



Sevelius nominated as the Honorary Life President and Kervinen elected as the new ENGSO President

15th ENGSO General Assembly was held on May 4-5, 2007, in Helsinki Finland. Present were delegates from 31 countries. The General Assembly made the following decisions.

The General Assembly recognised as its new member, the Olympic Committee of Bosnia and Herzegovina, instead of Sports Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Delegates of the GA adopted the Strategic Plan and Actions for the period 2007-2011. The GA welcomed the initiative for new actions, which were already taken at the meeting by convening an Extraordinary General Assembly purposed to adopt modifications of the ENGSO Statutes to adhere and comply with the new Strategic Plan, which were unanimously adopted.

In reference to the adopted modifications of ENGSO Statutes, General Assembly decided to nominate Mr. **Bengt Sevelius**, as the Honorary President of ENGSO.

The new Executive Committee of ENGSO, following the elections, was composed as follows:

Ms. Birgitta Kervinen,
President (FIN)

Mr. Toomas Tõnise,
Vice-President (EST)

Mr. Predrag Manojlovic,
Secretary General (SRB)

Mr. Jean-François Angles,
Treasurer (FRA)

Mr. Jan Bohac,
Member (CZE)

Ms. Romana Caput-Jogunica,
Member (CRO)

Mr. Carlos Cardoso,
Member (POR)

Mr. Louis Kilcoyne,
Member (IRL)



The new ENGSO ExCom and the Honorary President Bengt Sevelius.

Deeper co-operation – together we are stronger

Let me express my gratitude for the confidence you have vested in me when electing me as the ENGSO President. ENGSO has a tradition of transparency and discussion, honouring the opinions of its members. We have a good base of departure and I wish to continue down this road.

ENGSO needs its entire membership when promoting the interests of sport. Public well-being and health are important political issues both at the European level and globally. The work that our members perform has social significance both in their countries and in Europe. The work of sport

organisations is an important resource, which needs to be better acknowledged at the political level.

The new strategy that ENGSO adopted expresses the will of our members to develop ENGSO. Every member organisation had a possibility to influence the outcome. I thank all those who participated in the process and I trust that we will receive the support we need when we implement the strategy.

We will continue to work with the European Union and the Council of Europe. I am confident that we will continue a positive co-operation with EOC and organisations promoting sport for all

and women's network EWS and with all those organisations which recognise our vision and mission. We do not compete but support each other. It is important to maintain the unity of the entire sport movement.



Birgitta Kervinen
ENGSO President

ENGSO Youth Action Plan 2007 - 2009

At the 2007 ENGSO Youth General Assembly, members were invited to contribute to and agree the 2007 - 2009 Action Plan, which the newly elected ENGSO Youth Committee will be responsible for delivering.

The Action Plan will provide guidance and direction to the work of ENGSO Youth over the coming two years to ensure that the key aims are delivered. These include

- to represent the interest of people under the age of 35 dealing with sport in Europe
- to achieve, promote and support the implementation of the ENGSO Guidelines for Children in Sport
- to develop ENGSO policy on the field of children and youth
- to represent the interest of young people in sport at the European level.

The action plan will build on the success of the previous Youth Committee whilst responding to an evolving environment for youth sport in Europe. There are a number of identified actions that the Committee will focus on to achieve this.

European Youth Fair Play Congress 2007

From 17-21 October the 2nd European Youth Fair Play Congress will take place in Frankfurt (Germany). 45 young leaders (18-35 years) from Sport Organisations are expected to share ideas and discuss about Anti-Doping, Sport and Development and Discrimination in Sports.

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ENGSO Youth Assembly elected a new youth committee

The ENGSO Youth Assembly was held on May 5, when young sports leaders from ENGSO member countries gathered in Helsinki. The main agenda of the meeting was the adoption of the ENGSO Youth Action Plan and the election of the new Youth Committee. In addition, the representatives had an opportunity to question the members of the previous Youth Committee about their work and to discuss the budget of ENGSO Youth. The Assembly also heard a presentation about university sports from the president of ENAS, Mr. Peter Lynen.

In the assembly, a new ENGSO Youth Committee was elected. The position of chair remains in the hands of **Jan Holze** (Germany). **Anna-Mari Hämäläinen** (Finland), a newcomer in the committee, was elected as the Vice Chair. **Natasa Jankovic** (Serbia), **Karine Teow** (France), **Anna Eliasson** (Sweden) and **Yvette**

Heywood (Great Britain) were elected as committee members together with **Barbara Lang** (Austria), **Doitchin Angelov** (Bulgaria) and **Eszter Rudas** (Hungary) to whom it is the second term in the Youth Committee.

At the same time, 2-6 May, a youth conference *Future Leaders – empowering young Europeans* was held in Helsinki. Young sports enthusiasts from 15 countries gathered to discuss and share ideas about European youth and sport issues. The conference produced a motivation paper called *Young Leaders – inspired by sport*, which is intended to motivate ENGSO member organisations to improve youth leadership opportunities in their countries. The motivation paper can be downloaded from the ENGSO website www.engso.com.



The New ENGSO Youth Committee.

European Youth Olympic Festival



EYOF, the greatest multi sports competition in Europe, will be held in Belgrade, Serbia, 21- 28 July 2007.

This competition which is under the patronage of European Olympic Committees (EOC) and International Olympic Committee (IOC), will gather 3000 young athletes from 48 European countries, aged from 14-17 years, who will compete in eleven Olympic disciplines: athletics, cycling, gymnastics, judo, swimming, tennis, table tennis, basketball, volleyball, handball and water polo.

The EYOF creates the

opportunity for Europe's young athletes to meet in the arenas fostering the spirit of friendship, fair play and tolerance.

We have full confidence that all the young athletes and all the guests of the festival will carry the nicest memories of Belgrade.

*Let's Start the Games
Belgrade Calling!*

Natasa Jankovic
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White Paper on Nutrition adopted

On 30 May 2007 the European Commission (EC) adopted the White Paper on Nutrition. The White Paper contains several proposals of how the EU should tackle the problems related to nutrition, overweight and obesity.

The EC calls upon the food industry to improve the composition of food, specifically to lower the proportions of salt, fat and sugar and to better highlight nutritional facts on its products. It emphasises the advantages of physical activity and encourages Europeans to do more sports because in the majority of Member States more than 50% of the adult population is overweight or obese.

The Commission also calls – among others – for stronger action on sport organisations.

For the whole White Paper on Nutrition, please go to: http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_determinants/life_style/nutrition/documents/nutrition_wp_en.pdf

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Sport for All – Health – Environment & Education

Albanian National Olympic Committee's Sport for All Commission organised a Round Table on the theme "Sport for All – Health – Environment & Education" in Tirana in May. This Round Table brought together governmental and non-governmental institutions and public and private organisations, including international organisations concerning sport, health, education & environment, representatives of sport federation and fitness centres.

Taking into consideration that Sport for All is a valuable educational tool and its' physical, psychological and social benefits, the participants agreed on the resolution: Call for action on Sport for All Policies.

The participants emphasised the need for close collaboration of all the stakeholders by public and private sector and call upon all the Governmental institutions for example to take the following actions:

- To establish and promote sports and physical activities in policies and programmes for a active lifestyle
- To support recreational infrastructure for Sport for All
- To preserve environment and development of open space

The participants urged the need:

- To establish Albanian Sport for All Federation
- To establish a responsible body for coordinating sport activities in school
- To amend the Albanian Sport Law by giving more emphasises to Sport for All

The Resolution will be delivered to all stakeholders in public and private sector in the field of sport, health, education & environment in order to design a National Strategy of Sport for All in Albania.

Stavri Bello
Secretary General of Albanian NOC

Croatian Educational Activities in the prevention of Violence on Sports Ground

Croatian Education and Teacher Training Agency organised a seminar for physical education professors in secondary and high schools in Zagreb. The purpose of the seminar was to introduce professors with the problem, diagnose violence on Croatian sports grounds and compare our situation with the situation in other European countries.

According to prof. **Lalic**, "Globalization, commercialization and the phenomenon of high media and carnival are the changes and reasons of violence on sports grounds, particularly in football."

How do we find the way and suitable therapy to prevent violence? During the seminar we have defined the prevention measures that could be implemented in the future such us: involvement of young people in work with violent supporters; conversation of the sociologists and sports journalists with supporters; distribution of leaflets in the beginning of the game, and defining the GO and NGO subjects who are responsible for the prevention of violence.

All participants received the handbook Sport and violence in Europe by **Dominique Bodin**, **Luc Robene** and

Stephane Heas. The handbook has been published in co-operation with Council of Europe, Croatian Education Agency, Ministry of Science, Education and Sports and the Office for sport in Zagreb. This Seminar is one step forward in education of teachers who could promote sports culture and influence the prevention of violence!

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ENGSO CALENDAR

ENGSO Executive Committee

1-2 August, Paris
13 September, Torshavn

ENGSO Youth

13 September, Torshavn

ENGSO Forum

14-16 September, Torshavn

European Youth Olympic Festival

21- 28 July, Belgrade

10th Sport Kinetics Conference

24-26 August, Belgrade

European Youth Fair Play Congress 2007

17-21 October, Frankfurt

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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 Essi Puistonen at the Finnish Sports Federation, SLU:
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ENGSO Honorary Life President Bengt Sevelius

Mr. Bengt Sevelius was nominated as the Honorary Life President of ENGSO in the ENGSO General Assembly 4-5 May.

Bengt Sevelius was previously the Secretary General and Head for International Affairs of Swedish Sports Confederation and then for 12 years the President of ENGSO. For ENGSO, he is a symbol of ENGSO representing the values of the organisation, for example, honesty, fair play, democracy, co-

operation, mutual respect, voluntary work, joy and experiences.

ENGSO has, under the leadership of Bengt Sevelius, made a most valuable contribution to: international co-operation and multicultural sports, health promotion and to women in sports.

The ENGSO family especially appreciates Bengt Sevelius' leadership and fairness, efficiency and knowledge, diplomatic skills and open mind.

ENGSO Forum 2007

The next ENGSO Forum will be held on September 14-16 2007 in Torshavn, Faeroe Islands. One of the topics of the Forum will be the White Paper on Sport, which is published on 4 July.

The time of the meeting is conveniently before the Sports Ministers Meeting, which takes place in Lisbon, 27-28 October. It is hoped that non-governmental and governmental representatives of sport can have a

dialogue there.

Another topic, which will be covered, is voluntarism in sports. The work of sport volunteers is an important resource, which needs to be better acknowledged at political level.

Because of the flight arrangements, it is important to make the registrations early. For further details please visit: www.engso.com

10th Sport Kinetics Conference Belgrade, Serbia, 24-26 August 2007

The Conference provides scientific knowledge and offers opportunities for discussion, exchange of ideas and experiences in the area of Human Kinetics and Sport science through current issues and comparative perspective.

In addition to the Conference, an IASK Post graduate seminar from the field of Children sport will be held.

For more information, please go to: www.sportkinetics2007.com

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Call to nominate representatives for ENGSO Working Groups

According to the new strategy ENGSO will have three permanent expert working groups consisting of representatives of ENGSO members and appointed by the Executive Committee. The working groups are:

- **Communications & Marketing Working Group**
- **EU Working Group**
- **Funding Working Group.**

ENGSO members are now asked to nominate experts for the working groups. The deadline for the nominations is **27 July 2007**. The nominations are asked to be sent to ENGSO Secretariat (contact details on the left).