



**IFF Member Federation
Presidential & General Secretary meeting,
3rd of June 2005
Hotel Elizabeth, Singapore**

IFF Presidential & Secretary General meeting

1. Welcome by the President of the IFF

- **Welcome to the 4th IFF Presidential Meeting, the first was held in Åland (Finland 1997) and then followed by,**
 - Borlänge (Sweden 1999),
 - Riga (Latvia 2001) and
 - Bern (Switzerland 2003).
- **The objective of the Presidential meeting are to build a strong and two-way communication between the IFF and its member associations. This is a very good "unofficial" forum to discuss all potential questions regarding the development of international Floorball.**
- **In the afternoon the IFF Secretary Generals meeting will take place and there all the discussions of practical questions will take place.**
- **It is of grate importance to participate to these events, since this is the second forum apart from the General Assembly to actively participate and effect the IFF.**



Agenda of the Presidential Meeting

- 1. Welcome by the President of IFF (TE)**
- 2. Presenting the agenda for the meeting (TE)**
- 3. IFF Status report on political work (TE)**
- 4. IFF Development plan (RO)**
- 5. IFF Marketing work (PJ)**
- 6. Presentation of upcoming IFF Events**
 - **3rd U19 Men Latvia 2005**
 - **6th WFC Men Sweden 2006**
 - **2nd U19 Women Germany 2006**
 - **2nd WUC Floorball Men Switzerland 2006**
 - **5th WFC Women Denmark 2007**



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3. IFF Status report on political work

- **The IFF needs to grow faster and also build on the internal quality of both the IFF and its member federations. IFF approved the vision statement on its General Assembly in Helsinki 2002.**
- **IFF has therefore approved the following vision:**
“To become the true efficient governing body of an internationally recognised sport, played on five continents with over 50 members before year 2012 and have participated in one or more international multi-sport events (IWGA - World Games, FISU - Universiade). To be recognised by the IOC before the year 2006 and to be an Olympic sport before year 2020.”



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3. IFF Status report on political work (cont.)

- In order to achieve the objectives mentioned in the IFF Vision, the IFF Central Board have made a division of IFF activities between the following:
 - Political work
 - Development work
 - Marketing work
- At the same time the organisation of the IFF has been strengthened and we have moved from one employee to a total number of three employees.
- IFF also has a new Headquarter in Helsinki, Finland starting from 1st of June and a competition office in Solna, Sweden.
- But IFF still needs more human resources to be able to do all the work that is related to the missions in the IFF vision.



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3. IFF Status report on political work (cont.)

- One of the most important part of the Political work, is to achieve the International recognition from not only the International Olympic Committee, but also the other international sports organisations like the IWGA, FISU, ISF, IMSA.
- Status of the IOC recognition:
 - We need a minimum of 50 member federations and preferably on five continents.
 - Active and functional member federations, which fulfil their tasks and objectives.
- International World Games Association (IWGA):
 - We have actively been applying for membership in the IWGA and there will be organised a analysis by IWGA to determine which disciplines that can participate in the future after the World Games in Duisburg.



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3. IFF Status report on political work (cont.)

- IWGA (cont.)
 - We are looking for a rapid approval of our membership application and to participate in the 2009 World Games in Kaohsiung City, Chinese Taipei
- FISU:
 - The second World Floorball University Championship will be played in Berne, Switzerland November 8.-12. 2006.
 - IFF is looking for a tighter cooperation with FISU and thereby achieving the participation in the Universiades.
 - The next summer Universiades are organised in 2007 in Bangkok, Thailand and then in Belgrade in 2009, in Serbia and Montenegro.



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3. IFF Status report on political work (cont.)

- International School Sports Federation (ISF):
 - We have started on the initiative of the Czech federation the cooperation with the ISF.
 - We are looking for the possibility to organise together with the ISF and the Czech federation the World School Floorball Championships in April 2007 in the Czech Republic.
- International Master Games Association (IMSA):
 - We are to start the negotiations with the European Master Games on a European and later global co-operation.
 - The first opportunity to participate would be in the European Master Games in Glasgow 2008.



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3. IFF Status report on political work (cont.)

- Expectations on IFF member associations, examples such as:
 - Taking part with President and Secretary General yearly at IFF General Assembly, Presidential & Secretary Generals' Meetings
 - Organise its own activity; in two to four years have a league up and running
 - When registering for IFF events always sending the best available team
 - Once at least every second year taking part in IFF development work, attending seminars, and in co-operation arranging IFF seminars
 - Having a website up and running in co-operation with IFF website



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4. IFF Development Plan

- We need to develop the quality level of the international Floorball community, we need to strongly develop the organisation and central activities of the IFF member federations and all new federations.
- At the moment some more advanced federations use resources to educate and support the different new or newer countries.
- To speed up the development work, in order to reach the IFF vision of 50 IFF member federations and by that also fulfilling the IOC requirements, it has been decided that IFF would start to coordinate this activity a part of our roadmap for the future. The basic idea is a development programme for the IFF, for the years 2005 – 2008, which consist of the two pillars:
 - Organisational education
 - Coach and Referee education



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4. IFF Development Plan (cont.)

- The IFF administration is in charge, to put together the educational programme. The model for this programme is that IFF will coordinate all development work and the member federations can apply for an educational seminar, where the seminar is organised together with the participating federations.
- The organising federation, applying for the seminar, is responsible for the following tasks:
 - Inviting the near federations in the region
 - Inviting all interested parts in the region
 - Provide the infrastructure for the seminar
 - Provide two teams of players
- The IFF will provide:
 - The development programme and the materials for the seminar
 - The lecturers selected from the specialist panel
 - Support from manufacturers (if they are interested to participate)



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4. IFF Development Plan (cont.)

- IFF will put together a panel of specialists, which will be used in these seminars. The panel will consist of persons all over the world and we will use the train the trainer approach when we give the first seminars. The IFF administration will build this panel in cooperation with the IFF committees and the member federations. IFF will then appoint the lecturers for each and every seminar.
- The financial resources for this programme will start with IFF asking for yearly funding from:
 - Member federations now using resources to develop Floorball worldwide
 - Other member federations
 - Funding from the cooperation with the manufacturers (profit from the material system)
 - Funding from EU/UN funds



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4. IFF Development Plan (cont.)

Roadmap timetable

- June 2005: Agree upon the content of the educational materials
- June 2005: Select the small task forces for each different part.
- June 2005: Agree upon the timetable for collecting/writing the materials during the summer.
- August 2005: First information to the member federations on the content of the program and how to apply for the educational package.
- August 2005: Finalizing the materials.
- August 2005: Build the panel of specialists
- Sept 2005: Information to all member federations and Floorball contacts.
- October 2005: Out-roll the Development programme (first seminar during 2005)



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5. IFF Marketing work

- IFF needs partners to be able to develop the sport further and faster
- The IFF strives to have:
 - Title sponsor (1)
 - Main sponsors (2)
 - Partners (3)
 - Material sponsors (6)
- A company with global activities and challenging attitude would make a good match with floorball
- A company looking for access to young people who likes action
- Now it is a good opportunity for a fast moving company
- Sponsorship packages are made for four years



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5. IFF Marketing work (cont.)

- IFF will guide and advice if the sponsor is interested in cooperating with a national federation as well
- The IFF Marketing Steering group has worked with a Sales presentation and built sponsorship packages.
- One important issue, is that the federations participating in any IFF event, must be ready to put on an IFF advertisement on their team outfit, according to the IFF organisers regulations.



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6. IFF Office and staff

- The new IFF Head office opened in the beginning of May in Helsinki.
- The contact information is:

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SE-171 21 Solna

Sweden

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Tel: 46-8-27 32 50

Fax: 46-8-82 22 14



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6. IFF Office and staff (cont.)

- **Secretary General: John Liljelund** liljelund@floorball.org
 - Responsible for:
 - ✓ Member federations
 - ✓ Development work and Material questions
 - ✓ Marketing and sales, agreements
 - ✓ Internal organisation
- **Head of Technical Department: Stefan Kratz** kratz@floorball.org
 - Responsible for:
 - ✓ All issues related to competitions
 - ✓ All issues related to refereeing
 - ✓ Daily finances & accounting
- **Office Assistant: Merita Bruun** bruun@floorball.org
 - Responsible for:
 - ✓ Transfers
 - ✓ Travel and meeting arrangements
 - ✓ Web-site and information



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8. IFF work tasks

● **Head Office:**

- **Central Board**
- **Executive Committee**
- **Marketing**
- **Organisers agreements**
- **Transfers**
- **General Assembly**
- **Presidential & other meetings**
- **Travel & Meeting arrangements**
- **Arbitration Committee & Disciplinary Committee**
- **Development**
- **Education material- and seminar preparation**
- **Development Board**
- **Material Questions**
- **Finance: reporting, budgeting**
- **TV and Media:**
- **Information to members**
- **Web-site update, IFF news**
- **Internal organisation and Statutes**
- **International Co-operation**
- **Contact to member Federations**
- **Communication & Press:**

● **Technical Department:**

- **Invitations to Competitions**
- **RACC and Jury**
- **Transfers: telephone**
- **Competitions: Administration of the teams, technical meetings, contacts to the organizer**
- **Administration of referee nominations, committee work, follow-up**
- **SP Administration**
- **Finance: Book-keeping, payments, invoicing**
- **Information to Committees,**
- **IFF Internet**
- **Information to participating Federations**
- **WEB-sight: Update competitions**
- **Statutes: Re-work and up date,**
- **WADA**
- **International Co-operation: Competition related work**
- **Contact to member Federations: Competition related work**



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9. IFF Events and new organisers

- WFC Men:
 - 2006 in Sweden
 - 2008 in Czech Republic
 - 2010 in Finland
 - A-division 10 national teams
 - B-division 10 national teams
 - C-division 8-12 national teams
- WFC U19 for men
 - 16 nations participating
 - 2005 in Latvia
 - 2007 in Switzerland
 - 2009 in Finland
 - 2011 OPEN
- WFC women
 - 2007 in Denmark
 - 2009 in Sweden
 - 2011 OPEN
 - A-division 8 national teams
 - B-division 10 national teams
- WFC U19 for women
 - 2006 in Germany
 - 2008 in Switzerland
 - 2010 OPEN



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9. IFF Events and new organisers (cont.)

- IFF is looking for new organisers of IFF events, like the following:
 - WFC Men C-Division :
 - ✓ 2008
 - ✓ 2010
 - European Cup Qualifying round:
 - ✓ 2007
 - ✓ 2008
 - ✓ 2009
 - European Cup Finals:
 - ✓ 2009
 - ✓ 2010
 - World University Championships:
 - ✓ 2008



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9. IFF Events and new organisers (cont.)

- The requirements for organising is stated in the organisers regulations, but the country applying can always give a list of exceptions.
- The C-division and European Cup qualification has so called lighter requirements.
- The federations should apply at least two years in advance, even though the regulations states a four year periodicity.



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10. IFF Calendar year

- The IFF is dependent of the assistance of its members, to be able to fulfil our objectives and produce the best possible service...
- However, our dear member federations have problems in fulfilling the requirements of the IFF Administration.
 - **For example:**
 - ✓ **Out of 35 federations only 9 replied inside the stated time line whether to participate or not to the IFF Presidential meeting...**
 - ✓ **Out of 18 participating teams 15 failed to deliver the final team list in time and/or correctly filled.**
- If the IFF office is to pursuit all these late incoming federations we loose a lot of time for our more efficient work.



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10. IFF Calendar year

- Therefore the IFF Calendar year looks like this 2005:
- **September:**
 - Internationals' weekend,
 - Player registration for EC Finals
- **October:**
 - Final lists for U19 WFC,
 - Men's U19 WFC Latvia,
 - Internationals' weekend
- **November:**
 - Internationals' weekend
- **December:**
 - Lists for EC Finals,
 - WFC registration,
 - Last day for international transfers



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10. IFF Calendar year

- Therefore the IFF Calendar year looks like this 2006:
- **January:**
 - Yearly reports (player statistics, contacts, doping statistics),
 - European Cup Finals,
 - Central Board meeting
- **February:**
 - Internationals´ weekend
- **March:**
 - Nominations and motions for the General Assembly
 - Issues for the CB
- **April:**
 - CB meeting,
 - Lists of Team delegations WFC,
 - Internationals´ weekend,
 - The annual fee payment



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10. IFF Calendar year

- **May:**
 - First day for transfers
 - Final Team List for WFC
 - WFC 2006 Sweden,
 - CB meeting,
 - General Assembly,
 - European Cup registration,
- **June:**
 - U 19 registration
- **July:**
 - Player registrations for EC Qualification,
 - Lists for the EC Qualification
- **August:**
 - EC Qualifications,
 - Hand in national statistics and contact information,
 - CB meeting



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11. Tasks for the Member Federations

- **All contacts between the Clubs and the IFF has to go thru the National Federation.**
- **Yearly information on number of players (January)**
- **Yearly information on Federation contacts (January)**
- **Yearly doping information (February)**
 - A) International events, included in the agreements
 - B) National doping controls
- **Apply for the right to play an international matches (ongoing)**
- **Nominate international referees**
- **First Team List and Final Team List to IFF events**
- **Transfers, signed by the federation**
- **Material regulation compliance and surveillance**
- **Reporting on International matches results**
- **Take part in IFF General Assembly and Presidential meetings**
- **Answer on invitations and other in time**
- **Yearly information on clubs and players for the annual fee**



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11. Tasks for the Member Federations

- The IFF administration will start to keep a “black book” upon the federations failing to comply with their tasks.
- The IFF office will also propose to the CB that there will be sanctions to the federations in question.



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12. Material Regulations

- One of the present major financial “sponsor” of IFF, is the Manufacturers of Floorball material.
- IFF has since its General Assembly in Prague 1998, had a Material Regulation, which is defining that all Floorball material needs to be tested and approved by the impartial test institute.
- When it comes to the Floorball sticks, the system is working very well. This goes also for the balls.
- IFF is not demanding any certification of face masks, but manufacturers are still labelling them for marketing reasons.



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12. Material Regulations

- The real problem are the rinks and the goal cages.
- Some of the manufacturers are complaining that the IFF member federations are not following the Material regulations:
 - Allowing players playing with sticks made of two different manufacturers
 - Allowing material to be without the IFF stickers
 - Not allowing players to play with IFF approved materials
 - Having "own rules" that don't comply with the IFF rules.
- As IFF we need to see that all material are marked and the Material Regulations are followed
 - IFF will demand that all rinks that are used have to be marked by the start of the season 2007-2008.



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13. Game Rule Change

- In order to guarantee a smooth running of Floorball competitions, the game rules are revised only every four years.
- This gives time to all parties concerned to get acquainted with possible new rules, alterations and interpretations. 2006 is again a milestone in adjusting the rules and the IFF-rule group has, as you all have been informed, started its work at the end of last year.
- In the past certain tests were carried out by different Associations; the results having then been informed to the rule group.



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13. Game Rule Change

- The major change concerns “No pass to the goalkeeper”!
This new rule was intensively tested by several Associations and found to be very effective.
- Since it has a great impact not only to players and coaches but also to spectators, media and others, the Central Board of IFF decided to implement this new rule, exceptionally, as from **July 1st, 2005!**
- We would like you to ascertain, that in all competitions of your federation this new rule will be applied as from July 1st, 2005.
- Please inform in particular all your clubs and referees!
- It also shall be applicable in all IFF-competitions as from that date.



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14. International Matches procedure

- The number of different international matches between two or more federations is growing fast, which is very good.
- In the same time the general interest of Floorball is rising and the need for IFF to know:
 - Who is playing
 - Where they are playing
 - When they are playing
 - Which referees are refereeing



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14. International Matches procedure

- The IFF needs more sponsors, to be able to support the members better...
- In order to do so we also need to know about the matches in advance, since no international matches can be played without the sanction of IFF.
- Therefore, the IFF administration has produced a form for Applying for International Matches and also incorporated the referee part into it.
- This procedure will start from 1st of June 2005.





Application form for International Matches and Nomination of Referees

All grey cells to be filled by the applying federation

Please fax this formula to the IFF Office +358-9-45421450

Applying Association:	
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Telephone:	
Fax:	

Type of match:	Please fill in which type of matches are in question
Single	
Double	
Tournament	

Match Between:		-	
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Where are the matches played	
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When are the matches played	
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Date of Application:	
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The request for IFF referees:

We wish IFF to nominate the referees freely:	Yes		No	
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We wish IFF to nominate the referees according to following restrictions:	Yes		No	
Restrictions:				

We have special request for referees from our own country:	Yes		No	
Proposed referees:				
Association Signature:				

Application arrived to IFF	
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Appointed referees:	

The game report has been delivered in five days:	Yes		No	
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The World of Floorball are in our Hands

