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## Claude Onesta and Jewgeni Trefilow – IHF Coaches of the Year

An expert jury of the International Handball Federation has decided as follows: Claude Onesta (Men's team) and Jewgeny Trefilow (Women's team) are the IHF Coaches of the Year 2009. Onesta (France) and Trefilow (Russia) led their teams to winning the gold medal at the Men's and Women's World Championships in 2009. When thinking of coaches who have been doing an excellent job over many years, these two coaches must be kept in mind.

### A portrait of the IHF awardees:

#### Claude Onesta



At the end of January 2010, Claude Onesta made history: For the first time in international handball history, one and the same team succeeded in being World Champion, European Champion and Olympic Champion at the same time. The French team coached by Onesta achieved this historic triple success after having become World Champion in Croatia in 2009 and Olympic Champion in Beijing in 2008. Onesta aged 53 has been coaching the French men's team since 2001. His difficult task was to fill Daniel Constantini's shoes who had led the French team to winning the World Championship in 1995 and 2001. Onesta inherited an intact team and additionally integrated young players such as Karabatic or Abalo into the team.

His first achievements were two World Championship bronze medals and the first European Championship title in 2006. Since 2008, Onesta and his French team have been winning one title after the other. Prior to his career as a coach (since 1987), Onesta played for the national team and at the same time belonged to the top performers of the club Toulouse Union which was coached by him from 1987 to 2001 and reached for example the Champions League semi-final. Following Wladimir Maximow (Russia), Onesta is the second coach to succeed in winning all three big titles (Olympic Champion, European Champion and World Champion) with the national team.



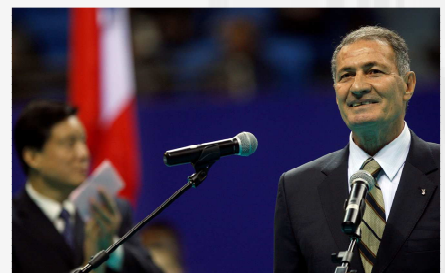
### Jewgeni Trefilow



Jewgeni Trefilow is a real workaholic. Since 1999, he has not only been coaching the corresponding Russian top club team, but also the national team. In so doing, he's extremely successful: On club level, he claimed seven Russian Championship titles – five times with his former club Lada Togliatti, twice with his current club Zvezda Zvenigorod. In addition to the Russian titles, he won all European cups with his teams – in 2002 the Cup Winners' Cup with Lada, in 2008 the EHF Cup with Zvezda and one year later the Champions League, also with Zvezda. However, Trefilow (54) was even more successful with the national team: In 2001, 2005, 2007 and 2009, he became World Champion. In 2008, Russia took the silver medal at the Olympic Games and the bronze medal at the European Championship (as in 2000). In 2006, his team won the bronze medal at the European Championship. For a short period of time, Trefilow, born in Krasnodar, was assistant coach of the Russian men's team which became World Champion in 1997. Although Trefilow is generally considered to be a very tough guy, his female players adore him because he always supports them – whether on or off the field. The fact that his team consisting of a lot more younger players dominated the WCh in China in such a manner is mainly due to the coach whose main principle is: The only thing that counts is the team and not the individual players. Until 1984, Trefilow was active as a player for different clubs, for example Krasnodar where he started his career as a coach of a women's team. He led this club to winning the Russian Championship in 1988 before he transferred to Volgograd. Afterwards, he transferred again to Togliatti where he became assistant coach while at the same time becoming head coach of the national team.

### Interview with IHF President Dr Hassan Moustafa

On the fringes of the Super Globe in Doha (Qatar), the International Handball Federation decided to hold the II Extraordinary IHF Congress in Marrakech (Morocco) next year. Originally the Congress should have taken place in Rome at the end of April 2010, but it was cancelled at short notice due to flight restrictions caused by the volcanic eruption in Iceland. IHF President Dr Hassan Moustafa comments on the decision in an extended interview that will be published in the upcoming edition of the World Handball Magazine. You will find important excerpts of this interview on the website of the International Handball Federation ([www.ihf.info](http://www.ihf.info)).



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## Draw for the Men's World Championship in Gothenburg

The Preliminary Round groups for the Men's World Championship 2011 in Sweden will be drawn in Gothenburg on 9 July. The last WCh participants will be determined in Europe and Pan-America in mid-June.

## Draw results of Women's Youth World Championship



The Preliminary Round groups for the third Women's Youth World Championship in the Dominican Republic were drawn in the IHF Head Office in Basle at the attendance of IHF Vice President Miguel Roca Mas.

### The draw results:

Group A: Denmark, Netherlands, Angola, Argentina, Germany  
 Group B: Norway, Dominican Republic, Japan, Ivory Coast, Uruguay  
 Group C: France, Hungary, Sweden, Kazakhstan, Democratic Republic of Congo  
 Group D: Russia, Korea, Brazil, Spain, Thailand.

The matches will be played from 2 to 12 August 2010 in the Santo Domingo region. Reigning Champion is Russia.

## Greenland completes Women's Junior World Championship in KOR



The field of participants for the Women's Junior World Championship in Korea (17/08-31/08) has been completed – and the group venues are known now: Greenland will take part as the fourth representative of Pan America. They will play in Group A together with Norway, France, Germany, Tunisia and Serbia. This group will play Bicgouel Gym in Gwnagju. Group B (Korea, Netherlands, Argentina, China, Democratic Rep. of the Congo and Croatia) will play in the Yeomju Gym in Gwangju. The Korean capitol Seoul is the host city of group C with Hungary, Spain, Japan, Brazil, Thailand and Australia. Group D (Russia, Sweden, Angola, Montenegro, Mexico and Hongkong) will play in the city of Cheonan. The schedule of the Women's Junior World Championship will be published soon on [www.ihf.info](http://www.ihf.info).

## Draw results of Youth Olympic Games in Singapore



The official draw for the Olympic Handball Tournaments as part of the Youth Games, to be taking place from 20 to 25 August, was held in Singapore today. COC member and Youth Olympic Games Event Delegate Peter Sichelschmidt carried out the draw in the presence of representatives from the Singapore Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee (SYOGOC).

The composition of groups is the following:

Women	
Group A	Group B
RUS	DEN
ANG	ASIA
BRA	AUS

Men	
Group C	Group D
FRA	EGY
KOR	BRA
COK	SIN

The Asian representative of the women's tournament has not yet been decided. We will inform you when the participant is known.

## IHF mourns passing of Marius Mouthe

It was with great sadness that the International Handball Federation has learned about the passing of Mr Marius Mouthe, national technical Director of Cameroon and lecturer of the Playing Rules and Referees Commission (PRC) of the African





### IHF calendar of events until August 2010

Date	Place		Organizer	Event
<b>June</b>				
04/06	Singapore	SIN	IHF	Draw for the Youth Olympic Games in SIN
05/06-06/06	Brøndby	DEN	DHF	75th anniversary of the Dansk Handbold Forbund
06/06-12/06	Kigali	RWA	IHF	Women's Challenge Trophy (Zone Vb)
12/06-13/06			EHF	Play-off matches/Qualification for 2011 MWCh
18/06-19/06	Basel	SUI	IHF	Meeting of the Medical Commission
19/06-20/06			EHF	Play-off matches/Qualification for 2011 MWCh
21/06-04/07	Nyíregyháza	HUN		FISU 20th World University Handball Championship
22/06-27/06	Antalya	TUR	IHF	Men's and Women's Beach World Championship
22/06-26/06	Santiago	CHI	PATHF	Men's Pan American Championship/Qualification for 2011 MWCh
23/06	Lausanne	SUI	IOC	Olympic Day celebration
24/06	Lausanne	SUI	IOC	IOC Seminar on "Sports Betting"
24/06-30/06		VEN	IHF	Men's Challenge Trophy (Pan-American-South American Zone)
30/06	Basel	SUI	IHF	Meeting of the Media Group
<b>July</b>				
09/07	Gothenborg	SWE	IHF	Draw for the 2011 Men's WCh in Sweden
17/07-01/08				XXI Central American and Caribbean Sports Games
17/07-31/07		KOR	IHF	XVII Women's Junior World Championship
29/07-02/08	Moscow	RUS		Russian National Sports Forum
<b>August</b>				
02/08-12/08		DOM	IHF	3rd Women's Youth World Championship
14/08-26/08		SIN		1st Summer Youth Olympic Games (incl. Handball)