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NEW PERIOD...



2004 was a year of great activity for the European Handball Federation - not only in terms of sporting activities but also the sport-political agenda. The EHF Member Federations voted in a new leadership of the European Handball Federation at the EHF Congress in May. The newly elected Executive Committee will set the political and sporting agenda of handball on a European level for the period up to 2008.

Members and Representatives...

I would like to take this opportunity to express my utmost thanks - on behalf of the entire EHF - to all those that served the EHF since its foundation. Their efforts, work,

energy and passion for the sport of handball have made the EHF what it is today and this has contributed greatly to the development of handball on a European level. The newly elected Executive Committee and other elected bodies are now set the task to define objectives for the next four year electoral period and pave the way for the realisation of these goals.

Particular attention will be paid to the continuous development of the EHF's structural make-up and the working processes of the federation, with the emphasis set on the development of the sport and its status and positioning in the sporting market.

European Championships...

As is the case, in all even years, 2004 was the year of the European Championships. More European Championships took place in 2004 than ever before and all were declared an outstanding success! The senior European Championships in Slovenia and Hungary were phenomenal - with sell-out crowds, record TV figures and top quality handball at the highest level. The Slovenian and Hungarian Handball Federation set a precedent for the organisation of top handball events.



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Younger Age Categories...

The summer months belonged to the handball players of tomorrow. Three Young Age Category Championships took place in Serbia & Montenegro, the Czech Republic, and Latvia. Not only was the level of handball extremely high but also they were all excellently organised and received much interest from spectators and the media. The EHF also held the Women's Youth

Alanya in Turkey saw the action. 29 teams took part and a special Beach Handball atmosphere was created.

Champions League...

As is the case every year, the club competitions made up a decisive part of the handballing year in Europe. The Champions League saw handball at its best and the

TV and Media...

One aspect for which the EHF and its member federations can be particularly proud of this past year is the TV and media situation. This area has seen a very positive development, despite of the fact that the sporting market is somewhat turbulent at present. Handball's presence on the TV, radio and in the written press is better than ever before.

The 2004 Men's and Women's European Championships set new records as far as TV coverage was concerned with people watching European Championship action in all corners of the world. The Champions League also made a leap forward and the EHF has set the ambitious goal of continuing this direction with long-term strategic objectives being defined.



Champions' Tournament for Club teams within the sphere of the famous Partille handball festival - and of course yet again perfectly organised.

Beach...

The Mediterranean was the setting for the 2004 Men's and Women's European Beach Handball Championships. The beaches of

European Cup competitions also followed suit. The annual European Championships for Club Teams occurred. In fact, the year's activities took place right up to the very end of December. While this Annual Report was being printed, 6 top women's teams were taking part in the 2004 Women's European Championship for Club Teams in Leipzig!

EHF Partners...

The EHF partners have continued to play a decisive part in the sport's development. The excellent longstanding partnership with Infront was extended to cover the marketing of regional Champions League sectors and the contract covering the marketing of the senior European Championships was

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signed up to the period of 2010. adidas also continued its support to the EHF by supplying equipment of the highest quality, such as top level handballs used for the European Championships and the Champions League, and again underlined its alliance to the EHF with a new contract up to 2009. Nihja - the supplier of the European Championship goals - furthered its agreement with the EHF, becoming the official Beach handball supplier as well. 2004 welcomed a new partner in the form of Gerflor, which will supply the famous yellow and blue taraflex floor for the European Championships and the Younger Age Category competitions up to 2010. The EHF would like to use this opportunity to thank the partners for their commitment to European handball and its development.

Meetings and Congresses...

Although the sporting events dominated the year, representatives from the Member Federations and clubs also met for meetings and Congresses. In May, the EHF Congress took place in Cyprus, followed by the Conference of Presidents in November and the Extraordinary Congress that took place on the final weekend of the Women's European Championship. The traditional catalogue of Workshops, Seminars and Courses were naturally a part of the year as you can read about in this Annual Report.

Before I conclude, I would like to thank all of you featured in this report, the members of the commissions, the National Federations, the clubs and their represen-

tatives. The results and successes are down to you and the positive developments would not have been possible without your contributions. Special thanks should also be given to the EHF staff members who work intensively to realise the goals set. With a great deal of skill, organisation and enthusiasm the team provide a valuable service.

I wish you all the very best for 2005!

Tor Lian
President



EURO 2004 - EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 6 Men's European Championship/SLO
- 8 Women's European Championship/HUN

2004 BEACH HANDBALL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 11 Men's Beach Handball European Championship
- 12 Women's Beach Handball European Championship

2004 JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 12 Men's 18 European Championship
- 13 Women's 19 European Championship
- 14 Men's 20 European Championship

2004 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

- 16 Figures
- 18 Champions League Men
- 19 Champions League Women

2004 EUROPEAN CUPS

- 23 EHF Cup
- 24 Challenge Cup
- 25 Cupwinners Cup

2004 ADDITIONAL COMPETITIONS

- 28 European Championships for Club Teams
- 29 Women's Challenge Trophy
- 30 European Youth Champions' Tournament

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS/ OLYMPIC GAMES

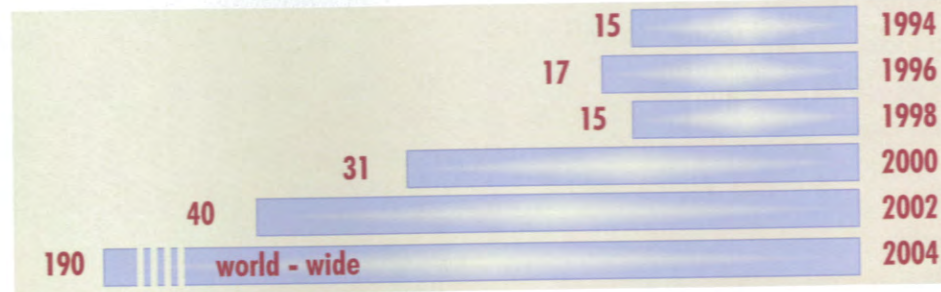
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EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - EURO 2004

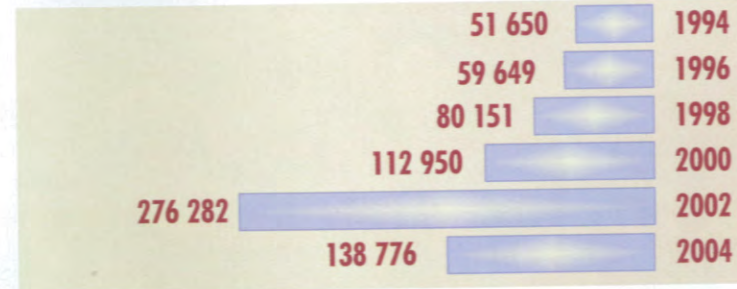
MEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - THE FIGURES

MEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS		
EURO	Champion	Organiser
1994	SWE	POR
1996	RUS	ESP
1998	SWE	ITA
2000	SWE	CRO
2002	SWE	SWE
2004	GER	SLO

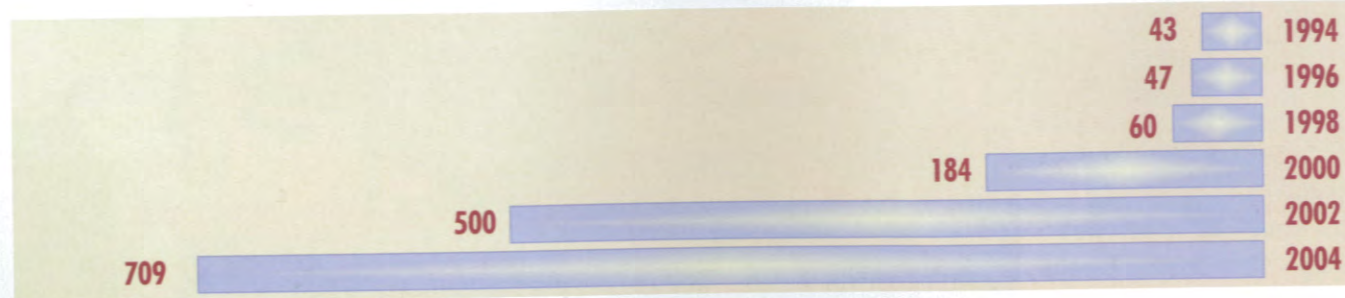
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Spectators



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2004 MEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP in SLO

The 2004 Men's European Championship came to an end on the 1st February 2004 with Germany being crowned as the new European Champion. 7 000 spectators created an electric atmosphere in the Tivoli Hall in Ljubljana, Slovenia. EURO 2004 was also broadcast on television in 109 countries and territories worldwide. The official website of EURO 2004 was also visited by a record number of visitors, with over 22 million page impressions.



ALL STAR TEAM

 Goalkeeper:	Henning Fritz	GER
Left wing:	Eduard Koksharov	RUS
Left back:	Nikola Karabatic	FRA
Middle back:	Ivano Balic	CRO
Line player:	Michael Knudsen	DEN
Right back:	Volker Zerbe	GER
Right wing:	Vid Kavticnik	SLO
TOP SCORER:	Mirza Dzomba	CRO 46 goals
BEST PLAYER:	Ivano Balic	CRO

FINAL RANKING

1. GER	5. RUS	9. HUN	13. ISL
2. SLO	6. FRA	10. ESP	14. POR
3. DEN	7. SWE	11. CZE	15. UKR
4. CRO	8. SCG	12. SUI	16. POL

FINAL MATCHES

CRO : DEN	27 : 31 (14 : 15)	place 3/4
SLO : GER	25 : 30 (10 : 16)	final



The 2006 Men's European Championship will take place in Switzerland from 26 January - 5 February 2006.

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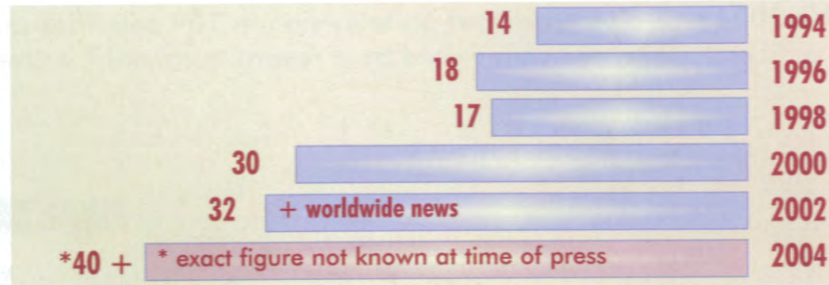
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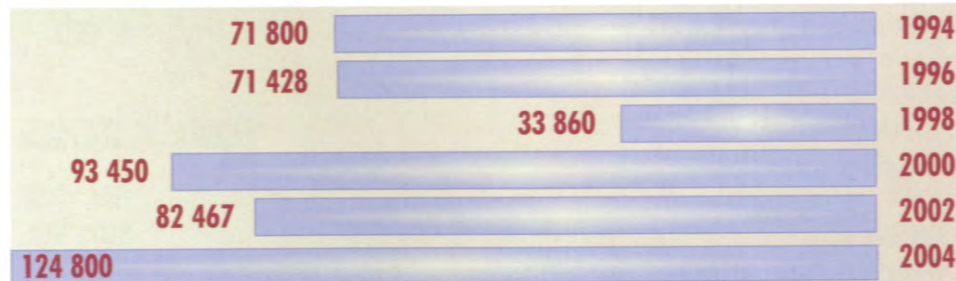
WOMEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - THE FIGURES

WOMEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS		
EURO	Champion	Organiser
1994	DEN	GER
1996	DEN	DEN
1998	NOR	NED
2000	HUN	ROM
2002	DEN	DEN
2004	NOR	HUN

No. of broadcasting countries



Spectators



Viewers in mill.



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2004 WOMEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP in HUN

The 6th Women's European Championship came to an end on the 19th December 2004. The Final took place in front of a crowd of over 10 000 people and the atmosphere was alive. Norway defeated Denmark by only two goals to take the title of European Champions 2004. The hosts, Hungary, were awarded the Bronze medal after a clear victory against Russia.



ALL STAR TEAM

★ Goalkeeper:	Karin MORTENSEN	DEN
Left wing:	Olena RADCHENKO	UKR
Left back:	Tanja LOGVIN	AUT
Middle back:	Gro HAMMERSENG	NOR
Line player:	Liudmila BODNIEVA	RUS
Right back:	Grit JURACK	GER
Right wing:	Josephine TOURAY	DEN
TOP SCORER:	Bojana RADULOVICS	HUN 72 goals
BEST PLAYER:	Gro HAMMERSENG	NOR

FINAL RANKING

1. NOR	5. GER	9. SLO	13. CRO
2. DEN	6. UKR	10. AUT	14. SWE
3. HUN	7. ROM	11. FRA	15. CZE
4. RUS	8. ESP	12. SCG	16. BLR

FINAL MATCHES

HUN : RUS	29:25 (14:13)	place 3/4
NOR : DEN	27:25 (11:11)	final



The 2006 Women's European Championship will take place in Sweden from 7 December - 17 December 2006.

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BEACH HANDBALL


2004 BEACH HANDBALL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 3rd edition of the Men's and Women's European Beach Handball Championships took place from 13 - 18 July 2004. All in all, there was a total of 139 matches on the beach of Alanya, Turkey over a six day period. Below you can find all the final results and standings:



RESULTS - MEN

ALL STAR TEAM

Top scorer:	 Cervera Rodriguez	ESP	110 points
Best goalkeeper:	Torrego Gonzalez A.	ESP	
Best player:	Vladimir Poletaev	RUS	
Best specialist:	Kai Bierbaum	GER	

FINAL RANKING

1. RUS	5. UKR	9. MKD	13. SUI
2. GER	6. HUN	10. NOR	14. ITA
3. TUR	7. CRO	11. CYP	15. FRA
4. ESP	8. SCG	12. SWE	

FINAL MATCHES

ESP : TUR	1:2 (16:17; 22:19; 6:7)	place 3/4
RUS : GER	2:0 (22:10; 16:12)	final

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RESULTS - WOMEN

ALL STAR TEAM

Best scorer:	Natalia Evtoukhova	RUS	121 points
Best goalkeeper:	Olga Vorona	RUS	
Best player:	Yeliz Özel	TUR	
Best specialist:	Elena Barani	ITA	

FINAL RANKING

1. RUS	5. TUR	9. CZE	13. FRA
2. CRO	6. MKD	10. UKR	14. SUI
3. GER	7. HUN	11. NOR	
4. ITA	8. ESP	12. SCG	

FINAL MATCHES

ITA : GER	0:2 (12:13; 5:12)	place 3/4
CRO : RUS	0:2 (11:12; 15:19)	final



DID YOU KNOW?

No of goals:	approx. 2.500	No of players / officials:	444
Water consumed:	approx. 21.600 l	Length of line system:	312 m
Tonnes of sand:	approx. 648 t	Amount of suntan lotion:	approx. 135 l
Hours of music:	approx. 70 hrs		

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COMPETITIONS

2004 MEN'S 18 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP in SCG

The 2004 Men's 18 European Championship came to a close yesterday in a spectacular final between neighbours Croatia and Serbia Montenegro. The Pionir Arena in Belgrade was full to capacity and the atmosphere was electric when Serbia Montenegro beat Croatia 27:20 (11:09). The occasion was made into a real spectacle, with a light show and party atmosphere at the closing ceremony. Man of the match for Croatia was Alen Blazevic and Zarko Sesum for Serbia Montenegro. The bronze medal was taken by Denmark in a close match against Slovenia.



ALL STAR TEAM

★ Goalkeeper: Soren Pedersen / DEN
 Left wing: Dobrivoje Markovic / SCG
 Left back: Zarko Sesum / SCG
 Middle back: Nejc Poklar / SLO
 Line player: Andrej Petro / SVK
 Right back: Johan Jacobsson / SWE
 Right wing: Ivan Cupic / CRO

TOP SCORER: Uwe Gensheimer / GER 58 goals
 BEST PLAYER: Nejc Poklar / SLO

FINAL RANKING

1. SCG	5. GER	9. FRA	13. SUI
2. CRO	6. SVK	10. HUN	14. EST
3. DEN	7. SWE	11. RUS	15. ROM
4. SLO	8. BLR	12. ISL	16. BUL

FINAL MATCHES

CRO : SCG	20 : 27 (9 : 11)	place 3/4
DEN : SLO	27 : 25 (14 : 15)	final

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Qualifications: The teams ranked 1 and 2 at the Championship have secured their place at the 2005 Under 19 World Championship, which will take place in Qatar.

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2004 WOMEN'S 19 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP in CZE

The 2004 Women's 19 European Championship took place from 30.07 - 08.08.2004 in Zlin, Czech Republic. Russia took the title in a close match against Norway, winning by just one goal. Serbia and Montenegro won bronze by a clear margin against France.



ALL STAR TEAM

Goalkeeper:	Isabella Thomsen / DEN	
Left wing:	Manuela Hrnjic / SLO	
Left back:	Karolina Kudlacz / POL	
Middle back:	Goril Snorreggen / NOR	
Line player:	Andrea Seric / CRO	
Right back:	Ana Radovic / SCG	
Right wing:	Yana Uskova / RUS	
TOP SCORER:	Karolina Kudlacz / POL	76 goals
BEST PLAYER:	Karolina Kudlacz / POL	

FINAL RANKING

1. RUS	5. CRO	9. ESP	13. SWE
2. NOR	6. DEN	10. ROM	14. POR
3. SCG	7. GER	11. CZE	15. ISL
4. FRA	8. POL	12. SLO	16. AUT

FINAL MATCHES

SCG : FRA	39:28 (22:11)	place 3/4
RUS : NOR	25:24 (13:11)	final



Qualifications: The teams ranked 1 and 2 at the Championship - Russia and Norway - have automatically qualified for the Under 20 World Championship (IHF event) next year, which will also take place in the Czech Republic from 1 - 14 August 2005.

COMPETITIONS

2004 MEN'S 20 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP in LAT

The 2004 Men's 20 European Championship took place from 06.08 - 14.08.2004 in Riga, Latvia. Germany took the title in a close match against Denmark, winning by just one goal. Slovenia won bronze in an other close match against Hungary.



ALL STAR TEAM

Goalkeeper: Silvio Heinevetter / GER
Left wing: Yves Grafenhorst / GER
Left back: Nenad Bilbija / SLO
Middle back: Morten Olsen / DEN
Line player: René Toft Hansen / DEN
Right back: Peter Gulyas / HUN
Right wing: Valentin Ghionea / ROM

TOP SCORER: Robert Weber / AUT 65 goals
BEST PLAYER: Yves Grafenhorst / GER

FINAL RANKING

1. GER	5. SWE	9. ESP	13. ISL
2. DEN	6. ROM	10. FRA	14. POL
3. SLO	7. AUT	11. SUI	15. MKD
4. HUN	8. POR	12.. CZE	16. LAT

FINAL MATCHES

SLO : HUN	29:28 (14:14)	place 3/4
DEN : GER	26:27 (16:16)	final

FAIR PLAY CUP

On the occasion of the 2004 Men's 20 European Championship a Fair Play Cup was awarded. The winner of the trophy was Iceland.



Qualifications: Germany and Denmark - the teams ranked 1 and 2 at the Championship - have qualified automatically for the 2005 Men's Under 21 World Championship which will take place in Hungary from 15 - 28 August 2005.

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CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - MEN

93/94	TEKA Santander	ESP
94/95	Elgorriaga Bidasoa	ESP
95/96	FC Barcelona	ESP
96/97	FC Barcelona	ESP
97/98	FC Barcelona	ESP
98/99	FC Barcelona	ESP
99/00	FC Barcelona	ESP
00/01	Portland San Antonio	ESP
01/02	Sportclub Magdeburg	GER
02/03	Montpellier HB	FRA
03/04	Celje Pivovarna Lasko	SLO

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - WOMEN

93/94	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
94/95	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
95/96	Podravka Koprivnica	CRO
96/97	L'Eliana Valencia	ESP
97/98	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
98/99	Dunaferr SE	HUN
99/00	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
00/01	Krim Neutro Roberts	SLO
01/02	Kometal D.P. Skopje	MKD
02/03	Krim ETA N. Roberts	SLO
03/04	Slagelse FH	DEN

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THE FIGURES

	11.280	minutes of Champions League handball were played
	48	teams from 23 countries took part
	10.632	goals were scored
more than	530.000	spectators watched the matches
there were	330	TV broadcasts
a total of	912.000	Euro was received by men's clubs
a total of	384.000	Euro was received by women's clubs



The development of the Champions League as the most prestigious European competition for club teams has advanced considerably. The new playing system in the Men's Champions League brought a number of new countries and TV stations to the competition.

The EHF is now doing part of the Champions League marketing "in house" and has significantly improved the hours of TV-broadcasting. At the same time, relations with new partners were created in order to develop the product continuously in all aspects.

The many efforts of the participating clubs as well as those of the EHF together with its partners has begun to show their effect and the placement of the EHF Champions League among the top European sports competitions has come within reach. There are still many challenges to face but the current positive development proves that it is going the right direction.

Uniqa

The Uniqa Group joined the EHF for the second time as a partner for the Champions League in AUT, CRO, CZE, HUN, POL, SVK



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CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS



CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - MEN

STANDINGS

GROUP A		won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1	GER TBV Lemgo	4	2	0	196 : 157	39 10
2	ESP B.M. Ciudad Real	4	1	1	187 : 145	42 9
3	UKR ZTR Zaporozhye	2	1	3	161 : 145	16 5
4	ITA A.S. Conversano 2003	0	0	6	118 : 215	-97 0

GROUP B		won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1	GER SC Magdeburg	5	0	1	192 : 176	16 10
2	ESP FC Barcelona	4	1	1	203 : 152	51 9
3	ISL Haukar Hafnarfjörður	2	1	3	179 : 193	-14 5
4	MKD Vardar Vatrost. Skopje	0	0	6	157 : 210	-53 0

GROUP C		won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1	DEN Kolding KIF	4	1	1	204 : 172	32 9
2	SLO Prule 67 Ljubljana	4	1	1	181 : 178	3 9
3	SCG RK Partizan Belgrad	1	1	4	179 : 194	-15 3
4	TUR ASKI Ankara	1	1	4	163 : 183	-20 3

GROUP D		won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1	FRA Montpellier HB	5	0	1	167 : 144	23 10
2	ESP C.B.M. Ademar Leon	4	0	2	179 : 161	18 8
3	RUS Chehovski Medvedi Moscow	3	0	3	166 : 165	1 6
4	AUT Alpa HC Hard	0	0	6	138 : 180	-42 0

GROUP E		won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1	CRO RK Zagreb	3	0	3	159 : 144	15 6
2	HUN SC Pick Szeged	3	0	3	160 : 154	6 6
3	NOR Sandefjord TIF	3	0	3	149 : 157	-8 6
4	GRE "Filippos" Verias	3	0	3	154 : 167	-13 6

GROUP F		won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1	SLO Celje Pivovarna Lasko	5	1	0	196 : 161	35 11
2	GER SG Flensburg-Handewitt	4	1	1	211 : 181	30 9
3	SWE Redbergslids IK	2	0	4	179 : 186	-7 4
4	SVK MSK SIRS P. Bystrica	0	0	6	163 : 221	-58 0

GROUP G		won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1	HUN Fotex KC Veszprém	6	0	0	197 : 156	41 12
2	DEN Skjern Handball	2	1	3	151 : 153	-2 5
3	POL KS "Vive" Kielce	2	1	3	159 : 177	-18 5
4	BIH RK "Bosna" Sarajevo	1	0	5	151 : 172	-21 2

GROUP H		won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1	FRA Chambéry Savoie HB	6	0	0	185 : 157	28 12
2	SUI Pfadi Winterthur	2	1	3	192 : 178	14 5
3	CZE HC Banik Karvina	2	0	4	180 : 194	-14 4
4	CRO RK Metkovic	1	1	4	156 : 184	-28 3

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CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - MEN

1/8 FINALS

ESP **B.M. Ciudad Real**
36:28; 33:32; [69:60]

FRA **Chambery Savoie HB**

DEN **Skjern Handball**
30:25; 24:34; [54:59]

GER **SC Magdeburg**

ESP **C.BM. Ademar Leon**
38:25; 21:34; [59:59]

SLO **Celje Pivovarna Lasko**

GER **SG Flensburg-Handewitt**
34:29; 33:20; [67:49]

DEN **Kolding KIF**

HUN **SC Pick Szeged**
29:22; 26:27; [55:49]

FRA **Montpellier HB**

SUI **Pfadi Winterthur**
32:29; 24:32; [56:61]

CRO **RK Zagreb**

SLO **Prule 67 Ljubljana**
28:28; 27:32; [55:60]

GER **TBV Lemgo**

ESP **FC Barcelona**
33:29; 26:31; [59:60]

HUN **Fotex KC Veszprém**

1/4 FINALS

GER **SG Flensburg-Handewitt**
30:27; 28:26; [58:53]

CRO **RK Zagreb**

HUN **SC Pick Szeged**
30:31; 24:28; [54:59]

GER **SC Magdeburg**

SLO **Celje Pivovarna Lasko**
32:25; 28:28; [60:53]

GER **TBV Lemgo**

ESP **B.M. Ciudad Real**
33:24; 28:25; [61:49]

HUN **Fotex KC Veszprém**

1/2 FINALS

ESP **B.M. Ciudad Real**
35:36; 32:34; [67:70]

SLO **Celje Pivovarna Lasko**

GER **SG Flensburg-Handewitt**
30:20; 26:36; [56:56]

GER **SC Magdeburg**

FINALS

SLO **Celje Pivovarna Lasko**
34:28; 28:30; [62:58]

GER **SG Flensburg-Handewitt**



03/04 CHAMPION

SLO
Celje Pivovarna Lasko

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - WOMEN

STANDINGS

GROUP A		won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1	HUN Dunafer SE	4	1	1	158 : 146	12 9
2	RUS HC "Lada Toljatti"	4	0	2	174 : 148	26 8
3	ESP El Osito L'Eliana Valencia	2	0	4	160 : 163	-3 4
4	GER DJK / MJC Trier	1	1	4	141 : 176	-35 3

GROUP B		won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1	SLO Krim Ljubljana Slovenia	4	0	2	178 : 150	28 8
2	SCG RK Buducnost MONET	4	0	2	159 : 159	0 8
3	DEN Ikast Bording EH	3	0	3	162 : 159	3 6
4	UKR HC "Motor" Zaporozhye	1	0	5	153 : 184	-31 2

GROUP C		won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1	DEN Slagelse FH	5	1	0	178 : 152	26 11
2	MKD Kometal D. P. Skopje	3	1	2	154 : 148	6 7
3	AUT Hypo Niederösterreich	3	0	3	159 : 166	-7 6
4	SCG RK DIN-Classic, Nis	0	0	6	156 : 181	-25 0

GROUP D		won	draw	lost	goal difference	points
1	NOR Larvik HK	4	1	1	183 : 150	33 9
2	HUN FTC Budapest	4	0	2	165 : 161	4 8
3	ESP Alsa Elda Prestigio	2	1	3	164 : 170	-6 5
4	POL KS BYSTRZYCA Lublin	1	0	5	155 : 186	-31 2

1/4 FINALS

SCG RK Buducnost MONET
26:31; 24:29; [50:60]

RUS HC "Lada Toljatti"
24:21; 25:29; [49:50]

HUN FTC Budapest
30:28; 25:32; [55:60]

MKD Kometal D. P. Skopje
25:22; 27:33; [52:55]

HUN Dunafer SE

SLO Krim Ljubljana Slovenia

DEN Slagelse FH

NOR Larvik HK

1/2 FINALS

NOR Larvik HK
30:33; 19:27; [49:60]

SLO Krim Ljubljana Slovenia

HUN Dunafer SE
34:29; 22:32; [56:61]

DEN Slagelse FH

FINALS

DEN Slagelse FH
25:24; 36:32; [61:56]

SLO Krim Ljubljana Slovenia



03/04 CHAMPION

DEN
Slagelse FH

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EUROPEAN CUP

EHF CUP

93/94 Alzira Avidesa/ESP
 94/95 BM Granollers/ESP
 95/96 BM Granollers/ESP
 96/97 SG-Flensburg-Handewitt/GER
 97/98 THW Kiel/GER
 98/99 Sportclub Magdeburg/GER
 99/00 Metkovic Jambo/CRO
 00/01 Sportclub Magdeburg/GER
 01/02 THW Kiel/GER
 02/03 FC Barcelona/ESP
 03/04 THW Kiel/GER

CITY / *CHALLENGE CUP

93/94 TUSEM Essen/GER
 94/95 TV Niederwürzbach/GER
 95/96 Drammen HK/NOR
 96/97 TuS Nettelstedt/GER
 97/98 TuS Nettelstedt/GER
 98/99 SG Flensburg-Handewitt/GER
 99/00 TW Grosswallstadt/GER
 00/01 *RK Jugovic Kac/YUG
 01/02 *Skjern Handball/DEN
 02/03 *Skjern Handball/DEN
 03/04 *IFK Skövde HK/SWE

CUPWINNERS CUP

93/94 FC Barcelona/ESP
 94/95 FC Barcelona/ESP
 95/96 TBV Lemgo/GER
 96/97 Elgorriaga Bidasoa/ESP
 97/98 Caja Cantabria Santander/ESP
 98/99 Proseca Ademar Leon/ESP
 99/00 Portland San Antonio/ESP
 00/01 SG Flensburg-Handewitt/GER
 01/02 A.D.C. Ciudad Real/ESP
 02/03 A.D.C. Ciudad Real/ESP
 03/04 Portland San Antonio/ESP

MEN



93/94 Viborg HK/DEN
 94/95 Debrecen VSC/HUN
 95/96 Debrecen VSC/HUN
 96/97 Robit Olimpija Ljubljana/SLO
 97/98 Dunaferre SE/HUN
 98/99 Viborg HK/DEN
 99/00 El Ferrobús Mislata/ESP
 00/01 Montex Lublin/POL
 01/02 Ikast Bording EH/DEN
 02/03 Slagelse FH/DEN
 03/04 Viborg HK A/S

93/94 Buxtehuder SV/GER
 94/95 Rotor Volgograd/RUS
 95/96 AS Silcotub Zalău/ROM
 96/97 Frankfurter Handball Club/GER
 97/98 Ikast E.S./DEN
 98/99 Napredak Krusevac/YUG
 99/00 Rapid Bucuresti/ROM
 00/01 *Handball Cercle Nîmes/FRA
 01/02 *Non Profit S.A.Uni./ROM
 02/03 *Borussia Dortmund/GER
 03/04 *1. FC Nürnberg/GER

93/94 TuS Walle Bremen/GER
 94/95 Dunaferre SE/HUN
 95/96 Giessen Lützellinden/GER
 96/97 Istochnik Rostov/RUS
 97/98 Baekkelagets Oslo/NOR
 98/99 Baekkelagets Oslo/NOR
 99/00 L'Eliana Valencia/ESP
 00/01 Motor Zaporoshje/UKR
 01/02 HC "Lada Toljatti"/RUS
 02/03 E.S.B.F. Besançon/FRA
 03/04 Ikast Bording EH/DEN

EHF CUP

CITY / *CHALLENGE CUP

CUPWINNERS CUP

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THE FIGURES

The European Cup with its 281 participating clubs in the 2003/04 Season has once again proved its role as the heart of the European Competitions for Club Teams.

The European Handball Federation is happy to contribute, with its services, to the success of the European Cup and by doing so, assisting the clubs in their efforts to present the sport of handball to the spectators in the halls and to the TV viewers all over Europe on the highest level.

Looking at the figures presents clear evidence to the success of the European Cup Competitions. More spectators than ever have followed the matches and were able to feel the thrill and the excitement to see the participating clubs to make it all the way to the finals.

The following pages provide a summary of all-important data including the names of those clubs who are currently enjoying the feeling of being a European Cup Champion!

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WOMEN



MEN

ESP CB Cantabria, Santander
23:20,21:25 [44:45]

ESP BM. Altea

GER HSG Nordhorn
34:33,28:30 [62:63]

ROM Dinamo-Romc. Bucuresti

GER THW Kiel
30:23,32:32 [62:55]

DEN AaB Handbold Aalborg

HUN Dunafer SE
30:32,27:36 [57:68]

RUS Lukoil-Dynamo Astrakhan

1/4 FINALS

03/04 CHAMPION

DEN Viborg HK A/S

ROM Dinamo-Romc. Bucuresti
30:30,25:31 [55:61]

ESP BM. Altea

RUS Lukoil-Dynamo Astrakhan
28:25,28:35 [56:60]

GER THW Kiel

1/2 FINALS

FINALS

HUN Györi Graboplast ETO
27:27,21:37 [48:64]

DEN Viborg HK A/S

ESP BM. Altea
28:32,19:27 [47:59]

GER THW Kiel

FINALS



1/2 FINALS

HUN Györi Graboplast ETO
29:20,26:29 [55:49]

NOR Vag HK

NOR Nordstrand 2000, Oslo
26:25,24:31 [50:56]

DEN Viborg HK A/S

GER THW Kiel

03/04 CHAMPION

WOMEN

1/4 FINALS

DEN GOG Gudme
28:26,23:29 [51:55]

HUN Györi Graboplast ETO

NOR Vag HK
41:33,33:24 [74:57]

MKD Eurostandard G.P. Skopje

DEN Viborg HK A/S
30:29,28:25 [58:54]

ROM CS Rapid CFR Bucuresti

RUS Dinamo AQUA Volgograd
26:26,23:33 [49:59]

NOR Nordstrand 2000, Oslo

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CHALLENGE CUP

MEN

GRE G.A.C Kilkis
21:22,20:27 [41:55]

FRA US Dunkerque HB

ITA Generali Pallamano
29:21,28:33 [57:54]

DEN FCK Handbold Kopenhagen

ROM HC Minaur Baia Mare
28:28,29:35 [57:63]

ROM HC Muncipal Constanta

SWE IFK Skövde HK
38:28,31:34 [69:62]

RUS Voronezh RPO HC

1/4 FINALS

03/04 CHAMPION

GER 1. FC Nürnberg

ITA Generali Pallamano Trieste
33:30,27:37 [60:67]

SWE IFK Skövde HK

ROM HC Muncipal Constanta
18:24,27:25 [45:49]

FRA US Dunkerque HB

1/2 FINALS

FINALS

GER 1. FC Nürnberg
29:23,29:33 [58:56]

ROM Universitatea Remin Deva

FRA US Dunkerque HB
21:20,24:27 [45:47]

SWE IFK Skövde HK

FINALS



1/2 FINALS

GER 1. FC Nürnberg
38:22,36:25 [74:47]

ISL Vestmannaeyjar

ROM Universitatea Remin Deva
41:27,23:31 [64:58]

POL MKS Vitaral Jelfa

SWE IFK Skövde HK

03/04 CHAMPION

WOMEN

1/4 FINALS

ISL Vestmannaeyjar
37:26,23:32 [60:58]

CRO RK Salonastit Vranjic

GER 1. FC Nürnberg
40:26,28:20 [68:46]

TUR Anadolu University S.C.

GER TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen
29:18,16:27 [45:45]

POL MKS Vitaral Jelfa

GER Borussia Dortmund
29:27,29:33 [58:60]

ROM Universitatea Remin Deva

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CUPWINNERS CUP

MEN

FRA US Creteil Handball
26:23,20:26 [46:49]

ESP Portland San Antonio

SWE HK Drott Halmstad
27:24,21:26 [48:50]

GER Tusem Essen

POR Sporting C. P. Lisboa
33:27,26:32 [59:59]

SLO RK Gorenje Velenje

ESP CBM Valladolid
45:22,32:35 [77:57]

NOR Sandefjord TIF

1/4 FINALS

03/04 CHAMPION

DEN Ikast Bording EH

ESP CBM Valladolid
34:32,30:26 [64:58]

SLO RK Gorenje Velenje

GER Tusem Essen
27:25,32:38 [59:63]

ESP Portland San Antonio

1/2 FINALS

FINALS

AUT Hypo Niederösterreich
35:30,22:36 [57:66]

DEN Ikast Bording EH

ESP CBM Valladolid
30:31,26:30 [56:61]

ESP Portland San Antonio

FINALS



1/2 FINALS

DEN FCK Handbold Kopenhagen
27:29,24:39 [51:68]

AUT Hypo Niederösterreich

FRA Handball Metz Metropole
23:21,25:34 [48:55]

DEN Ikast Bording EH

ESP
Portland San Antonio

03/04 CHAMPION

WOMEN

1/4 FINALS

DEN Ikast Bording EH
36:26,34:30 [70:56]

ESP Ferrobús Mislata

ESP Alsa Elda Prestigio
20:28,25:33 [45:61]

DEN FCK Handbold Kopenhagen

AUT Hypo Niederösterreich
30:15,30:26 [60:41]

HUN Vaci NK

ESP El Osito L'Eliana Valencia
21:25,28:28 [49:53]

FRA Handball Metz Metropole

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FINAL RANKING

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Celje Pivovarna Lasko | SLO |
| 2. THW Kiel | GER |
| 3. BM Ciudad Real | ESP |
| 4. CBM Valladolid | ESP |



FINAL MATCHES

BM Ciudad Real : BM Valladolid	34:24 (19:13)	place 3/4
THW Kiel : Celje Pivovarna Lasko	29:30 (17:15)	final

ALL STAR TEAM



- BEST PLAYER:** Siarhei Rutenka (Celje Pivovarna Lasko)
TOP SCORER: Siarhei Rutenka (Celje Pivovarna Lasko)
BEST GOALKEEPER: Henning Fritz (THW Kiel)

MEN'S CLUB TEAMS

The 2004 Men's European Championship for Club Teams took place in Ciudad Real on 27/28 November 2004. Ciudad Real/ESP hosted the event with a line-up of top teams. The event was played with two semi-finals on Saturday followed by the finals on Sunday. The matches were played in front of large crowds and over the weekend 15 500 spectators filled the playing hall to support their teams! Celje Pivovarna Lasko/SLO - last season's Champions League winners - won the Championship, narrowly beating Kiel in the final. This was the first ever time that Celje has taken part in the Championship! Once again, the Men's European Championship for Club Teams was played out in a very sporting atmosphere.

WOMEN'S CLUB TEAMS

The 2004 Women's European Championship for Club Teams took place while the 2004 Annual Report was in print. For the first time ever 6 top teams took part in the Championship, which took place from 27 - 30 December 2004 in Leipzig/GER. The participants included the winners of the past 4 ECh for Club Teams.

A	Slagelse FH/DEN	2003/04	Champions League Winner
	Hypo Niederösterreich/AUT	2003/04	Cupwinners Cup RunnerUp
	HC Leipzig/GER	2004	Organiser
B	Viborg HK/DEN	2003/04	EHF Cup Winner
	Krim Ljubljana/SLO	2003/04	Champions League Runner Up
	Kometa D. P. Skopje/MKD	2001/02	Champions League Winner

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WOMEN'S CHALLENGE TROPHY

The 2004 Women's Challenge Trophy came to an end on May 2nd with the home team, Italy, taking the title in the final against the Faroe Islands. This was the third event of its kind which is aimed at developing handball nations.



FINAL RANKING

- | | |
|------------------|---------------|
| 1. Italy | 5. Latvia |
| 2. Faroe Islands | 6. Belgium |
| 3. Finland | 7. Luxembourg |
| 4. Israel | 8. Moldova |

FINAL MATCHES

Rank 7/8:	MDA:LUX	27:30 (15:16)
Rank 5/6:	LAT : BEL	25:23 (10:12)
Rank 3/4:	ISR : FIN	23:29 (11:15)
Rank 1/2:	ITA : FAR	30:22 (16:10)



ALL STAR TEAM

Goalkeeper:	Niky Honba	BEL
Left wing:	Aura Freichman	ISR
Left back:	Silvia Scamperle	ITA
Middle back:	Anette Tallqvist	FIN
Line player:	Gunnleyg Berg	FAR
Right back:	Simona Hansen	FAR
Right wing:	Laure Oliveri	ITA

TOP SCORER:	Elena Barani	ITA	38 goals
BEST PLAYER:	Elena Barani	ITA	



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ADDITIONAL COMPETITIONS

YOUTH CHAMPIONS' TOURNAMENT FOR CLUB TEAMS

The 2004 EHF Youth Champions' Tournament for Club Teams (girls born 1988 and younger) took place from 30 June - 3 July 2004. It came to an end on 3rd July with Hypo Niederösterreich/AUT taking the gold medal in the final against MRK KOVA Panevezys/LTU (18:15). This was the 10th consecutive EHF Youth Champions' Tournament which took place within the framework of the Partille Cup, where 2 730 matches were played this year.



FINAL RANKING

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|---|--|--|
| 1. Hypo Niederösterreich / AUT | 7. HC Emmenstrand / SUI | 13. HK Kopavogi / ISL |
| 2. MRK KOVA Panevezys / LTU | 8. RK Lokomotiva Zagreb / CRO | 14. Grotta Seltjarnarnes / ISL |
| 3. Van de Voort/Quintus / NED | 9. GOG Gudme / DEN | 15. RK Krim Ljubljana / SLO |
| 4. MGA Wien / AUT | 10. Irsta HF / SWE | 16. Bradlan Brezova Pod Bradlom / SVK |
| 5. SC AGRO Kociewie Lakmet / POL | 11. Baekkelagets Sportklubb / NOR | |
| 6. Nordstrand IF / NOR | 12. Kärna HF / SWE | |

ALL STAR TEAM



Goalkeeper:	Natascha Schilk	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
Left wing:	Lulija Panoghjcia	MRK KOVA Panevezys	LTU
Left back:	Agne Zukauskaitė	MRK KOVA Panevezys	LTU
Middle back:	Jamie van Vliet	Van de Voort/Quintus	NED
Line player:	Patricia Nuwordu	MGA Wien	AUT
Right back:	Chistina O'Sullivan	Baekkelagets	NOR
Right wing:	Yolita Jucknevičiatė	MRK KOVA Panevezys	LTU
TOP SCORER:	Egle Alesionate	MRK KOVA Panevezys/LTU	50 goals



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NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITIONS

The draws for national team competitions which attracted the most attention on the European handball scene in 2004 were the draws for the Men's and Women's World Championship Play-offs (Europe) and for the Women's European Championship.



2004 Women's European Championship (final round)

This draw took place on June 10th in the setting of the Vigszinhaz Theatre in Budapest, Hungary. The draw was broadcast live on Hungarian TV and was attended by over 2 000 people. It was a real show with dancing and light effects throughout the entire event. The actual European Championship took place from 9 - 19 December 2004.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB COMPETITIONS

Two of the draw highlights as far as international club competitions were concerned, were of course the draws for the Men's and Women's Champions League Group Matches. Both draws attracted much interest. They took place on 29 July and 19 October 2004. The EHF Headquarters opened its doors to welcome many representatives from member federations, clubs and the media. The draws were once again broadcast via the EBU network.

2005 Men's World Championship (Europe)

The final weekend of the 2004 Men's European Championship in Slovenia also saw the draw for the 2005 Men's World Championship - Play-offs (Europe). The Play-offs took place in June of 2004 and the actual World Championships will take place in the new year in Tunisia from 24 January - 6 February 2005.

The draw for the 2005 Women's World Championship Play-offs (Europe) took place on the final day of the Women's European Championship, in front of over 200 people. The play-offs will take place in June 2005.



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - QUALIFICATION EUROPE

2005 MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP Qualification Europe

directly qualified for play-off matches

- RUS
- FRA
- SWE
- SCG
- HUN
- ESP
- CZE
- SUI
- ISL
- POR
- UKR
- POL
- GRE
- LAT
- SVK
- ROM
- ITA
- MKD

- play-offs matches
- POR - CZE
 - NOR - HUN
 - GRE - SUI
 - UKR - RUS
 - POL - SWE
 - LAT - ESP
 - SVK - FRA
 - MKD - SCG
 - ITA - ISL

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6
1. GRE	1. LAT	1. SVK	1. ROM	1. ITA	1. MKD
2. LTU	2. TUR	2. BIH	2. NOR	2. AUT	2. FIN
3. EST	3. CYP	3. NED	3. FAR	3. BLR	3. BEL
4. BUL					

- CROATIA ← defending champion
- TUNISIA ← organiser
- GERMANY
- SLOVENIA
- DENMARK ← ranked 1-3 at EURO 2004 SLO

- CZECHIA
- NORWAY
- GREECE
- RUSSIA
- SWEDEN
- SPAIN
- FRANCE
- SERBIA&M.
- ICELAND

qualified from the play-offs matches



2005 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP Qualification Europe

directly qualified for play-off matches

- play-offs matches
- SWE - CRO
 - AZE - AUT
 - CZE - ROM
 - NED - ESP
 - MKD - SCG
 - BLR - UKR
 - POL - GER
 - POR - SLO

- RUS
- GER
- UKR
- ROM
- ESP
- SLO
- AUT
- FRA
- SCG
- CRO
- SWE
- CZE
- BLR
- NED

- POR
- AZE
- POL
- MKD

Group 1 Group 2

1. POR	1. POL
2. AZE	2. MKD
3. BUL	3. SVK
4. GRE	4. LTU
5. SUI	5. ISL
6. ITA	6. TUR

- FRANCE ← defending champion
- RUSSIA ← organiser
- NORWAY
- DENMARK
- HUNGARY ← ranked 1-3 at EURO 2004 in HUN

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will qualify from the play-off matches

qualified from qualification tournaments

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2004 OLYMPIC GAMES IN ATHENS (IOC EVENT)

The 2004 Olympic Games took place in Athens from 14.08 - 29.08.2004. Denmark made Olympic handball history by winning the gold medal for the third consecutive time after 7m throws, while Croatia beat Germany by a narrow margin, winning the Olympic title for a second time (1996 Atlanta was the previous time). All European teams represented at the Olympics fared well as you can see below:

MEN'S COMPETITION

- | | | |
|--------|--------|---------|
| 1. CRO | 5. FRA | 9. ISL |
| 2. GER | 6. GRE | 10. BRA |
| 3. RUS | 7. ESP | 11. SLO |
| 4. HUN | 8. KOR | 12. EGY |



FINAL MATCHES

HUN : RUS	26:28 (10:13)	place 3/4
CRO : GER	26:24 (11:12)	final



WOMEN'S COMPETITION

FINAL MATCHES

UKR : FRA	21:18 (10:10)	place 3/4
DEN : KOR	36:38 (14:14, 11:11, 4:4, 5.5, 4:2)	final

- | | | |
|--------|--------|---------|
| 1. DEN | 5. HUN | 9. ANG |
| 2. KOR | 6. ESP | 10. GRE |
| 3. UKR | 7. BRA | |
| 4. FRA | 8. CHN | |



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EHF EVENTS

7th ORDINARY EHF CONGRESS

The 7th EHF Ordinary Congress took place from 7-8 May 2004 in Nicosia/Cyprus. 184 delegates from all 46 EHF nations were present for Congress. This included participants from EHF member nations, members of EHF bodies, guests from the IHF, and the EHF partners. The Congress was officially opened by EHF President Staffan Holmqvist/SWE. The President of the Republic of Cyprus - Tasos Papadopoulos - was also present to welcome the participants and give a keynote speech. Other keynote speeches were given by Hassan Moustafa/IHF, Titos Christofides/Cyprus Sport Organisation, Lordos Demetris/Cyprus Olympic Committee, Klaus Anders /Infront and Sascha Janzen/adidas.

The official Congress business commenced with reports from all the EHF bodies including a business report, on the last period (2000-



2004), by the President. The major point on the agenda were obviously the elections to the EHF bodies. There were a total of 76 candidates for 28 positions. The exact new make-up of the EHF Executive Committee and the other Bodies can be found in the 'Management' section of this Annual Report. Tor Lian/NOR will lead the European Handball Federation for the period of 2004-2008. He took over from Staffan Holmqvist/SWE who was President of the EHF since its foundation in 1991.



Motions

The second day of the Congress included discussions on the motions tabled and matters relating to finance. Motions were tabled by both the EHF and member federations - motions related to the size of the EHF bodies, national team competition structure and qualifications, expansion of the Women's Champions League, modification of the Challenge Cup, compensation of education for European transfers and referee payments. Changes that were agreed upon by the

Congress included:

- Modification of the Challenge Cup with the first round of the Challenge Cup being played in a group system: a minimum of 3 and maximum of 4 teams. The group matches are to be played at one venue on one weekend.

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- Establishment of Guidelines for Compensation of Education. A compensation payment system was discussed and introduced for a transition period. Following further specifications by the EHF Executive Committee, the matter was discussed further at the Extraordinary Congress in December.
- The Congress decided upon steps to introduce new rules for referee compensation: the system of compensating referees has since been newly regulated in direct correlation to the type of match being refereed.



Motions

An important section of the Congress was the awarding of the 2006-2008 EHF Top Events. As you can see below:

2006 Men's European Championship
26.01 - 05.02.2006

▶ **Switzerland SUI**

2008 Men's European Championship
17.01 - 27.01.2008

▶ **Norway NOR**

2006 Women's European Championship
07.12 - 17.12.2006

▶ **Sweden SWE**

2008 Women's European Championship
04.12 - 14.12.2008

▶ **Fyro Macedonia MKD**

2006 Men's 18 European Championship
28.07 - 06.08.2006

▶ **Estonia EST**

2006 Men's 20 European Championship
11.08 - 20.08.2006

▶ **Austria AUT**

2007 Women's 17 European Championship
27.0 - 05.08.2007

▶ **Slovakia SVK**

2007 Women's 19 European Championship
10.08 - 19.08.2007

▶ **Turkey/TUR**

2006 EHF Congress
05-06.05.2006

▶ **Portugal POR**



EHF EVENTS

New Members

The Congress participants voted unanimously to affiliate England and Scotland as separate members of the European Handball Federation. This means that the number of EHF member federations has now increased to 47. Further talks have been held with Monaco and Kosovo. Kosovo has since been awarded the status of "associated federation" (see 7th Extraordinary Congress)



Special Award of Honour

Janusz Czerwinski /POL, Jean Kaiser/LUX, Gunnar Gunnarsson/ISL, Luis Santos/POR, Yiannos Demetriou/CYP were awarded with a "Special Award of Honour of the European Handball Federation".

Honorary Members and Special Awards

Award of Honorary President

President Staffan Holmqvist/SWE left his office after 12 years of service to a standing ovation for his outstanding contribution to the entire European Handball Federation and handball in general. His work was honoured with the award of "Honorary President of the European Handball Federation".

Treasurer Karl Guntzel/SUI was awarded with the title of "Honorary Member of the European Handball Federation". He was a member of the EHF Executive Committee since the EHF was founded in 1991 and this award is to honour his work in European handball.

All have served the European Handball Federation and European handball in general for three EHF electoral periods. The Congress participants met the prize ceremony with a standing ovation.

The nations Russia (2002) and Hungary (2003) were honoured as the top nations in European handball.



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6th EHF CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS

42 EHF nations gathered in Vienna for the 6th edition of the Conference of Presidents, which took place on 6 November. Tor Lian gave the President's Report on the activities of the EHF since the 2004 Congress back in May. The delegates invested time to prepare for the IHF Congress, which took place in December. Topics which were focused on included discussions on the motions relating to the Statutes, with the aim to exchange information in order to establish the European position. The agenda for the Extraordinary Congress

was defined including motions relating to changes to the EHF legal status, the confirmation of the system affecting transfers "Compensation of Education" and the European Championship qualification system which resulted from the discussions from European Championships and the related Convention.



7th EHF EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS

The EHF held the 7th Extraordinary Congress on Sunday 18th December in Budapest. This was the first time that the EHF had held a Congress during the final weekend of a European Championship. 41 Member Federations represented. Matters on the agenda and decided upon were:

The future format of the European Championship Qualification System was discussed. The Congress agreed to retain the present system of qualification, followed by play-offs in home and away matches. As proposed at the European Championship Convention, which took place in Vienna back in November, a working group was called up and nominated by the Executive Committee shortly after the

Congress. It is made-up of members from European member federations representing a wide-spectrum of interests.

The system of Compensation of Education for Players, transitionally introduced on 1st July 2004, was confirmed by the Congress. A Working Group has been called up to evaluate the legal provisions for future adaptations.

Kosovo was accepted as an "associated federation" of the EHF: This will allow Kosovo to take part in club competitions on a European level, be involved in referee and delegate matters and development programmes.

EHF EVENTS

SEMINARS

Coaches' Seminar

The final weekend of the Men's European Championship in Slovenia also saw an EHF Coaches' Seminar. 80 participants from 26 countries, including 5 non-European nations took part in the course which also included tickets for the final matches of EURO 2004. The following people contributed to the course: M. Bon/SLO, P. Kovacs/HUN and Y. Sevim/TUR, who are all EHF Lecturers, shared

the podium with L. Cervar/CRO, A. Lapajne/SLO and A. Praznik/SLO. As with all EHF courses, a CD-ROM with the complete course documentation was produced and can be found online at www.eurohandball.com and also on the AR 2004 CD-ROM.



Youth Coaches' Seminar / CZE

The EHF made the most of the final weekend of the 2004 Women's 19 European Championship by organising a Youth Coaches' Course. Over 160 participants from 21 nations were in the Czech Republic for the course. Top EHF lecturers were there to take them through the programme which focused on areas relating to technical and tactical preparations. The EHF lecturers were: Bert Bower/NED, Francisco Sanchez/ESP and Jan Pospisil/CZE under the leadership of Frantisek Taborsky - Chairman of the EHF MC.

Master Coach Seminar

The bi-annual Rinck Convention Master Coach Seminar took place in Nice from 8-10 October 2004. Representatives from 18 Member Federations attended for the seminar in Nice, these included the 14 member nations and the four countries that were interested in joining the Convention (BEL, CYP, LUX, and NED). 35 top experts attended the course led by Ton van Linder (EHF MC Methods and Coaching). Doru Simion from the EHF Office supported Mr van Linder. Three top coaches from France, who had already attained the status of "Master Coach", also contributed to the course.

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European Championship Convention

On 7 November 2004, the European Championship Convention took place. Different variations for a qualification system were presented, including the current system (no. 1) - with qualification groups and play-off matches, a second proposal to introduce B European Championships with "promotion" and "relegation" possibilities, the third proposal would entail a system with purely home and away games, distributed over the entire qualification period and the fourth is a mixture of B European Championship groups in the first phase and home and away matches in the second phase.

The forum was actively participated in, arguments for and against the different systems were exchanged and discussed. A Working Group will be established in order to work-out a future system with home and away games only for qualifications. This would then come into effect as of 2008. The working group will take account of all sporting, economic and marketing factors with special attention being paid to the media coverage.



WORKSHOPS

2004/2005 Champions League Workshop

The Men's 2004/2005 Champions League Workshop took place on the 21 September and the Women's Champions League Workshop on 18 November 2004 at the EHF Headquarters in Vienna. Club representatives had the opportunity to meet with the EHF marketing and TV partners. The EHF used the event to discuss important Champions League issues, especially in regard to marketing and TV. It also provided the participants with an ideal opportunity to discuss organisational matters.

The EHF had the pleasure of introducing the clubs to UNIQA, the new CL sponsor for the 2004/2005 Season. The Champions League was also pleased to announce that a cooperation agreement has been established with Infront Sports & Media. The new partnership between the CL and Infront is a positive step forward. Infront has been working alongside the EHF in cooperation with the European Championship for more than a decade. adidas, the official provider of the CL handball, distributed new equipment amongst the participants, which included handballs of a new design!

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EHF EVENTS

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Team Sport Federations - cooperation on a technical level

Technical staff from FIBA (basketball), IIHF (ice-hockey) and UEFA (football) joined the EHF at the EHF headquarters in Vienna on 17th February for a meeting to discuss cooperation on a technical level. The meeting concentrated on the exchange of information in areas such as training and education of referees, coaching clinics, development programmes, promotional campaigns as well as the exchange of experts/expertise. The representatives at the meeting agreed to work together and exchange information on 'daily business' regularly.



EHF Cooperation Visit

The President of the European Handball Federation - Tor Lian - and the Secretary General - Michael Wiederer - travelled to Zagreb, Croatia on 4th August for a two day cooperation visit. This was the first visit of its kind to Croatia. As one of the most successful and active EHF member federations, there was much to discuss during the meeting. The EHF and the Croatian Handball Federation

discussed their partnership. European and international competitions. Matters relating to the 2004 IHF Congress, regional leagues as part of a European-wide system, international youth camps and also their possible candidature for the 2009 Men's World Championship were also brought up.



Agreement of Cooperation

In 2004, the European Handball Federation entered into a new Agreement of Cooperation with the Union Sportive des Polices D'Europe. Vice-president Jean Brihault and Sec. General Michael Wiederer from the EHF were present at the finals of the 12th Men's European Police Handball Championships in June 2004 to hand-over the Agreement of Cooperation.

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Infront underlines alliance to EHF

2004 saw the strengthening of the longstanding partnership between the TV and marketing partner Infront and the EHF. Infront has extended its European Championship agreement with the EHF to encompass the 2008 and 2010 Men's and Women's European Championships.

Since its introduction in 1994, the Men's and Women's European Championships have secured a place on the international market and the product has become the Top Event of the European Handball Federation. Each Championship brings with it record figures. The Men's European Championship in 2004 was watched by 600 million viewers world-wide.



Infront has also shown its alliance to the EHF by supporting the Champions League in its development on a regional basis.



New EHF partnership with Gerflor

On 1st July 2004, the EHF entered into an agreement with Gerflor Sports Flooring. They are now the Official Flooring Supplier for EURO Events. The European Handball Federation revolutionised the traditional handball court with the introduction of the famous "yellow and blue flooring system without any lines" in 1998. The distinguished colour system has since become the hallmark of the

EHF Top Events. Taraflex Sports Flooring by Gerflor will continue the "yellow and blue" tradition. The agreement included the 2004 European Championships, including the Younger Age Category European Championships in Serbia & Montenegro and Latvia, and will continue to 2010.

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EHF PARTNERS

UP TO 31.12.2004

The EHF partners are an integral part of the future of handball. They are the catalysts in shaping European handball and have played an essential role development of the European Handball Federation.

Infront

Infront is the exclusive commercial partner of the European Handball Federation for the European Handball Championships (men's and women's events). This is a long-standing and successful relationship which commenced in 1993 and has recently been renewed until 2010. Infront markets the television rights, media rights and main sponsorship packages including commercial rights for rotating and static boards, floor advertising and other arena signage. Infront is also a regional partner for the Champions League since this year.

adidas

The official EHF partner for sporting equipment and clothing up to 2009. The EHF partnership with adidas began in 1992. They supply top class balls and sports clothing for the EHF Top Events and EHF delegates and lecturers.

Nijha

The EHF official partner and official goal supplier for EURO events and Beach Handball supplier up to 2008. The newly developed Nijha goals meet the necessary requirements for top European handball events. Its partnership with the EHF commenced in 2002 for the Men's European Championship in Sweden. Nijha will be supplying the goals for the European Championships up to 2008.



The EHF would like to thanks all its partners and sponsors for their support in 2004:

Gerflor

The official EHF partner and flooring supplier for the European Championships up to 2010. Gerflor is a new partner of the EHF (since 2004) and will supply the famous "yellow and blue" flooring system of the European Championships and YAC European Championships - which has become the unmistakable trademark for these Top Events.

The Grawe Group

The Grawe Group joined the EHF for the second time as a partner for the European Championships

Wige-Data / Wige Innovation

EHF statistics and website partner for the European Championships. They have been supplying the statistics and TV graphics for the EURO events since 1998. They also supply the technical framework for the official EURO website.

The EHF would also like to thank the former partners for their support and contribution: **Sport Court Inc. , Con Sport**

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MEETINGS



Outgoing Executive Committee

In 2004 the EHF Executive Committee met a total of 8 times.

EHF Executive Committee

30./31.01.	Ljubljana/SLO	11./12.06.	Vienna/AUT
12./13.03.	Vienna/AUT	24./25.09.	Oslo/NOR
06.05.	Nicosia/CYP	06.11	Vienna/AUT
09.05.	Nicosia/CYP	17./19.12.	Budapest/HUN

EHF Competitions Commission

10./11.01.	Vienna/AUT
06.05.	Nicosia/CYP
08.05.	Nicosia/CYP
25./26.06.	Vienna/AUT
16./17.10.	Vienna/AUT

In 2004 the EHF Competitions Commission met a total of 5 times and the EHF Methods Commission met a total of 5 times.

EHF Methods Commission

10./11.01.	Vienna/AUT
06.05.	Nicosia/CYP
08.05.	Nicosia/CYP
24./25.06.	Vienna/AUT
16./17.10.	Vienna/AUT

Outgoing Commissions



EHF Court of Appeal

06.05.	Nicosia/CYP
08.05.	Nicosia/CYP

In 2004 the EHF Court of Appeal met twice and the EHF Comptrollers met three times.

EHF Comptrollers

02.03.	Vienna/AUT
06.05.	Nicosia/CYP
08.05.	Nicosia/CYP

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INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

The European Handball Federation places great emphasis and invests many resources in its information and communication strategy. It is of prime importance that the developments follow the new advances in technology and this is therefore an area which is continuously evolving and changing. The selection of the optimum communication channels is essential. The vast majority of EHF information is now based on digital technologies as a wider audience can be reached, in a shorter time and is more cost effective.

The image of handball is so important to guarantee the placement of the products on the sporting market and to ensure the future

development of the sport. The EHF is very much aware of this fact and strives to deliver the right messages and provide the handball world with the information it needs.

Work in this area will continue and intensify in 2005, with the clear objective to build-on the present of the image of handball and optimize it even further, with new initiatives and strategically defined goals.

Over the next few pages you can read about the work which is currently being done in this area and the methods which are being used.



EHF NEWS

The EHF News is a well-known and crucial part of the EHF Communication Strategy. Roughly 150 editions of the news are sent out over the year to keep the handball world informed about the latest happenings in European handball. In 2004, the EHF developed a new mailing system - known as ADREMA - for the transmission of the news. It can now be sent to unlimited e-mail addresses at just the touch of a button. All new releases are also available to download at eurohandball.com.

In 2004, the EHF also introduced REFEREE NEWS. This is available for all at eurohandball.com and is published twice a year. It provides a wide-spectrum of information for all those interested in refereeing and delegate matters. It serves as a forum for new initiatives, the transmission of new information and is the optimum way to introduce the referees to the handballing world and speak about this important part of the sport.

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PUBLICATIONS; VIDEOS; CD-ROMS...

Regular EHF Publications

In keeping with the traditional idea of knowledge is power; the EHF has been continually working to keep the information channels open. This year being no exception! Our regular publications such as the Annual Report, Wall Calendar and the traditional EHF informational booklets - the foundations of the EHF Communication Plan, have been accompanied this year by 16 additional publications.



Event publications

- European Championship Guides 2004 (HUN,SLO,TUR,SCG,CZE,LAT)
- 2004 RINCK Convention Master Coach Seminar / FRA (Documentation)
- The Champions League Broadcasters Manual

Videos

- 2004 European Beach Handball Championships / TUR - Promotion Video
- 2004 European Handball Championship / SLO - Promotion Video
- Coaches' Course 04 / SLO (Course Documentation) -VHS Video
- EHF Referee's Teaching Video

Farewell to the print version of the EHF Periodical!

After 10 informative years and 22 issues of the EHF technical magazine, we bid farewell to the print version of the Periodical. To replace the bi-annually printed journal, will be a Periodical Internet version. Changing the format of the periodical in essence means everyone who has an interest can gain access to the reports. The reports themselves will be updated more frequently. The EHF thanks its contributors and readership for the past 10 years and hope you will enjoy the online version of the periodical!

Specials

- The printed booklet of the entire squad list from the 16 participating national teams at EURO 2004 in Hungary.
- The pocket sized EURO 2004 Match Schedule cards

CD-roms / DVDs

- Coaches' Course 04 in CZE (Documentation) - CD-ROM+DVD
- Coaches' Course 04 in SLO (Documentation) - CD-ROM+Video
- 2004 Men's European Handball Championship / SLO (Analyses) - CD-ROM
- 2004 European Beach Handball Championships / TUR (Documentation) -CD-ROM
- 2004 European Beach Handball Championships / TUR (Analyses)
- Official Champions League Theme Tune - CD-ROM
- 2003/2004 European Cup Results

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EHF ON THE WEB...

The EHF sees the web as the perfect medium to reach as many people as possible. For this very reason, the EHF invests a great deal of resources in the continuous development of this area. The well-known eurohandball.com address forms the framework for all internet activities.

2004 saw many changes and developments, especially in the area known at the EHF as "Methods and Development". The "Info Centre" at eurohandball.com was redeveloped to give a better overview of all the information available - this includes information ranging from school handball, coaching, refereeing and publications - to name but a few.

As was the case in 2003, the EHF developed its sub domains further. The European Beach Handball Tour was completely computerised, with all administration completed via an online solution. Handball at School was also administered online, which obviously ensures access for all users. 2005 will see the development of the domain reserved for the Men's and Women's Champions League. This will go online in time for the start of the Women's Champions League Group Matches in January 2005.



OFFICIAL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP WEBSITE

The Official European Championship Website has become an integral part of the European Championship Communications Strategy due to its success. The service offers the latest news; statistics, photos and results live from the event. New, additional interactive features are also available for all handball fans.

The EHF works in partnership with its longstanding partner Infront to offer this service. For the 2004 Men's European Championship alone, the website enjoyed over 22 million hits!!



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Awarding of the status "EHF REFEREE"

This season there are 140 international referee couples from 41 EHF member federations. Further candidates will be observed during the course of the season

In 2004, the EHF continued with its policy to award the status of "EHF Referee" through observation of the couples in their home country. EHF experts observe the couples while the refereeing pair in question officiate a match. Upon completion of the process, they are informed whether they have been successful or not. 17 couples were awarded EHF Referee status in 2004:

Karl Riga / Sigurd Thomassen (BEL)

Andrijan Knezovic / Ante Knezovic (BIH)

Boris Satordzija / Sasa Pandzic (BIH)

Yonko Vutov / Silviya Markovska (BUL)

Tihomir Kasunic / Drazen Matovina (CRO)

Milan Hajek / Karel Macho (CZE)

Peter Horvath / Balazs Marton (HUN)

Yaron Ben-Dan / Asaf Faran (ISR)

Roberto Scevola / Tal Alperan (ITA)

Andrius Grigalionis / Mindaugas Mocevicius (LTU)

Ed van Eck / Peter Bol (NED)

Kim Andersen / Per Morten Sædal (NOR)

Eurico Nicolau / Ivan Caçador (POR)

Ales Veber / Damjan Janez Pangerc (SLO)

André Philipp Buache / Philippe von Escher (SUI)

Peter Brunovsky / Vladimir Canda (SVK)

Kürsad Erdogan / Ibrahim Özdeniz (TUR)

van Linder (NED)

Prause (GER)

Prause (GER)

Andorka (HUN)

Jørgensen (DEN)

Andorka (HUN)

Jug (SLO)

Vujnovic (CRO)

van Linder (NED)

Ambrus (SVK)

Jørgensen (DEN)

Jørgensen (DEN)

Vujnovic (CRO)

Lang (AUT)

Jug (SLO)

Andorka (HUN)

Andorka (HUN)



IHF Referee Course (CZE)

The "IHF Referee Course" was held in Zlin and Olomouc (CZE) during the W19 ECh (30.7. - 8.8.2004). This course was intended for non-IHF referees. The course, lead by IHF Lecturer Ole Christian/DEN and Jozef Ambrus/SVK (IHF PRC), gave 9 refereeing couples the opportunity to gain IHF status. The following candidates were successful:

Hintenaus * / Schneider (AUT)

Gousko / Repkin (BLR)

Horacek / Novotny (CZE)

Gjeding / Hansen (DEN)

Dobrovits / Tajok (HUN)

Baranowicz / Lemanowski (POL)

Pavicevic / Vujusic (SCG)

Hagen * / Hallberg (SWE)

Kouz / Zgoba (UKR)

(*Holds IHF status)

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YOUNG REFEREES' PROJECT

The EHF platform of development for up-and-coming referees - Young Referees Project - reached a peak in 2004, all in all 79 referee couples from 30 European member nations are currently taking part in the programme, which was established five years ago to give young referees the opportunity to gain valuable experience on the international sporting stage.



The ISF World School Championships took place in Miskolc/HUN from 12 - 19 March 2004. 18 couples took part in the Championships:

Dimitrov / Dimitrov (BUL)
 Bashev / Tolmazof (BUL)
 Crnojevic / Kostecky (CRO)
 Radova / Truneckova (CZE)
 Birch / Stenrand (DEN)
 Ulitin / Rattb (EST)
 Andorka / Hucker (HUN)
 Hargitay / Marko (HUN)
 Cernavskis / Bogdanovs (LAT)

Mykolaitis / Sniurevicius (LTU)
 Mitrevski / Todorovski (MKD)
 Oxaas / Jorum (NOR)
 Cacador / Nicolau (POR)
 Dos Santos / Foncesa (POR)
 Ilievich / Akimov (RUS)
 Mandak / Rudinsky (SVK)
 Eglengul / Ömer (TUR)
 Kösse / Komürcü (TUR)

The 2004 Women's Challenge Trophy took place in Mezzocorona/ITA from 28.04 - 02.05.2004. 5 referee couples took part of the event:

Scevola / Alperan (ITA)
 Dimitrijevic / Jakovljevic (SCG)
 Mansson / Mansson (SWE)

Craciunescu / Tanislav (ROM)
 Simsek / Ünlü (TUR)

In 2004, 27 couples gained the - now much sought after - "FUTURE REFEREE" Badge. The EHF offered opportunities at four international handball tournaments: ISF World School Championships, 2004 Women's Challenge Trophy, 2004 Prague Cup and 2004 Women's Youth Championship Tournament.

The 2004 Women's Youth Championship Tournament took place once again during the Partille Cup. This was where the first YRP Course took place. In 2004, 10 couples travelled to Sweden from 29 June - 04 July 2004:

Karaula / Matic (CRO)
 Vad / Krabbe (DEN)
 Syrepisios / Papamatheo (GRE)
 Gudlaugsson / Hallsson (ISL)
 Prakapas / Purvys (LTU)

Arntsen / Puntervold (NOR)
 Nicholson / McCreddie (SCO)
 Kikel / Zupan (SLO)
 Guyot / Stalder (SUI)
 Hansson / Nillsson (SWE)

The 2004 Prague Cup took place from 08 - 12 April 2004 all around the Czech city of Prague. Four couples were selected for the course.

Brkic / Jusufhodzic (AUT)
 Kulik / Nabokau (BLR)

Blanicky / Humpolicek (CZE)
 Selge / Asszonyi (EST)

Nominated to EC :

Brkic / Jusufhodzic (AUT)
 Madsen / Hansen (DEN)
 Devay / Dougarem (FRA)
 Andorka / Hucker (HUN)
 Cernavskis / Bogdanovs (LAT)

Mykolaitis / Sniurevicius (LTU)
 Churilov / Kaveshnikov(RUS)
 Johansson / Kliko (SWE)
 Eglengul / Omer (TUR)

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Fair Play

A part of the European Union project the "European Year of Education through Sport" is to promote the idea of Fair Play in sport events in Europe and to implement the spirit as a basic principle for all parties involved. The European Handball Federation has been stressing the importance of the Fair Play spirit for many years now and obviously welcomed the opportunity to work with the European Union in this initiative.

Fair Play initiatives were visibly implemented in all competitive and non-competitive activities relating to the 2004 Men's and Women's European Championships and YAC Championships:

Teams, players and officials made a "Fair Play" commitment in the first meetings just before the championship began.

Each team was accompanied by a "mascot" when they entered the playing court prior to the match. The child held the captain's hand and was kitted out with a European Union "Move your Body, Stretch your Mind" T-shirt.

The players and officials also shook hands before and after the match.

A special award was also given to the "Player of the Match", with each team nominating the best player from the other team.

The spectators were also integrated into the initiative as a Fair Play message was read out to all in the hall before the start of the match.

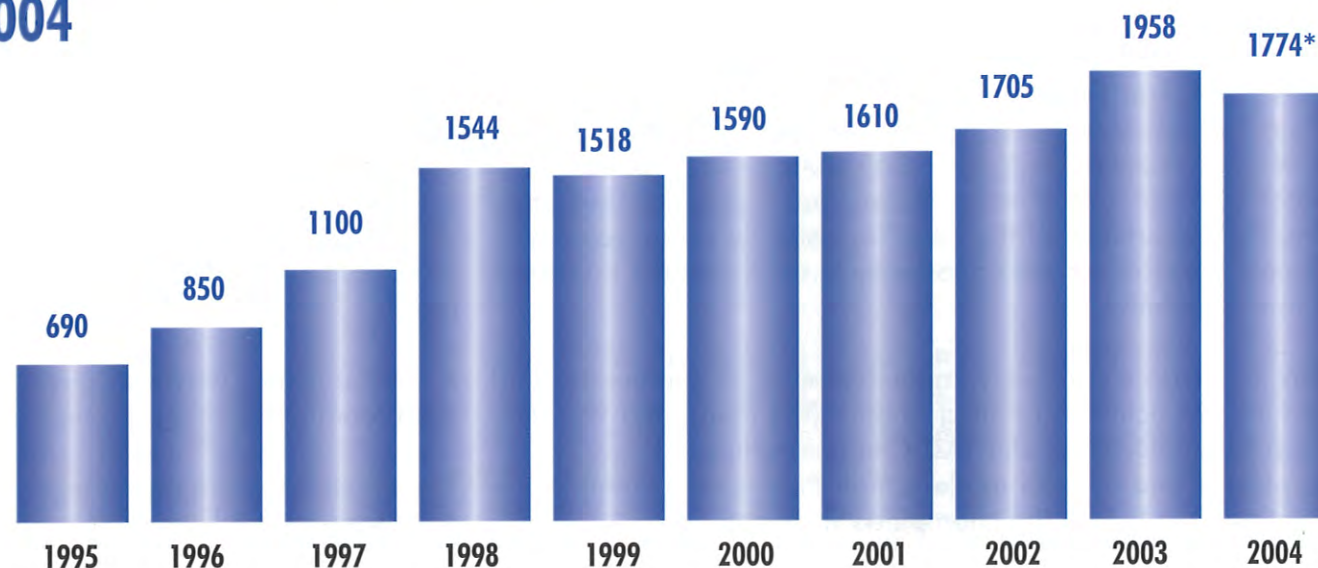


Shoot out

2004 saw a new EHF initiative in the form of a shoot-out competition - a new idea and rule experiment. The shoot-out procedure finds its origin in Beach Handball. The "shoot-out" is a match decision, where court players and goalkeepers practise a fast break. 5 players take throws alternating with the opposing team. The winner is the team that has scored more goals after 5 throws.

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TRANSFERS 1995 - 2004



As in previous years, the department responsible for International transfers has had to deal with continual developments in this area, the majority of changes are as a result of new aspects coming to light as a result of the enlargement of the European Union and the legal consequences for those countries who have joined the EU.

The most important change in the actual handling of international transfers - education compensation for clubs / national teams - in Europe became valid as of July 1st 2004, as result of motions passed during the EHF Congress in Cyprus.

Compensation for education can be requested in the case of the transfer of contract players from the age of 16 to 23 years old. The maximum amounts refer to 2,500 Euro / per season for the releasing club and 500 Euro / per season for the releasing

federation in case of a national player.

At the EHF Extraordinary Congress in Budapest that took place on the 18th of December 2004, confirmed the validity of the respective change.

In 2004 the EHF Office dealt with approximately 1800 transfer cases. In the first few months of 2005, the international transfers department will be dealing with the decisions made in the cases of educational compensation.

In regards to this particular topic, more information can be found on the EHF homepage.

* No° of transfers completed as of 20th December 2004

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DEVELOPMENT PROJECT - "SMART" Programme

In 2004, the EHF continued to support the developing handball nations. The EHF invests a great deal of its resources to boost handball in all corners of Europe and in all areas of the sport. Eleven nations profited from the programme in 2004. The assistance is usual based on the donation of handball materials. Over 1 000 balls were part of the project this past year, 3 lecturers were nominated and 11 line systems for Beach Handball were supplied.

Long-term support was given to four countries under the auspices of the SMART Programme. These included Albania, Azerbaijan, Bosnia Herzegovina and Moldova. This support will be provided for a 3 year period, with the EHF offering essential supervision and assistance along the way.



"RINCK" CONVENTION

The "Rinck" Convention came about in 1997. It was the result of much work by then EHF Methods Commission Chairman Claude Rinck and was the answer to a European Union initiative concerning the mutual recognition of standards and certificates in the field of coaches' education in handball in Europe. The Convention will now enter its 8th year. There are currently 14 signatory nations; in May

2004, Croatia and Slovenia became signatory members during the 7th EHF Ordinary Congress. There are currently 55 top coaches who have been awarded the title of "EHF Master Coach"

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European Beach Handball Tour

Following the outstanding success of the 2003 EBT, the EHF decided to integrate the tour into the official EHF event calendar of 2004. As was the case in the previous year, the tour administration was entirely carried-out on the web, with a specially designed web solution at <http://ebt.eurohandball.com>. Overall, 41 tournaments took place in 14 European countries, with 91 teams registering for the tour.



EBT 03 Masters

The 2004 Beach Tour season actually got under way with the finals from the 2003 season in the form of a EBT Masters tournament, where the elite of the 2003 Tour met to decide who was the overall winner. This took place in Salerno/ITA from 29 - 30 May 2004.

In the men's edition, the team from Serbia & Montenegro LETO2002.COM won and in the women's event, the Italian team of Policastelliri were the victors.

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| 1. LETO2002.COM | SCG |
| 2. TSG Münster | GER |
| 3. Vipren Gades | ESP |

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| 1. Policastelliri | ITA |
| 2. Sloga A | CRO |
| 3. Salerno Beachers | ITA |

The EBT 04 will take place in the middle of May 2005 in Suances/Spain

In the men's edition of the event, the Croatian teams dominated as was indeed the case in 2003:

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| 1. | BM Playa Alcalá | ESP |
| 2. | RASLJARI | CRO |
| 3. | BM Playa Toscares | ESP |
| 4. | Balonmano-Playa Barbate | ESP |
| 5. | COBANCI | CRO |
| 6. | POPESCU | CRO |
| 7. | Tresnja Klub | CRO |
| 8. | Sand Devils Minden | GER |
| 9. | DUGI RAT | CRO |
| 10. | Salon tepiha | CRO |

This was also the case for the women's tour:

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| 1. | WBHC Kontesa Nera | CRO |
| 2. | HLADNO PIVO | CRO |
| 3. | XXS-Team | GER |
| 4. | BHC NEMECIS | GRE |
| 5. | Sponzoruše | CRO |
| 6. | Bumblebee Wildeshausen | GER |
| 7. | Ferrecirk | HUN |
| 8. | BALONMANO TRIANA TECNOCASA | ESP |
| 9. | MTV Wisch | GER |
| 10. | ADML | POR |



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EHF TASKS, PROJECTS, NEW INITIATIVES

Handball at School

The EHF produced a package for schools in 2004. The project came under the name of "Handball at School". The aim of this project was to provide schools around Europe with a comprehensive package, with the individual components acting as teaching aids for all teachers introducing handball to children.

The goal partner NIJHA supported the EHF in this project, with over 2 000 packages being sent out in 2004 to 26 Member Federations. This project will be continued into 2005.



The individual components of the package include

- "How to play the Ball" teaching card
- "How to organise a Festival" teaching card
- Videos (mini-handball and basic handball)
- Balls and cones

EHF Lecturers

National Handball Federations in Europe serve as an important forum for the exchange of knowledge and experience. In order to optimise this "pool of know-how", it is crucial to have access to handball experts of different cultures and of different geographical origins. It is also important to have experts who specialise in different areas of handball and who have experience at all levels.

The RINCK Convention (RC) is of vital importance in the enrichment and utilisation of key handball knowledge, all signatory members of the RINCK Convention have the right to



nominate one EHF Lecturer of their choice. The EHF Methods Commission (MC) updates the lecturers' list . The lecturers are then nominated for projects and courses in accordance with their field of expertise.

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Partner of the E.H.F.



Nijha developed the new goal for the European Championships. Goalkeepers and players were very enthusiastic about the quality. The specially designed netsystem gives the goalkeeper more safety.



Specially designed netsystem for more safety, the fastening of the net is inside the post.



Fun for kids

Besides the development of competition equipment, Nijha is also involved in developing special products for youngsters. New ideas with the right equipment will make handball even more fun for kids.



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MANAGEMENT

EHF STRUCTURE

The European Handball Federation was founded in november 1991 and opened for business in 1992. This was accomplished through the foresight of the national handball federations of Europe. The EHF is centred around the alliance between 47 member federations, the elected bodies (Executive Committee & Technical Commission members) and the EHF personnel.

Since its beginnings 13 years ago, the structure has adapted and changed to keep up with the ever evolving trends in the sphere of European Handball. In addition to interesting topics and intricate situations with many facets, the EHF has faced many challenges which have all been met with varying degrees of success.

During the EHF conferences and congresses, the working procedures are continually discussed in order to improve the services offered to all the EHF members federations. The EHF Executive Committee work in close cooperation with the personnel, who are responsible for the daily business, at the EHF Vienna headquarters.

The Commissions are an integral part of the EHF, they focus on the technical aspects of the organisation. The Commissions, are responsible for the exchange of experience, knowledge and ideas relating to specific areas of handball. All commissions consist of experts from the affiliated member federations.

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CORPORATE NETWORK



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- EHF EUROPEAN HANDBALL FEDERATION
- ALB FEDERATA SHQIPTARE E HENDBOLLIT
- ARM HANDBALL FEDERATION OF ARMENIA
- AUT ÖSTERREICHISCHER HANDBALL-BUND
- AZE HANDBALL FEDERATION OF AZERBAIJAN
- BEL UNION BELGE DE HANDBALL
- BLR HANDBALL FEDERATION OF BELARUS
- BIH FEDERATION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
- BUL BULGARIAN HANDBALL FEDERATION
- CRO HRVATSKI RUKOMETNI SAVEZ
- CYP CYPRUS HANDBALL FEDERATION
- CZE CESKY SVAZ HANDBOLU
- DEN DANSK HANDBOLFORBUND
- ENG ENGLISH HANDBALL FEDERATION
- ESP REAL FEDERACION ESPAÑOLA DE BALONMANO
- EST ESTONIAN HANDBALL ASSOCIATION
- FAR HONDBOLTSAMLAGINGIÐ
- FIN SUOMEN KÄSIKORPPALTOYSELIÖN KÄSIKORPPALTOYSELIÖN KÄSIKORPPALTOYSELIÖN
- FRA FEDERATION FRANÇAISE DE HANDBALL
- GEO GEORGIAN HANDBALL ASSOCIATION
- GER DEUTSCHER HANDBALLBUND
- GRE HELLENIC HANDBALL FEDERATION
- HUN MAGYAR KEZILABALLOZÁS SZÖVETSÉG
- IRL IRISH OLYMPIC HANDBALL ASSOCIATION

EHF CONGRESS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 elected by the Congress
President
Vice President
Treasurer
Chairman CC
Chairman MC
4 Members

GENERAL SECRETARIAT
 Secretary General
 Ass. Secretary General
 Business Groups
 Business Units

CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS
 delegated by Federations
47 Members

METHODS COMMISSION
 elected by the Congress
Chairman
 Member Methods & Coaching
 Member Education & Training
 Member Youth, School & Non-Comp.sports
 Member Development

COMPETITIONS COMMISSION
 elected by the Congress
Chairman
 Member Men's Competitions
 Member Women's Competitions
 Member Refereeing
 Member Club Competitions

WORKING GROUPS
 delegated by EXEC
 Refereeing
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 Marketing/Media
 Club Competitions
 Beach Handball
 Development
 Athletes
 Transfers
 Education Comp.

EXPERT FORUMS
 nominated by Federations
 Referees, Delegates
 Methods
 Minihandball
 Beach Handball
 Anti-Doping
 Athletes
 Club Competitions
 Marketing & Media
 Development Questions

COURT OF APPEAL
 elected by the Congress
 President
 2 Vice Presidents
5 Members

COMPROLLERS
 elected by the Congress
2 Members
 Substitute

- HANDKNATTLEIKSSAMBAND ISLANDS ISL
- ISRAEL HANDBALL ASSOCIATION ISR
- FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA GIUOCO HANDBALL ITA
- LATVIJAS HANDBOLA FEDERACIJA LAT
- LIECHTENSTEINER HANDBALLVERBAND LIE
- LIETUVOS RANKINIO FEDERACIJA LTU
- LUXEMBOURGEOISE DE HANDBALL LUX
- DBALL FEDERATION OF MOLDOVA MDA
- DONIAN HANDBALL ASSOCIATION MKD
- MALTA HANDBALL ASSOCIATION MLT
- NEDERLANDS HANDBAL VERBOND NED
- NORGES HANDBALLFORBUND NOR
- WIAZEK FILKI RECZNEJ W POLSCE POL
- RACAO PORTUGUESA DE ANDEBOL POR
- FEDERATIA ROMANA DE HANDBALL ROM
- HANDBALL UNION OF RUSSIA RUS
- OF SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO SCG
- ISH HANDBALL ASSOCIATION SCO
- OKOMETNA ZVEZA SLOVENIJE SLO
- RISCHER HANDBALLVERBAND SUI
- SLOVENSKY ZVAZ HADZANEJ SVK
- ENSKA HANDBALLFÖRBUNDET SWE
- KIYE HENTBOL FEDERASYONU TUR
- LLFÖDERATION DER UKRAINE UKR

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MANY THANKS ...

The EHF would like to take this opportunity to thank all those listed below, some of them ended their time for the EHF at the 2004 EHF Congress, others have been elected to new positions. The EHF would like to thank all for their devoted service and contribution to the sport of handball and the handball family throughout Europe.

EHF Executive Committee

1. President: **Staffan Holmqvist/SWE**, 2. Vice-President: **Tor Lian/NOR**, 3. Treasurer: **Karl Gützel/SUI**, 4. CC-Chairman: **Jozef Ambrus/SVK**, 5. MC-Chairman: **Frantisek Taborsky/CZE**, 6. Member: **Laszlo Sinka/HUN**, 7. Member: **Ralf Dejacó/ITA**, 8. Member: **Boris Makarov/RUS**, 9. Member: **Jean Brihault/FRA**

EHF Competitions Commission

1. Chairman: **Jozef Ambrus/SVK**, 2. Member: **Jan Tuik/NED** (Men's competitions), 3. Member: **Helga Magnusdottir/ISL** (Women's competitions), 4. Member: **Sandor Andorka/HUN** (Refereeing), 5. Member: **Leopold Kalin/SLO** (Club Competitions)

EHF Competitions Methods

1. Chairman: **Frantisek Taborsky/CZE**, 2. Member: **Janusz Czerwinski/POL** (Methods and Coaching), 3. Member: **Ton van Linder/NED** (Education and Training), 4. Member: **Jesus Guerrero Beiztegui/ESP** (Youth, School & Non-competitive sports), 5. Member: **Allan Lund/DEN** (Development)

EHF Court of Appeal

1. President: **Jean Kaiser/LUX**, 2. Vice-President: **Rui Coelho/POR**, 3. Vice-President: **Gunnar Gunnarsson/ISL**, 4. Member: **Moshe Herman/ISR**, 5. Member: **Costis Doukas/GRE**, 6. Member: **Alenka Cuderman/SLO**, 7. Member: **Panos Antoniou/CYP**, 8. Member: **Tarik Cengiz/TUR**

EHF Comptrollers

1. Member: **Luis Santos/POR**, 2. Member: **Yiangos Demetriou/CYP**, 3. Substitute: **Helmut Schebeczek/AUT**

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee is the EHF's executive body. It is responsible for all tasks not directly assigned to the Congress by law or statutes. It may delegate tasks to the Managing Office or the Technical Commissions and appoint temporary working groups for special matters.



TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS

The Competitions and the Methods Commissions are the EHF's technical bodies. They are subordinate to the Executive Committee, which may assign areas of authority and responsibility to them, in addition to those laid down in EHF regulations.

Competitions Commission (CC)



1. Chairman: Jsan Tuik/NED, 2. Member: Jesus Guerrero/ESP (Men's competitions), 3. Member: Helga Magnusdottir/ISL (Women's competitions), 4. Member: Sandor Andorka/HUN (Refereeing), 5. Member: Leopold Kalin/SLO (Club Competitions)

Methods Commission (MC)

1. Chairman: Frantisek Taborsky/CZE, 2. Member: Ton van Linder/NED (Methods and Coaching), 3. Member: Wolfgang Pollany/AUT (Education and Training), 4. Member: Itzhak Frenkel/ISR (Youth, School & Non-competitive sports), 5. Member: Allan Lund/DEN (Development)



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COURT OF APPEAL (COA)

The Court of Appeal is the responsible body for considering and deciding matters in second instance proceedings within the EHF. Issues being decided by the first instance are subject to an appeal, if requested by a party involved accordingly. Decisions taken by the EHF Court of Appeal are final.



1. President: Rui Coelho/POR, 2. Vice-President: Panos Antoniou/CYP, 3. Vice-President: Moshe Herman/ISR, 4. Member: Jana Stasova/SVK, 5. Member: Alenka Cuderman/SLO, 6. Member: Costis Doukas/GRE, 7. Member: Victor Konoplyastyy/UKR 8. Bozidar Djurkovic/SCG

COMPTROLLERS (COMPT)



The comptrollers examine the EHF's accounts and give a written report to the Congress.

1. Member: Helmut Schebeczek/AUT,
2. Member: Wolfgang Gremmel/GER
3. Substitute: Ioannis Karanassos/GRE

EHF REPRESENTATION IN THE IHF BODIES

Council: (Up to 12.2004)

Vice-president Europe - Tor Lian
Member Europe - Karl Güntzel

Commissions:

COC - Alexander Toncourt
PRC - Jozef Ambrus
CCM - Frantisek Taborsky

MC - Petra Platen
CPP - Allan Lund

Council: (From 12.2004)

Vice-president Europe - Tor Lian
Member Europe - Jean Brihault

Commissions:

COC - Alexander Toncourt
PRC - Sandor Andorka
CCM - Frantisek Taborsky

MC - to be defined
CPP - Helmut Höritsch

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EHF AWARDS...

2004 saw the end of an era for some important actors in the foundation of the EHF and its first 12 years. The work of the people listed below will not be forgotten and have been commemorated with special awards.

EHF Honorary Members



1. Hans Jürgen Hinrichs/GER,
2. Claude Rinck/FRA
3. Karl Güntzel/SUI

H. J. Hinrichs, C. Rinck and Karl Güntzel were presented with the "EHF Honorary Members" title at the 5th and 7th Ordinary Congress in Tel Aviv, 2000 and in Nicosia, 2004

EHF Honorary President

S. Holmqvist has been awarded with the "Honorary President of the European Handball Federation" at the 7th Ordinary EHF Congress in Nicosia, 2004



Staffan Holmqvist/SWE

Special Award of Honour

J. Czerwinski, J. Kaiser, G. Gunnarsson, L. Santos and Y. Demetriou have been awarded with a "Special Award of Honour" of the European Handball Federation at the 7th Ordinary EHF Congress in Nicosia, 2004.



1. Janusz Czerwinski/POL,
2. Jean Kaiser/LUX,
3. Gunnar Gunnarsson/ISL,
4. Luis Santos/POR
5. Yiangos Demetriou/CYP

EHF OFFICE STRUCTURE

MANAGEMENT BOARD - BUSINESS GROUPS



* maternity leave
 t. b. e. = to be employed
 p. t. = part time

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1. Michael Wiederer, 2. Markus Glaser, 3. Helmut Höritsch, 4. Alexander Toncourt, 5. Nicole Gundolf, 6. Peter Vargo, 7. Vesna Lazic, 8. Peter Fröschl, 9. Monika Flixeder, 10. Doru Simion,



11. Andrea Sulzbacher, 12. Sevgi Herdem, 13. Sian Rowland, 14. Christoph Gamper, 15. Ines Capek, 16. Nicole Huang, 17. Nadine Biehl, 18. Nicole Gruber, 19. Andrea Moser 20. Marcos Bestilleiro



21. Claudia Brantl 22. Nadja Lacina, 23. Marsha Brown

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2005 EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY...

JANUARY

Men's European Championship - Qualifications
Women's Champions League
Women's European Cup
Men's World Championship

FEBRUARY

Men's European Championship - Qualifications
Women's Champions League
Women's European Cup
Men's World Championship

MARCH

Men's Champions League
Men's European Cup
Women's Champions League
Women's European Cup
Men's U21 World Championship - Qualifications
Women's Under 20 World Championship - Qualifications

APRIL

Men's Champions League
Men's European Cup - " finals/finals
Women's European Cup - " finals
Women's Champions League " finals
Referees' and Delegates' Convention

MAY

Men's Champions League - finals
Men's European Cup - finals
Women's Champions League - finals
Women's European Cup - finals
Women's 17 European Championship - qualifications

JUNE

Men's European Championship - Play-offs
Women's World Championship - Play-offs

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2005 EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY...

JULY

Men's and Women's Beach Handball World Games
Men's 19 European Open Championship
Men's Youth Club Tournament

AUGUST

Men's Under 19 World Championship
Women's Under 20 World Championship
Men's Under 21 World Championship
Women's 17 European Championship

SEPTEMBER

Men's European Cup
Women's European Cup
Men's European Championship for Club Teams

OCTOBER

Men's Champions league
Men's European Cup
Women's European Cup
Women's European Championship for Clubteams

NOVEMBER

Men's Champions League
Men's European Cup
Women's European Championship - Qualifications

DECEMBER

Men's Champions League
Men's European Cup
Women's European Championship - Qualifications
Women's World Championshi

Due to the large number of events, this list does not detail every EHF activity, for a complete overview of the EHF year, click on the CD-rom. Please be aware that certain events are subject to change

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MESSAGE FROM THE EHF SECRETARY GENERAL

2004 saw an immense amount of activity on the European handball front. It was a year like no other and will certainly be difficult to top! Never before has the EHF put its name to so many events. We saw the sport of handball strengthen - the media interest in the sport is sheer proof of this, as was the crowd of over 10 000 for the final of the Women's European Championship. A new record!

And what is in store for us in 2005? It will be a year where the Executive Committee of the EHF will invest intensive efforts to map the long-term strategic path for the placement of handball on the sporting market. The image of the sport will be a major point on the 2005 agenda. The EHF is well aware that the projection of the correct messages to the outside world is of prime importance. We will of course analyse the events of 2004 on a technical level to establish the requirements for the future. Work will be done to increase technical standards even further and move with the developments of the sport.

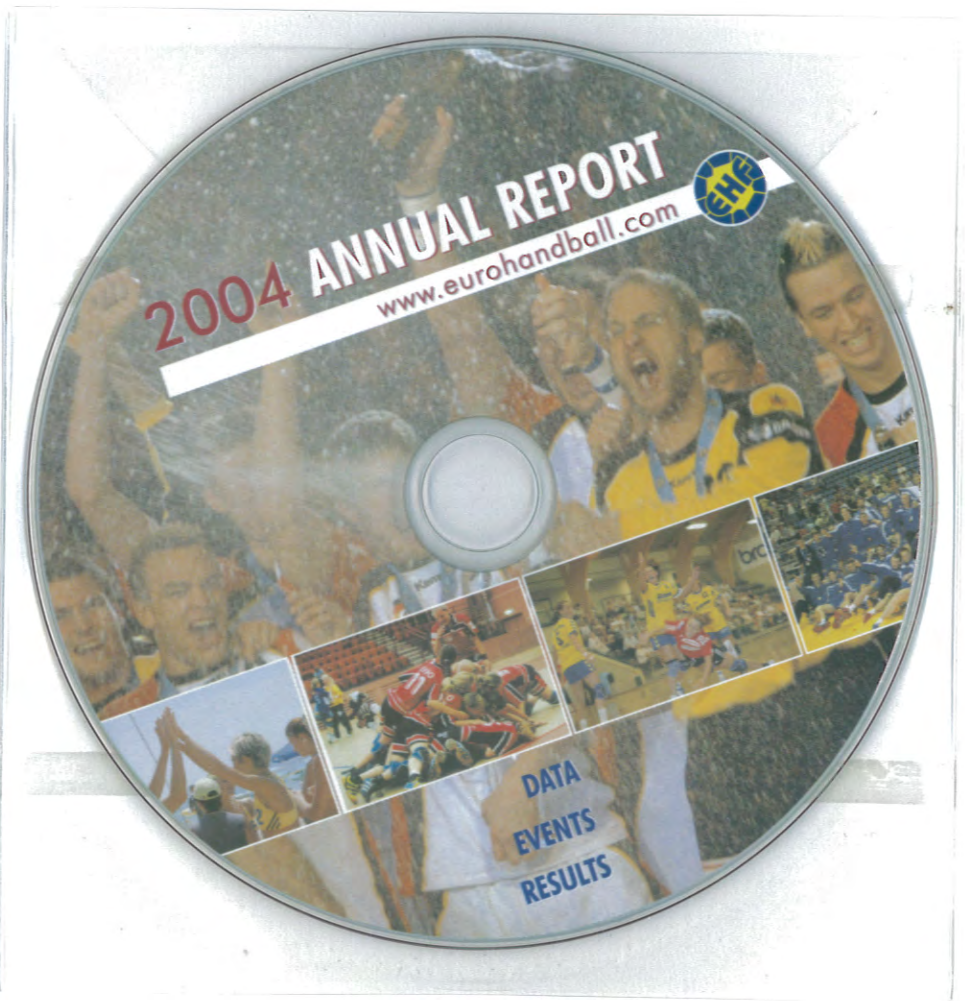
This can only be achieved by working in partnership! We will continue where we left off in 2004 to make 2005 an even better year for handball!

ALL THE BEST
Michael Wiederer



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