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### Dr. Hassan Moustafa and Miguel Roca visited the EHF Congress

President Dr. Hassan Moustafa and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Miguel Roca Mas represented the International Handball Federation at the 10<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Congress and the 9<sup>th</sup> Conference of presidents of the European Handball Federation in Limassol (Cyprus). Main topics were the motions of the EHF Executive Committee concerning the future of European handball. An Anti-corruption and Fair Competition Act was implemented and the playing system for upcoming women's and men's EURO tournaments was adapted.

The Congress, voting with simple majority for Motion no. 5, rejected setting up the Professional Handball Board in its proposed form.

You will find detailed information under [www.ihf.info](http://www.ihf.info).

### IHF at the International Conference on the Specificity and Autonomy of Sport

Supported by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) with the theme "International Conference on the Specificity and Autonomy of Sports", the Sports and Tourism Committee of the National Assembly of Hungary invited IHF President Dr Hassan Moustafa to Budapest from 20 to 21 October 2009. Key topic of the conference was how to safeguard and preserve the autonomy of sport and how to ensure its specificity within major international integrations, more specifically within the European Union which deals primarily with economic issues.

During the Conference, which took place at the Hungarian Parliament, IHF President, Dr Hassan Moustafa, and further Representatives of Sports, Education and/or Culture Committees of the EU Member States, of the European Parliament and of the IOC, FIBA, FIFA, IIFH and UEFA concurred on the urgency to recognize and respect the specific characteristics of sport in Europe in line with Article 165 of the Lisbon Treaty and on the basis of the document presented in 2008 to the European authorities by the Olympic and Sport Movement under the title of 'Position of the Olympic and Sports Movement on the Specificity and Autonomy of Sport'.

### Men's First Division Pan-American Championship 2009

The Pan-American Handball Federation organizes the Men's First Division Pan-American Championship. From 3 to 7 November 2009 seven teams will compete against each other in Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic).

**Playing schedule:****Tuesday, 3 November**

15.00: (B) Canada – Venezuela

17.00: (A) Dom. Republic – Guatemala

19.00: (B) Mexico – Columbia

**Wednesday, 4 November**

15.00: (B) Columbia – Canada

17.00: (B) Venezuela – Mexico

19.00: (A) Puerto Rico – Guatemala

**Thursday, 5 November**

15.00: (B) Columbia – Venezuela

17.00: (B) Mexico – Canada

19.00: (A) Puerto Rico – Dom. Republic

**Friday, 6 November**

15.00: (5/6/7) 3. Group A – 4. Group B

17.00: (SF) 1. Group A – 2. Group B

19.00: (SF) 2. Group A – 1. Group B

**Saturday, 7 November**

15.00: (5/6/7) 3. Group A – 3. Group B

17.00: (3/4) Loser SF 1 – Loser SF 2

19.00: (1/2) Winner SF 1 – Winner SF 2

You will find more information under:

[www.panamhandball.org](http://www.panamhandball.org)

**Rules Working Group met in Bad Urach (Germany)**

The Rules Working Group of the International Handball-Federation held a meeting from 22 to 25 October in Bad Urach (Germany). Most of the participants of the Trainer and Referee Symposium in Tunisia expressed the request that the IHF should work out teaching material for the introduction of the new Rules and provide it to the federations. The Rules Working Group, consisting of representatives of the CCM and the PRC discussed linguistic improvements of the existing Rules texts and prepared according teaching material. With the support of a selection of the top-players of the region the experts prepared film material for the relevant match scenes. This material will be the basis for an instructional DVD.

Special thanks also to the company adidas that provided the equipment for the players.

**Women's WCh in China**

The Women's Handball World Championship will take place from 5 to 20 December in China. The matches will be held in six selected cities in the province of Jiangsu. Media representatives that still have no accreditation for this event can register on the official website of the Women's WCh in China until 5 November 2009.

<http://en.jiangsu2009.cn/article/s/581470-317661-0.htm>

All further information concerning ticketing, venues, etc can be found under

<http://en.jiangsu2009.cn/>

## **Important dates**

### **30/10 to 01/11/2009**

Dr Moustafa visited the IV Doha International Men's Handball Tournament in Qatar

### **02/11/2009**

A delegation from the Korea Handball Federation visited the IHF Head Office in Basle.

### **03/11/2009**

Meeting with Mr Xavier Gonzales, CEO of the International Paralympics Committee at the IHF Head Office in Basle

### **12/11 to 14/11/2009**

The Beach Handball Working Group will meet in Thessaloniki (Greece) for the evaluation of the World Games in Kaohsiung, the preparation of the World Championship 2010 in Turkey and the preparation of a four years plan.

### **18/11/2009**

The IHF President will meet FISU President George E. Killian and Secretary General in Lausanne.

### **18/11/2009**

The IHF President will participate at the Council Meeting of ASOIF at the IOC Headquarter in Lausanne

### **23/11/2009**

The Working Group for the restructure of the IHF Bylaws & Regulations will meet at the Head Office in Basel: Members of the working group are:  
Dr Hassan Moustafa, Miguel Roca, Joel Delplanque, Sandi Sola, Francesco Purromuto, Ulrich Strombach, Jorgen Holmqvist, Raymond Hahn, Ulrich Rubeli, Frank Birkefeld, Jürg Steib

### **24/11/2009**

Executive Committee meeting in Basel

### **19/12 to 20/12/2009**

Council Meeting during the Women's World Championship in China

### **23/04 to 25/04/2010**

Extraordinary Congress in Rom (Italy)