

## IFF Floorball Development Seminar, Vientiane, Laos, 10.-12.10.2018

**Participants:** Ms. Päivi Jokivuori, Fida International  
Ms. Heidi Linjamaa, Fida International volunteer  
Ms. Bounphama Thammavong, Savannaketh Sports Bureau Sports coordinator  
Mr. John Liljelund, IFF

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**Report on  
present issues**

**1. Background**

IFF has visited Savannaketh, Laos to introduce the sport in cooperation with the Finnish development NGO Fida International in 2005, based on the initiative taken by the Fida employee Ms. Päivi Jokivuori. After that IFF has invited the Savannaketh province Sport bureau and the Lao NOC to visit the AOFC Cup in Thailand 2017 and in discussions then the possibility to organise a seminar in cooperation with the Lao NOC and the Ministry of Education and Sport was agreed upon.

As a result of this IFF, Fida International and the Lao NOC conducted a Floorball development seminar at the National University of Lao, in cooperation with the PE teacher faculty. Fida International and the Savannaketh Sport Bureau, had the practical responsibility for the organisation of the seminar.

**2. Floorball Development Seminar**

The seminar was organised at the faculty of PE teacher education and the participants represented 10 provinces of Lao and were all in their 3<sup>rd</sup> or final year of education. There was a total of 27 students and three university teachers participating in the seminar. In addition there were 3 persons from the Fida International Youth Centre responsible for Floorball participating and acting as translators.

The seminar was opened and closed by Mr. Somsee Njopansay President of National University of Laos. Vice President of NOC and the seminar was evaluated by Dr. Chaylasy Gnophanxay Head of Sports Science Department. National University of Laos. Faculty of Sports Science and Physical Education.

The seminar focused on basic technique and tactics and had a variety of lectures and practical lessons. In the end there was played a mini tournament between four teams. Ms. Jokivuori had made the practical arrangements and Ms. Linjamaa assisted with the education.

The participants were very interested in playing the sport and had to the school officials expressed their interest to continue playing. The idea is to form a Lao association under the aegis of the Lao NOC, with the National University of Lao as a base. Fida International and the Savannaketh Sports Bureau will assist.

**3. Other**

The seminar got a lot of publicity as it was mentioned on the National Radio, the TV had made a large 3-minute report of the seminar and the Lao Times made a article about the sport.

IFF has donated 75 floorball sticks, 100 balls and two goals to the National University, to make it easier to continue playing. Fida has assisted in the transportation of the material and produced the goals in Laos.

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### **Upcoming meetings and issues**

- Write letter to Lao NOC secretary general Mr. Kasem
  - Contact Lao NOC and National University about forming of the Lao association
  - Inform AOFC President of the successful seminar and ask to contact Mr. Kasem
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### **Issues that need to be discussed or decided upon or taken action upon**

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### **New ideas, etc...**

- Invite Lao NOC and the PE teachers from the University to the WFCQ 2018 in Bangkok
- Start discussions with Fida International of the possibility to start similar projects in Jordania and Cambodia
- To start a local league at the University to strengthen the sports.