOS. A helpful user's manual in several languages will be available soon. The training programme is supplemented by a lot of information material regarding discrimination, racism and xenophobia. Links, books, scientific reports and other topics are added to the background information.

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ENGSO Youth Committee on Malta

The ENGSO Youth Committee had its last meeting 3-6 February in Malta before the Youth Conference and Youth Assembly in Riga. Our stay on Malta included the Youth Committee's last preparations before Riga, a joint meeting with the Olympic Committee of Malta and sightseeing.

The main topic during the Youth Committee's meeting was of course the Youth Conference and Youth Assembly in Riga. The discussion about the action plan for 2005 – 2007 was especially good and interesting. We now feel we have a good suggestion to bring forward to the Youth Assembly.

In Sliema we had a joint meeting with some representatives of the Olympic Committee of Malta. This was a successful meeting and we exchanged ideas on youth matters on national and international level. Among other things, it resulted in a co-operation between Malta and Germany.

Although the weather was cold, we got to see Malta at its greenest and the sightseeing was wonderful. We visited Valetta and Louis Borg and his wife's home. They great Maltese hospitality and a Maltese home are memories we will not forget.

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Physical Education Prepares Young People for Life

The National Physical Education Summit was hosted by the CCPR and Britain's Physical Education Professional Bodies on 24 January 2005, and brought together experts in physical education to discuss the subject's place in the curriculum. Participants also discussed the concepts of physical education, school sport and sports education and their contribution to children's development

Such was the consensus on the importance of physical education that the Summit participants prepared the Physical Education Declaration which was launched in London on Tuesday 25 January, gaining agreement from politicians and celebrities from the world of sport that physical education should be a core subject in the school curriculum and is vital for children to learn the skills, understanding and confidence for leading active, enjoyable and healthy lifestyles.

The Physical Education Declaration calls on the British Government to invest more time for initial teacher training and professional development, and to review the nature of training to meet 21st Century needs. The ability of schools to offer high quality physical education depends on the enthusiasm, skills and training of their teachers.

Speaking at the launch of the Physical Education Declaration, **Professor Margaret Talbot**, Chief Executive of CCPR commented: "The UK currently has the first generation of children whose life expectancies are shorter than their parents' and 16% of 6-15 years olds are obese. School is the ONLY opportunity to ensure that all children benefit from quality programmes which contribute to their physical development and health and encourage lifelong participation in physical activity.

Physical education is also the only subject to provide physical competence, which can enhance self esteem, empowerment and social inclusion.



Professor Margaret Talbot (CCPR Chief Executive), Andrew Reed MP, former England rugby international Roger Utley, Brigid Simmonds (CCPR Vice Chair) and former England football international Sir Trevor Brooking launch the Physical Education declaration at Westminster, London on 25 January 2005.

Physical literacy is as important to a child's education and development as numeracy and literacy.'

The CCPR would be interested to hear from ENGSO members with regard to the role and status of physical education within the school curriculum in their country.

Comments should be sent to mtalbot@ccpr.org.uk

National day for the young sport leaders at the French National Olympic and Sport Committee, 16 December 2004

A national youth and sport group from the French National Olympic and Sport Committee with other sport movement representatives organised a day about youth development. The topic of the day was: "How to improve the position of young leaders in the sport structures and how to give them more responsibilities from local to national level?"

Among the participants was the Youth, Sport and Associative Life Ministry who approved this initiative. In order to collect

the requests of the participants, workshops on youth development were organised. The idea is to build an action plan for the Next Youth Commission, which should be voted at the next GA of French NOC in May 2005.

During the morning, lecturers presented different experiences in order to share their good ideas (Youth Commission in Sport Federation, youth training, youth internship, youth projects, ENGSO Youth). At the end of the seminar

tools for youth development were presented: a CD Rom about training session development for young leaders and "le carnet de vie du bénévole", Note Book of Life for Volunteers. The note book is a document in which the volunteers can collect all their experiences as leaders and perhaps have equivalences in their private or professional life later on.

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"Youth, Sport and Voluntary Leadership in Europe"

14-19 May 2005, Berlin

The German Sports Youth will host a youth forum from 14-19 May 2005 in Berlin in co-operation with the Comité National Olympique et Sportif Français. The aim is to build up new youth project ideas at European level. The forum will be supported by experts who work with youth and sport project funding. They will consult the participants on their projects. At the end of the forum everyone will have a project with partners and a concrete action plan.

During the forum there will also be workshops about volunteering in sports, and visits to the International German Gymnastics festival. This event is organised within the framework of the UN-International Year of Sport and Physical Education 2005.

Please see the invitation attached.

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Please note! Action needed Excluding lotteries and gambling from the scope of the Services directive

Excluding lotteries and gambling from the scope of the Services directive is a highly important issue for all ENGSO members. The draft of the directive would also harmonise the lottery and gambling sector and as equal opportunities to do sport are very often greatly dependant on the incomes of lottery and gambling this would harm the sports sector.

The directive will be handled in the European Parliament, Council of Ministers and European Commission during spring 2005. Therefore, it is very important that all national sport organisations act on this matter now. National sport organisations are requested to contact the respective ministers and MEPs and try get this important message forward.

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ENGSO Executive Committee
15 April 2005 Riga, Latvia. 52
ENGSO Executive Meeting

ENGSO EU Working Group
2-3 June 2005

13th ENGSO General Assembly
15-17 April 2005 Riga, Latvia

2nd ENGSO Youth Conference and Assembly
14-17 April 2005 Riga, Latvia

Youth, Sport and Voluntary Leadership in Europe
14-19 May 2005, Berlin

European Sports Management Congress
7-10 September 2005, Newcastle-Gateshead, United Kingdom

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We would like to hear from you

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Gender impact assessment launched by the Finnish Ministry of Education

In the winter of 2004, the Finnish Ministry of Education set a committee to develop methods of gender impact assessment in the Finnish Sports. The committee submitted its memo to the minister of culture Ms Tanja Karpela in February 2005.



The committee considers it important that the gender aspect is always taken into account in the preparation of sport matters and in relevant decision-making. Awareness of the equality aspect must be raised at all levels of administration in the sports. The committee proposes that according to the joint governmental policy the gender equality aspect in government budget preparations as concerns sport be assessed in 2008 on the basis of the guidelines to be issued by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health and the Ministry of Finance. The gender aspect will be assessed in all the major budgetary sport areas, that is, in sport bodies, sports facilities construction, local sport services, sport research, education and training in sports, the children's and youth sport programme, and the health through sports programme.

An important consideration is also the Ministry of Education's financial support policy and related measures for promoting gender equality through resource allocation and information-based guidance. The committee's proposals should be applied to Ministry of Education support policy starting from 2005.

The committee proposes that:

- All sport **statistics** be systematically broken down according to gender
- The gender aspect be included in all sport **research**, where applicable
- The Ministry of Education take gender equality into account in the new **criteria** for performance-based resource allocation in line with the mainstreaming principle
- A separate appropriation be reserved for **rewarding** federations of good performance in promoting gender equality
- The Ministry call upon the Finnish Sport Federation (SLU) to submit periodical **statistical reports** concerning gender equality in sport bodies and that the SLU member bodies be re-requested to produce data on their sphere of activity broken

down by gender

- The sport-specific federations and other training providers who organise sport instructor and **coach training** take the gender aspect into account in their provision and recruitment of participants and that sports clubs and federations encourage girls and boys to participate in their activities and also in sports mostly favoured by the other gender
- Clubs and federations support the development of **talented girls/girl teams** at the junior level and encourage them to participate in competitive and top-level sports
- A plan for mainstreaming top-level sports be devised under the leadership of the **National Olympic Committee** and the **Paralympic Committee**, with focus on the promotion of gender equality in top-level sports
- The sport federations support women and men **athletes** on an equal footing
- The sport **institutes** increase the number of students of the minority gender in admissions and include materials which take the gender aspect into account
- **Local authorities** monitor and evaluate the supply of and access to sport services and their targeting from the gender perspective; **publicly-funded sports facilities** serve the sport activities of both genders on an equal basis in all the different sports
- The **decision-making** organs of sport bodies, sport institutes and sport research organisations have at least 40% of each gender.

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Elections at the Olympic Committee of Serbia and Montenegro and Olympic Committee of Turkey

22 February 2005, the Olympic Committee of Serbia and Montenegro elected **Mr Philip Zepter** as the NOC President and 4 November 2004 at the NOC Executive Board re-elected **Mr. Predrag Manojlovic** as the Secretary General.

At its General Assembly, 12 March 2005, the National Olympic Committee of Turkey re-elected **Mr. Togay Bayatli** as the President and **Ms. Nese Gündogan** as Secretary General.



Mr Togay Bayatli was re-elected as the President of the National Olympic Committee of Turkey