

NOVEMBER 2010

SLOVENIA – Come & Try Event

Our newest Member Association - Slovenia – ran its first 'come and try curling' day in the Slovenian capital Ljubljana on the 4^{th} of September. Organised by the newly formed Slovenian Curling Association in conjunction with the WCF, the event was a great success drawing more than 300 people. The WCF helped with funding and by organising an icemaker and instructor for the event.

SITE VISITS – Round up

WCF Director of Competitions Keith Wendorf has made a site visit to **Esbjerg, Denmark** for an update on preparations for the Capital One World Women's Curling Championship 2011. For more information about the event see: <u>www.wwcc2011.com</u> WCF Curling Development Officer Richard Harding has been to **Croatia** and **Serbia** to visit potential sites for new curling rinks and to offer advice and support on the proposed projects. Keith Wendorf and I went to **Munich** to meet the Munich 2018 Bid Committee and see and hear about their plans for Curling and Wheelchair Curling should they be successful in their bid for the 2018 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. It is expected that there will be site visits to the other bidding cities in Korea (PyeongChang) and France (Annecy) later this year.

CURLTIME – Timing software for the game of Curling

You can now download a FREE trial version of this software from the WCF website. The software is available to all WCF Member Associations for use at your curling competitions and as a coaching tool. <u>www.worldcurling.org/curltime</u>

DEVELOPMENT – Courses & Clinics

The WCF will run its first Adult Beginners/Novice Clinic in Budapest, Hungary from 25-28 November. From 28-29 November a Level I Technical Instructor course will be organised, also in Budapest. For more information visit: www.wcf-camps-courses.com

Development and Assistance Programme (DAP)

So far this season we have approved 33 DAP applications from 19 Member Associations. They have included applications for equipment from Belgium, New Zealand and Serbia; for producing local language versions of our new rule book; for an open training day for members and new members by the Irish Curling Association and training camps for Juniors from Australia.

Is your Member Association using it's DAP money? Remember that you can apply for up to 12,000 USD of funding from the WCF for approved programmes. Please contact WCF Curling Development Officer Eeva Röthlisberger for further details: <u>eeva.roethlisberger@worldcurling.org</u>



L-R: David Stonič, President Slovenian Curling Association, Kate Caithness & Gregor Rigler, Secretary General, Slovenian Curling Association



L-R: Judith McFarlane from the RCCC (instructor for the event), Gregor Rigler and Eeva Röthlisberger, WCF Development Officer. Photos: Slovenian Curling Association



CurlTime software in use at the World Men's Championship in April, in Cortina, Italy. Photo: courtesy of Paul Smith

PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER



WHEELCHAIR CURLING - Classification Rules

Please note that the classification rules were revised earlier this year: "To be eligible to play in the World Wheelchair Curling Championship (WWhCC) and qualifying events, a player must have substantial demonstrable impairments in leg/gait function and use a wheelchair for daily mobility, or qualify within the eligibility criteria." The amended rules are on our website: www.worldcurling.org/wheelchair-curling

HOST BIDS SOUGHT

The WCF is currently seeking bids to host these future events: World Women's Curling Championship 2013 World Junior Curling Championships 2012 World Wheelchair Curling Championship 2012 World Senior Curling Championships 2012 & 2013 World Mixed Doubles Curling Championship 2012 & 2013 European Junior Curling Challenge 2012 & 2013 World Wheelchair Curling Qualification 2011 & 2012 If you would like to receive more information about the bidding procedure and guidelines, please contact the WCF Secretariat: <u>info@worldcurling.org</u>

UPCOMING EVENTS – November 2010 to January 2011

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
6-12 Nov	World Wheelchair Curling Qualification 2010	Lohja, Finland
16-23 Nov	Pacific Curling Championships 2010	Uiseong, Korea
25-28 Nov	Ist Adult Beginners/Novice Clinic	Budapest, Hungary
28-29 Nov	Level I Technical Instructor	Budapest, Hungary
4-11 Dec	Le Gruyère European Curling Championships 2010	Champéry, Switzerland
10 Dec	WCF Semi-Annual General Assembly	Champéry, Switzerland
3-8 Jan	European Junior Curling Challenge 2011	Prague, Czech Republic
9-16 Jan	Pacific Junior Curling Championships 2011	Naseby, New Zealand
13-16 Jan	World Financial Group Continental Cup 2011	St Albert, AB, Canada

More on www.worldcurling.org

If you wish to share news or information from your association in this newsletter please let us know by contacting the WCF Secretariat: <u>info@worldcurling.org</u>

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Semi-Annual General Assembly in Champéry in December. My next newsletter to you will be published at the end of the year.

Yours in curling

Kate Caithness



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