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Presidium Report 2010

The highlight of 2010 was the organization of in total 6 events among them 4 European Cups in Men, U19, U16 and U13 categories and 2 European Championships in Men and Junior categories. The events were hosted by 3 different countries Denmark, Germany and Switzerland. Hosting Title Events is the main activity for our Federation and is very important in order to promote the skaterhockey sport.

In 2011 we will host more events in more categories and in more countries than ever in the same year. We will have 6 European Cup in Men, Invitation Men Cup, Women, U19, U16 and U13 categories and again 2 European Championships in Men and Junior categories. We will again for the first time since 2009 host a Women Event this is very important for our sport. And we will have a new event "The Men Invitation Cup" is a new tournament event for the age category men senior where we have the most teams. The events in 2011 will be hosted by 5 different countries Austria, Denmark, Germany, Netherlands and Switzerland. The Netherlands are hosting a Title Event again for the first time in 9 years since 2002.

The quality on the Technical side of the tournaments must still be improved and the IISHF will organize an International Referees and Technical Directors course on March 18-20, 2011 in Kaarst, Germany where we will have many participants. The IISHF Presidium has decided that we will invite 30 referees. We are very glad to announce that IISHF will take over all costs for travelling, accommodation and food/drinks during the course for the invited persons.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to the National Member Associations that have take active part in the IISHF Working Groups that was established at the AGM 2010 in Malaga, Spain and who made presentations of their work so far at the EGM 2010 which took place at the Men European Championships in October at Lugano, Switzerland. Presentations were made by Dee Dalton from Great Britain (working group on the Voting System) and Paul Crauwels from The Netherlands (working group on Hosting Title Events) and finally Claes Fréder from Denmark and Stefan Gehrig from Germany (working group on Rules). Next round of presentations of the work of the working groups will take place at the AGM 2011 in Amsterdam.

At the AGM 2010 in Malaga, Spain it was decided that we again would host the AGM in one of our member countries rather than to travel to different places south of the Alps. The Netherlands were so kind to offer to host this years AGM. We would therefore like to extend a special thank you to Paul Crauwels and Saskia van de Weijer for all the work that have done setting up what we expect to be a very good organised AGM 2011 in Amsterdam.

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The IISHF Presidium got a new member at the AGM 2010 in Malaga, Spain since our President for many years Piergiovanni Gionchetta of Switzerland resigned after 10 years of good service. He was replaced in the IISHF Presidium by Jean-Daniel Muller of Switzerland who became the new Vice-President while Erik Sommer of Denmark took over the place as the President of IISHF with Ingo Goerke of Germany continuing his service as the IISHF Finance Director.

We are very happy that Piergiovanni Gionchetta still contributes to the promotion of our Federation now in his function as IISHF Development Manager since the expansion our sport is very important for our future existing as an independent International Sport. Piergiovanni Gionchetta will be present at the AGM in Amsterdam ready to discuss the future plans.

One idea for IISHF is to expand with regional activities around the World. In Europe we have in 2010 had contact with the following countries Portugal, Ireland, France and Liechtenstein. The contacts are the first fase in the establishing of new member countries but in order to enhance our progress here we also need to involve our existing members more than we have done in the previous years.

In North America we have had contact to Canada.

In Asia we have had contacts with a number of countries such as Pakistan, India, Singapore and Hong Kong. It was great pleasure that we can announce that we have invited Pakistan to attend the AGM 2011 in Amsterdam in order to introduce Pakistan as a potentiel new member of our Federation.

I would like to thank all our National Member Associations for their strong support to the IISHF and hope that we can continue to work together to promote the sport we enjoy so much.

Wishing you all the best and we look forward to see many of you soon in Amsterdam.

On Behalf of the IISHF Presidium

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