

Meeting between the presidents of Czech Republic, Finland, Sweden, Switzerland and the IFF ExCo, Zurich, 12th of October 2007

Participants:	CFbU:	Mr. Filip Suman (President)
	SSBL:	Mr. Matti Ahde (President)
	SIBF:	Mr. Lars-Gunnar Tjärnquist (President)
	SUHV:	Mr. Thomas Gilardi (vice president)
	IFF:	Mr. Tomas Eriksson, Mr. Renato Orlando and Mr. John Liljelund

Report on present issues

§1. Opening and welcome

Mr. Eriksson welcomed the participants and thanked for a fruitful discussion during last nights business dinner. The objective of the meeting is to have a common vision between the countries and that the countries give their active support to the IFF and to inform about vital topics such as the process for IOC recognition, and to reach a mutual understanding on the future strategy for IFF to reach our Vision and Missions.

§2. IFF information

Mr. Eriksson gave a short wrap-up concerning status of Floorball in the World of Sports. IFF has received an own identity in the World of Sports, by gaining the full ordinary membership of GAIFS (General Association of International Federations) in 2004 and building up on the contact with IOC.

IFF has cooperated with FISU, organising the World University Championships since 2002 and has signed a collaboration agreement with FISU. Also the cooperation with International School Sport Federation (ISF), organising the School World Championships and the cooperation with European Master Sports Association and the European Masters in Sweden 2008, is spreading the sport of Floorball. IFF has also worked closely with WADA by signing the WADA Charta in 2003.

It is important to actively spread the message of Floorball to the different important persons inside World of Sport in your respective countries.

§3. Direction and Development of Floorball

Mr. Liljelund shortly explained the base of products built in order to fulfil the service to the IFF member associations. This work will have to continue, regardless the IOC Recognition. Mr. Orlando presented the need to have an ongoing review of the IFF Strategy and to overlook the IFF Vision for the coming decade, in addition to the Plan of Action approved by the IFF General Assembly.

IFF's core mission is to promote, protect and develop world Floorball at every level of the game, to promote the principles of unity and solidarity, and to deal with all questions relating to world Floorball.

It was proposed to form a working group which would define the strategical direction and development of Floorball over the next decade to be approved by the IFF General Assembly in Prague 2008. It was in the discussion agreed that there is need to have and form a common view and strategy to develop Floorball further and define and prioritise the tasks for IFF for the next five years. The EXCO proposes to the IFF CB in January to form this working group.

§4. IOC recognition process

Mr. Liljelund gave a short review of the IOC Recognition process and the requirements needed for the recognition. Both the political and technical implications of the recognition process was discussed

The actions to be taken, was discussed and it was stated that the lobby work needs to be brought on a national level and invest, next to human resources, financial resources to have the sport politicians to the big Floorball events, like the national finals etc.

Report on present issues (cont.)

§5. International cooperation and communication

Mr. Orlando urged that the national federations inform IFF what happens in their national federations, when there are major local news. IFF needs a press officer and needs to put more information out. We have space in the GAISF newsletter where we can promote IFF.

So far the bigger countries have supported a number of countries and without the support of Finland and Sweden IFF could not have had a organisation we have today. Switzerland has promised to put at the disposal of IFF a sum of 30.000 CHF for special projects for the next five years. Mr. Orlando asked for a closer cooperation when developing the Sport worldwide. The active information policy is a key for IFF, to achieve general acceptance.

§6. Topics raised by the Presidents

a. *International matches & EFT*

Mr. Liljelund briefed about the present situation with agreeing the international matches and the EuroFloorball Tour.

It was discussed and agreed that the planning on a longer perspective is very important and it has to be coordinated by the IFF. Such a meeting should be held with a political and a technical person from each federation during the EFC in January, to coordinate the international matches for a number of years. The invited 7-8 federations will come with their proposal/wishes of the International matches, no later than the 31st of December, 2007. It was also agreed that, the federations needs to follow the agreed dates.

In principle it was agreed that in the future, the EFT will be organised by IFF as an IFF-event. Next to development purposes the Marketing and PR-field will be important.

The EFT will have a similar status as the former Canada-cup in Ice hockey or the Confederations-cup, events which are organised by the IIHF and FIFA (without being World championships).

b. *World University Championships*

Mr. Gilardi raised the issue of the term for the WUC, which is now put to the second week of November and informed that the Swiss federation has a problem with organising the national series. It was discussed that there needs to be a solution found in the future.

c. *Cooperation between IFF committees and office*

It was discussed that the information from IFF must go through the offices of the national federations. It was also discussed that the committees must work much more closer with the IFF Office.

§7. Other issues

The Swiss federation raised the question concerning their proposal to change the age groups for the U19 since the final round is advanced from November to April, thus into another season. It was informed, that the question will be dealt with in the CB meeting in January.

§8. Closing of the meeting

Mr. Eriksson thanked the participants for the active and positive discussion and exchange of views in the meeting. It was also decided to hold such meetings at least once a year.

Upcoming meetings and issues

- Next meeting
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Issues that need to be discussed or decided upon or taken action upon

- To propose to form a working group to make a strategical plan for the next coming five years to the CB meeting in January (TE)
 - The federations will be more active in the lobbying process on a national level in order to achieve the IOC recognition process. (All)
 - To give information about what is happening in the national federations (All)
 - Organise a International Calendar Coordination meeting during the EuroFloorball Cup in January 2008 (JL)
 - The federations to send in their wishes for International Matches for 2008-2009, latest December 31st, 2007. (Federations)
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New ideas, etc...