



The 6th ENGSO Forum, London, 2-5 October 2003 focused on Talent Identification and Development and How municipal and local authorities can help sport at the grass roots level?

The 6th ENGSO Forum was opened by ENGSO President, **Bengt Sevelius**, who thanked the CCPR for the invitation to London and preparations of the event. **Howard Wells**, CCPR Chair, welcomed 56 participants from 19 countries and presented achievements and issues currently facing sport in the UK. This introduction was completed by Professor **Margaret Talbot**, CCPR Chief Executive, who highlighted the importance of professionalisation of the work of volunteers in sport.

Talent identification and Development

Chris Earle of the Youth Sports Trust and Professor **Richard Bailey** of Christchurch College, Canterbury, presented two perspectives which are influencing the development of the sports system in the UK.

Richard Bailey outlined the "myths" of current, ineffective practices in identifying talent, and suggested that instead we should be devising ways of identifying talent potential.

Chris Earle described the stages of "long-term athlete development" (LTAD), which is based on progressive stages, from child-centred generic motor development, through multi-skills to specific sports skills training, through to specific sports skills and competition when athletes are fully mature. These approaches are exciting because they confirm the role of school physical education in developing physical literacy.

The approaches also recognise the uncertainties in pathways between participation and performance, which mean that too often, achievement is dependent upon "happen-chance" or family circumstances, as recorded in mass participation statistics. The convergence of the approaches leads to the opportunity to create a strong, coordinated voice between physical education, talent

development and mass participation, involving coaches, administrators, teachers, athletes and their families and academics.

ENGSO delegates identified that such a coalition can provide a good chance of persuading politicians of the advantages of investing in a coordinated sports system.



Support to local sports organisations - how municipal and local authorities can help sport at the grass roots level?

Ralph Riley, Chief Executive ISRM, familiarised listeners with the activity and policy applied in the Institute of Sport and Recreation Management in UK. The system of work and positive impacts on practice were presented on the basis of experience gained from more than 80 years' activity of this institute under the conditions of United Kingdom.

A well processed presentation may serve for argumentation and support of sports setting and establishment in countries where municipal and local authorities are still trying to find the way how to support sport or how to defend strengthening of such a support. Just like all other materials received from key speakers, you will find also this information in the ENGSO Forum documentation at the Internet pages www.engso.com

The implementation of support to sports

from municipal and local authorities was presented by **Toomas Tõnise**, Secretary General of the Estonian Olympic Committee. A logical system, built up right from foundations in a country with less than 2 million inhabitants after a change of the political system, could seem to some as ideal.

Yet, the author pointed out shortcomings they have to face. Namely – the old-fashioned way of thinking or too small part from Tax-money coming to sport in general. He underlined the importance of the division of tasks between GO / NGO. GO creates conditions – facilities & maintenance, physical education at schools, financing & subsidising & ordering services. An NGO organises people, activities, acts in public interests and fulfils orders of the public sector.

The example of the system in Estonia confirmed that partnerships, synergy and mutual trust between municipalities, local authorities and sports organisations, are the key condition for the development of sport at all levels!



Jan Bohác
Member of the
ENGSO Executive
Committee

Special thanks to the ENGSO Youth Committee for using imaginative ways to involve participants and bringing about a very positive and creative atmosphere among all ENGSO Forum participants.



Presenting
the new ENGSO Youth logo

www.engso.com

New contents on the ENGSO YOUTH section

One important part of the ENGSO Youth Committee work is to deliver information about youth sport via the ENGSO website to all our member countries.

Youth section on the ENGSO website:

News:

We started to collect information about youth sport structures in different member countries. Here you can find different examples that might help you to build up a youth structure in your own country.

Guidelines:

ENGSO Guidelines are translated to different languages; the French and Latvian translations are new.

Press:

All minutes from our meetings and articles of different newspapers about ENGSO Youth are presented on this site.

Ulrike Gruber
Member of the
ENGSO Youth Committee

The young take the lead

At the 6th ENGSO Forum in London, the ENGSO Youth had the opportunity to learn something new and engage in debate and discussion with old and new colleagues and friends.

The ENGSO Youth Committee managed a session called "good governance in sport". The session started with interviews given by **Mattias Hjelmberg** (Sweden) and **Jan Holze** (Germany) about youth structures in their respective countries. This was a good start to explain what a youth structure is and what kind of process it involves.

All the participants then worked in small groups around 5 tables each with one question. The questions were:

- How can I contribute to building up a youth sport structure or youth committee in my own country?
- What are arguments in favour of a youth committee?
- What are arguments against a youth committee?
- What obstacles will I have to face?
- What are my positive experiences in



the work with young people?

This was followed by a short brainstorming lead by the ENGSO Youth committee members with the aim to point out one item for each table. Finally, **Rikke Lia** (Norway) and **Ulrike Gruber** (Austria) presented the advantages of a youth structure and the way to attend this independent structure. They gave examples of good practices engaging young

people in sport structures at local, regional and national levels. You can find the structured specification of arguments on the ENGSO website.

Jennifer Hedderich, Secretary of the Youth Committee, presented a newly launched project ARCTOS in which youngsters from eight countries take part in the next two years.



Rosemary Paul Chopin and Jan Prendergast, Lord Mayor of Westminster.

The ENGSO Youth Committee wants to sincerely thank the ENGSO ExCom and the CCPR for giving the youth a real say at the ENGSO Forum in London.

Our wish is that sooner or later in all the ENGSO countries, sport youth have an impact on sport and the possibility to build up their own independent structure. To reach this goal, the ENGSO Youth Committee members took contact with the ENGSO members in the Forum to find a contact person on youth issues and inform them in the future. Our goal is to create a network of human resources in the youth sport field.

And remember, the ENGSO Youth Committee is here to help you. So don't hesitate to contact us at: www.engso.com

Rosemary Paul Chopin
Chair of ENGSO Youth Committee

ENGSO Youth partners with the Council of Europe and the European Commission in a European meeting point in May 2004

The Council of Europe and the European Commission asked ENGSO to be a partner in organising a European meeting with a title **European Crossroads "Sport - front door to democracy"**. The event will take place in Strasbourg 14-16 May 2004.

The aims of the event is to highlight and raise awareness on the value of sport as a tool for education in democratic citizenship and provide examples of good practice all over Europe. The goal is also to promote awareness

on the role sport organisations play as an arena for development of social skills and social integration of young people and young adults.

120 participants of different ages and from a variety of backgrounds and nongovernmental authorities responsible for sport in CDDS countries will be invited. Participation of young sport leaders, both women and men, is particularly encouraged.

ENGSO President Bengt Sevelius was

very pleased to accept this opportunity. ENGSO Youth Committee has already contributed for the contents in the programme and a working meeting between the partners was held 27 October 2003 in Strasbourg.

The event will be organised at the European Youth centre, in Strasbourg. More information will be published soon to all ENGSO members.

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ENGSO ahead of the EU enlargement schedule: EU Working Group already welcomed new members!

The new chairman of the ENGSO EU Working Group, **Gernot Wainig**, invited representatives of the future EU member states to the group's meeting, held in the EU Office of German Sports in Brussels, 3-4 September 2003.

Ms. Marianne Erdős from the Hungarian Sports Confederation, **Mr. Toomas Tõnise**, Secretary General of the Estonian Olympic Committee and **Mr. Egils Purins**, Secretary General of the Latvijas Sporta Federāciju Padome followed the invitation.

To underline the importance of this new area, ENGSO president **Bengt Sevelius** joined the meeting and addressed a special welcome to the group and its new members.

The two-day-agenda included visits to the European Parliament and the Sports Unit of the European Commission as well as information

about European sport issues and possibilities of funding programmes.

Since the EU Office of German sports had also invited the missions of the accessing countries in Brussels, Estonian Toomas Tõnise, for instance, had the opportunity to exchange views and initiate further cooperation with the expert in charge of sport matters, Estonian

cultural attaché **Tamara Luuk**.

During the visit to the European Commission, **Yves Le Lostecque**, legal advisor of the Sports Unit, and **Pedro Velazquez**, Principal Administrator and main responsible for EYES 2004, reported about the most recent developments concerning the sport article of the proposed Constitutional Treaty and the European year of Education through Sport (EYES) 2004.

The members of the group used this opportunity to get valuable first hand information and consultation by Mr. Velazquez about EYES 2004 application modalities.

In their final statements the representatives of the Accession Countries thanked the EU working group for the invitation and stated that this meeting was a starting signal and provided them with the knowledge for an individual approach towards funding possibilities in their organisations back home.

Michael Trinker

EU Office of German Sports



Meetings, democracy and involvement - the good example of ENGSO

ENGSO has given a terrific example on how to involve youth in decision making by creating and supporting the founding of the ENGSO Youth Committee. I am looking forward to the inspiration and challenge from our Youth Committee. I do hope that they maintain their enthusiasm and idealism that should be the driving force for leaders in sports.

From the Youth Committee I expect initiatives and proposals on how to involve members and how to set up meetings in ways that activate the participants. The ENGSO General Assembly has agreed that Democracy and Transparency are important in international – and national – sports organisations.

Now ENGSO as a "council of elders" could lean back and just wait for proposals and actions from the Youth Committee. Or we could give some serious consideration to the matter: What can we do to raise the quality of our General Assembly?



ENGSO has a possibility to show how cooperation and inspiration can be enhanced and democratic awareness practised in an international sport organisation. In the work with the Youth Committee we have an obligation to inspire and challenge sports organisations.

It is not only a matter of structure and planning. **Expectations** are important – expectations to the organisation but maybe most importantly: what are the expectations to the participants in the General Assembly? What do you expect of your participation? Let us set up some goals and expectations for our next General Assembly:

- every participant is expected to take active part in the meeting
- all participants should have the possibility to speak in plenum or in groups
- criticism and debate are regarded as positive contribution to the meeting
- a positive attitude towards cultural differences and values is enhanced
- time spent for formalities is reduced.

I shall try in the near future to make a proposal on how to make meetings more participant-oriented, more interesting and involving. To work with this I need your ideas and input. If you are interested, please give your contribution to what will be "Better Meetings - A book of good ideas".

Kind regards,

Jens Brinch, jbrinch@gif.gl

Sports Confederation of Greenland

To the members of ENGSO representing EU Member States and Accession Countries

After 16 months of discussion the European Convention presented in June its draft for a European Constitution.

As you know, ENGSO has been supporting a legal base on sport in the EU treaty for years. Therefore we are very pleased to inform you that the Convention agreed to include in its draft a legal base on Sport within an article on "Education, Vocational Training, Youth and Sport".

Although the wording of the sport paragraphs does not yet reflect the specificity of sport - as laid down in the Nice declaration - to be part of the Convention's draft is a first step and already a huge success for organised sport.

Nevertheless, each member of ENGSO should now direct its efforts towards its national government, underlining the necessity to add at least "essentials" of the Nice declaration to the draft article. These include most of all the reference to **the autonomy of sport organisations, to take into account the specific character of sport while applying EU law and to the safeguarding of its traditional structures on national level.**

During the Intergovernmental Conference (IGC) starting in October, representatives of the EU member states and the Accession Countries will negotiate the draft presented by the European Convention.

We propose you contact your ministry of sport in this matter as soon as possible in order that they can take our wishes into consideration for the up-coming meetings.

Bengt Sevelius
ENGSO President

Gernot Wainig
Chairman of the ENGSO
EU Working Group

ENGSO CALENDAR

ENGSO Executive Committee

23-25 January 2004, Belgrade

5-6 March 2004, Paris

ENGSO EU Working Group

5-6 February 2004, Brussels

3-4 June 2004, Brussels

21-22 October 2004, Brussels

ENGSO Youth

12-15 December 2003, Paris

EU Sports Forum

21-22 November 2003, Verona

ARCTOS Conference:

Sports youth goes Europe

– Building bridges between people(s)

12-15 February 2004, Berlin

ENGSO General Assembly 2004

16-18 April 2004, Belgrade

6th European Conference on Women and Sport

23-25 April 2004, Paris

European Crossroads: Sports

– Front door to democracy

13-16 May 2004, Strasbourg

10th World Sport for All Congress 2004

11-14 November 2004, Rome

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We would like to hear
from you

The success of the ENGSO communications depends on the active participation of the ENGSO members. Should you have any ideas for articles about current topics, interviews and/or short news from your organisation, please contact Nelli Koivisto at the Finnish Sports Federation, SLU: nelly.koivisto@slu.fi, tel. +358 9 3481 2605.

ENGSO President's reminder and questions

Dear ENGSO members,

In our General Assembly in Stockholm in April 2003, we agreed upon many important things. Now I wonder how these things are proceeding in your organisation. How is the development when it concerns:

- introduction of the *ENGSO guidelines for youth sport*?
- strengthening of the *voice of youngsters* in your organisation's work on national and local levels?
- increase of *women in decision-making bodies* of your sport organisations?
- information about the *ENGSO declaration on doping in sport* and national actions in line with the WADA recommendation?
- initiatives in EU member and accession countries related to the *ENGSO EU plan 2003-2004*

The ENGSO homepage and newsletter are open for your reports. I look forward to them!

Best regards,
Bengt Sevelius



France hosted the European Youth Olympic Festival

Paris was host to the European Youth Olympic Festival 27 July - 1 August 2003.

Under the auspices of the European Olympic Committee, the EYOF is a multi-disciplinary competition open to athletes aged between 14 and 18 selected by their National Olympic Committee.

The events included in this competition were athletics, cycling, gymnastics, judo, swimming, table tennis, basketball, football, handball and volleyball.

More than 2750 people from 48 countries were present and almost 1900 athletes, of whom 46 % were girls. Some 300 journalists

covered this event and more than 600 volunteers helped with the logistics.

Through this competition, the Organisation Committee helped promote the values of sport and contributed to the fight against incivility, which is one of the major actions of the CNOSF (French National Olympic Committee) towards young sportsmen and women.

The 2003 EYOF of Paris was a great success from all perspectives: sport, media and organisation.

Jean-François Angles
Member of the ENGSO
Executive Committee



6th European Conference on Women and Sport 23-25 April 2004, Paris

Women, Sport and Democracy:

Sport, a Challenge for Women – Women, a Challenge for Sport

More than 300 participants from governmental and non-governmental sport organisations, universities and associations will attend this conference. The program, registration and accommodation forms are available on the EWS website: www.ews-online.com

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www.engso.com

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- Important future events and meetings listed
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