



**EUROPEAN
SOFTBALL
FEDERATION**

NEWSFLASH

June 2011

UMPIRES CORNER



by Director of Umpires Marlies Struyvé and Bert Loggen, ESF Instructor.

In May an ESF Fast Pitch umpire seminar took place.

For the first time this seminar was organized near Prague in Radotin. Just 20 km away of the Prague airport.

In total 12 umpires (4 women, 8 men) participated in this seminar which represented 9 federations. For the first time umpires were

present from San Marino and Serbia.

The participants were Angelo Nearco (ITA), Barbara Palumbo (ITA), Beate Utzig (AUT), Denis Cordarini (ITA), Florian Lautenschläger (GER), Gerrit-Jan van der Hoeven (NED), Harald Schmidt (GER), Marek Panes (CZE), Maryna Rudenko (UKR), Massimo Parri (SMR), Patrik Knechtle and Sara Markovic (SRB). All of them passed!

Great compliments to the Czech Federation on a GRAND organization as well as to the facility management of the sports hall who were very supportive!

Congratulations to the umpires and their federation. The ESF welcomes them all into the ESF family.



PLAY BY PLAY AT ESF TOURNAMENTS

by the ESF

Beginning at the 2011 Competitions, the ESF website will have Play-By-Play action so you can follow Live most of the games of the 2011 European Championships and European Cups!

This new service that is being implemented by the ESF, is the result of our new marketing plan which begun last year with the Live Streaming of the two Finals of the ECWA and ECWCWA in Haarlem (NED).

This year the ESF, with the help of the organizer from Friuli Venezia Giulia (ITA), is planning to broadcast the Finals from the European Championship Women in Ronchi dei Legionari (ITA) and Live Streaming on the website. The EChW with its 20 participating countries will be the largest event of European softball this summer.

The web-adress will be published soon.

European Championship Women									
Ronchi dei Legionari (Italy) - July 31 st / August 5 th , 2011									
SCHEDULE	STANDING	STATS	ROSTERS	OFFICIALS	PBP Redgigi	PBP Roost 1	PBP Roost 2	PBP Stars	
Game	All time	Ballpark	Status	Home team	Visiting team	Final Score	Live	Box	
Sunday 31st July									
1	11:00	Ronchi 1	Yellow	CROATIA	SWEDEN	-			
2	19:00	Stavorenko	Blue	AUSTRIA	SLOVAKIA	-			
3	18:00	Ronchi 1	Purple	GERMANY	FRANCE	-			
4	15:30	Ronchi 2	Green	SPAIN	BELGIUM	-			
5	15:00	Stavorenko	Blue	BULGARIA	RUSSIA	-			
6	18:30	Stavorenko	Green	UKRAINE	NETHERLANDS	-			
7	18:00	Ronchi 2	Purple	ISRAEL	POLAND	-			
8	20:30	Ronchi 1	Yellow	ITALY	GREAT BRITAIN	-			
Monday 1st August									
9	9:30	Redgigi	Purple	POLAND	FRANCE	-			
10	10:00	Ronchi 1	Blue	NETHERLANDS	BELGIUM	-			
11	11:00	Stavorenko	Green	DENMARK	SPAIN	-			
12	12:00	Redgigi	Yellow	HUNGARY	CROATIA	-			
13	12:30	Ronchi 1	Purple	GERMANY	CZECH REPUBLIC	-			
14	13:00	Stavorenko	Blue	SWITZERLAND	AUSTRIA	-			
15	18:00	Ronchi 1	Blue	RUSSIA	SLOVAKIA	-			
16	18:30	Ronchi 2	Purple	FRANCE	ISRAEL	-			
17	18:30	Stavorenko	Green	UKRAINE	DENMARK	-			
18	18:30	Ronchi 1	Green	NETHERLANDS	SPAIN	-			
19	19:00	Stavorenko	Purple	CZECH REPUBLIC	POLAND	-			
20	21:00	Ronchi 1	Yellow	ITALY	SWEDEN	-			
Tuesday 2nd August									
21	18:00	Ronchi 1	Blue	RUSSIA	AUSTRIA	-			
22	18:00	Redgigi	Blue	BULGARIA	SWITZERLAND	-			
23	18:00	Stavorenko	Purple	ISRAEL	GERMANY	-			
24	12:30	Ronchi 1	Yellow	GREAT BRITAIN	HUNGARY	-			

12TH GOVERNOR'S CUP WAS PLAYED IN RUSSIA

by Russian Federation

The Second week of May saw the 12th edition of the Governor's Cup in Tuchkovo/RUSSIA, an annual tournament open to national and international softball teams.

This time the far away guest team came from Tianjin/CHINA. Other participants included teams from Russia and the UKRAINE.

Carrousel of Russia won the final game vs Tianjin, and Lugansk of the Ukraine got the bronze.



The Chinese loved the softball facilities in Tuchkovo and asked for more games.



A few scrimmages were played, but the organizers did not forget about the cultural part and arranged for their guests to visit Moscow and its most important places of interest.

Carrousel softball club already has an extensive experience in hosting international teams; this time the Chinese athletes could feel what many European teams already experienced in the previous years: Russian hospitality plus friendliness of the local softball community.

In the past, The Governor's Cup welcomed teams from Bulgaria, Italy, Moldova and the Ukraine.

The Governor's Cup is a tournament established in 1999 by Boris GROMOV, the Governor of Moscow region.

ARMANDO AGUIAR HELPING SOFTBALL TO GROW IN THE UKRAINE

by Russian Federation

It is now the 3rd year that coach Aguiar works in Russia under a contract with Cuba Deportes.

However, his contribution to softball growth in East Europe does not end here. Following an agreement between Russia's and Ukraine's Softball Federations, Armando is now a welcome and frequent visitor in the Ukraine: every month he comes on a 3-4 day visit where he teaches and shares his knowledge with the athletes and their coaches.

This comes as a timely and valuable input in the softball develop-

ment in the country, and it is hoped that the results will not take long to appear.

ESFVP Viatcheslav Smagin is extremely positive about the project: "We are happy to be helping the Ukraine, our close neighbor, whose teams come to play in Russia several times a year. By helping them grow we give our players the chance to grow as well, as they will be facing stronger opponents soon".

How soon? Well, definitely soon enough, as Armando has recently selected a few players in the Ukraine and brought them to practice in Russia on a full time basis.



ESF TECHNICAL INSPECTION ECWA - CASERTA, ITALY

by Nicoletta Scola, Caserta Softball

On Wednesday, May 4th 2011, the Chief of Technical Commission of European Softball Federation (ESF), Mr. Mike Jennings, came to Caserta, ITA, to supervise, along with the building engineer Mr. Michele Tarabuso, the president of the regional FIBS Mr. Domenico Rotili, the head coach of DES Caserta Mr. Enrico Obletter, and the architect Miss Valentina Gentile, the two fields where the games will take place during the third week of August 2011.

The inspection of each space and facility, according to the ESF



regulations, gave rise to a series of simple modifications to make to the softball and the baseball fields.

Later on, it was examined a specific area designed for catering service, an area placed on an upper level compared to the fields, but directly connected to them. It's a green area that gives a wonderful view of Caserta and Naples.

The Ora City Hotel, The Grand Hotel Vanvitelli e The Jolly Hotel were the three hotels where Mr. Jennings was taken in order to check the functionalities and the comforts offered to the officials and to the teams during their stay.

The monumental complex of Belvedere in San Leucio, last destination of the tour, has been designed as the base for conferences and papers review, for umpires and officials meetings and for team accreditation as well.



THE DUTCH BIDS FOR 2014 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS WOMEN

by ESF

Haarlem, the Netherlands – The Royal Dutch Baseball and Softball Federation sent in a bid to host the International Softball Federation XIV Women's World Championship in 2014 at the venue of Olympia Haarlem.

European Softball Federation President André van Overbeek said that a successful track record of the host, will guarantee the organization of the World's biggest fast pitch event for the first time in softball history in Europe. "Olympia Haarlem will do a terrific job hosting the ISF women's world championship in 2014," the ESF president said.

They proved as much when they organized our 2010 European Club Tournaments with 19 club-teams competing at their venue. Plus the community's support for softball from the city of Haarlem and their proven ability as a site for large sporting and cultural events assures that the teams, the fans, and the media will all have a great experience in the summer of 2014."

The unique location at Olympia Haarlem with 2 softball fields, training fields, clubhouse and the teams hotel within walking distance and the expansion of the existing stands, V.I.P facilities and a promo village for the fans, is hoped to be a factor for winning the bid.

"Olympia Haarlem and the Royal Dutch Baseball and Softball Federation are pleased to host the world," said Peter van der Aart, Chair of the Organizing Committee for the 2014 World Championship. "After hosting successful and exciting ESF European Cup tournaments in 2010, we will be honoured to host the

2014 women's world championship in Holland. We look forward to working with the ISF to make this an unforgettable experience for our local community, fans from all over the world and all the participating teams."

Together with the European Softball Federation, the Organizing Committee will launch a plan on the road to 2014 to involve all ESF Federations in this unique event for Europe.

The event in Haarlem will come two years after the XIII Women's World Championship, which will be held in 2012 at Yukon, Whitehorse in Canada. As such, it fulfils the implementation of a two-year rotation for ISF world championships instead of every four years. That change was adopted at the ISF congress in 2009.

The women's world championship in Haarlem in 2014 is expected to take place in August of that year, with exact dates currently being finalized. Bids for the World Championship Women 2014 will be awarded later this year at the ISF congress in Oklahoma City (USA) October 27-30.

