

Report on the 2009 „Rinck“ Convention Seminar for Non-signatory Nations

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The seminar took place in the EHF HQ in Vienna from Jan 10th-11th 2009.

Represented were ITA, MNE, EST, LAT, FIN, IRL, ENG, TUR, ARM by representatives of the respective nations, NED was represented by T. v. Linder who was also one of the main presenters.

The main topics were a brief overview over the actual situation of the coaches education in the single countries.

T. v. Linder gave a historic précis on the development of the “RC” within the EHF including information on the Bologna process and the ENSSEE, ending with the ECTS.

After this there was a short discussion about the perspectives of education in Europe in general and of coach education in the EU in particular.

Next special guest P. MARANDA of the UEFA “Jira” panel gave a comprehensive presentation of the approach and the achievements of the UEFA in terms of a Europe-wide coach license system, including continuation training and support activities.

Because of the number of participants the following workshop was held in the plenary session and dealt with ideas to adapt the UEFA system and the RC and how to find a reasonable strategy to enforce the convention.

The main conclusion seemed to be that a club license system was an indispensable prerequisite for putting the mutual recognition of coaches into effect in terms of legal demand.

In the afternoon H. Höritsch started with the information of the participants on the CAN, followed by D. Simion who gave an actual statement on the current status of the RC including activities of the member federations and procedures to follow for signing and running the membership correctly.

The contribution of W. Pollany about possible support and offers by the EHF for signatory applicants led into the discussion and/or workshop about the respective problems of the nations and possible solutions for formal obstacles.

On the next day the session started with a detailed presentation by N. Huang who explained the different kinds of support programme run by the EHF, namely the SMART and FOSTER project as well as the STP-support.

It was evident that this information was absolutely necessary since the definitions and the purpose of the different systems as well as the financial frame and the time span was absolutely not clear for the representatives of the nations.

In a final round W. Pollany asked the participating representatives to give a serious statement about the status of their respective nations in terms of a planned entry to the RC.

The conclusion was that MNE, ITA, NED and TUR are very keen on participating within a very short term, FIN, IRL and ENG showed clear interest on a mid term signing.

As for EST and LAT they both have to clarify the procedure with their national education and ARM will give notice after consultations with the authorities.

Thanking all participants and cooperators I shall hope that we will have a good number of new signatory nations in the near future therefore making the RC to a strong instrument for the education of handball coaches all over Europe.

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