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Flying Balic: Croatian victory in the 2010 IHF World Handball Photo of the Year award



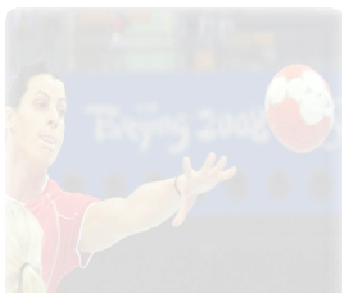
He was twice awarded World Handball Player of the Year, he was elected "Best handball player ever" by the users of the IHF website www.ihf.info – and now the Croat Ivano Balic is in the focus of the 2010 IHF World Handball Photo of the Year competition.

The Croatian photographer Antonio Bronic found the exact right part of a second to take his picture of Ivano Balic flying through the air and unsuccessfully trying to catch a ball against Alexander Petterson. The picture was taken on 26 January in the main round of the Men's European Championship in Austria during the match Croatia – Iceland which ended 26:26. Both teams later on qualified for the semi-finals and took medals: Croatia was awarded the silver and Iceland the bronze medal.

The photographer Antonio Bronic will now receive 5,000 Swiss Francs for the IHF World Handball Photo of the Year 2010, chosen by a group of experts and the IHF Executive Committee. Congratulations to Croatia!

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Accreditation period for media has started



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Accreditation period for the XX Women's World Championship in Brazil started

The accreditation period for media people regarding the Women's World Championship 2011 in Brazil (2 – 18 December) has just started and will end on 22 October 2011. Kindly be informed that you can complete your registration and accreditation only through the following link:

<http://handballbrazil2011.com/us/accreditation.asp>



If you have any problem or question, do not hesitate to contact the IHF Head Office by email: ihf.office@ihf.info.

For further details of the Women's World Championship please visit <http://www.ihf.info> or <http://www.handballbrazil2011.com/us/>

Continental Olympic Qualifications as of October



From October 2011 to January 2012 seven further participants of the Olympic Handball Tournaments in London will be decided in continental qualification tournaments. In each tournament (men and/or women) the winner directly books a ticket for London 2012.

Those are the tournaments:

Asia

The Asian women's qualification tournament will be played in Changzhou, China (12 to 21 October). In total nine teams go for the ticket to the Olympics.

Preliminary Round Group A: Kazakhstan, China, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Iraq
Group B Korea, Japan, People's Republic of Korea and Qatar play.

The Asian men's tournament will be played in Seoul, Korea, (23 October – 2 November). Eleven teams play in two Preliminary Round Groups.

Group A: Saudi-Arabia, Qatar, Iran, Iraq, Uzbekistan, Kuwait.
Group B: Japan, Korea, China, Kazakhstan, Oman.

Pan-America

Nearly at the same time (15 – 24 October) the Pan-American participants (men and women) for the Olympics will be decided at the Pan-American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico.

The Preliminary Round groups for the men's tournament:

Group A: Brazil, Chile, Canada, Venezuela
Group B: Argentina, Dominican Republic, Mexico, USA



The Preliminary Round groups for the women's tournament:

Group A: Brazil, Dominican Republic, USA, Uruguay

Group B: Argentina, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Chile

Africa

The African Olympic qualification tournaments for men and women will be played from 10 to 21 January 2012 in Rabat, Morocco.

The draws for the Preliminary Round groups are the following:

Men's tournament:

Group A: Tunisia, DR Congo, Morocco, Gabon, Congo, Senegal

Group B: Egypt, Algeria, Angola, Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Nigeria

Women's tournament:

Group A: Angola, Ivory Coast, Cameroon, DR Congo, Egypt

Group B: Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Congo, Senegal

Europe

The Men's European Championship with 16 teams will be staged in Serbia from 15 to 29 January 2012.

Aside the Women's World Championship (2 to 18 December 2011) in Brazil will decide on one direct qualification for the Olympics and six participants of the three Olympic Qualification Tournaments for both men (6-8 April 2012) and women (25-27 May 2012).

IHF calendar of events until December 2011

Date	Place		Organizer	Event
October				
01-10/10	Muscat	OMA	AHF	Asian Men's & Women's Beach Handball Championship, Qualification for MWBWCH
07-08/10	Basel	SUI	IHF/EHF	Beach Joint Meeting
07-09/10	Prague	CZE	IHF	Lecturers Seminar of the Commission of Coaching and Methods (CCM)
12-21/10	Changzhou	CHN	AHF	Women's Olympic Games Qualification
13-30/10	Guadalajara	MEX	PATHF	XVI Pan-American Games
17-23/10			IHF	National Team Week W
23/10-02/11	Seoul	KOR	AHF	Men's Olympic Games Qualification
November				
02-07/11		KAZ	IHF	I Women's Intercontinental Challenge Trophy
11-21/11	Al Dam-mam	KSA	AHF	14th Asian Men's Club League Championship
December				
02-18/12		BRA	IHF	XX Women's World Championship
15/12	Sao Paolo	BRA	IHF	Council Meeting
05-25/12	Doha	QAT	AHF	Arab Games