



The new ENGSO Executive Committee values both gender and generational equality

You will recall that after a transition period of two years, at Stockholm we started to fully implement the new system of rotation regarding positions of officials and members within the Executive Committee. For this reason there were vacancies to be filled and/or positions to be re-elected or newly elected. As a result of the elections at Stockholm it can be announced that:

Bengt Sevelius (Sweden) was re-elected as ENGSO President for his third and last full mandatory period;



Gernot Wainig (Austria) became ENGSO Treasurer, succeeding in this position Marco Blatter (Switzerland) who had decided not to stand for another period;

Kristin Berthelsen (Norway) was elected for her first official period after she had already taken part in the activities of the Executive Committee as a co-opted member in her previous capacity as Chairwoman of the ENGSO Youth Working Group;

Carlos Cardoso (Portugal) was re-elected as a member for another four years

Jean-François Angles (France) was elected for two years (to cover the remaining period of Gernot Wainig, who had become Treasurer), after which period Angles is entitled to stand for re-election for full terms.



All other positions in the Executive Committee (officials and members) were

not up for (re)-election this time. Continuing officials and members in the ExCom include:

Birgitta Kervinen (Finland), ENGSO Vice-president



Marlis Rydzy-Götz (Germany), ENGSO Secretary General and

Jan Bohac (Czech Republic) ENGSO ExCom member.



There is, however, special news to be reported: We have

created a platform for young people and future leaders in European sports in order to give them a say and add their visions to what will be tomorrow's European Sport Movement. **Rosemary Paul** (see next page) was elected Chairwoman of the first ENGSO Youth Committee. "Ex officio" in this capacity, she will be fully involved in the work of the ENGSO Executive Committee and ensure close links and co-operation, in all decision-making processes with both the adults and the

young generation in ENGSO.

Besides recognising the voice of young people in European sports, the ENGSO Executive Committee also values gender balance with its composition of 44 % women - 56 % men, which is quite unique in the international sports context.

Welcome all new ExCom members!

Marlis Rydzy-Götz,
ENGSO Secretary General,
and Bengt Sevelius,
ENGSO President

The new ENGSO Youth Committee:

Chair: Rosemary Paul (France)
Vice-Chair: Jan Holze (Germany);
and members:

Igor Boraska (Croatia)
Ulrike Gruber (Austria)
Mattias Hjelmberg (Sweden)
Päivi Laihonon (Finland)
Rikke Lia (Norway)

Ilonda Luse (Latvia)
Nemanja Miroslavljev (Serbia and Montenegro)

The secretariat will be managed by Germany with Jennifer Hedderich.

A warm Thank you
from the ENGSO
members to

the former ENGSO ExCom members Marco Blatter (Switzerland) and Geoffrey Snowdon (UK) who both have contributed to the development of ENGSO with extraordinary commitment and supportive spirit through the many years of cooperation.

ENGSO General Assembly decides on sport political priorities for 2003/2004

On the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the Swedish Sports Confederation, the 11th ENGSO General Assembly took place in Stockholm April 25 – 26, 2003. We started with a seminar organised by the ENGSO Working Group on EU and Sport for ENGSO delegates coming from EU countries and applicant countries. Relevant and important information was provided by the EU Office of German Sports (Brussels) on current sport political developments at EU level and the positioning of sport within the context of the European Convention process. The European Year of Education through Sport (EYES) 2004 and its chances for the promotion of the pedagogical values of sport was another top issue. The Swedish hosts gave practical examples of projects eligible for financial support by the EU at regional and national levels. They underlined that participants from applicant countries should carefully study the different possibilities for EU funding of sport-related projects.

The General Assembly adopted a plan of action 2003 – 2004. Besides EU issues it will concentrate on the following areas:

- projects to strengthen East-West co-operation
- further development and implementation of youth issues and sport youth policy within the framework of the new ENGSO Youth Structure
- co-operation and partnership between GO and NGO
- strengthening of links and co-operation with other European partners (e.g. EOC, EWS, some selected European sport federations as well as with the CDDS/Council of Europe)
- further improvement of external and internal communication and PR
- promotion of gender mainstreaming in all policy areas of ENGSO

The General Assembly adopted the **National Olympic Committee of Poland** as ENGSO member organisation.

ENGSO is particularly grateful to the Swedish hosts under the guidance of the President of the Swedish Sports Confederation. On the occasion of their 100th Anniversary they have invited

delegates from all European E N G S O countries and special guests to celebrate this event. They have not only given us an outstanding example of great hospitality, warm friendship and an excellent working environment. Moreover we were encouraged and animated to combine work and togetherness, fun and activity, especially when mixing with our ENGSO Youth during the meeting and during the by-programme, which highlighted once more the spirit of our "ENGSO family", in the best sense of the word!

We say once more "Thank You" to Swedish Sports and "All the best for the coming 100 years!"



Marlis Rydzy-Götz
ENGSO Secretary General

The ENGSO LOGO



*An azure bridge and a yellow star
There are those who might ask, why they are
The ENGSO logo, and what they mean
The answer's our aims, our hopes, our dream*

*The bridge it will help span many a gap
People may cross without fear or mishap
It will link all the nations from every place
No matter the colour, the gender or race*

*A star is a symbol, it shines in the sky
It's something to aim for no matter how high
From beginners to veterans there's always a place
For all who take part and join in the race*

*At the ENGSO Assemblies we are but a few
Of the many millions, who want us to do
Our best representing their wishes and dreams
for the future of sport and all that it means*

*So welcome dear friends both the old and the new
Your commitment to ENGSO will see us get through
Our tasks, which are many with objectives so high
But our bridge it will help reach that star in the sky.*

By the former ENGSO ExCom member Geoffrey Snowdon presented at the ENGSO General Assembly in Stockholm, Sweden, 25 April 2003

The ENGSO Declaration on Doping in Sport Adopted by the ENGSO General Assembly in Stockholm April 25-26, 2003

The participants unanimously declared

that doping in sport is contrary to the spirit of sport, and that the fight against doping in sport shall be intensified, accelerated, harmonized and unified

that all members of ENGSO should accept the World Anti-Doping Code as the basis for the fight against doping in sport throughout the world, and work for the implementation of it within their own National Organisation

that they, as a consequence, are ready to adapt and harmonize their statutes to the WADA Anti-Doping Code

that they activate themselves in informing and educating their National Sport Federations about the aim and contents of the Code and about their respective responsibilities

that they actively contribute in increasing the number of national tests, mainly the so-called "out of competition tests"

that they through information, education and campaigns take strong action against doping – all in order to change the attitude and behaviour when it concerns doping in sport

that they recommend their governments, if they have not yet signed "the Copenhagen declaration on Anti-Doping in sport 2003", to do so as soon as possible, to support the implementation, and

Finally expressed that:

"The Anti-Doping work is a crucial question for the future of sport – a question of the Credibility of Sport"

Youth gets prepared

Application for membership of the European Youth Forum is one of the key tasks for the newly formed ENGSO Youth Committee - a committee representing the voice of youth in European sport.

The **ENGSO Youth Assembly and Youth conference** gathered 17 nationalities together. The greatest challenge was the forming of the Action Plan for the next two years on the basis of the *ENGSO Guidelines for Children and Youth Sport*. The guidelines are to give a basis for children's and young people's growth and healthy development in the European sport movement.

The conference decided that priority should be given to four of the twelve recommendations:

1: Links between the sports organisation and the school system

"This is a matter of exchanging experiences and highlighting good examples from various European countries. There is also a possibility of applying for a project grant for the *European Year of Education through Sports* in

2004," says Mattias Hjelmberg, one of the members of the Youth Committee.

3: Training and competition Guidelines for children and youth sport

4: Quality assurance of the training and education of teachers, coaches and leaders who are responsible for children and youth sport

9: Right of co-determination for children and young people

"Now that we have formed a youth committee



within ENGSO I believe that our chances of becoming a member of the European Youth Forum are good. The Forum is an umbrella organisation for European youth movements. As members we would be able to apply for EU grants for important sports projects," says Rosemary Paul, the newly elected Chair of the ENGSO Youth Committee.

Christian Carlsson

Greetings from the Chair of the ENGSO Youth Committee

I am Rosemary Paul (26), the Chair of the new ENGSO Youth Committee. ENGSO Youth is a big challenge for myself and France. We will try to do as well as Kristin Berthelsen and Norway have done during the many years leading the ENGSO youth working group.



I am a sport manager by professional

background with a focus on European sport projects. I work for two organisations in France: The French Olympic committee and a sport for all federation (UFOLEP). My mission is to give opportunities to young people as leaders: real possibilities to play a full part in the democratic life.

As the Chair of the ENGSO Youth Committee

I want to:

- promote the values of sport to widen our vision beyond its financial, economic and media aspects
- represent the French NOC in Europe with the philosophy of "sport for all"

- enrich our national policy with ideas from other countries
- learn about new cultures, ideas and different working methods through sport
- create a network
- make the ENGSO Youth Committee recognised by the European institutions
- increase knowledge of youth sport in Europe

I wish our team lots of work and courage to develop our ideas in Europe and nationally for a better sport: a sport for all.

Rosemary Paul

ENGSO supports legal base for Sport in the future European Constitution

The ENGSO General Assembly adopted the following aims and measures as part of the ENGSO Policy on EU affairs 2003-2004 in Stockholm 25-26 April 2003.

In its **political direction** ENGSO aims to safeguard the specificity of sport, the role of sport and the free and independent sports organisations built on democratic values in the European society and in the EU. ENGSO supports the efforts of the European sporting movement demanding for a legal base for Sport in the future European Constitution (sport article).

ENGSO shall:

- promote an open and direct dialogue between the sports movement and the EU institutions and Presidencies
- represent the interests of the European

sport movement and participate in the discussion about the structure and competences of a future and bigger Europe within the follow-up of the European Convention

- continue to work for the appreciation of the social significance of sport within the EU context
- sensitize national and European coordinating bodies and sport organisations to sport as a tool for assisting the economic and social development of less favoured regions
- make European policy one of its main fields where to take positions and actions in
- consider the possibility of and commitment for an ENGSO application within the framework of the 2004

European year of education through Sports.

In addition, ENGSO aims to support the **new EU member states** in their relations with the EU and increase their knowledge and awareness of the EU and its effects on European sports. ENGSO will organise a seminar or workshop in connection with the ENGSO Forum 2003 and invite the new member states to take part in the ENGSO EU working group starting in the fall 2003.

Finally, ENGSO aims to promote the use of **EU as a resource for development** – in the form of financial and other support – among ENGSO members. ENGSO encourages the member states of the ENGSO EU working group to establish networks with natural partners among the new member states.

ENGSO CALENDAR

ENGSO Executive Committee:

16-17 June 2003, Helsinki

ENGSO Youth:

13-15 June 2003, Berlin

21-22 August 2003, Brussels

ENGSO EU Working Group:

4 September 2003, Brussels

ENGSO FORUM 2003:

3-4 October 2003, London

European Sports Conference 2003:

XVI ESC 24-26 September 2003,
Dubrovnik, Croatia

EWS Open Meeting

24 September 2003, Dubrovnik,
Croatia

EU Sports Forum

21-22 November 2003, Verona

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The 3rd Baltic Sea Youth Games in Siauliai Lithuania, 20-22 June 2003

The Games are carried out by the Lithuanian Union of Sports Federations together with respective sports federations and the Physical Culture and Sports Department of the city of Siauliai. The athletes of Belarus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia and Sweden are invited to take part in the Games. The following federations are taking part in the Games: Boxing, Cycling, Judo, Football, Greco-Roman Wrestling, Rowing, Basketball, Free-style Wrestling, Athletics, Swimming, Handball, Rugby, Dance Sport, Table Tennis, Weightlifting, Tennis and Hockey.

Vitas Gudiskis

President of the Lithuanian Union of Sports Federation

Empowering Youth – kick off in Norway

"I want to contribute to making my sport club more social and ensure that the players get more impact on how the club is run", stated Therese Häger, one of the participants of the Active Youth Course, which was the kick off for the Empowering Youth project in Norway. The weekend-long course gathered 150 youths from three different sports: volleyball, basketball and gymnastics.

Empowering Youth project is for young people between 15-25 years of age. They are recommended by their clubs and linked with a mentor. The project aims to put youth in focus, give them the means to contribute by giving them adequate education and experience. At the same time the project focuses on the adults in the club in order to ensure that the youth are actually taken seriously, given a chance and supported.

Initiated in March 2002, the Empowering Youth project is jointly carried out by the Norwegian Olympic Committee and Confederation of sports (NIF), the Norwegian Volleyball federation, the Norwegian Gymnastics federation and the Norwegian Basketball federation.

The youth want to be more involved in their own sports organisations

Research shows that youth do not have a lot of influence in their own sports organisation. Only 7 % feel that they are involved in forming their own sports activities (Source: MMI 2000). "I would like to be more involved in the club, not only as a player: to attend referee courses and learn more leadership skills because it is important also in other fields than sports", said

Morten Elster from Kolbotn basketball club.

Central themes in the Active Youth Course are communication skills – how to get your message across – and co-determination and responsibilities of youth in sports organisations. There is also emphasis on youth as role models for younger ones and kids.

The key areas in Empowering Youth:

1. Recruitment of youth as leaders, coaches and/or referees
2. Use of mentors for the youth
3. Focus on youth and adults as resources for each other
4. Networking

The youth involved will be important for the Norwegian sports in the future as leaders, coaches and referees. NIF and the three sports federations hope that this initiative will get more youth involved in the leadership and that it will assist in reducing the drop out off sports.

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Finnish Government starts policy programme on civil participation

The newly appointed Finnish Government headed by Prime Minister Anneli Jäätteenmäki (Center Party) aims to reinforce civil participation. The Government programme states that, "Citizens' possibilities and means to participate will be developed with the aim of reinforcing civil participation and improving the functioning of democracy."

The programme includes four intersectoral policy programmes: entrepreneurship, employment, information society and civil participation policy programmes. Civil participation is reinforced especially in non-profit organisations. The goals of the Finnish Sports Federation (FSF) for the programme are improving the status of non-profit organisations

when new legislation is being prepared, better recognition of non-profit organisations' special status in i.e. taxation, reducing bureaucracy involved in volunteer and non-profit activity, gaining new resources for local sports clubs and national federations and supporting the non-profit organisations' own fundraising.

In addition to this, the FSF urges the Government to take necessary actions to enable the realisation of the previous Government's decision on health promotion through sports, which includes the daily physical activity of children and youngsters, health promoting sports for adults and elderly people, better integration of disabled persons in sports, integration of immigrants in and through sports and developing conditions for sports and physical activity.

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