

FEBRUARY 2019 – FLOORBALL IN LATIN AMERICA

The first task we have faced at the beginning of this year was through an e-mail sent to all our contacts in the different countries summarizing the conclusions from the meetings held during the WFC in Prague and also fixing the basic and common lines that we need to follow in order to get the growth in a sustainable way.

Most important topics that we talked about:

- **Education and training** – how to deal with the necessity of formalization and implementation of new coaches and monitors that allow us to expand the sport. Possible solution would be an online education system.
- **Recognition** - At this point we had a very interesting conversation with Floorball4all where we saw that, although this is something that is outside of their goals as an organization, they understood that it is the next necessary step in their work. We agreed that the contacts and groups working with them in a local way would be incorporated into our environment and see how to work this aspect of national recognition.
- **Organization and management** - it is very important that our work and activities have an organizational backing up. An organized structure (at least in a basic way) with registration of teams, groups, activities, events ... everything that is done and who is involved in them, is essential, It will be helping to shape our future as a recognized national entity and will present ourselves as a serious and organized sport.
- **Reporting and feedback** - It is also necessary to be aware of the importance of making periodic reports where we write what we have done, progress made, problems found etc

SITUATION BY COUNTRY -

- **COLOMBIA**
- **Jose Fernando Gómez**

There is now one more person working actively in the country (Mr. Osneider Ortega). He is working in promotion in two ways: directly continuing the expansion of the sport in order to get registered Clubs in more regions and also in cooperation with Floorball4all.

From this second side I have also received the report from Lukas Hohl who has been personally in Colombia and worked in some areas affected by the war conflict.

>> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zJ9-36rdE80>

>> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MueiUUYu9To>

There are already two municipalities where floorball is part of PE classes.

The challenge here is now to organize all these initiatives and create local recognized clubs.

Jose Feranndo was in Madrid on the 8th February and came to watch some games in El Escorial where he had the opportunity to talk with the people in charge of the schools, people from organization and finally had a meeting with Carlos Lopez where we both agreed to continue with the developing plan.

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/floorball.colombia/>

- **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

- **Prof. Osvaldo Cabrera -**

Finally he could not come to the Assembly. Continuing with floorball at school.

- **VENEZUELA**

- **Alejandro Russo-Mendoza -**

Some internal changes in the structure of the Venezuelan Federation affecting the board members.

- **ARGENTINA**

- **Gloria Manriquez – Analia Jensen**

Unfortunately they lost some materials sent by IFF due to problems in customs. Mrs. Analia Jensen comes from rollerhockey and is introducing floorball as part of training for rollerhockey. For the moment just open air spaces.

- **BRASIL**

- **Adriano Serafim**

Projects to go to more regions. Waiting for an answer from the sport authorities that would let them approach to participate in the next America's WFCQ.

In May they will organize the second educational course of floorball in Sao Paulo.

In order to follow Brazilian sport laws they are working hard to "formalize" their floorball groups and convert them into legal associations, with a view to create the first floorball federation in the country. These efforts are mostly focused in São Paulo and also in Rio de Janeiro. According to the Brazilian laws, a national sports entity is called a "Confederation" and can only be created by at least 3 State Federations. Their intention is to maintain ABF as a national association while they don't have these federations in place. Once this is done, they will "develop" ABF into the Brazilian Floorball Confederation.

- **México**
- **Teijo Vienola**

Floorball project under study by authorities of Chiapas, with good perspectives.
Already started a local floorball league.

- **PANAMA**
- **Gabriel Valdes**

In close cooperation with Colombia they will start a Project to introduce and learn floorball.

- **CHILE**
- Felipe Quiroz -
Nothing new to report from here.

- **ECUADOR**
Jonathan Pazmino
National Coordination of Floorball of Ecuador.
Nothing new to report from here.