



IHF ACTIVITY REPORT 2017-2019

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FOREWORD



Dear Handball Friends,

Handball is more popular than ever and it would not have been possible without the continuous efforts of the National Federations and Continental Confederations to grow our beloved sport in their countries and continents. Therefore, I would like to express my gratitude to everyone, who made this success possible.

In this report, we reflect on what the International Handball Federation has achieved over the past two years, such as records that have been broken, how sports builds bridges using the example of a unified Korean team at a Handball World Championship, and the debut of beach handball at Olympic Games.

With Lagardère Sports, a leading sports marketing agency, as the global TV and media distribution partner for IHF senior events from 2019 to 2025 and hummel, Danish sportswear manufacturer with a deep commitment to handball, the International Handball Federation has won two new and competent partners, which will support us in our goals of promoting and developing handball worldwide.

We should be proud of what we have achieved and we can look into the future with confidence. Let the world unite through handball.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'H. Moustafa'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Dr Hassan Moustafa
President of the International Handball Federation



More than 120 meetings all over the world

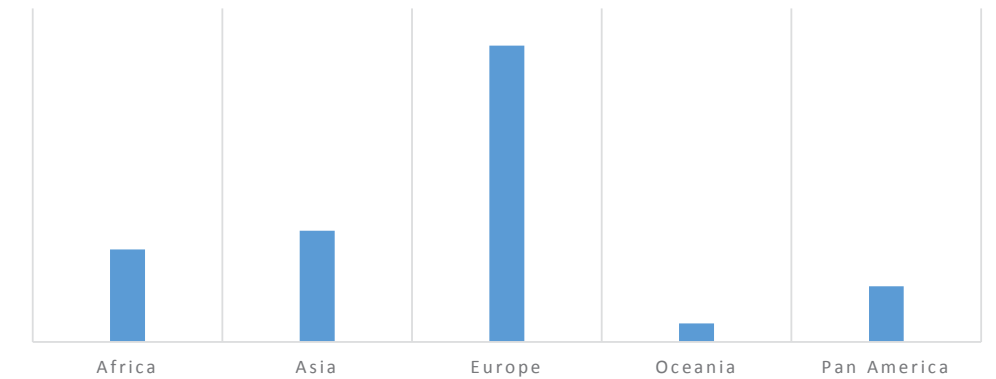
The International Handball Federation (IHF) and IHF President Dr Hassan Moustafa had a busy schedule in the period between January 2017 and June 2019. Overall, more than 120 meetings have been held in five continents, with 50 being organised at the IHF Head Office in Basle, Switzerland alone.

While the IHF welcomed National Federations, Continental Confederations, international sports organisations, the IHF Partners and many more to their headquarters, Dr Moustafa and the IHF Representatives travelled to numerous nations worldwide to, amongst others, attend meetings, inform

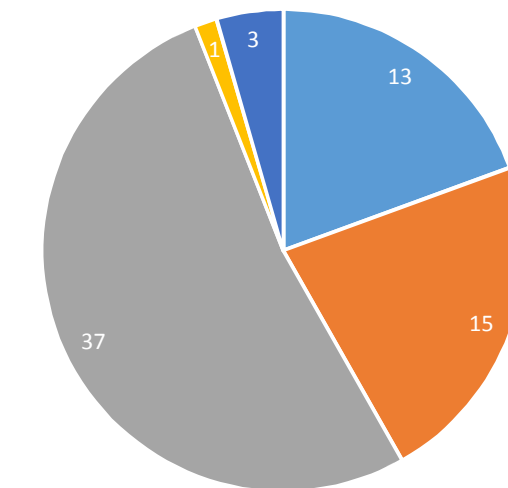
themselves about the status of handball in the respective countries and build a strong network in the sports world – all with the aim to promote and develop handball at a global level.

Countries visited

Continent	Countries visited
Africa	5
Asia	6
Europe	16
Oceania	1
Pan America	3
Total	31



Number of meetings



■ Africa ■ Asia ■ Europe ■ Oceania ■ Pan America

+50
meetings at
the IHF Head Office

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

France claim third gold in one year

'Simply wunderbar' was the slogan of the 23rd IHF Women's World Championship, which was hosted by Germany from 1 to 16 December 2017 in six different cities. France, in particular, felt simply wunderbar at the end of the Championship: the 'Femmes de Défis' claimed the world title, defeating the seemingly unstoppable Norway 23:21 in the final in Hamburg.

There, the completely sold out Barclay Card Arena at the medal matches led to the total of 237,263 spectators – more than expected and the second best result in the history of Women's World Championships. The media interest and the TV transmission figures worldwide were similarly impressive.

Netherlands grabbed bronze, beating Sweden 24:21. The hosting Germans fell short as they were not able to make it a lucky 7, crashing out to Denmark in the eighth-finals, after they won bronze in the same competition in 1997 and 2007.

The victory in Hamburg meant the third gold medal for France within one year, after the men's senior and youth teams had been successful before. For the French women, it was their third top-three finish at a major international tournament in 18 months, after they claimed their first Olympic medal in Rio (silver) and bronze at the EHF EURO 2016. The World Championship trophy is the second in France's women's history, ending a 14-year wait after the first in 2003.

Final ranking

1. FRA, 2. NOR, 3. NED, 4. SWE, 5. RUS, 6. DEN, 6. MNE, 8. CZE, 9. SRB, 10. ROU, 11. ESP, 12. GER, 13. KOR, 14. SLO, 15. HUN, 16. JPN, 17. POL, 18. BRA, 19. ANG, 20. CMR, 21. PAR, 22. CHN, 23. ARG, 24. TUN

World Champions France (FRA)

Blandine Dancette, Camille Ayglon Saurina, Allison Pineau, Laurisa Landré, Grace Zaadi, Amandine Leynaud, Manon Houette, Kalidiatou Niakate, Cleopatre Darleux, Siraba Dembele, Laura Flippes, Orlane Kanor, Beatrice Edwige, Estelle Nze Minko, Gnonsiane Niombla, Alexandra Lacrabère, Adjoba Astride N'Gouan. Coach: Olivier Krumbholz





A fairy tale home World Championship

The 2018 Women's Junior World Championship (1-14 July 2018) was a perfect showcase of handball in Hungary, with more than 25,000 spectators, record TV view numbers, thrilling matches, top-level organisation and – the cherry on top of the cake – the hosts claiming their maiden title in this age category.

Hungary were not the only team that impressed, with the competition proving so tough that the likes of European champions France and the then defending world champions Russia left Debrecen without medals. Silver went to Norway, bronze to Asian flagship Republic of Korea.

All in all, the action on court made it easy to see why the event was so popular among locals and the international audience alike. "With just the right combination of event marketing, corporate identity elements, TV, advertisements, smooth organisation and, most of all, our loveable, charming and talented team, the championship became a huge success for us," said Gabriella Horvath, Deputy Secretary General of the Hungarian Federation.

Final ranking

1. HUN, 2. NOR, 3. KOR, 4. RUS, 5. NED, 6. DEN, 7. FRA, 8. ROU, 9. CRO, 10. ISL, 11. BRA, 12. SWE, 13. GER, 14. JPN, 15. SLO, 16. MNE, 17. ESP, 18. POR, 19. ANG, 20. CHI, 21. CHN, 22. PAR, 23. EGY

World Champions Hungary (HUN)

Noemi Pasztor, Kitti Szabo, Greta Marton, Petra Tovizi, Laura Gerda Giricz, Petra Hlogyik, Bernadett Hornyak, Sara Suba, Rita Lakatos, Katrin Klujber, Csenge Reka Fodor, Bettina Kuti, Boglarka Bino, Greta Kacsor, Noemi Hafra, Dorottya Faluvegi. Coach: Vlagyimir Golovin

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Russia claim second title in a row

Poland hosted the 7th Women's Youth World Championship from 7 to 19 August 2018 in Kielce as part of the federation's celebrations of 100 years of handball. After 92 games, Russia won their third trophy and defended the title when they defeated Hungary by two goals (29:27) in the final. Russia are the first nation to take the title twice in a row, after winning at Slovakia 2016. Republic of Korea beat Sweden in the bronze medal match (34:27) which earned the Asian champions third place.

The competition was full of surprises and curiosities. Austria moved up for Brazil, whose team was unable to participate, and made it to last 16 right away, while two of the favourites, France and Norway, were eliminated in the first knock-out round. The preliminary phase saw Tunisia make history, beating Montenegro to qualify for an eighth-final. The young Africans were the first team to do so from their country.

After the final, Hungary were disappointed to leave without the trophy but the silver medallists had to admit that the best and most constant team became world champions: Russia.

Final ranking

1. FRA, 2. NOR, 3. NED, 4. SWE, 5. RUS, 6. DEN, 6. MNE, 8. CZE, 9. SRB, 10. ROU, 11. ESP, 12. GER, 13. KOR, 14. SLO, 15. HUN, 16. JPN, 17. POL, 18. BRA, 19. ANG, 20. CMR, 21. PAR, 22. CHN, 23. ARG, 24. TUN

World champions Russia (RUS)

Dadzda Kolesnikova, Anna Vereshchak, Ekaterina Karabutova, Mariia Cherniaeva, Elena Mikhaylichenko, Anna Sheina, Alina Sinelnikova, Sofia Krakhmaleva, Viktoria Turusina, Ekaterina Skivko, Valeriia Maslova, Elina Sidnina, Valeria Kirdiasheva, Ekaterina Levchina, Kristina Mukhina, Elena Smirnova. Coach: Liubov Sidoricheva





Co-hosts Denmark make dream of gold on home ground come true

Handball history was made as the first-ever co-hosted Men's World Championship took place in Germany and Denmark in from 10 to 27 January 2019. Six venues in six cities hosted the overall 96 games of the 26th edition of the event, with the opening ceremony taking place at the Mercedes-Benz Arena in Berlin (Germany), and the final played at the Jyske Bank Boxen in Herning (Denmark).

In between, the brand-new Royal Arena in Copenhagen (Denmark) and German venues Olympiahalle (Munich), Lanxess arena (Cologne) and Barclaycard Arena (Hamburg) helped to create a world record World Championship attendance of just over 900,000 spectators, smashing the previous record from Germany 2007 and providing lasting memories from the action on court and in the jam-packed fan zones.

In the end, it became the 'Mikkel Hansen World Championship' as the Danish left-back ended as world champion, top scorer in the competition and the Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the tournament. His Denmark side easily-dispatched neighbours Norway 30:21 in the final, while in the bronze medal match, a returning-from-injury Nikola Karabatic scored with the clock at 59:59 to break German hearts with his 26:25 in favour of France.

Final ranking

1. DEN, 2. NOR, 3. FRA, 4. GER, 5. SWE, 6. CRO, 7. ESP, 8. EGY, 9. BRA, 10. HUN, 11. ISL, 12. TUN, 13. QAT, 14. RUS, 15. MKD, 16. CHI, 17. ARG, 18. SRB, 19. AUT, 20. BRN, 21. KSA, 22. COR, 23. ANG, 24. JPN

World Champions Denmark (DEN)

Niklas Landin, Jannick Green; Magnus Landin, Casper U. B. Mortensen, Nikolaj Markussen, Rasmus Lauge Schmidt, Anders Zachariassen, Lasse J. Svan, Hans O. Lindberg, Henrik Mollgaard, Mads Mensah Larsen, Henrik Toft Hansen, Mikkel Hansen, Morten Toft Olsen, Nikolaj Oris, Simon Hald, Johan P. Hansen, René Toft Hansen. Coach: Nikolaj B. Jacobsen

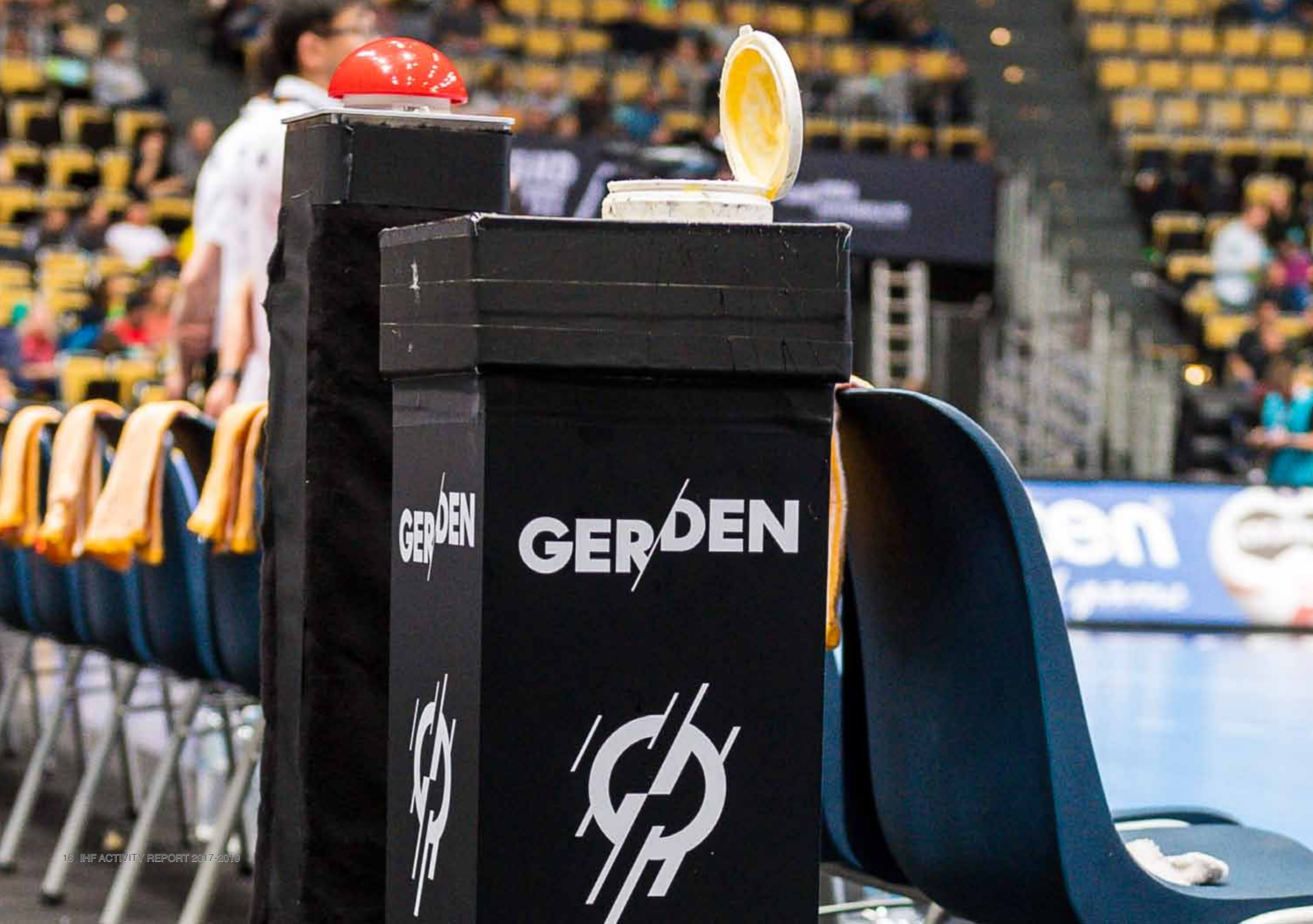
A unified Korean team

History had been made already before the 2019 World Championship had thrown off as IHF President Dr Hassan Moustafa decided to follow the example of the International Olympic Committee (IOC): With the full support of IOC President Dr Bach, he approached both Korean nations with an invitation to participate in the title contest as a unified team. And both countries accepted.

Choi Jung-Seok, Board Member of the Korean and Council Member of the Asian Handball Federation, recalled the opening match in Berlin: "I couldn't believe it was going to happen, but it did. However, when we heard our agreed anthem for the unified team 'Arirang' – a folk song of both countries – play for the first time I was actually crying. The atmosphere, with all the spectators and everyone inside listening and hearing; everyone was crying, and I feel emotional just thinking about it.

"We just want to say thank you to Dr Moustafa who took over the initiative on behalf of the IHF from the IOC. We want to also say thanks for the invite to share the great moment, especially in Berlin, which is such an historic and relevant city for the team."





Progress in technology

The electronic team time-out buzzer (TTO), the countdown of passive play on the big screen and the video proof system (VPS) were the youngest novelties being installed at Germany/Denmark 2019. They were used again, following the successful trial at 2017 IHF events. Not only teams and coaches, but also officials and spectators appreciated the progress in technology a lot. The TTO system is an automatic one, stopping the clock (when pushing the red button) and notifying the teams and officials of the pause with a buzzer sound. If coaches called a time-out when their opponents were in possession, punishments would be applied.

The IHF analysis team meanwhile uses the Dartfish platform, which can be accessed via the website as well as an app. Through this platform, videos can be recorded or imported and the analysts are able to collect and dissect data for all matches and teams. On the channel of the International Handball Federation, you can find the latest videos created by the analysis team, which are also used on the IHF Education Centre platform.

With champions from all continents

The 2018 Super Globe, the unofficial world championship for men's club teams, saw Barca Lassa – also known as FC Barcelona – from Spain extend their record of most titles won at the event to four, following their victories in 2013, 2014 and 2017. As they did in 2017, Barca defeated 2015 and 2016 Super Globe winners Füchse Berlin (Germany) in the final after an impressive campaign that saw the Spanish club collect only dominant wins on the path to the trophy.

Led by a five-goal game from long-time captain Victor Tomas, Barca won the final, played on October 19 in Duhail Sports Hall, Doha (Qatar) 29:24. Barca led their German opponents by one goal at half-time, 13:12, before their deeper roster played its role, allowing the now back-to-back champions to cruise to a comfortable victory as they never lost any power or quality.

2018 European club champions Montpellier HB were on debut at the Super Globe, following what was their second Champions League title win earlier that year and celebrated bronze straight away.

The host team from Qatar as well as the teams from Australia, Brazil, Bahrain and Tunisia, who represented their respective continents, had to be satisfied with ranks four to eight.

Final ranking

1. Barca Lassa (ESP), 2. Füchse Berlin (GER), 3. Montpellier HB (FRA), 4. Al Sadd (QAT), 5. Taubate (BRA), 6. Hammamet (TUN), 7. Al-Najma (BRN), 8. Sydney University (AUS)



All Super Globe winners at a glance

Year	Host	Winners
1997	Vienna (AUT)	TK Santander (ESP)
2002	Doha (QAT)	Al Sadd (QAT)
2007	Cairo (EGY)	Ciudad Real (ESP)
2010	Doha (QAT)	Ciudad Real (ESP)
2011	Doha (QAT)	THW Kiel (GER)
2012	Doha (QAT)	Atletico Madrid (ESP)
2013	Doha (QAT)	FC Barcelona (ESP)
2014	Doha (QAT)	FC Barcelona (ESP)
2015	Doha (QAT)	Füchse Berlin (GER)
2016	Doha (QAT)	Füchse Berlin (GER)
2017	Doha (QAT)	FC Barcelona (ESP)
2018	Doha (QAT)	Barca Lassa (ESP)



BEACH HANDBALL

VIII Men's and Women's Beach Handball World Championships in Kazan

A newly expanded competition

In the summer of 2018, the world's beach handball elite met in the 'sports capital of Russia', Kazan, to fight for the title at the VIII Men's and Women's Beach Handball World Championships, which were staged from 24 to 29 July. It was the first edition of the newly expanded competition which featured 32 teams (16 men's and 16 women's) and it was this new format which made the biggest surprise of the championship possible, as Greece, who would not have been qualified otherwise, surpassed themselves and claimed gold in their maiden women's title contest. In the men's tournament, the favourites eventually made it to the final and Brazil got their revenge, taking their fifth title in a rematch of the 2016 final.

Four continents – Europe, Pan America, Oceania and Asia – featured after Africa failed to organise a continental qualification event and lost its compulsory qualification places which were then awarded to teams from Europe, Oceania and Pan America.

Final ranking women

1. GRE, 2. NOR, 3. BRA, 4. ESP, 5. DEN, 6. POL, 7. RUS, 8. PAR, 9. VIE, 10. URU, 11. FRA, 12. MEX, 13. TPE, 14. USA, 15. THA, 16. AUS

World Champions Greece (GRE)

1 Evgenia Samolada, 3 Elena Poimenidou, 5 Anna Polyxeni Kaloidi, 6 Elena Ioanna Kerlidi, 10 Vasiliki Skara, 11 Eleni Mournou, 12 Magdaleni Kepesidou, 13 Ntamina Dimitri, 18 Elisavet Mastaka, 20 Nikolina Kepesidou. Coach: Maria Karantoni

Final ranking men

1. BRA, 2. CRO, 3. HUN, 4. SWE, 5. ESP, 6. RUS, 7. DEN, 8. IRI, 9. QAT, 10. OMA, 11. ARG, 12. USA, 13. AUS, 14. VIE, 15. URU, 16. NZL

World Champions Brazil (BRA)

1 Bruno Oliveira, 2 Thiago Barcellos, 3 Pedro Wirtzbiki, 4 Marcelo Machado, 5 Joao Paulo Sousa, 6 Diogo Vieira, 7 Thiago Claudio, 8 Renan Carvalho, 9 Wellington Esteves, 10 Gil Pires. Coach: Antonio Guerra





BEACH HANDBALL

Beach handball making its debut at Buenos Aires 2018

History was made in South America as beach handball made its Olympic debut at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires (Argentina), which took place from 6-18 October. The men's and women's competitions would feature a total of 112 games (56 men's and 56 women's) played by 24 teams on three courts across six match days and with fans queuing for up to three hours before games on the main court where the host nation played. Without a doubt, the media and public interest was unprecedented.

After all matches had been finished, the first beach handball medallists at Youth Olympics were determined. In the women's competition, hosts Argentina claimed the coveted gold medal, while Croatia took silver and Hungary bronze. Spain, the 2017 U17 world champions climbed the top of the podium in the men's competition, followed by neighbours Portugal and Argentina.

The opening ceremony saw IHF referee Lorena Mac Coll, who was given the honour of undertaking the Olympic oath on behalf of all officials and referees, representing beach handball to a global audience before the first ball had been thrown.

Final ranking women

1. ARG, 2. CRO, 3. HUN, 4. NED, 5. PAR, 6. TPE, 7. RUS, 8. VEN, 9. TUR, 10. HKG, 11. ASA, 12. MRI

Final ranking men

1. ESP, 2. POR, 3. ARG, 4. CRO, 5. HUN, 6. THA, 7. VEN, 8. ITA, 9. TPE, 10. URU, 11. PAR, 12. MRI



“The atmosphere with all these enthusiastic people around – it’s really fantastic to see. [...] I think you can look with great confidence in the future of Olympic handball.”

Dr Thomas Bach,
IOC President

Partners and sponsors

Handball, as a product, is highly valued by agencies and business enterprises, especially when it is presented at World Championships and other international events that attract media attention – therefore, it is not surprising that there is a great interest in cooperating with the International Handball Federation. This was also shown by two contracts recently concluded with media rights marketer Lagardère Sports and sportswear manufacturer hummel.

In September 2018, the IHF signed the contract with leading sports marketing agency Lagardère Sports as the global TV and media distribution partner for IHF senior events from 2019 to 2025. Lagardère Sports exclusive media distribution rights will span eight senior World Championships, starting with the 26th Men's World Championship in Germany and Denmark in January 2019.

In mid-September 2018, the International Handball Federation announced a new sponsorship agreement with Danish sportswear and equipment manufacturer

hummel. The four-year contract started on January 1, 2019, at which point hummel became a technical sponsor and official clothing and footwear supplier of the IHF.

Already in August 2017, the IHF announced the extension of the partnership with floor manufacturer Gerflor for four more years and renewed the partnership with Gerflor as floor provider for World championships and other events.

Since 2014, Molten has been producing the official handball of the International Handball Federation. The new contract signed lasts from 2018-2023. Molten supplies the ball for all games organised and sanctioned by the IHF, including the World Championships and the Olympic Games.

Grundfos, a partner based in Denmark, one of the pioneer countries of handball, is a world-famous pump manufacturer, known for their low-energy pumps for water, heating and ventilation systems not only in sports arenas – thus ensuring comfort for the visitors and a smaller CO₂ footprint

in the global climate area. At handball events, they have started their 'Goal 6 & 13' campaign in 2017, supporting the United Nations in their fight against the global climate and water crisis. Grundfos has been an IHF Partner since 2007; the current agreement covers the four-year period 2017-2020.

For years, the IHF has been working together with beach handball specialists Trial (Italy) and Rasán (Spain). Trial is the official lining system supplier, while Rasán is the official supplier of beach handballs at IHF events.

In addition to the above-mentioned partners, which are collaborating with the IHF on a long-term basis, there are also event sponsors, which have an interest in particular IHF events. Official sponsors of the 2017 IHF Women's World Championship were Gjensidige and Unibet, with the latter also sponsoring the men's event two years later. Further official sponsors of the 2019 IHF Men's World Championship were Blaklader, Falken, Lidl and Liqui Moly.

IHF Partners



Event sponsors - Germany 2017 & Germany/Denmark 2019



TV and spectator figures

When the 2017-2019 World Championships had come to an end, there was more to celebrate than new world champions and medallists. The exciting competitions were complimented by the spectacular success off court, with unprecedented TV figures and spectator numbers.

Germany 2017 (Women)

TV figures were impressive with DR in Denmark welcoming more than 1.5 million viewers for the eighth-final clash, meaning a 63% market share and making it the fifth most-watched TV programme in Denmark in 2017. - Germany: close to 1 million viewers, above average; - Norway: SWE vs NOR, for example, had more than 1.1 million viewers (63.5% market share); - Poland: for first three matches – an audience of 4.4 million viewers (compared to average of 1.1 million in 2015). The global cumulative audience counted 630 million viewers.

The audience was further widened with the cooperation with the Olympic Channel. In addition, IHFtv production was complimented by a variety of official social platforms: total impressions on Facebook of 6,676,827, Twitter impressions of 1.6 million and 145,214 hours of YouTube watched.

The 237,263 total spectators in the arenas made it the second highest attendance at an IHF Women's World Championship in 12 years.

Hungary 2018 (Women's Junior)

The 2018 Women's Junior World Championship proved that the young talents attract a wide audience as well: After the event, the organiser stated that audiences continuously grew as the competition progressed, eventually surpassing all top-level matches of Hungarian teams over recent years. 405,000 permanent viewers tuned in to watch Hungary defeat Norway in the final, with a reach of 842,000 for a domestic share of 12%. These figures were higher than, for example, the 349,000 who watched Hungarian powerhouse Győr Audi Eto win the women's Champions League in May; the 311,000 who saw Hungary's Men's World Championship qualification play-off against Slovenia in June; as well as both the Hungarian Women's Cup Final and the men's league final between Veszprem and Szeged.

Germany/Denmark 2019 (Men)

Almost 17 million Danes watched the world

champions' 10 victories on TV, with an average of just under 2.7 million per match. The combined market share in Denmark during the final against Norway reached an incredible 95%. It was the most viewed programme on Danish TV since 2004. The peak market share for the co-hosts' matches during the main round was close to 70% – and every single game reached at least 50%.

In the more competitive German market, more than eight million viewers tuned in for each match of the 2016 Olympic bronze medallists. The average market share during the semi-final between Germany and Norway was 35% with an audience of 11.91 million, including high figures in the category aged between 14 and 49 years – a key focus for the IHF and the two host countries in view of development.

However, it was not only the co-hosts who reached large audiences. Worldwide, 1.6 billion people followed the World Championship on TV.

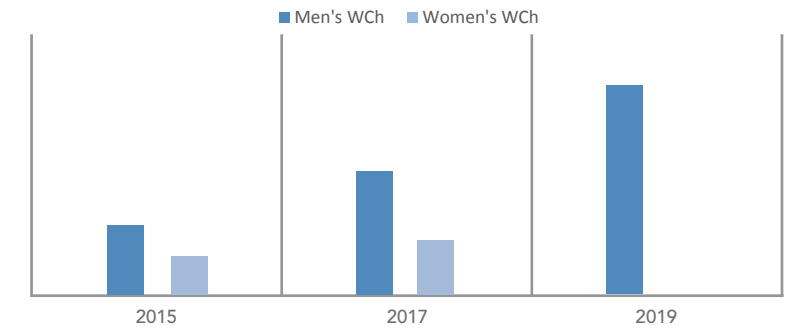
Off the court, Germany/Denmark 2019 smashed records, as more than 900,000 spectators watched the matches in the arena.



Senior World Championships – Key facts

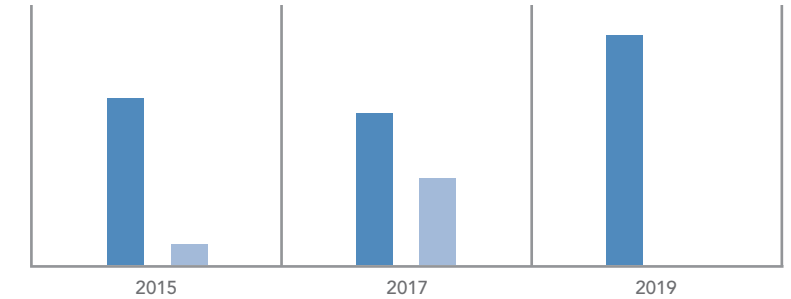
Spectator numbers

Year	Men's WCh	Women's WCh
2015	306000	165000
2017	540000	237263
2019	903384	



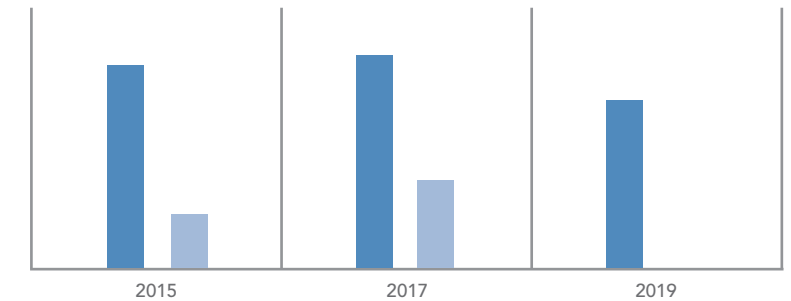
Cumulative TV audience (in mio.)

Year	Men's WCh	Women's WCh
2015	1209792	157554
2017	1109234	630300
2019	1660000	



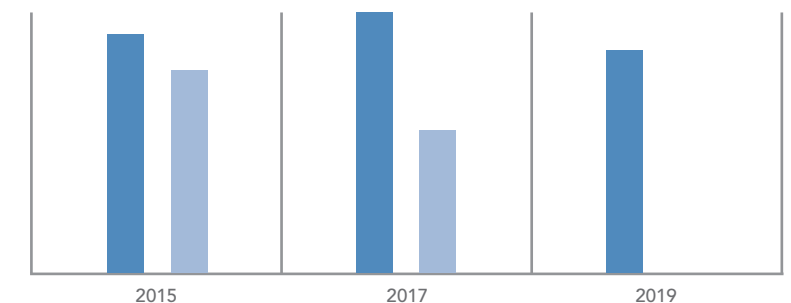
Broadcasting hours

Year	Men's WCh	Women's WCh
2015	7473	2010
2017	7837	3247
2019	6186	



Number of territories in which IHF events are broadcast

Year	Men's WChs	Women's WCh
2015	168	143
2017	183	101
2019	157	





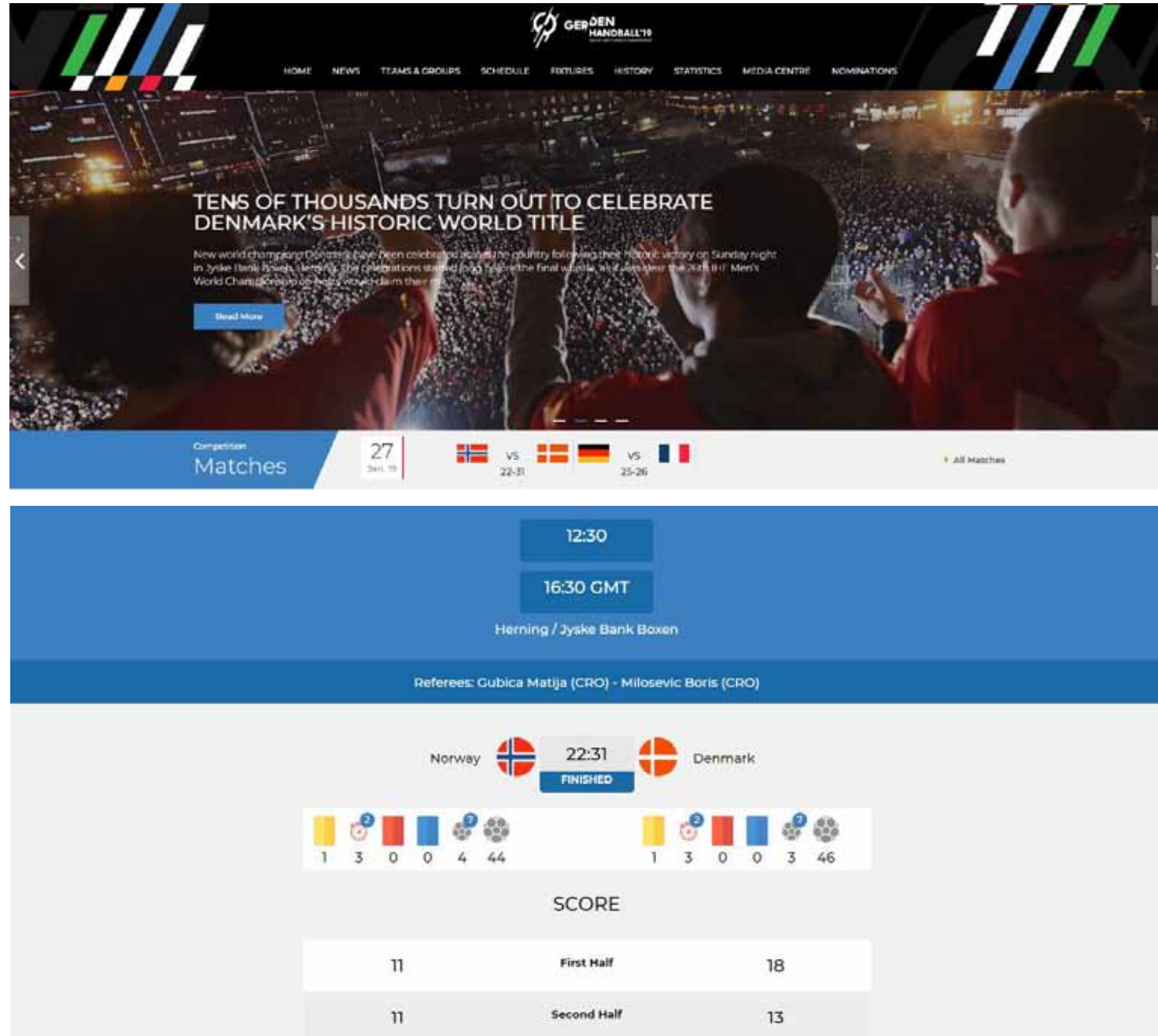
New websites and improved social media

Over the past few years, the IHF has improved their presence throughout the media landscape significantly.

Most recently, the IHF has launched new websites, starting with a new competition website, competition.ihf.info. On this website made especially for the IHF

competitions, handball fans can find all the information they need about the events – and much more. In the match centre, the matches can be followed via live ticker and stream, and in addition details about the teams, all the latest news as well as photo and video highlights are provided.

The new official IHF website was launched end of June 2019 – and has much more to offer than just good looks. The structure of the state-of-the-art page makes it easy to navigate and new features let the user experience the world of handball in an entirely new way.



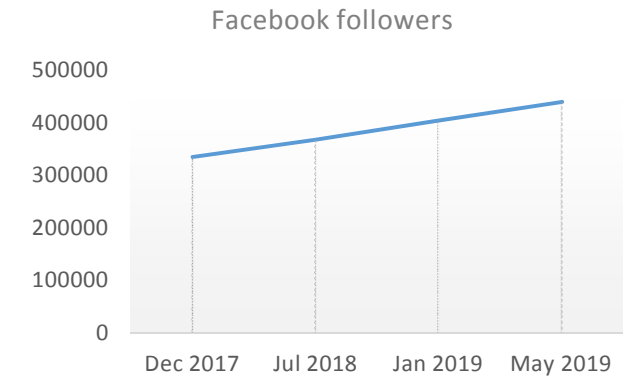
On social media, the figures have been continuously improving, with a Facebook increase in followers of more than 23% since November 2017, an increase of more

than 55% of Instagram followers and 35% of Twitter followers. Millions of handball fans were reached on all channels and the IHF social media team is always trying to

come up with new ideas to not only keep the handball fans up-to-date but also give these special insights into the handball world that are hard to come by.

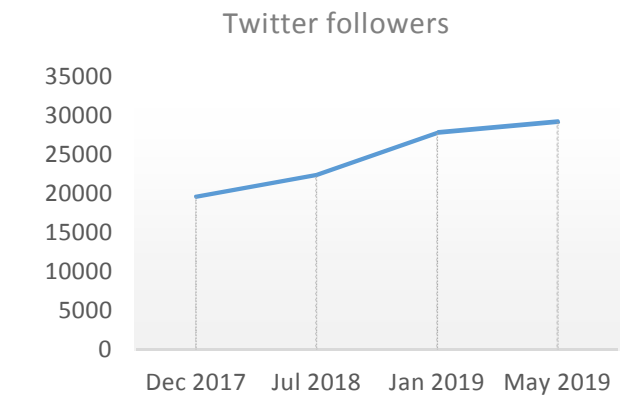
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Dec 2017	333,514
Jul 2018	366,663
Jan 2019	403,018
May 2019	438,037



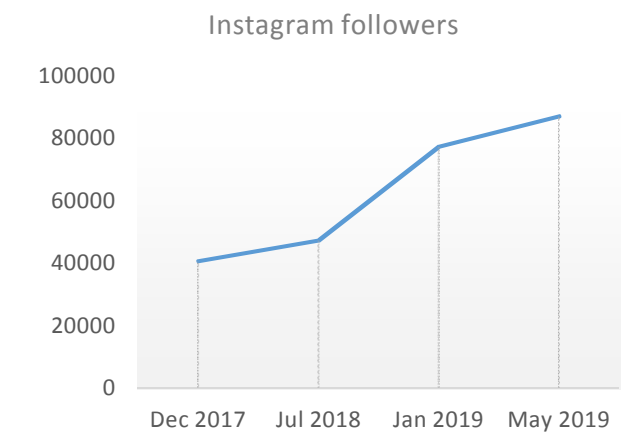
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Dec 2017	19,600
Jul 2018	22,400
Jan 2019	27,800
May 2019	29,200



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Dec 2017	40,700
Jul 2018	47,300
Jan 2019	77,355
May 2019	87,100



Debut of new IHF Trophy format

The ever-popular and successful IHF Trophy is an integral and important competition which forms a large part of the IHF mission to grow and develop the game of handball around the world.

The competition gives the opportunity to emerging and developing countries around the world to play in continental and intercontinental international competitions, as well as providing workshops for training and the further development of coaches and referees.

All five IHF continents – Africa, Asia, Europe, Pan America and Oceania – take part throughout each competition cycle consisting initially of zonal competitions within the continent deciding the final line-up for the men's and women's continental competition.

After evaluating the previous years of progression, the IHF made changes to the system of competition in the IHF Trophy to further boost the project not only at a junior but also at a youth level with the introduction of the IHF Trophy into both age groups in both genders from 2018.

In addition to expanding the reach of age ranges, the IHF Trophy for junior teams was upgraded to a qualification event for the IHF Men's and Women's Junior World Championship, while both age ranges for the IHF Trophy competitions have been fully integrated into the IHF Calendar meaning the men's and women's competitions will alternate each year, and this started with the men's competitions in 2018 and the women's in 2019.

Over the course of the first men's cycle held under the new format, 80 teams took part in the junior competition and 73 in the youth tournaments, with overall 2,688 players participating. After 19 youth and junior tournaments each, Chinese Taipei claimed the U19 intercontinental title, while Kosovo – hosts of the Intercontinental Phase – took gold in the U21 competition and at the same time a spot at the 2019 Men's Junior World Championship in Spain, which is their first World Championship participation ever.

The USA junior team qualified for Spain as well through the Continental Phase of the IHF Trophy, while Canada booked their ticket to the 2019 Men's Youth World Championship in North Macedonia through the continental event.



IHF Trophy 2018 in numbers

Continent	IHF expenses in CHF
Africa	1,167,104.54
Asia	738,736.45
Europe	301,909.53
Oceania	319,485.91
Pan America	973,264.29
Total	3,500,500.72

Continent	Number of teams	Number of players
Africa	61	1,050
Asia	39	658
Europe	10	140
Oceania	12	196
Pan America	31	644
Total	153	2,688



DEVELOPMENT

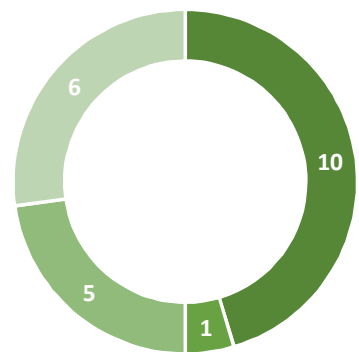
Handball@School

Handball@School is one of the most popular IHF projects and over the past two years an upgrade has been developed for the programme, which is aimed at introducing handball to physical education teachers and beginner coaches working with children.

The Handball@School Working Group worked on new materials to be used by IHF lecturers at their H@S courses all over the world, including methodology guides and an exercise database for the IHF Education Centre, the Handball@School curriculum, the H@S certificates and the documentation for all H@S age groups as well as those for H@S Experts.

From 2017 until June 2019, the IHF has organised 22 H@S programmes in 20 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe and Pan America with overall more than 2,500 participants. One programme usually consists of three courses in three different cities in the country, during which the participants learn in theoretical and practical lessons about handball history, mini handball, exercises and games, attack and defence and much more.

Number of H@S courses
(2017 - June 2019)



■ Africa ■ Asia ■ Europe ■ Pan America



New Markets' Projects

One of the IHF's main projects is the New Markets Project, which focuses on introducing handball in key markets all over the world. The project started with Great Britain and currently, detailed strategies for China and the USA are being realised. Recently, the IHF included Canada in the project – another country with huge potential as the results at the IHF Trophy and the 1st Men's North American and the Caribbean Emerging Nations Championship show – and in the near future, it is planned to start in India.

Great Britain

The IHF funding through the New Markets Project was hugely beneficial for Great Britain. The teams are beginning to record good results and the standard is improving. In view of these positive results the support of handball in Great Britain will be continued.

The focus will still be on the development of youth handball and a continued support of the grassroots base of the sport in the United Kingdom. Furthermore, four national teams receive support through special 'age group programmes', which include the men's and women's U18 and U20 teams.

As the creation of several events by the International and European Handball Federations – such as the IHF Trophy tournaments or the Emerging Nations Championship – have made international competitions more accessible to teams from Great Britain, new age-group teams were formed who could compete at an international level and gain valuable experience.



Achievements

- New age-group teams were formed, currently being extended to four teams: W17, W19, M18, M20
- Grassroots programmes are being developed creatively in England and Scotland to make use of the available funding
- Participation levels, especially in youth and schools competitions, have strongly increased
- BHA/EHA/SHA talent pathway has been elaborated
- GBR team coaching structure has been developed
- Participation in several IHF and EHF events
- The project is already in its second cycle



People's Republic of China

Over the past two years, several meetings were held with the Chinese Handball Association and the Chinese Olympic Committee, partly with European top nations such as Norway or Sweden and Forum Club Handball in attendance. As a result, a contract has been signed with the Olympic Committee and a Working Group has been formed to elaborate a strategic plan for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games qualification as well as the Asian Games 2022.

The discussed development plan targets several areas, such as China's men's and women's national teams, with a focus on long-term athlete development and the placement of Chinese top players at clubs in Europe and European players in the Chinese Super League. Other facets of the plan include the establishment of a professional league – which has been announced in the beginning of April 2019 – and elite sporting structure within the country.

Education – specifically the structure of coach development, the IHF Handball at School project and the Traveller Coach project – is also part of the strategy, along with recruitment for both administrative and coaching positions within China. By now, China's women's team have a coach from Europe and a Sports Director has been hired. At the Asian Games 2018, the women's team have already shown an improved performance and ranked second, compared to 2014, where they finished fourth.

The hosting of events is also on the agenda, such as the first edition of the IHF Women's Super Globe and the 2020 Women's Youth World Championship as well as the Asian Women's Olympic Games Qualification and the Asian Beach Handball Championship.

Furthermore it is planned to develop a promotional strategy for Chinese handball both inside and outside of the country with up to four Chinese players poised to play in the European leagues, thanks to the FCH partnership. In addition, all matches of the new professional league are supposed to be broadcast on national television and promoted on social media.



Achievements

- Signing the contract with the Sport Minister of China and the National Federation
- Several coaching courses held (Dietrich Späte / Frantisek Tabor-sky)
- Working group for the development of handball in PR of China was formed, including representatives of Forum Club Handball and the European top nations
- IHF Academy in four universities
- German coach Jörn-Uwe Lommel as new women's team coach
- Women's team ranked second at the 2018 Asian Games
- An agreement between CHA and Pick Szeged club in Hungary was signed to invite 6 Hungarian players to participate in the Chinese Super League
- The men's national handball team will participate in the SEHA league in Croatia (project support by Beijing University).
- Training camps for women's national team were organised in Norway.
- Sports Director was hired.
- First Chinese Men's Super League was founded.
- Handball@School courses held in seven provinces (28 May-29 June 2019).
- Hosting of major events such as 1st Women's Super-Globe, Asian Olympic Qualification Tournament and Asian Beach Handball Championship.



中国手球协会
CHINESE HANDBALL ASSOCIATION

United States of America

The IHF has been working closely with USA Team Handball, who have moved into their new headquarters in Colorado Springs. Having launched a 10-Year Strategic Plan in August 2018, USA Team Handball have been recruiting for new positions as well as redefining roles for their current staff – Barry Siff has been hired as new CEO, a position financed by the IHF, after he helped make USA Triathlon great in the US.

In addition, as they strategically look towards the 2028 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, the importance of talent-identification and the implementation of a talent development pipeline has resulted in a USATH College and University Club Expansion Initiative, aimed at increasing the number of team handball programmes playing in the college club sport system. Talent-identification try-out camps are also planned, aimed at increasing the pool of athletes.

Another key feature of the strategic plan is to promote handball to American sports fans through television broadcasts, and the 2019 IHF Men's World Championship saw a strategic link to one of the USA's biggest broadcasters – the NBC Olympic Channel.

The USA will host the 2028 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. In view of LA 2028, the IHF Council awarded the USA with Wild Cards for the 2025 and 2027 World Championships.

The cooperation with European teams and federations is essential and therefore, a European residential programme for the women's national team (in cooperation with the French Handball Federation) is planned and support of Forum Club Handball was granted on behalf of the European top clubs.

Recent results show that, considering the current rate of progress, USA have a bright future ahead in handball. The men's and women's team both qualified for the Lima 2019 Pan American Games for the first time in eight years, the men's team won silver at the 1st IHF Men's North American and the Caribbean Emerging Nations Championship and their men's U21 team not only claimed bronze at the Intercontinental Phase of the IHF Trophy held in Kosovo but also qualified for the 2019 Men's Junior (U21) World Championship.



Achievements

- Cooperation with European top nations
- Collegiate competition build-up
- Recruitment of new position (CEO)
- New headquarters in Colorado Springs
- Men's and women's team qualified for the 2019 Pan American Games – first time in eight years
- Men's junior team qualified for 2019 World Championship due to their first place at the continental IHF Trophy event for the first time in 30 years
- Broadcast of 2019 Men's World Championship final on NBC Sports/Olympic Channel
- It is planned that the US women's team competes in the French league.



Olympic Solidarity

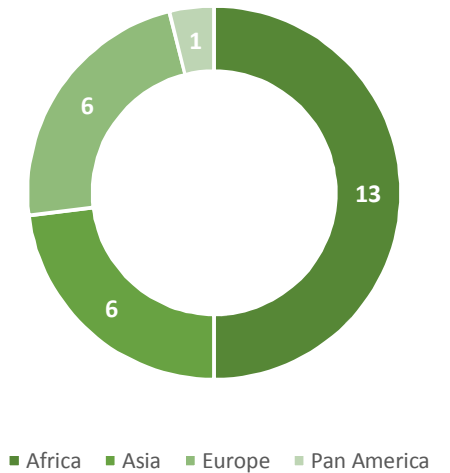
The International Olympic Committee introduced the Olympic Solidarity initiative over 50 years ago, in the 1960s, with the goal of assisting newly independent nations to develop their athletes, coaches and sports administrators. The handball specific projects were always realised in close cooperation between the International Olympic Committee, the IHF and the National Olympic Committees concerned. Since the beginnings, the focus is on helping those federations most in need and promoting the Olympic values.

Between January 2017 and June 2019, the IHF carried out 26 Technical Courses for Coaches in Africa, Asia, Europe and Pan America, at the end of which the coaches were usually presented with their C- or D-coaching licences. Furthermore, five Olympic Solidarity courses on the Development of National Sporting Structure were held, three of which in Tunisia and two in Mali.

The Technical Courses for Coaches feature practical and classroom-based activities and workshops covering a variety of topics including, for example, mini handball, passing and catching, defence and offence, shooting, goalkeeper skills, coaching of youth teams, match organisation, principles of conditioning and much more.



Olympic Solidarity
(2017 - June 2019)
-Technical Courses for Coaches-

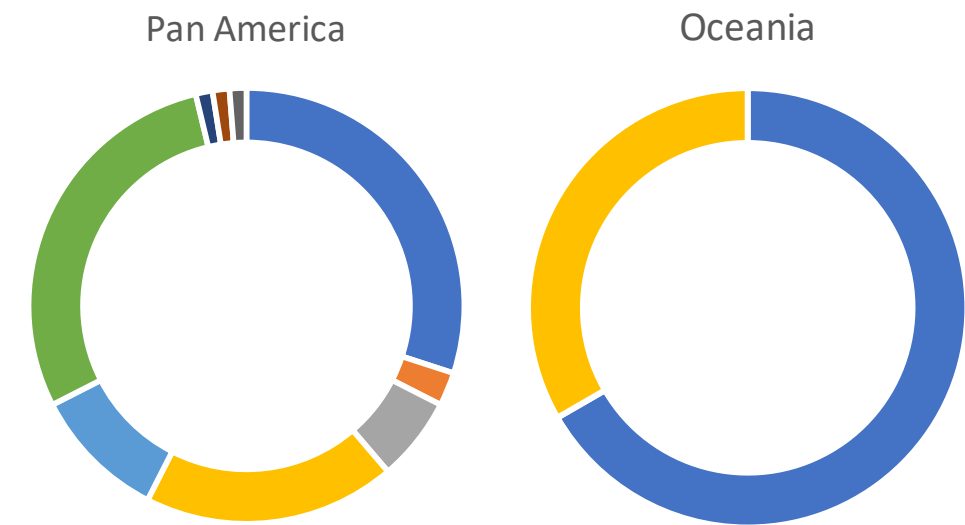
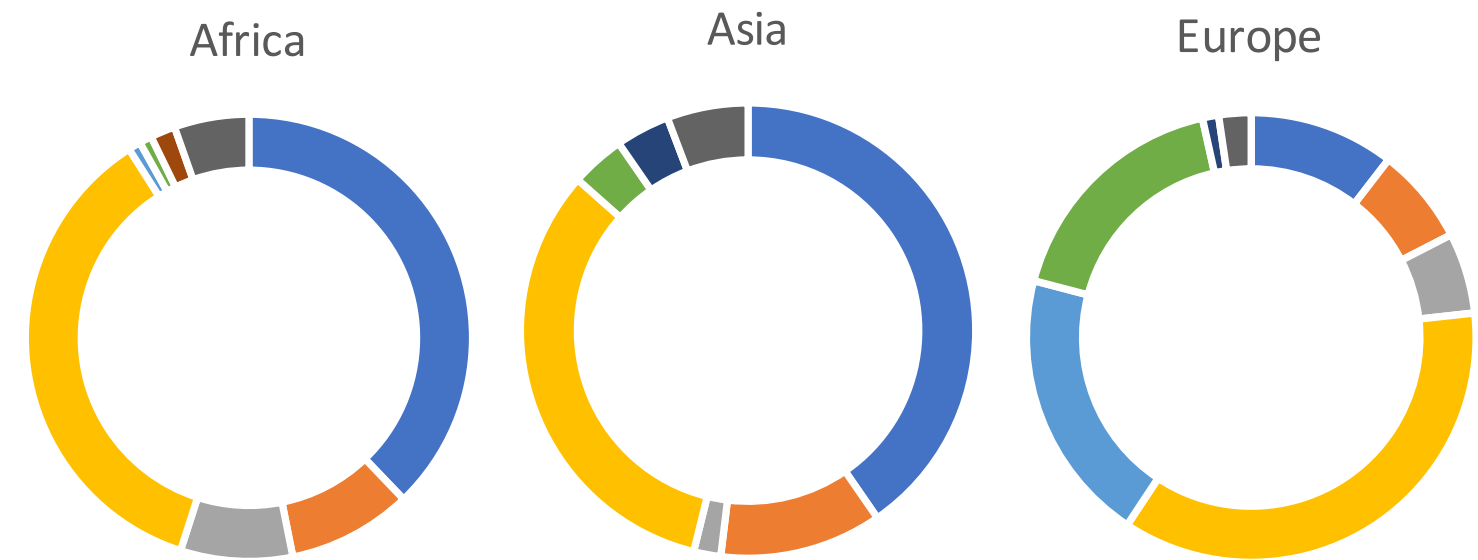


Global development aid Overview Nov 2017 - Jul 2019

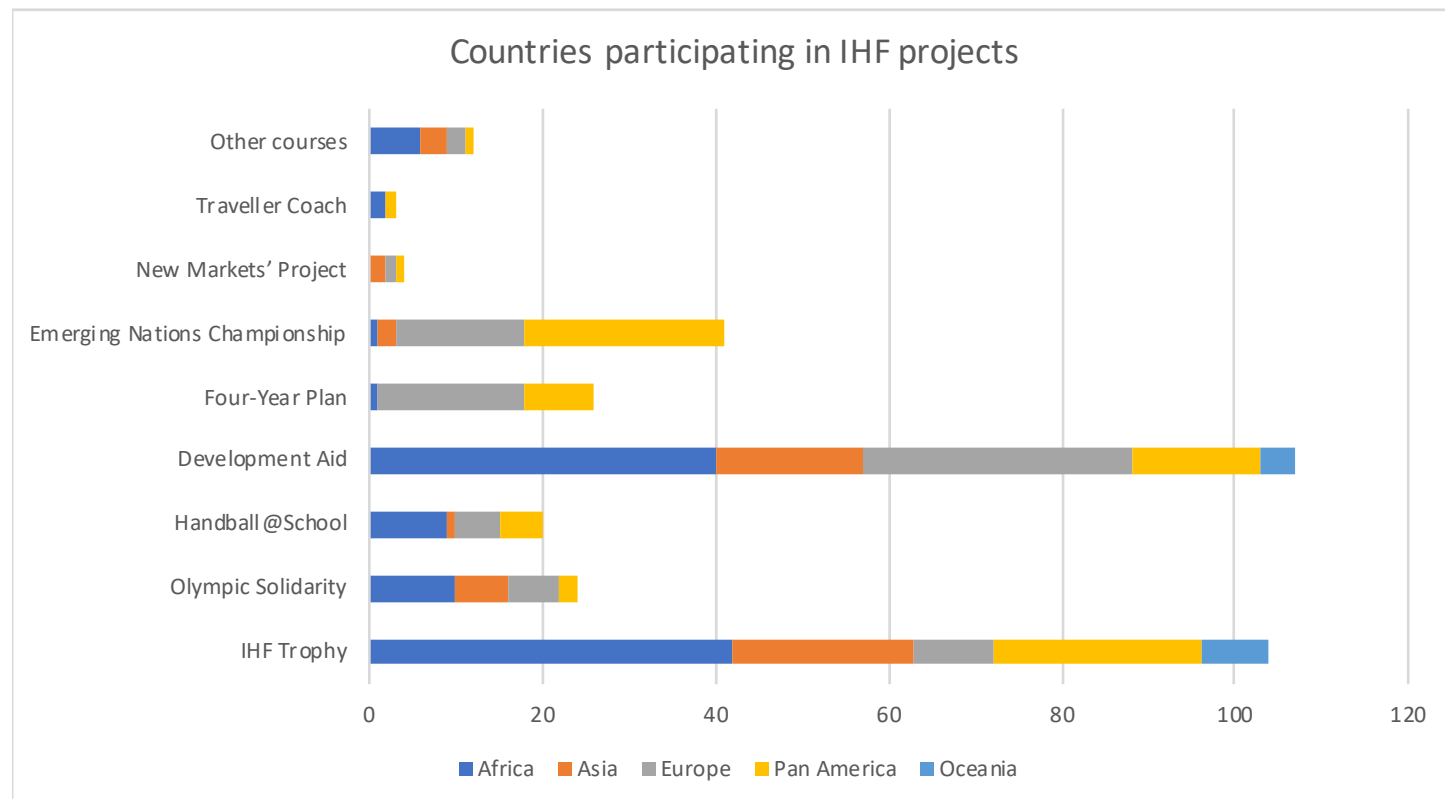
Over the past 20 months since the last IHF Congress, the International Handball Federation has been very active with regards to the development of handball all over the world – and hundreds of

National Federations, teams and institutions in all continents have benefitted.

Project	Africa	Asia	Europe	Pan America	Oceania	Total
IHF Trophy	42	21	9	24	8	104
Olympic Solidarity	10	6	6	2	0	24
Handball@School	9	1	5	5	0	20
Development Aid	40	17	31	15	4	107
Four-Year Plan	1	0	17	8	0	26
Emerging Nations Championship	1	2	15	23	0	41
New Markets' Project	0	2	1	1	0	4
Traveller Coach	2	0	0	1	0	3
Other courses	6	3	2	1	0	12



- IHF Trophy
- Olympic Solidarity
- Handball@School
- Development Aid
- Four-Year Plan
- Emerging Nations Championship
- New Markets' Project
- Traveller Coach
- Other courses



Meetings and decisions

According to the Statutes, the "Executive Committee shall lead the IHF as the executive body elected by the Congress", whereas the Council is responsible for "decision-making outside the Congress' competence or decisions which, according to [the] Statutes, are transferred to other bodies" and "ensuring that Congress and Executive Committee resolutions are adhered to."

In the following, an overview about the most important decisions as well as the activities of the highest IHF bodies is presented.

Awarding of events

In 2020, beach handball will return back to its roots as in their first meeting of the new electoral period on 12 November 2017, the IHF Council awarded the 2020 Men's and Women's Beach Handball World Championships to the Handball Federation of Italy. Furthermore, a host of the XXXVII Ordinary IHF Congress had to be found after the Handball Federation of Russia had withdrawn their bid at the IHF Congress in Antalya, Turkey in 2017 – ultimately, the Swedish Handball Federation was awarded the hosting rights for the 2019 IHF Congress, which will be held 'in the spirit of youth handball' on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Partille Cup, the world's largest youth handball tournament.



The IHF Executive Committee (from left): Frantisek Taborsky, Narcisa Lecusanu, President Dr Hassan Moustafa, Treasurer Anna Rapp and 1st Vice-President Joël Delplanque

IHF BODIES

IHF Super Globe

The IHF Men's Super Globe, the unofficial World Championship for club teams, moves from Qatar to Saudi Arabia. End of last year the International Handball Federation officially signed the contract for the Asian nation to host the event for the next four years, starting in 2019 with editions in 2020, 2021 and 2022. – The maiden edition of the IHF Women's Super Globe takes place in August 2019 in China and is part of the 'New Markets' Project' in the country.

New IHF Partners

In July 2018, the IHF Executive Committee approved the four-year sports equipment partnership with Danish sports brand hummel – one of the world's leading handball brands. One month later, in August, the IHF Council approved the new IHF Media Rights Partner for the senior World Championships from 2019 up to 2025. Considering the agency's extensive experience in sport and major events, Lagardère Sports is a competent partner to help grow the presence of handball around the world.

World Championships with 32 teams

World Championships will be expanded from 24 to 32 teams from 2021 onwards. The decision was made to apply this expansion for all age categories and in both genders, with the goal of providing an opportunity for more nations to gain experience on the biggest international stage.

Pan America

In their meeting on 14 January 2018, the IHF Council decided to suspend Pan-American Team Handball Federation (PATHF). Working groups for the North American and the Caribbean Zone and the South and Central American Zone were formed to ensure the development of handball in all parts of the Pan American continent.

Resin-free ball

After five years, the Molten resin-free ball is in its final development stage. Approved by the IHF Executive Committee, the ball has been tested on a long-term basis in cooperation with the French Handball Federation as of March 2019. The federation's new handball centre 'Maison du Handball' includes two halls, each of which features a tracking system and 20 cameras. Consequently, a lot of new and objective technical data (e.g. passing speed in different playing situations) could be collected. Initially, the resin-free balls should be used at the 2020 IHF Women's Youth World Championship.

Wheelchair Handball Working Group

At their meeting in Doha, on 18 October 2018, the IHF Council decided to form a Wheelchair Handball Working Group. The Working Group, chaired by Frantisek Taborsky, was created to promote the further development of wheelchair handball worldwide.

New Global Referee Training Programme concept

With the aim to strengthen the IHF Global Referee Training Programme (GRTP), the IHF Executive Committee approved a new concept in December 2017, which includes a new selection process of candidates, foresees courses every two years and requires referees to take at least two GRTP courses in order to receive their diploma (exceptions only upon written report of the Playing Rules and Referee Commission and the approval of the IHF Executive Committee). In addition, an age limit of 35 was introduced as well as a GRTP time limit, which requires a participant to graduate after a maximum of three courses. Furthermore, IHF Referees Summer Schools aiming to detect young talents will be organised as well as training camps for specifically



The IHF Council at their first meeting of the electoral period – held in 2017 in Antalya, Turkey.

IHF BODIES

chosen referees. Finally, it was determined that the IHF referee licence should be valid for four years.

Fitness coaches for IHF referees

In order to improve the general fitness and thus performance of IHF referees, the IHF Executive Committee approved the proposal of the Playing Rules and Referees Commission to use fitness coaches. The contract was signed for an initial two-year period.

New Markets' Project in Great Britain continues

In their meeting on 6 April 2018, the IHF Executive Committee decided to continue the support of handball in Great Britain within the scope of the New Markets' Project. Great Britain was the first country to take part in the project, which focusses on introducing handball in key markets. By now, China and the USA are also part of the New Markets' Project, with first actions being taken in Canada and India as well.

Agreement with International Testing Agency

On 17 October 2018, the IHF Executive Committee decided in their meeting in Doha to conclude an agreement with the International Testing Agency, an independent not-for-profit Swiss foundation with its headquarters in Lausanne, including services such as Risk Assess-

ment, a Test Distribution Plan according to Risk Assessment, WADA Code Compliance Management, Out-of-Competition Testing, Registered Testing Pool and Whereabouts management, Whereabouts failures administration, education outreach, Athlete Biological Passport administration, Therapeutic Use Exemptions administration and Results Management and ADRV administration.

Kuwait Handball Association – Suspension provisionally lifted

In December 2018, the IHF Council decided to provisionally lift the suspension of Kuwait Handball Association, after they had been suspended in 2015. The IHF Congress will decide on definitely lifting the suspension in the beginning of July 2019.

Commission Members

The IHF Council unanimously decided in their meeting in January 2019 to suspend Mrs Raquel Pedercini (CAN) as Chairwoman of the IHF Commission for Development and as IHF member with immediate effect until the next Congress in accordance with the Statutes due to the serious and repeated violation of her obligations. In the same meeting it was decided to exclude Mr Philippe Bana (FRA) from the Commission of Organising and Competitions as a result of behaviour, which was deemed unacceptable.

Meetings

Council

12 November 2017	Antalya TUR
14 January 2018	Zagreb CRO
18 October 2018	Doha QAT
28 January 2019	Herning DEN

Executive Committee

16 December 2017	Hamburg GER
6 April 2018	Basel SUI
12 July 2018	Debrecen HUN
17 October 2018	Doha QAT
16 November 2018	Basel SUI
22 February 2019	Basel SUI

ATHLETES' VOICE

Athletes' Commission

The International Handball Federation aims to involve current and former athletes in the day-to-day work during competitions and in-between.

The IHF Athletes' Commission serves as the voice of the athletes within the federation. At the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, the participating handball players voted five athletes into the Commission, which was confirmed by the IHF Council that same year: Chairwoman Gro Hammerseng-Edin (Norway), Mouna Chebbah (Tunisia), Cristina Neagu (Romania), Diego Simonet (Argentina) and Igor Vori (Croatia).

Since the first Commission meeting in May 2017, items such as clothing rules, referees' standard, the match schedule during championships, the total load during the year, i.e. the amount of matches and championships, switching the nationality, the 7-against-6 rule, equality in all forms, the fight against corruption and doping, players' rights and much more were discussed.

Another key part of the Commission's work is to maintain contact with the IOC Athletes' Commission. In late November 2017 Mouna Chebbah, who played for Tunisia at five World Championships, represented handball at the International Athletes' Forum in Lausanne, which featured over 100 athletes of all disciplines from all over the world.

"It's important for the athletes to have the commission," says Hammerseng-Edin. "They are the ones who know the rules, politics and priorities made by the IHF affect the everyday lives of athletes. In my opinion, they are the most important voice which should be listened to."



Former Players' Project

Following the success of the first Former Players' Course in 2017, the 2018 edition was held on the fringe of the IHF Super Globe in Doha (Qatar). 11 previously professional and international players from two continents participated in the course run from October 15 to 19, which expanded from the previous format to cover a range of topics including refereeing, match analysis, competition organisation, venue management, technical delegate tasks and media.

The participants in the 2018 edition were Romanians Angela Picu, Aurica Motogna, Tatiana Cojocar and Ionela Stanca; Brazilians Daniela Piedade and Lucila Dos Santos; Russian Ekaterina Andryushina; Slovenian Nataliya Derespasko; German Christina Lindemann; Austrian Eugenia Rotis-Nagy; and Egyptian Assem Elsaadany.

The IHF officials present shared their own perspectives on some of the discussion topics – mainly how the former players can help to continue developing the game around the world. Dr Moustafa expressed his hope for more women to hold key positions in handball and for former players to find the right path to remain involved in the sport so as not to lose their valuable expertise and knowledge.



REFEREEING

Updated Guidelines and Interpretations of the IHF Rules of the Game

The PRC in collaboration with the IHF rules experts have discussed several topics in relation with rules interpretations and agreed to publish a new version of the Guidelines and Interpretations with the intention of clarifying the correct decisions on certain situations.

Some new guidelines and updated versions of the previous guidelines of the edition of 1 July 2016 have thus been elaborated and as of 1 July 2018, the new version of the guidelines has been valid.

The updates concern the following rules and guidelines:

- Last 30 seconds rule: not respecting the distance (Rule 8:10c)
- Assisting injured players (Rule 4:11)
- Passive play: count of passes (Rule 7:11 Clarification 4 Appendix 3, examples 13/14)
- Disqualification of the goalkeeper according to Rule 8:5, Comment
- 7-metre decision with empty goal (14:1 and Clarification 6c)
- Use of video proof
- Player entering with wrong colour or number (Rules 4:7 and 4:8)



Use of fitness coaches

In order to improve the general fitness and thus performance of IHF referees, the International Handball Federation decided to use fitness coaches to get their referees in shape. The Playing Rules and Referees Commission (PRC) expects all referees to be at their best at events in order to meet the high demands of modern handball – this is only possible with a proper tactical, technical, mental and physical preparation. The group of coaches includes nutritionists and is responsible for controlling the daily training of all IHF referees as well as other data as Body Fat, BMI, stress tests, etc. The fitness coaches are obliged to then send annual reports about the physical condition of the IHF referees to the IHF.

New concept of Global Referee Training Programme

Aiming to further strengthen IHF Global Referee Training Programme (GRTP), the Playing Rules and Referees Commission (PRC) has introduced a new GRTP concept.

A more thorough screening and selection process of candidates has been elaborated, during which the PRC and the continental chairpersons of the respective refereeing commissions work closely together. It was agreed that, provided the minimum number of candidates has been reached, a course should be held every two years and after at least two GRTP courses, a referee shall receive the IHF badge and diploma, with exceptions only being made with a written report by the PRC and the approval of the IHF Executive Commit-



tee. A referee can be integrated into the GRTP for a maximum period of 5 years, taking part in a maximum of 3 courses; afterwards the referee shall be assisted and graduate, otherwise the referee shall be excluded. And age limit of 35 was also introduced. The IHF referee licence should be valid for four years.

Furthermore, IHF Referees Summer Schools will be organised in order to discover young talents before they have reached continental status. In cooperation with the Continental Confederations, the IHF will also organise training camps for specifically chosen referees.

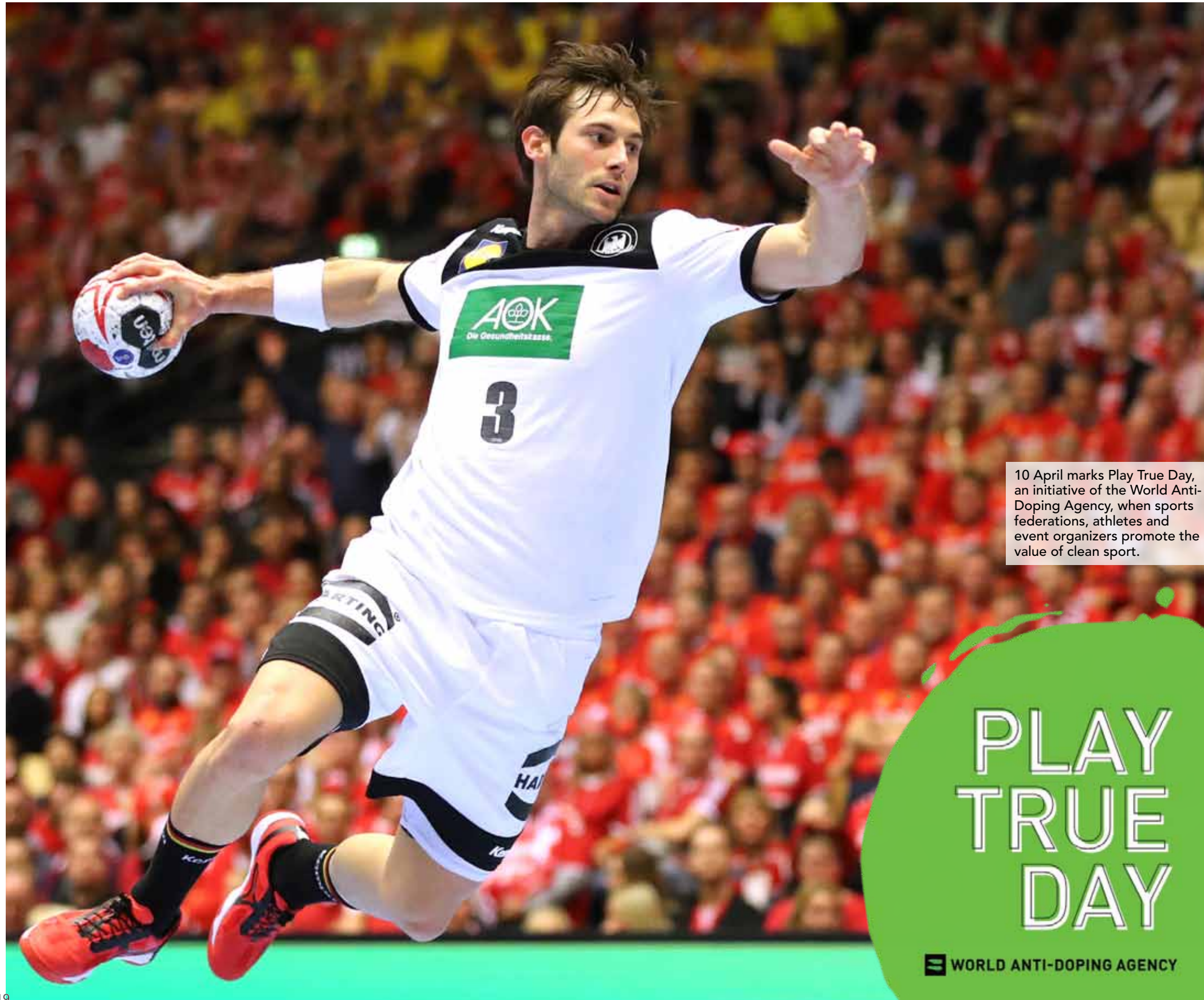
ANTI-DOPING

Agreement with International Testing Agency

On 17 October 2018, the IHF Executive Committee decided to conclude an agreement with the International Testing Agency (ITA), an independent not-for-profit Swiss foundation established by the International Olympic Committee with its headquarters in Lausanne aiming for the protection of clean athletes. By now, more than 40 International Federations and major event organisers cooperate with ITA.

The cooperation agreement with ITA includes the following services:

- Risk Assessment
- Test Distribution Plan according to Risk Assessment
- WADA Code Compliance Management
- Out of Competition Testing
- Registered Testing Pool and Whereabouts management
- Whereabouts failures administration
- Education Outreach
- Athlete Biological Passport administration
- Therapeutic Use Exemptions administration
- Results Management and ADRV administration
- Data Protection management



10 April marks Play True Day, an initiative of the World Anti-Doping Agency, when sports federations, athletes and event organizers promote the value of clean sport.

ANTI-DOPING

In- and out-of-competition testing

In collaboration with the Testing Team of the National Anti-Doping Organisations (NADOs) of the respective host countries of the IHF events, the following IC testing missions at the IHF events took place:

Event	Tests	Result
2017 IHF Women's World Championship GER	64 IC + 60 OOC	All negative
2018 Women's Junior (U20) Pan American Championship BRA	0	Due to national governmental regulations' issues, IC testing was not allowed at this championship
2018 Women's Youth (U18) Pan American Championship ARG	20	All negative
2018 North American and the Caribbean Men's Senior Championship MEX	12	positive 1
2018 Women's Junior (U20) World Championship HUN	48	All negative
2018 Men's and Women's Senior Beach Handball World Championship RUS	32	All negative
2018 Women's Youth (U18) World Championship POL	40	All negative
2018 IHF Men's Super Globe	25 IC + 6 OOC	All negative
2019 Men's World Championship GER/DEN	88 IC + 55 OOC	All negative

Education outreach

In accordance with the WADA Code Article 18, the IHF is committing to promote the importance of Anti-Doping at an international handball level through education.

The International Handball Federation has developed and implemented a documented education and prevention programme following the recommendations of the World Anti-Doping Agency – the 2018-2020 IHF Anti-Doping Education and Prevention Programme.

In collaboration with the National Anti-Doping Organisations, educational seminars were organised at the 2018 Men's Senior Pan American Championship, the 2018 Women's Junior and Youth World Championships, the 2018 Men's and Women's Beach Handball World Championships, the 2018 IHF Men's Super Globe and the 2019 IHF Men's World Championship.

“Empower female leadership”

Gender equality is a key issue in the sports world and over the past couple of years, the International Handball Federation has shown how seriously this topic is taken.

Already in 1957, the first IHF Women’s World Championship was staged and since then, all IHF events in all age categories have been held for men and women alike. The only exceptions were the IHF Super Globe and the IHF Emerging Nations Championship – but with the organisation of the 1st IHF Women’s Super Globe in PR of China in August 2019 and the 1st IHF Women’s Emerging Nations Championship in 2020, this will be changed.

Considering the number of female Officials, Technical Delegates, Referees, etc. at events, progress was made as well: The final matches at the 2017 IHF Women’s World Championship in Germany were whistled by two female referee pairs; 16 referee pairs have been nominated: 5 female and 11 male (31.25% female). Technical delegates: 16 in total, 6 female and 10 male (37.5% female).

The wish to have more women in leadership positions became obvious at the XXXVI Ordinary IHF Congress in Antalya, as the Norwegian Handball Federation submitted a motion stating that both genders shall be represented in all IHF bodies: “The organisation should continue to integrate female representatives in their structures, and empower female leadership, as well as to encourage the stakeholders to follow. Based on the fact that females constitute more than 50-70% of the members of most handball federations, we will argue that females are highly underrepresented in the international handball bodies.”

Already before, the delegates at the 2017 IHF Congress had voted Anna Rapp (SWE) and Narcisa Lecusanu (ROU) into the IHF Executive Committee as Treasurer and Executive Committee Member, respectively.



The Women’s Handball Working Group (from left): Leonor Mallozzi, Narcisa Lecusanu, Bente Aksnes, Liudmila Bodnieva, Alexandra Do Nascimento

In order to keep up the positive development trends in women’s handball, the IHF introduced the Women’s Handball Working Group in 2016. The group is currently chaired by former national player Narcisa Lecusanu, who won silver with Romania at the 2005 World Championship. Bente Aksnes (NOR), Liudmila Bodnieva (RUS), Alexandra Do Nascimento (BRA) and Leonor Mallozzi (POR) are also part of the group and can look back on years of experience in handball. In a first step the group has sent a questionnaire to all member federations and players. In the survey, the working group asked them to share their limitations, needs and strategies for the development of women’s handball. The result will be presented at the XXXVII Ordinary IHF Congress in Sweden.

Another promising IHF initiative is the ‘Former Players Project’, the second course of which took place on the fringe of the 2018 IHF Super Globe. As all but one of the participants were female, the subject of women’s handball was a key area of focus. The lectures included a presentation from Narcisa Lecusanu, showing the results of the global survey conducted by the working group. The participants were highly motivated to discuss this topic in particular, examining the current situation in different continents at length. They expressed great motivation in developing women’s handball to reach a similar level of global recognition to that of men’s.

Global Membership 209

The International Handball Federation consists of 209 Member Federations - 201 full members plus eight associated and regional members (marked with an asterisk).

PAN AMERICA 40

North America and the Caribbean

- ANT Antigua and Barbuda
- BAH Bahamas
- BAR Barbados
- CAN Canada
- CAY Cayman Islands
- CUB Cuba
- DMA Dominica
- DOM Dominican Republic
- GLP Guadeloupe*
- GRL Greenland
- GRN Grenada
- HAI Haiti
- IVB British Virgin Islands
- JAM Jamaica
- LCA Saint Lucia
- MEX Mexico
- MTQ Martinique*
- PUR Puerto Rico
- SKN Saint Kitts and Nevis
- TTO Trinidad and Tobago
- USA United States of America

South and Central America

- ARG Argentina
- BIZ Belize
- BOL Bolivia
- BRA Brazil
- CHI Chile
- COL Colombia
- CRC Costa Rica
- ECU Ecuador
- ESA El Salvador
- GUA Guatemala
- GUF French Guyana*
- GUY Guyana
- HON Honduras
- NCA Nicaragua
- PAN Panama
- PAR Paraguay
- PER Peru
- URU Uruguay
- VEN Venezuela

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| ARM Armenia | KOS Kosovo |
| AUT Austria | LAT Latvia |
| AZE Azerbaijan | LIE Liechtenstein |
| BEL Belgium | LTU Lithuania |
| BIH Bosnia and Herzegovina | LUX Luxembourg |
| BLR Belarus | MDA Moldova |
| BUL Bulgaria | MKD Republic of North Macedonia |
| CRO Croatia | MLT Malta |
| CYP Cyprus | MNE Montenegro |
| CZE Czech Republic | MON Monaco |
| DEN Denmark | NED Netherlands |
| ENG England* | NOR Norway |
| ESP Spain | POL Poland |
| EST Estonia | POR Portugal |
| FAR Faroe Islands | ROU Romania |
| FIN Finland | RUS Russia |
| FRA France | SCO Scotland* |
| GBR Great Britain | SLO Slovenia |
| GEO Georgia | SRB Serbia |
| GER Germany | SUI Switzerland |
| GRE Greece | SVK Slovakia |
| HUN Hungary | SWE Sweden |
| IRL Ireland | TUR Turkey |
| ISL Iceland | UKR Ukraine |

AFRICA 53

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| ALG Algeria | LES Lesotho |
| ANG Angola | MAD Madagascar |
| BUR Burundi | MAR Morocco |
| BEN Benin | MAW Malawi |
| BOT Botswana | MLI Mali |
| BUR Burkina Faso | MOZ Mozambique |
| CAF Central African Republic | MRI Mauritius |
| CGO Congo | MTN Mauritania |
| CHA Chad | NAM Namibia |
| CIV Côte d'Ivoire | NGR Nigeria |
| CMR Cameroon | NIG Niger |
| COD DR Congo | RSA South Africa |
| COM Comoros | RWA Rwanda |
| CPV Cape Verde | SEN Senegal |
| DJI Djibouti | SEY Seychelles |
| EGY Egypt | SLE Sierra Leone |
| ETH Ethiopia | SOM Somalia |
| GAB Gabon | SSD South Sudan |
| GAM Gambia | STP Sao Tomé and Príncipe |
| GBS Guinea-Bissau | SUD Sudan |
| GEQ Equatorial Guinea | SWZ Swaziland |
| GHA Ghana | TAN Tanzania |
| GUI Guinea | TOG Togo |
| KEN Kenya | TUN Tunisia |
| LBA Libya | UGA Uganda |
| LBR Liberia | ZAM Zambia |
| | ZIM Zimbabwe |

OCEANIA 20

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| ASA American Samoa | MHL Marshall Islands | PNG Papua New Guinea |
| AUS Australia | Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands* | SAM Samoa |
| COK Cook Islands | NCL New Caledonia* | SOL Solomon Islands |
| FIJ Fiji | NRU Nauru | TAH Tahiti* |
| FSM Federated States of Micronesia | NZL New Zealand | TGA Tonga |
| GUM Guam | PLW Palau | TUV Tuvalu |
| KIR Kiribati | | VAN Vanuatu |

ASIA 44

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| AFG Afghanistan | MAS Malaysia |
| BAN Bangladesh | MDV Maldives |
| BHU Bhutan | MGL Mongolia |
| BRN Bahrain | NEP Nepal |
| BRU Brunei | OMA Oman |
| CAM Cambodia | PAK Pakistan |
| CHN PR of China | PHI Philippines |
| HKG Hong Kong | PLE Palestine |
| INA Indonesia | PRK DPR Korea |
| IND India | QAT Qatar |
| IRI Iran | SGP Singapore |
| IRQ Iraq | SRI Sri Lanka |
| JOR Jordan | SYR Syria |
| JPN Japan | THA Thailand |
| KAZ Kazakhstan | TJK Tajikistan |
| KGZ Kyrgyzstan | TKM Turkmenistan |
| KOR Republic of Korea | TLS Timor-Leste |
| KSA Saudi Arabia | TPE Chinese Taipei |
| KUW Kuwait | UAE United Arab Emirates |
| LAO Laos | UZB Uzbekistan |
| LBN Lebanon | VIE Vietnam |
| MAC Macau | YEM Yemen |

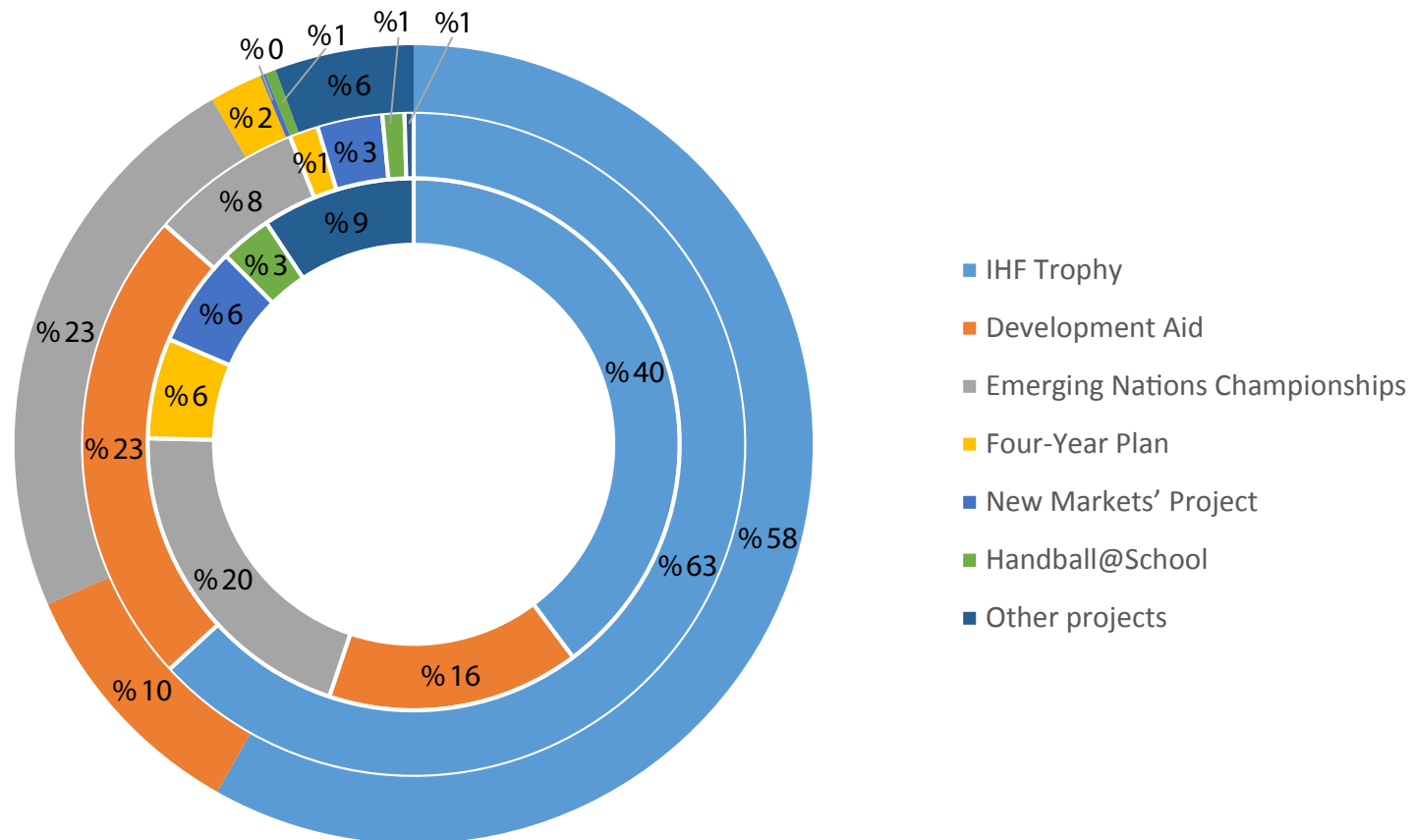
IHF Finances

2017 – May 2019 / in CHF

IHF Projects

Project	2017	2018	2019	Total
IHF Trophy	845,516.00	3,500,000.72	1,764,480.46	6,109,997.18
Development Aid	326,442.40	1,294,347.25	310,989.10	1,931,778.75
Emerging Nations Championships	429,863.14	410,794.91	825,352.31	10,361,666.0
Four-Year Plan	129,740.68	77,632.41	65,120.57	272,493.66
New Markets' Project	128,956.86	175,748.29	6,403.04	311,108.19
Handball@School	66,618.78	59,280.92	13,202.55	139,102.25
Other courses	198,416.90	24,401.19	170,527.95	393,346.04
Total	2,125,554.76	5,542,205.69	3,156,075.98	10,823,836.43

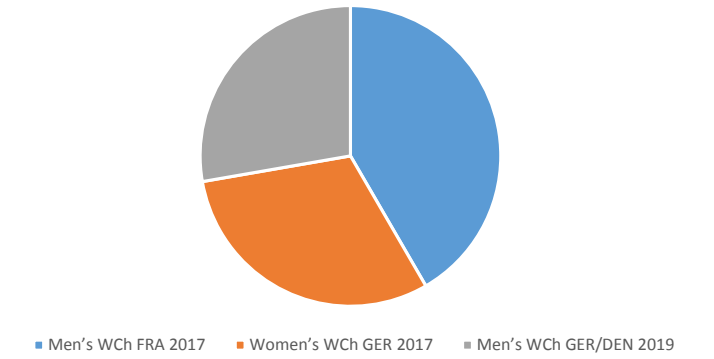
IHF Project expenses



Senior World Championships

Event	Total senior WCh expenses
Men's WCh FRA 2017	4,233,935.44
Women's WCh GER 2017	3,114,674.95
Men's WCh GER/DEN 2019	2,820,422.21

Senior World Championship expenses

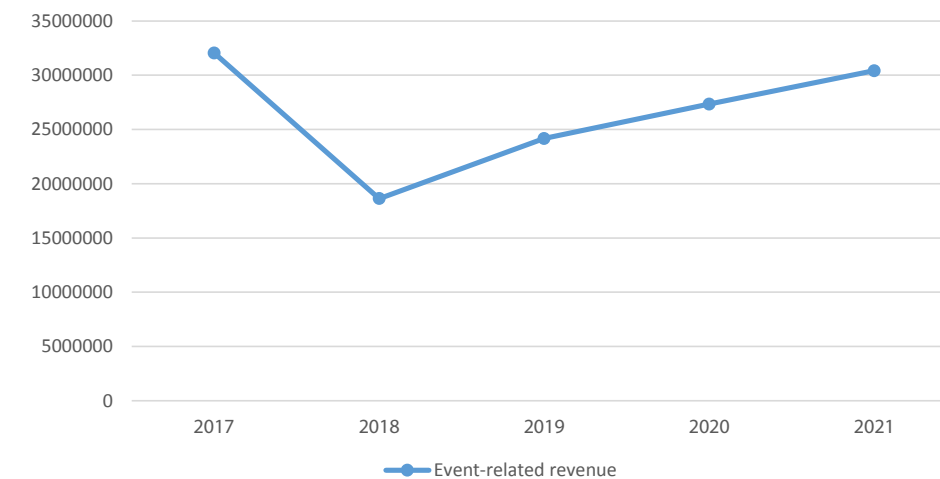


IHF Income

Total event-related revenue

Year	Income
2017	32,044,354.85
2018	18,632,480.83
Budget	
2019	24,167,000.00
2020	27,340,000.00
2021	30,412,000.00

Event-related revenue



IN MEMORIAM

In memory of those who passed away

The international handball family mourns the death of athletes, experts and other handball personalities, who passed away in the period under review.



Levon Akopyan
(RUS) - 73



Sargis Grigoryan
(ARM) - 64



Kjartan K. Steinbach
(ISL) - 68



Chong-Ha Kim
(KOR) - 85



Peter Kretzschmar
(GDR/GER) - 85



Waltraud Kretzschmar
(GDR/GER) - 70



Branislav Pokrajac
(YUG/SRB) - 71



Mohamed Samir Rashed
(EGY) - 41



Dragan Taka Pavicevic
(MNE) - 78



Jemal Tsertsvadze
(GEO) - 79



Milan Valcic
(YUG/SRB) - 82

On behalf of the International Handball Federation and the whole handball family, President Dr Hassan Moustafa conveys his

deepest condolences to the families and friends of the sports legends, who passed away, as well as the handball federations

concerned and the many officials, players and referees who had the pleasure of knowing them.

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