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New IHF award: Neagu and Fäth elected world's best young players of the year 2009

For the first time ever, the IHF is awarding a new prize – for the world's best young players of the year. The IHF expert jury has decided the following: Cristina Neagu (Romania) and Steffen Fäth (Germany) are the first awardees – they have been elected world's best young players of the year 2009.

Cristina Neagu

The Romanian back-court player, born on 26 August 1988, has already played in the first Romanian league since she was 18. Despite her young age, she has already participated in 72 international matches for the women's national team of Romania (266 goals) and won numerous medals with regard to young talents awards.

Steffen Fäth

The German back-court player, born on 4 April 1990, achieved his biggest successes with the younger generations of the national teams. In 2008, he led the German youth national team to the European Championship title and, together with the German Junior team, won the gold medal at the World Championship 2009 in Egypt.

You will find more information on www.ihf.info

Super Globe: Dushebajew is looking forward to Qatar

From 17 to 21 May, the six best continental club teams will compete in the IHF Super Globe in Qatar and fight for the title of Club World Champion. The top favourite is the title holder Ciudad Real from Spain, the current EHF Champions League winner. However, the Spanish team has remarkable competitors, for example Al-Sadd, the hosting club from Qatar, which signed several European stars such as Ivano Balic or Kiril Lazarow for the IHF Super Globe. Talant Dushebajew, coach of Ciudad Real, is full of confidence though – this is also due to the fact that his team has recently been very successful and reached the EHF Final Four tournament in Cologne.

One week before the Final4 in Cologne, your team is playing at the Super Globe. How important is the tournament in Doha for Ciudad Real?

Dushebajew: The last matchday of the season in the Spanish league will be on 15 May. Before the Final4, we have two weeks off. Therefore, participating in such a big tournament is important for us.

What is more important for you? Is it the sporting or rather the financial aspect?

Dushebajew: Both of them. We will be clashing the best teams from the other continents and it's about the World Champion of club teams. By the way, it must be considered that you first have to win the Champions League in order to compete with the other teams at the Super Globe. Nevertheless, the financial incentive is also very interesting for sure.

Ciudad Real also participates in the Final Four tournament of the European Champions League taking place for the first time. Is your team also considered as the favourite?

Dushebajew: We want to win all titles in order to be the best team in the world.

You will find the whole interview with Talant Dushebajew as well as more texts about the IHF Super Globe very soon on www.ihf.info.

Super Globe 2: Playing schedule

Group A

17/05, 17:45: Ciudad Real – Al-Zamalek

18/05, 17:45: Ciudad Real – Unopar

19/05, 17:45: Al-Zamalek – Unopar

Group B

17/05, 19:15: Al-Sadd (QAT) – Al-Sadd (LIB)

18/05, 19:15: Al-Sadd (QAT) – Southern Stars

19/05, 19:15: Al-Sadd (LIB) – Southern Stars

Semi-finals

20/05, 17:45: 1st Group A – 2nd Group B

20/05, 19:45: 2nd Group A – 1st Group B

Final matches

21/05, 16:15: 3rd Group A – 3rd Group B

21/05, 18:15: Loser SF 1 – Loser SF 2

21/05, 20:15: Winner SF 1 – Winner SF 2

Super Globe 3: Accreditation

The procedure for the accreditation of the press is to send the passport copy, accreditation form (you will get it at the IHF Head Office by sending a copy of your press card) and a recent passport size photo of you along with an official covering letter from your work destination stating your position and that they will cover your accommodation and traveling expenses. This has to be directly sent to the OC on the following e-mails:

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New Date and Place of the II Extraordinary Congress

With regard to the postponement of the II Extraordinary Congress which should have taken place in Rome from 23 to 24 April 2010, as per our earlier announcement the Executive Committee will meet during the IHF Super Globe in Qatar from 17 to 21 May 2010 to discuss a new date and place of the II Extraordinary Congress.

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, at 18:15. The last WCh participants will be determined in Europe and Pan-America in mid-June.

Draw results of Women's Youth World Championships

The Preliminary Round groups for the third Women's Youth World Championship in the Dominican Republic were drawn on 7 May 2010 at the IHF Headoffice in Basle at the attendance of IHF Vice President Miguel Roca Mas, IHF COC member Philip Bana, IHF Managing Director Amal Khalifa, Hristo Boskoski, IHF Sport Department and a delegation from the Dominican Republic led by the President of the Dominican Handball Federation Mr Jose Duval.

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.

Women's Junior WCh: Europe determines the participants

From 21 to 23 May, 24 teams from Europe fight for participation in the Women's Junior World Championship in Korea (17 to 31 July). A total of nine European teams will qualify for the Championship during the six tournaments.

Youth Olympic Games in Singapore

Six male and six female teams compete for handball medals at the Youth Olympic Games taking place for the first time in Singapore in August. On 4 June, the Preliminary Round groups will be drawn in Singapore. The following teams have qualified so far: Women's youth: Denmark, Russia, Brazil, New Zealand, Korea, Angola. Men's youth: Singapore, France, Brazil, Cook Islands, Egypt, Korea/Japan. The final participants from Asia will still be determined, as each NOC is only allowed to enter one team per sex concerning team sports.

Vote for the World Handball Players of the year 2009

More than 30.000 users of www.ihf.info have voted until now for the World Handball Player of the Year 2009 – and handball fans all around the world still have the chance to be part of this voting until 22 May. You simply have to cast your vote for one of the male/female nominees on <http://www.ihf.info/worldplayer/index.php>.

These male and female players haven been nominated for the World Handball

Player of the year 2009:

Men: Igor Vori (Croatia), Slawomir Szymal (Poland), Nikola Karabatic (France).
Women: Alison Pineau (France), Liudmila Postnova (Russia), Katrine Lundeharaldsen (Norway).

IHF President Dr Moustafa at the Sportaccord Convention in Dubai

In his duty as Council Member of the ASOIF, IHF President Dr Hassan Moustafa was invited to the SportAccord International Convention, held in the Atlantis hotel in Dubai, United Arab Emirates from Sunday, 25 to Friday 30 April. During six days the international experts discussed the future of sports and the Olympic movement and the role of the International Federations. Attended by IOC President Jacques Rogge and the former Secretary General of the United Nations, Kofi Annan, one of the most important topics was the Olympics 2012 in London. During several meetings of International Federations, organized by the ASOIF (Association of Summer Olympic International federations), ASOIF Council Member Dr. Hassan Moustafa discussed the important role of handball in the Olympic Family and the Olympic Programme. In an interview with the Danish media "Sporteventdenmark" Moustafa additionally talked about the awarding of World Championships by the IHF, stating, that trust is essential for the IHF when looking for a host. Also the opportunity to promote handball in emerging markets is important. "We want to have organizing nations, in which handball will be supported and promoted after the events. We are strong in Europe, but we need to improve and to strengthen our sport in other parts of the world", Moustafa added.

IHF mourns passing of Michel Moelle

It was with great sadness that the International Handball Federation has learned about the passing of Mabounda Michel Moelle, member of the IHF Commission of Playing Rules and Referees (PRC). He died on 1 May at the age of 58. Moelle served handball with his experience and expertise for a long time. Following his successful career as a referee on the national and international handball stage, he became a member of the IHF's PRC in 2009. Furthermore, he was appointed PRC President of the African Handball Confederation (CAHB) in 2008. Dr Hassan Moustafa, on behalf of the International Handball Federation, conveyed his condolences to Michel Moelle's family, friends and to CAHB. "He will be remembered in our prayers and be forever in our memory and heart", President Dr Moustafa said

IHF mourns passing of László Márki

László Márki, honorary member of the Hungarian Handball Federation, has passed away.

He started refereeing at the early 1950's and became an international referee in 1964.

Courtesy of his passion and enthusiasm towards handball, he represented Hungarian handball at the Olympic Games in Munich and Montreal as well as whistled many top matches at four World Championships between 1973 and 1978.

From the 60's, he was a member of the Referees' Commission of the Hungarian Handball Federation and has been elected for presidency for many terms. As the president of his commission, he was a long time member of the Executive Board of the HHF until 2001.

Amongst the many decorations and awards received, László Márki was given the prestigious “For the betterment of Hungarian Handball“ medal when retired from active duty, in 2001.

Dr Hassan Moustafa, on behalf of the International Handball Federation, conveyed his condolences to László Márki’s family, friends and to the Hungarian Handball Federation.

IHF agenda until July 2010

Date	Place		Organiser	Event
May				
10/05-15/05	Brazzaville	CGO	IHF	Continental phase of Men's Challenge Trophy Africa
18/05	Doha	QAT	IHF	Executive Committee Meeting
17/05-21/05	Doha	QAT	IHF	Super Globe
22/05-23/05	Antalya	TUR	IHF	Beach Handball Working Group Workshop for the IV Beach WCh
24/05-29/05	Kinshasa	COD	IHF	Women's Challenge Trophy Africa (Zone 4)
26/05	Basel	SUI	IHF	Visit of USA sport management / sport marketing students
June				
04/06	Singapore	SIN	IHF	Draw for the Youth Olympic Games in SIN
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	Nyiregyhaza	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
July				
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