

2005 REFEREES' AND DELEGATES' CONVENTION

200 refereeing and delegate experts were in Vienna over the weekend (15 – 17 April 2005) for the 2005 Referees' and Delegates' Convention. This was the first time that the EHF had held such an event, aimed at both referees and delegates. It is usual practise to hold seminars for these target groups separately on alternate years.

Both the EHF referees and delegates play a decisive role at EHF events and can be seen as "facilitators and communicators". The EHF has been investing resources into this area for some time to determine the future direction of this key area and felt it to be important to bring this group of specialists together to set the path for the event management at EHF events and exchange ideas and experiences on setting new standards and precedents in European handball, therefore forming the EHF position on event management and underlining its corporate identity both short and long term.

The event primarily focused around two core areas: EVENT MANAGEMENT and REFEREEING. The event commenced on Friday afternoon with key note speeches opened by Tor Lian, President of the EHF, Michael Wiederer, Secretary General and guest speaker Christer Ahl/USA, PRC President. This was followed by a lively podium discussion between the participants and Marit Breivik, National Women's Coach of Norway, Viggo Sigurdsson, Icelandic Men's National Team Coach and Nodjialen Myaro, French National Team Player and Sport-psychologist. This was chaired by Ton van Linder/ Methods Commission.

The event was structured in such a way so that the participants could contribute as actively as possible. Different workshops took place, led by external lecturers from different team sport federations (UEFA – football, IIHF – ice-hockey, FIBA – basketball, CEV – volleyball) and experts in sport psychology, which then led onto discussions. This was the first time that the EHF has worked so intensively with other team sport federations on a technical level and all involved were very positive about the results.

Workshop 1:	EHF Event Manager/Delegate's Profile	René Eberle UEFA Head of Competition Dave Fitzpatrick Sports Director
Workshop 2:	EHF Referee Profile – Referee of the Future	Yvan Cornu UEFA Head of Refereeing Konstantin Komissarov IIHF Sport Development Manager
Workshop 3:	Cooperation Referees and Delegates	Nodjialen Myaro Player/Psychologist
Workshop 4:	Education and Further Training of Refs/Del in the Future	Dr. Ulrich Vogt Communication Scientist
Workshop 5:	Trend Analysis of the Game/Refereeing	Manfred Prause IHF Rules and Refereeing
Workshop 6:	Referees/Delegates in Basketball	Werner Spreitzer FIBA Commissioner Peter Poiger FIBA Referee



The results of the discussions will now be analysed by the EHF bodies.

To close the event, the results of the discussions were presented and the participants made a symbolic agreement to fulfil all EHF competition related tasks in the interest of professional European handball event management.

