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Germany again Men's Junior World Champion



The German team took the title at the Men's Junior World Championship in Thessaloniki, Greece. In the final they beat Denmark clearly 27:18 (13:10). As already two years ago in Egypt, the Germans became World Champions again. After having clearly lost the semi-final against Denmark, Tunisia gained the Bronze medal in a pure North African Bronze

final match against Egypt by winning 24:18 (14:8). In contrast, Germany had narrowly defeated Egypt in the semi.

IHF President Dr Hassan Moustafa, who handed over the Gold medals, was absolutely satisfied with the World Championship: "It was so much better than we even dared to hope for. All I can do is to thank our Greek host who managed to organize a great World Championship. The games of the WCh could be watched live on the Internet – a very impressive fact for a Junior WCh. At the beginning of the semi-finals we already had more than half a million visitors on this site."

Host Greece finished the tournament ranked 16, but this didn't stop the spectators from joining the WCh.

Final ranking:

Gold: Germany, Silver: Denmark, Bronze: Tunisia
4. Egypt, 5. Spain, 6. France, 7. Sweden, 8. Slovenia, 9. Portugal, 10. Norway, 11. Brazil, 12. Iran, 13. Russia, 14. Algeria, 15. Qatar, 16. Greece, 17. Hungary, 18. Serbia, 19. Korea, 20. Argentina, 21. Chile, 22. Canada, 23. Benin, 24. Venezuela

All star team:

Best Goalkeeper: Nils Dresrüsse (GER)
Best Left Wing: Oussama Boughanmi (TUN)
Best Pivot: Andreas Nielsen (SWE)
Best Right Wing: Patric Wiesmach Larsen (DEN)
Best Left Back: Christian Dissinger (GER)
Best Centre Back: Mads Mevsah Larsen (DEN)
Best Right Back: Andrey Bepalon (RUS)
Most Valuable Player: Christian Dissinger (GER)
Best Scorer: Sajad Esteki (IRI) – 84 goals

Find all information, reports, interviews and statistics related to the Men's Junior WCh under the following link:

<http://www.ihf.info/IHFCompetitions/WorldChampionships/MensJuniorWorldChampionship/XVIIIIMensJuniorWorldChampionship2011/tabid/5683/Default.aspx>





New school handball project in Djibouti supported by IHF Olympic Solidarity Programme



Men's Youth World Championship starts in Argentina

20 teams from four continents go for the medals at the fourth Men's Youth World Championship in Argentina from 10 to 20 August. The matches will be played in two halls in Mar del Plata, about four hours away from the capital Buenos Aires. Defending champion is Croatia who qualified as European Champion. The Preliminary Round will be played in four groups starting on Wednesday, 10 August. Placement matches and quarter-finals will follow as from 17 August. The semis will be played on 18 August and the medals will be handed over on the final day (20 August) in the Malvinas Argentinas Arena in Mar del Plata. IHF President Dr Hassan Moustafa is looking forward to the second World Championship on Argentine ground after 1995 (Men's Juniors): "Argentina is nowadays in the focus of international handball, not only after the Men's World Championship in Sweden, when the Argentine team played an outstanding tournament, finished as best non-European team and beat host Sweden in an amazing game. The development of handball has improved, as the youth programme of the federation will bear rich fruits."

Preliminary Round Groups:

Group A: Croatia, Serbia, Sweden, Slovenia, Bahrain

Group B: Egypt, France, Qatar, Brazil, New Zealand

Group C: Denmark, Germany, Tunisia, Korea, Russia

Group D: Spain, Switzerland, Argentina, Gabon, Chile

More information about the Men's Youth World Championship in Argentina can be found under the following link at the IHF website:

<http://www.ihf.info/IHFCompetitions/WorldChampionships/MensYouthWorldChampionships/IVMensYouthWorldChampionship/tabid/5642/Default.aspx>

Two new projects in the Olympic Solidarity Programme



The national handball federations of Djibouti and Sri Lanka were the last two participants of the IHF Olympic Solidarity Programme. Thanks to this programme the International Handball Federation supported the Fédération Djiboutienne de Handball (Handball Federation of Djibouti) in their effort to install a new school handball project. CCM lecturer Jean-Michel Germain organized an eight day course for forthcoming handball coaches. 27 coaches participated in

this course and received a diploma. This course is an integral part of the development strategy of the Fédération Djiboutienne de Handball. In cooperation with the Directorate-General for Pedagogy of the African country, the Federation started a programme to intensify handball at schools.

Beach Handball was the major topic in the first part of the Olympic Solidarity Programme in Sri Lanka. IHF CCM member Frantisek Taborsky (Czech Republic) also led a basic course for team handball with coaches, referees and players in the capital Colombo. Two more stages of those courses will follow in September and October.



Second part of the first ever IHF Global Coaching Clinic in Oman proved a great success.



Successful Global Coaching Clinic staged in Oman



The second part of the first ever IHF Global Coaching Clinic in Oman proved a great success. After the first part being held by IHF coaching experts and lecturers on the fringes of the Super Globe in Qatar, the second part took place in Oman. The same group of 44 coaches from 20 Asian and Arabic-speaking countries learned about coaching methods, psychology and sports medicine. After Sylvain Nouet and Alain Quintallet, two coaches working for France's successful men's national team, lending some insight into their work during the Qatar session, former Yugoslav goalkeeping legend Abaz Arslanagic attended the GCC in Oman, which was divided into theoretical and practical parts again and focused on goalkeeper training. Frantisek Taborsky, Dietrich Späte, Zoltan Marczinka and Nabeel Taha Al-Shehab attended the course on behalf of the IHF Commission of Coaching and Methods (CCM).

The participants underwent 130 teaching units in total during the two course parts, and they were the first to receive the new IHF Coaching License Level A. The closing ceremony in Oman was attended by IHF President Dr Hassan Moustafa and Oman's royalty.

Dr Moustafa had conceived the idea of launching the Global Coaching Clinic programme all over the world. It aims at promoting handball federations, coaches and players in all continents and reaching a higher level of education for coaches. The programme aims high so that only national federations may nominate candidates to participate in the courses. Those coaches must have worked for their federations, if possible as a national team coach. In the end of the first ever Global Coaching Clinic in Qatar and Oman all 44 coaches - including two female coaches - had attained the same level - and the IHF-CCM's activities with these coaches have not been finished yet, as the GCC graduates will be monitored and will meet again in two or three years to exchange and widen their coaching experience.

The coaches were taught in small groups with only ten participants per lecturer to obtain in-depth knowledge. "Those coaches tremendously increased their knowledge," CCM member Dietrich Späte said after the second part of the course. Now it's up to the coaches themselves to spread their knowledge in their countries, as one of their missions is to multiply their knowledge by teaching other coaches.

The GCC in Qatar and Oman was the beginning of a series of so-called clinics all around the world. The next GCC will take place in Africa. These training courses are an integral part of those measures taken by the IHF to improve and develop handball outside Europe and to establish a consistent coaching level worldwide. The IHF is the first International Federation to issue those worldwide valid coaching licences level A.



IHF calendar of events until October 2011

Date	Place		Organizer	Event
August				
02-10/08		CIV	CAHB	17th Women's Junior African Nations Championship
04-14/08		NED	EHF	W19 European Championship
10-20/08		ARG	IHF	IV Men's Youth World Championship
September				
03-18/09	Maputo	MOZ	Ass. of NOC's of Africa	All-Africa Games
07/09	Basel	SUI	IHF	Working Group Calendar
08-09/09	Bled	SLO	IHF	Meeting of Commission of Organising and Competition (COC)
October				
12-20/10	Changzhou	CHN	AHF	Women's Olympic Games Qualification
13-30/10	Guadalajara	MEX	PATHF	XVI Pan-American Games (incl. Men's and Women's OGQ Pan-America)
23/10-01/11	Seoul	KOR	AHF	Men's Olympic Games Qualification Tournament