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## Vote for the World Handball Players 2010!



Who will be the successors of Slawomir Szmal (Poland) and Alison Pineau (France) as the World Handball Players of the Year 2010? For the first time ever all journalists have the opportunity to give their votes in the newly installed media section of the IHF website [www.ihf.info](http://www.ihf.info). But also all handball fans around the world can cast their vote for one of the five nominees.

An expert jury including famous and successful coaches like Lino Cervar, Heiner Brand, Ulrik Wilbek, Jewgeni Trefilow or Marit Breivik and IHF lecturers have made their proposals for this voting – and now it's up to the media on the one hand and the fans on the other hand to vote for their favourites. All results – experts, fans and media – will be evaluated in the end. The voting starts on 1 December 2010 and ends on 1 January 2011.

You can vote for the following male and female nominees:

### Men:

Thierry Omeyer (France), Igor Vori (Croatia), Arpad Sterbik (Spain), Filip Jicha (Czech Republic), Nikola Karabatic (France)

### Women:

Bojana Popovic (Montenegro), Katrine Lunde-Haraldsen (Norway), Grit Jurack (Germany), Liudmila Postnova (Russia) and Cristian Neagu (Romania)

You will find the voting and short portraits of all nominees on [www.ihf.info](http://www.ihf.info)  
The World Handball Players of the Year 2010 will be announced and awarded during the Men's World Championship in Sweden.





*Sold out SAP Arena with more than 13,000 spectators*



*Korea and China win handball tournaments at Asian Games*

## World Handball Players 2009 to be honoured in Mannheim on 1 December



Handball fans from all over the world had casted their vote; now the winners of the election for the male and female World Handball Player 2009 will be officially honoured. IHF President Dr Hassan Moustafa and Kim Klastруп, chairman of IHF partner Grundfos, will award the trophies and a check of EUR 10,000 each to the winners Slawomir Szmал (Poland) and Alison Pineau (France)



in the SAP Arena in Mannheim on 1 December prior to the German Bundesliga top match Rhein Neckar Löwen – THW Kiel. The ceremony is broadcasted by the German TV station Sport1.

Szmал clearly prevailed against Nikola Karabatic (France) and Igor Vori (Croatia), whereas Pineau outperformed Katrine Lunde-Haraldsen (Norway) and Liudmila Postnova (Russia).

One hour before the ceremony Alison Pineau, Dr Hassan Moustafa and Kim Klastруп will comment on the election of the World Handball Players in a press conference. After his match with the “Löwen” against Kiel, Slawomir Szmал will also answer the questions of the press.

Several guests will attend the event in the sold-out SAP Arena with more than 13,000 spectators, such as the Presidents of the Polish and the French federation as well as representatives of the corresponding clubs HB Metz and Rhein Neckar Löwen.

## Asian Games: Korea and China win handball tournaments

The Chinese women and the Korean men have won the handball tournament at the Asian Games in Guangzhou, China. Both finals ended very clearly, as China beat Japan 31:22 after a quite close first half (14:13). Korea took a well-deserved 32:28 (16:9) victory against Iran.

The biggest surprise of the handball tournaments occurred in the women’s semi-final, when the clear favourite Korea was narrowly defeated by Japan (29:28). China didn’t have problems to eliminate Kazakhstan (24:18). Korea then won the Bronze final 38:26 against Kazakhstan.

In the men’s semi-finals Korea was the clear winner against Saudi Arabia (41:19), whereas Iran turned the match around against Japan at the final stage winning 30:29. Japan secured the bronze medal, beating Saudi Arabia 27:20.

*Fun, passion, health – IHF starts project „handball at school“*

## Fun, passion, health – IHF starts project “handball at school“



“Handball at School” is the name of the new project of the International Handball Federation starting in 2011. After introducing several worldwide projects for juveniles and young adults like the Challenge Trophies, the IHF will focus on young children. All National Federations will be

involved in this school project. The recently established IHF working group consisting of Allan Lund, Dietrich Späte, Philippe Bana and Klaus Feldmann is currently working on the production of teaching material.

In a further step specialized school handball experts will be trained to start the project with the motto “fun, passion, health” worldwide.

The project will focus on three age groups:

- five to eight years old
- nine to eleven years old
- twelve to sixteen years old

The concept is also based on three parts of school training:

1. warming up (with the elements coordination and speed),
2. practice (ball handling, dribbling, pass & catch, throwing) and
3. play (simple forms, 2 against 1, little games).

In addition the working group will work out a proposal simplifying the IHF rules and regulations for handball at school for each age group. The contact with other international humanitarian and teachers’ organizations shall be intensified – and the hosts of World Championships and Challenge Trophies shall organize training courses for teachers and include school authorities in the Championships.

## IHF mourns passing of Mohamed Ben Khelifa

It was with great sadness that the International Handball Federation has learned about the passing of Mohamed Ben Khelifa, member of the Tunisian Handball Federation and former Vice-President of the African Continental Federation CAHB. Ben Khelifa died on 22 November 2010. The handball family has lost a great figure and a loyal colleague.

Dr Hassan Moustafa, on behalf of the International Handball Federation, conveyed his condolences to Mohamed Ben Khelifa’s family, friends, to CAHB and to the Tunisian Handball Federation.



*IHF mourns passing away of Mohamed Ben Khelifa*



### IHF Calendar of Events until January 2011

Date	Place		Organizer	Event
<b>December</b>				
01/12	Mannheim	GER	IHF	Awarding ceremony of the World Handball Players 2009
08/12-12/12	Medellín	COL	IHF / PATHF	Challenge Trophy Men's Continental Phase
07/12-19/12		DEN/NOR	EHF	Women's European Championship / Qualification for 2011 WWCh
12/12-18/12	Guatemala	GUA	IHF / PATHF	Challenge Trophy Women's Zone II
09/12	Lausanne	SUI	ASOIF	ASOIF Council Meeting
<b>January</b>				
06/01-11/01		IND	IHF / AHF	Challenge Trophy Men's Continental Phase
13/01-30/01		SWE	IHF	XXII Men's World Championship
26/01-27/01		SWE	IHF	Council Meeting