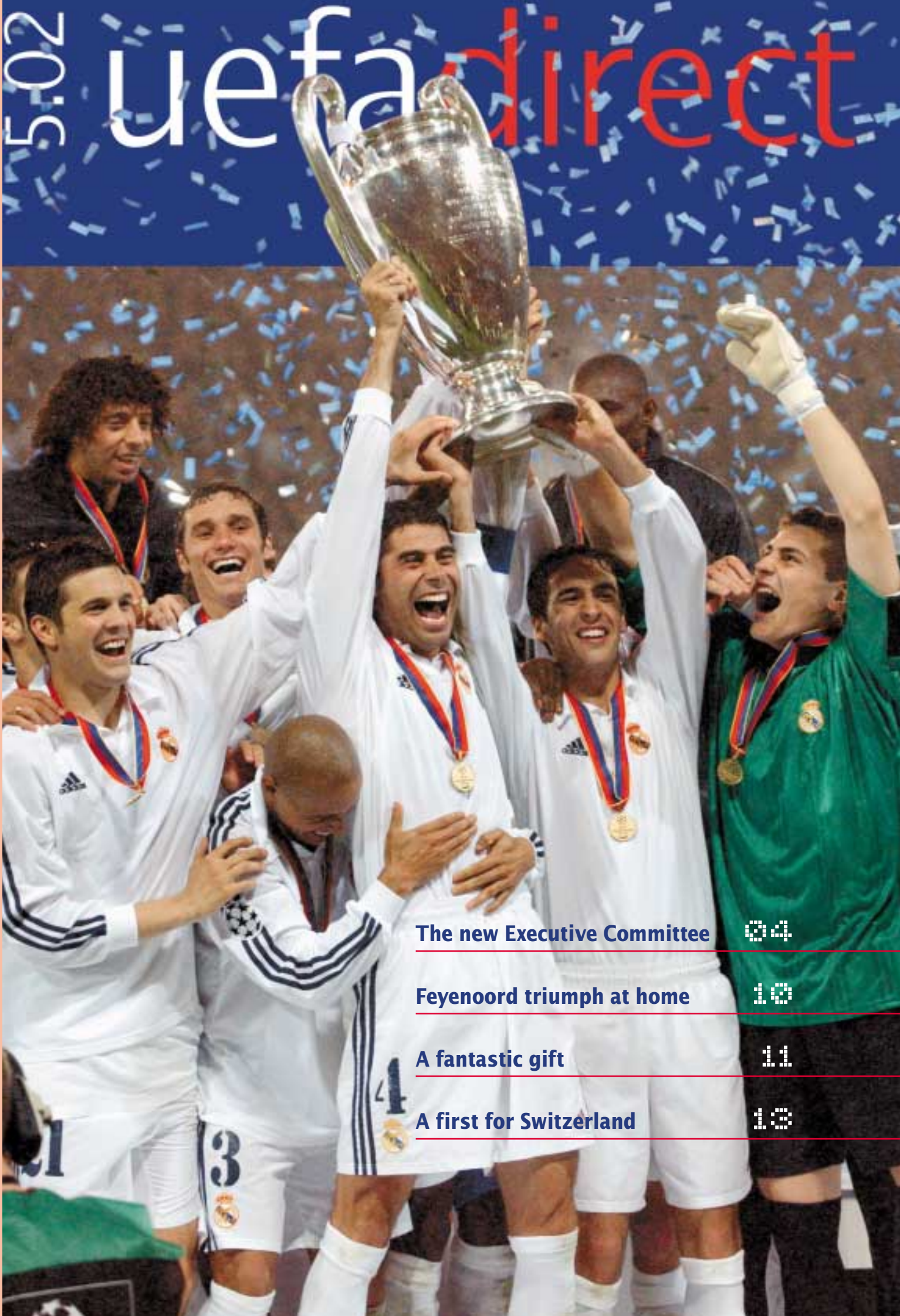
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The 2001/02 UEFA club competition season finished in a blaze of glory with the victory of Real Madrid CF over Bayer 04 Leverkusen in the UEFA Champions League final. It is the ninth time that the Madrid side has won the flagship UEFA club competition.
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The Republic of Korea and Japan are getting ready to host the XVII World Cup. Zinedine Zidane and the rest of the French national team will be attempting to defend the title they won in 1998 on home ground.
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editorial

ten years of solidarity

In 1992, by putting aside part of its revenue from EURO 92 for the national associations that did not qualify for the final round, UEFA embarked on a financial policy of solidarity that it was to intensify that same year, when it launched the UEFA Champions League.

Since then, the distribution of a share of the revenue from the most lucrative competitions to those who do not take part directly has become a cornerstone of UEFA's financial policy. The national associations, leagues and clubs have profited from this system, as has the game as a whole, since some of this money is used for the development of youth football. In total, some 660 million Swiss francs have been paid out under the solidarity scheme.



Considering that only five of UEFA's competitions generate revenue, it is clear that the profitable marketing of the top competitions has not only ensured the smooth running of the other competitions, but also enabled UEFA to finance many other initiatives, such as the East European assistance programmes, the Meridian project, technical development, the coach licence programme, and, the latest project, the club licensing system.

The tenth anniversary of this solidarity policy is an opportune moment to recall the fundamental importance of the central marketing of the rights to the UEFA Champions League. To a great extent, it is thanks to this method that UEFA has been able to fulfil its mission and ensure the general well-being and development of football in all its member associations.

We hope that our discussions with the European Commission on TV rights will conclude in a way which allows this to continue for the benefit of the whole of football.

Gerhard Aigner
Chief Executive

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XXVI ordinary Congress now an annual assembly



"IT'S NOT ONLY A QUESTION OF ACCOUNTING, BUT ALSO OF CONTACT", EXPLAINED GIANGIORGIO SPIESS, NEWLY RE-ELECTED TO THE UEFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, IN HIS ARGUMENT TO CONVINCE THE DELEGATES OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF THE NEED TO HOLD A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF UEFA MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS EVERY YEAR.

The proposal put forward by the Executive Committee met with unanimous approval, as did the corresponding amendments required to the statutes to provide for vacancies on the committee.

Starting next year, 2003, UEFA will hold an ordinary Congress every year, in the last week of April in principle.

This decision was one of the key outcomes of the XXVI Ordinary UEFA Congress held in Stockholm on 25 April in the presence of delegates from the organisation's 51 member associations, the President and General Secretary of FIFA, as well as representatives of the other confederations, numerous guests and the media.

After remembering the members of the UEFA family who had passed away since the Congress in Luxembourg, addresses by Swedish Prime Minister Göran Persson, Swedish FA President Lars-Åke Lagrell, FIFA President Joseph S. Blatter and Issa Hayatou, President of the African Football Confederation (CAF) and candidate for the FIFA presidency, UEFA President Lennart Johansson himself welcomed the participants before handing the floor to Treasurer Mathieu Sprengers to present the financial results of the last two business years and the budget for 2002/03.

While the elections dominated the general assembly, time was also set aside to honour a number of individuals for their outstanding contribution to the development of football or for having clocked up 12 years of service on UEFA committees.

The Congress also welcomed the Football Federation of the Republic of Kazakhstan as the fifty-second member of UEFA.

The President's message

"I believe we have achieved a lot together", voiced Lennart Johansson in his address, *"and wherever I look in UEFA, whether it be our improving relations with the European Union, the development of our club licensing system or the moves we have made with UEFA New Media, I see progress and great co-operation with the member associations. I want that to continue and to strengthen over the next four years."*

He also stressed: *"I want to see harmony between FIFA and UEFA – I want to see a strong relationship between all of the Confederations and FIFA, and I want to see FIFA move forward with success and a strong financial base."*

"The Confederations are crucial to the well-being of world football", he added. *"I also believe that the hosting of the World Cup and other FIFA events should be based on rotation, but a sensible rotation which recognises the important role of Europe in world football. Europe has a lot to offer and we want to ensure that this is done in a way which benefits the whole game internationally. Harmony and co-operation need to be improved and strengthened, and this can best be done by ensuring transparency and accountability in the way the game is governed at every level."*



Swedish Prime Minister Göran Persson (right) talks with Swedish FA President Lars-Åke Lagrell.



Eggert Magnusson – Iceland



Michel Platini – France



Henri Roemer – Luxembourg

UEFA Executive Committee

three new faces

THOUGH THE RE-ELECTION OF LENNART JOHANSSON AS UEFA PRESIDENT TOOK ONLY AS LONG AS A STANDING OVATION, IT TOOK TWO BALLOTS TO PRODUCE RESULTS IN THE OTHER THREE ELECTIONS ON THE AGENDA OF THE XXVI ORDINARY CONGRESS.

For the seven seats available on the UEFA Executive Committee, only four of the 14 candidates obtained enough votes in the first ballot, the absolute majority required for election having been set at 26 votes. They were out-going Vice-Presidents Angel Maria Villar Llona (Spain – 38 votes) and Senes Erzik (Turkey – 31 votes), as well as new members Eggert Magnusson (Iceland – 28 votes) and Michel Platini (France – 28 votes). In the second ballot, in which a simple majority sufficed, new member Henri Roemer (Luxembourg – 23 votes) and out-going members Giangiorgio Spiess (Switzerland – 19 votes) and Viacheslav Koloskov (Russia – 18 votes) were successful. The term of Viacheslav Koloskov is for two years only, corresponding to the remainder of the term of resigning member Claude Simonet (France), who was elected in 2000.

Memories and visions

It was with a recollection of his youth that Swedish Prime Minister Göran Persson opened his welcome address, remembering the 1958 World Cup final in Stockholm and the exploits of a young 17-year-old player, none other than Pelé. *"Every day,"* he went on, *"millions of people play football without appearing on television because, in the main, football is a fantastic game for everyone... But football is also big business, transfers, TV rights and advertising. This development might be dangerous but, on the other hand, it also means that more people can enjoy football on television."* Referring to the transfer-related negotiations with the EU, Göran Persson praised the UEFA President, who he described as *"someone whose actions are always based on the fundamental values of UEFA and football, like unity and solidarity."*



First row, from left to right: Mathieu Sprengers, Angel Maria Villar Llona, Senes Erzik, Lennart Johansson, Per Ravn Omdal, Geoffrey Thompson;
Second row: Giangiorgio Spiess, Joseph Mifsud, Marios Lefkaritis, Eggert Magnusson, Henri Roemer, Viacheslav Koloskov, Gerhard Aigner, Gerhard Mayer-Vorfelder, Michel Platini.

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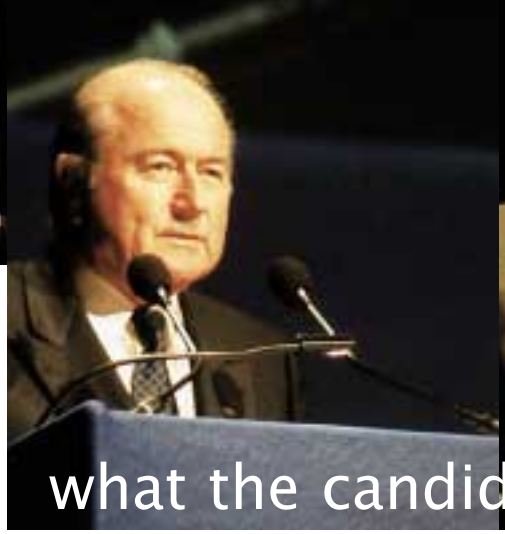


The other candidates in the running were Franco Carraro (Italy), Fuad Musayev (Azerbaijan), Michal Listkiewicz (Poland), Hrygorii Surkis (Ukraine), Vlatko Markovic (Croatia), Imre Bozóky (Hungary) and Pekka Hämäläinen (Finland).

Turning to the FIFA Executive Committee, the seat of Vice-President occupied by Lennart Johansson was renewed automatically by virtue of his re-election as UEFA President. That left a new Vice-President to be elected to replace Antonio Matarrese (Italy), a seat won by Angel Maria Villar Llona, who was elected in the second ballot with 21 votes, ahead of Michel D'Hooghe (Belgium) and Viacheslav Koloskov. Franco Carraro withdrew his candidature before the start of the Congress and also withdrew from the election for a member's seat.

Angel Maria Villar Llona's move into a Vice-President's chair meant that there were two vacancies for members on the FIFA Executive Committee. Gerhard Mayer-Vorfelder (Germany) took the first after the first ballot, with 27 votes, and in the second ballot, Michel Platini, with 20 votes, finished ahead of out-going member Per Ravn Omdal (Norway) and Joseph Mifsud (Malta).

The same afternoon, the new UEFA Executive Committee held its constituent meeting, at which Senes Erzik, Per Ravn Omdal and Angel Maria Villar Llona were confirmed as vice-presidents and Mathieu Sprengers (Netherlands) as treasurer. Geoffrey Thompson (England) was appointed to the office of 4th Vice-President, replacing Des Casey (Republic of Ireland), who has retired from the Committee.





what the candidates had to say

Recalling that Stockholm had been the setting on 24 March 2001 for an important day in the history of football, when agreements were signed with the European Union on the subject of international transfers, FIFA President Joseph S. Blatter went on to emphasise the importance and quality of European football, stressing the solidarity that it showed towards other continents, helping them to develop their football. *"It would be crazy to try and relegate the importance of European football",* he added, before concluding with a call for unity, solidarity and democracy, to defend and safeguard football.

Issa Hayatou, President of the African Football Confederation (CAF), and, like Joseph S. Blatter, a candidate for the FIFA presidency at the Seoul Congress, expressed the belief that UEFA and CAF *"often have the same objectives and share the same methods. They have a sound and clear vision of the future of football. The prospects for our game are extraordinary".* He finished by naming the key values of his programme, which are education, transparency, modernity and democratic management.

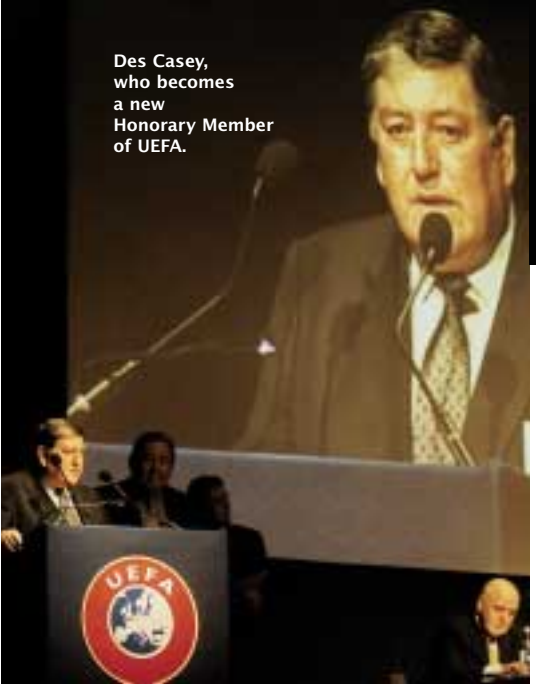
sound finances

Having stressed the need, in his view, for the UEFA Congress to meet annually, UEFA Treasurer Mathieu Sprengers commented on UEFA's financial results for the years 1999/2000 and 2000/01, pointing out that the success of EURO 2000 had made it possible to make 76 million Swiss francs available to the member associations (whereas the budget had foreseen only CHF 60 million). This had allowed each association to receive CHF 300,000 in 2000 and CHF 325,000 in 2001. These payments would normally have amounted to CHF 350,000 for 2002 and CHF 375,000 for 2003, but the good results in 2000/01 have made it possible to allocate an additional 20 million Swiss francs to the national associations, meaning that each will receive CHF 500,000 this year and the same amount again next year. These amounts will however be reduced in the case of associations which do not compete in the UEFA women's and youth competitions.

The treasurer also announced the creation of a new "Football Fund", endowed with capital of 75 million Swiss francs, from which all member associations can apply for loans to develop and improve their infrastructure. Details of how the fund works and is administered will be presented at the 2003 UEFA Congress.

Another initiative is the establishment of the UEFA Academy, which will be available to the associations from 2003/04, with a view to improving training as well as advisory and consultancy services.

Complementing the treasurer's report and his own, which was presented to the Congress in the form of a publication, UEFA CEO Gerhard Aigner drew attention to the tenth anniversary of the introduction of UEFA's solidarity-based financial policy, which consists in distributing part of the revenue from the elite competitions (EURO and the UEFA Champions League) to a much wider circle than the participating teams alone. In those ten years, 660 million Swiss francs have been paid out to the national associations (290 million) to non-participating clubs (205 million) and to the leagues (165 million for the development of youth football).



Des Casey, who becomes a new Honorary Member of UEFA.



The UEFA Order of Merit in Diamond has been bestowed on Ernie Walker, pictured here with UEFA CEO Gerhard Aigner and UEFA President Lennart Johansson.

honours and a new honorary

UNTIL THE CONGRESS IN STOCKHOLM, UEFA HAD ONE HONORARY PRESIDENT AND TEN HONORARY MEMBERS. AT THE CONGRESS, THE NUMBER OF HONORARY MEMBERS ROSE BY ONE, TO INCLUDE DES CASEY (REPUBLIC OF IRELAND), WHO HAS RETIRED FROM THE UEFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, ON WHICH HE SERVED SINCE 1994, LATTERLY (SINCE 2000) AS VICE-PRESIDENT.

Des Casey joined the ranks of UEFA committee members in 1986, making a significant contribution to youth and grassroots football in particular. For 14 years, he served on the Youth Committee, as a member from 1986 to 1994, as Vice-Chairman from 1994 to 1996 and as Chairman from 1996 to 2000. During the same period from 1996 to 2000, he also chaired the Fun Football Committee, and, from 1994 to 1996, he was at the helm of the Fair Play Committee.

After thanking all those whom he had rubbed shoulders with and worked with over the years, he said: "UEFA is not only a family, but we work as a team to achieve the highest standards."

Another way of paying tribute to individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to European football is the UEFA Order of Merit. Instigated in 1998, it comprises three categories: Diamond, Ruby and Emerald.

In Stockholm, the Order of Merit in Diamond was awarded to two European football personalities:

■ **Franz Beckenbauer,** who, following an illustrious career as an international player, crowned with successes in the World Cup, European Championship and Champion Clubs' Cup, went on to enjoy an equally fruitful career in coaching, at both club and national team level (World Cup and UEFA Cup). Currently Vice-President of the German Football Association (DFB), President of FC Bayern Munich and President of the 2006 World Cup Organising Committee, Franz Beckenbauer is today putting all his experience and knowledge at the service of football as a leader.

■ **Ernie Walker;** former General Secretary of the Scottish FA, whose name is linked inextricably with matters of safety and security in the stadium. As a member, then Chairman, of the Stadia Committee – or the Stadium and Security Committee as it became in 2000 – he has been dedicating his wealth of experience to the preparation of major UEFA events since 1986, as well as to the construction and renovation of numerous stadiums throughout Europe. Ernie Walker used to also be a member of the Committee for the UEFA Club Competitions and of the Board of Appeal.

The Order of Merit in Ruby, reserved for individuals who have served football at top level in a club, association or confederation, was awarded to:

■ **Maurice Burlaz,** former Vice-President of the French Football Federation and former Vice-Chairman of the UEFA Youth Committee. His efforts in favour of youth football have already been recognised through the creation of the Maurice Burlaz Trophy, which is awarded every two years to the national association that achieves the best results in the UEFA youth competitions.

■ **Alexander Chivadze,** former player with Dynamo Tbilissi and the USSR national team, then coach of the Georgian national team. Since 1990, he has been Vice-President of the Georgian Football Federation and has made a tremendous contribution to the integration into UEFA of the football associations that emerged from the former USSR.

■ **Joseph Dagan,** former sports journalist, then General Secretary of the Israel FA, Joseph Dagan has also served his association as national coach and director of external relations. He was one of the kingpins of the Israel FA's admission to UEFA.

■ **Valery Lobanovsky,** former top-division player in the USSR, who went on to pursue a career in coaching, first at club level then with various national teams (USSR, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates and Ukraine). He was also a member of the UEFA Committee for Technical Development from 1988 to 1990.

■ **Johannes Malka** who was forced to put an end to his playing career as a result of injury,



Franz Beckenbauer, who won so many accolades as a player at international level, has now been honoured with the UEFA Order of Merit.



Lennart Johansson and Rinus Michels.



Ken Ridden receives his award from the UEFA President.

awards member

and turned instead to refereeing. As an international referee, he took charge of matches at all levels, before joining the Referees Committee of the German FA (DFB). In 1978, he became a member of the UEFA Referees Committee, on which he remained until 1992, having served first as Vice-Chairman, then as Chairman.

■ **Rinus Michels,** who coached the Dutch team that won the European Championship in 1988 and the AFC Ajax side that won the Champion Clubs' Cup in 1971, has played a significant role in raising the technical quality of coaching, by speaking at numerous courses and seminars. He is also one of the pillars of the Technical Development Committee, to which he has belonged since 1990 and on which he currently serves as Vice-Chairman.

■ **Ken Ridden,** who spent 25 years as a referee in England, before becoming a professional referees instructor with The Football Association. In 1992, he was appointed Director of Refereeing of The FA and of the Premier League. Technical consultant at the 1998 World Cup and member of the International F.A. Board from 1983 to 2000, Ken Ridden joined the UEFA Referees Committee in 1986 and currently holds the office of Vice-Chairman. He has also contributed to refereeing by speaking at events throughout the world.

■ Sixteen committee or panel members were honoured in Stockholm in recognition of their 12 years of service to UEFA:

Pertti Alaja (Finland), Pedro Maria Auterneche Viñegra (Spain), Harry Been (Netherlands), Levent Bicakci (Turkey), Karen Espelund (Norway), Enrique Gonzalez Ruano (Spain), Jim Stjerne Hansen (Denmark), Rinus Michels (Netherlands), Per Ravn Omdal (Norway), Lamberto Perugia (Italy), Karel Vertongen (Belgium), Urs Vogel (Switzerland), Lars Arnesson (Sweden), Maria Teresa Andreu Grau (Spain), Eliane Cremona (Luxembourg) and Alexis Ponnet (Belgium).

circle of former UEFA committee members

With those who retire from UEFA committees after long years of service in mind, UEFA set up its alumni association, to allow retirees to keep in touch with the UEFA football family, notably on the occasion of congresses.

To qualify for the association, a retiree must have served on UEFA committees for at least 12 years. The reduction in the number of committees and in their membership entailed by the implementation of the FORCE project has, however, prompted the Executive Committee to adopt transitional measures and to accept panel members appointed in 2000 who, prior to that, had sat on committees for ten years. This transitional measure will also concern members who, in 2004, will have spent eight or ten years as members of committees and four or two years as panel members. As from 2006, only retirees with 12 years of service on committees will be eligible for the alumni association.

At the congress in Stockholm, tribute was paid to 16 loyal servants of European football with 12 years of involvement on UEFA committees to their name. They include three women: Eliane Cremona (Luxembourg), Maria Teresa Andreu Grau (Spain) and Karen Espelund (Norway), who join Patricia Gregory (England), the only female member of the alumni association until now.

After 14 years of service on the Women's Football Committee, Patricia Gregory retired from her UEFA role in 1994, but remains active in football, taking the minutes of meetings of the West Midlands League (Birmingham).

"It's nice to meet up with people with whom you've worked for many years, to see UEFA people with whom you've enjoyed a good working relationship again, be they committee members or other UEFA folk. The alumni association is something special. Thanks to it, you never lose touch. It's a moral link", furthered Antero da Silva Resende, former member of the UEFA Executive Committee, who was also in Stockholm as a member of the alumni association.



Patricia Gregory enjoys opportunities to meet up with UEFA friends again.



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The Almaty stadium is the home of the Kazakhstan national team. On the far right are the headquarters of the Football Union of Kazakhstan, also in Almaty.





Kazakhstan

the fifty-second member association

FOUR YEARS AFTER THE ADMISSION OF THE FOOTBALL FEDERATION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, THE UEFA CONGRESS IN STOCKHOLM WELCOMED ITS FIFTY-SECOND MEMBER ASSOCIATION, THE FOOTBALL UNION OF KAZAKHSTAN.

By joining UEFA and its competitions, Kazakhstan's footballers are not treading totally new ground since they used to take part in European competitions from 1954 to 1992, under the colours of the USSR, then of the CIS.

Following the break-up of the USSR and the independence of Kazakhstan, the Football Association of the Republic of Kazakhstan was founded in 1992. In 1994, it joined FIFA and became affiliated to the Asian Football Confederation (AFC). In 2000, the association changed its name to the Football Union of Kazakhstan.

In view of the interest of its players and supporters in the European competitions, the better prospects for the development of its talents that it saw in Europe, combined with criteria of a geographical, climatic and historical nature, the Football Union of Kazakhstan asked to leave the AFC to apply for UEFA membership. The application to UEFA was duly submitted last year, and the UEFA Executive Committee gave the green light in December 2001.

The Football Union of Kazakhstan has been running a domestic championship since 1992. This year, the top division, comprising 12 teams, was named the Super League. The championship got under way on 28 April and has been played in two phases. The 12 teams first play each other twice, home and away. The top six teams then take part in a final round over two legs (home and away). The six others take part in a tournament to determine who has to drop down a division. Points obtained in the first phase of the championship are carried forward to the second phase. The club that finishes at the bottom of the table is relegated and is replaced by the champions of the second or Higher Division as it is known. The team that finishes in eleventh position plays off against the Higher Division runners-up.

The Football Union of Kazakhstan also stages a domestic cup, the final of which takes place in the autumn, either in Astana or Almaty.

The Kazakhstan national team competed in the 2002 World Cup qualifying competition in the Asian region. Although they did not actually lose a match (four wins and two draws) in a group which also included Iraq, Nepal and Macao, Kazakhstan had to relinquish first place to Iraq, who had a better goal difference.

In the past, several Kazakh players wore the colours of the USSR national team, including Kairat (Almaty) defender Seilda Balshakov, who, among other honours, played in the qualifying competition for the 1978 World Cup, Yevgeny Yarovenko, who won an Olympic champion's medal in 1988, Aleksander Kadeikin and Aleksander Khapsalis, European Under-16 champions in 1976, and Oleg Dolmatov, European vice-champion in 1972.

Kazakhstan covers a surface area of 2.7 million km² and has a population of 16.8 million. In 1997, Astana replaced Almaty as the capital. The people speak Kazakh and Russian. There are three airports with international connections, in Almaty, Astana and Atyrau, and 11 regular Europe-bound flights a week (a six-and-a-half-hour flight to Frankfurt for example).

The national stadium is in Almaty, and two new stadiums have been built in Astana and Atyrau. A "football city" is planned in Astana, which will provide a covered stadium, playing fields, training installations and facilities for other sports.

The President of the Football Union of Kazakhstan is Rakhat Aliyev, and its General Secretary is Roman Kopytin.

The most successful clubs are Yelimai Semipalatinsk, who have won the league title three times and the cup once, Kairat Almaty (one championship and four cups), Irtysh Pavlodar (two championships and one cup) and reigning champions Zhenis Astana (two championships and one cup).





Rakhat Aliyev, President of the Football Union of Kazakhstan, carrying the flag of his association at the Congress in Stockholm.

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EURO 2008

the seven candidates



Russia



Bosnia & Herzegovina and Croatia



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Greece and Turkey

The Ordinary UEFA Congress gave the seven candidates to host EURO 2008 the opportunity to present themselves to the delegates of the member associations.

In the exhibition hall of the International Fairs Centre in Stockholm, the seven candidates used a variety of ways to convince visitors of the quality of their bids.

The exhibition was a great success with the Congress participants.



Scotland and the Republic of Ireland



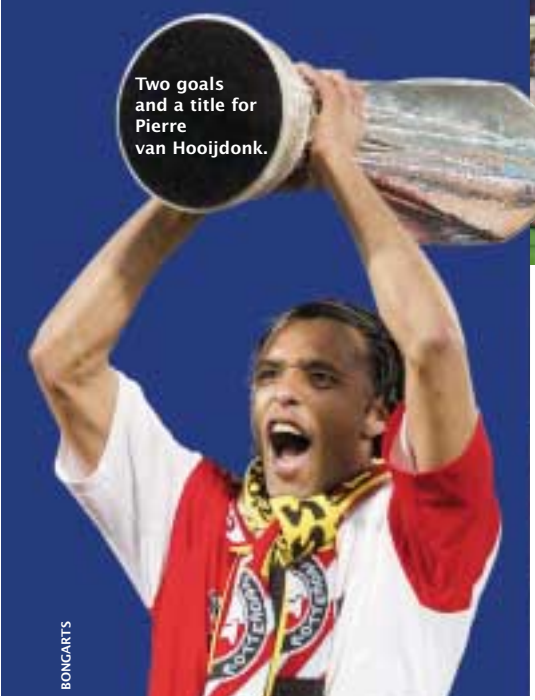
Austria and Switzerland



Hungary



Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden with the support of Iceland and the Faroe Islands


Two goals and a title for Pierre van Hooijdonk.

BONGARTS



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UEFA Cup final

Feyenoord triumph at home

TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS AFTER THEIR FIRST AND – UNTIL NOW – ONLY VICTORY IN THE UEFA CUP, FEYENOORD HAVE WON THE TROPHY FOR THE SECOND TIME IN THEIR HISTORY, IN THE THIRTY-FIRST UEFA CUP FINAL, PLAYED IN ROTTERDAM ON 8 MAY.

Like their opponents, Borussia Dortmund, Feyenoord also started their European campaign this season in the UEFA Champions League, before moving into the UEFA Cup after the first group phase. Then, without losing a single match, the Dutch side went on to eliminate SC Freiburg, Rangers FC, PSV Eindhoven and Internazionale FC. Borussia Dortmund, meanwhile, dashed the hopes of FC Copenhagen, Lille OSC, Slovan Liberec and Milan AC.

8 May 2002 in Rotterdam – De Kuip stadium
Feyenoord–BV Borussia Dortmund 3-2 (2-0)
Goals: van Hooijdonk (2) and Tomasson for Feyenoord, Amoroso and Koller for Borussia.
Referee: Vitor Manuel Melo Pereira (Portugal)

In addition to the advantage of playing at their home ground, Feyenoord were particularly fortunate to play two thirds of the match against just ten men, after a German defender was sent off for a foul which resulted in the score being opened with a kick from the penalty mark. When they scored a second goal from a brilliant free kick by van Hooijdonk, who also scored the first goal, Feyenoord could have brought interest in the game to an end, but Borussia raised their chances by successfully converting a penalty themselves. As a result, the remainder of the second half was exciting, non-stop and often tense. Feyenoord barely had time to savour their third goal before the Germans pulled one back, but down to ten men and only a few days after having won the German championship, they could not find the resources to hold back Feyenoord and prevent them from celebrating their return to the international scene.



ERIC LALMAND


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15 May 2002 in Glasgow – Hampden Park
Bayer 04 Leverkusen – Real Madrid CF 1-2 (1-2)
Goals: Raúl and Zidane for Real Madrid,
Lucio for Bayer.
Referee: Urs Meier (Switzerland)


A fantastic way for Real Madrid to celebrate their centenary.
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UEFA Champions League

a superb present

AT HAMPDEN PARK IN GLASGOW, THE VENUE OF THEIR MOST CELEBRATED VICTORY IN THE CHAMPION CLUBS' CUP IN 1960, REAL MADRID WON THEIR NINTH CHAMPIONS' CROWN BY BEATING BAYER 04 LEVERKUSEN 2-1.

For its tenth anniversary, the UEFA Champions League received a spectacular gift in the form of a classic goal by Zinedine Zidane on the stroke of half-time – a goal that was not only remarkable in its execution but also decisive, since it clinched another European cup for the Madrid side.

In the second half, Bayer Leverkusen only managed to find the means to worry the well-organised defence of their opponents when the 90 minutes were almost up. Then, in the time added on, the German side mustered their remaining energy and created enough chances to draw level with their rivals. But those dying minutes of the game were ultimately as frustrating as the close of Bayer Leverkusen's domestic season, leaving them empty-handed, their earlier dreams of a formidable treble of the domestic cup, domestic championship and UEFA Champions League trophy totally dashed at the end of the day.

This tenth UEFA Champions League final, played in cool weather, and even in the rain towards the end, got off to a promising start for some 50,000 spectators in the stadium, with two goals in the space of just 15 minutes. After they had equalised, Bayer Leverkusen even dominated the game for a while, but it came to nothing. And it was when the game became evenly matched again, and more or less locked in the middle of the field, that a sprint by Roberto Carlos and a perfect centre to an unmarked Zidane allowed the French player to put his mark conclusively on this final.

Remembering 1960

At UEFA's invitation, several players from the memorable Champion Clubs' Cup final of 1960 between Real Madrid and Eintracht Frankfurt (7-3) were in Glasgow for this year's UEFA Champions League final. For the losers of that encounter, the memories of the return visit to the scene of that final were perhaps more intense than for the winners, for whom that particular final, though special, was after all just one of many, all victorious. *"We were amateur players, recalled Eintracht Frankfurt's goalkeeper Egon Loy, and for the final we exceptionally arrived in Glasgow four days ahead of the match, whereas normally we would have travelled only the day before or two days in advance at the most. The final in Glasgow was the highlight of our career, but our best matches were in the semi-finals, when we beat Rangers both in Frankfurt and Glasgow. For the final, we earned a bonus of modest 3000 marks!"*

José Santamaria doesn't remember what the winners' bonus was but he does remember the mentality that drove the team. *"We followed the philosophy of our president which was to always play attractive football and to do nothing that could harm the image of football."*

The players from that memorable final who were present in Glasgow were: Santamaria, Pachin, Canario, Del Sol, Di Stéfano, Puskas, Gento, Ruiz, Miché, Manuel Bueno and Pantaleon from the winning side, and Lutz, Bäumler, Weilbächer, Stinka, Bechtold, Lindner, Stein, Pfaff and Loy from the German line-up.



The DBU organised matches on inflatable pitches before each Under-17 tie.

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The phone box test.

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under-17 football is more than just a game

FOOTBALL IS MORE THAN MERELY TWO TEAMS CONSISTING OF 22 PARTICIPANTS PLAYING EACH OTHER IN ORDER TO WIN A GAME. THE DANISH FA (DBU) PROVED THAT IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECENT EUROPEAN UNDER-17 CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL ROUND WHICH WAS HELD IN DENMARK.

In order to attract as many spectators as possible, the DBU set up various activities for children to enjoy outside the 12 stadiums hosting the games.

Children could measure the speed and strength of their shot on a machine, like the next Roberto Carlos, or test their technical skills by juggling the ball inside a telephone booth, imitating Rivaldo. By measuring their shot accuracy they could shoot almost as well as David Beckham, or they could play a football match on an inflatable pitch.

However, the children were not only challenged in a practical way. The DBU had also considered the mental aspect of football training by investing around DKK 1.6 m in interactive on-line teaching material, which was made available to all Danish schools.

Football was the main focus of the teaching material, which consisted of different working tasks in cross-disciplinary subjects, natural science and physical education. Study plans and activity sheets were also part of the material, along with a very thorough description of the history of football. The children could also search for football-related items in the football encyclopedia and surf the official website of the Danish FA.

All the 16 countries which participated in the tournament were presented in a way that provided the children with comprehensive knowledge of the different cultures and their mentalities. The children also got the chance to play at sports journalists by writing articles and making match reports after watching the different games in the tournament.

All of these activities were implemented in order to make children become acquainted with football in a different and more educational way than by merely watching it in front of the television.

Anders Lunde / DBU

Georgia's Gocha Khojava (8) helped his team to a 1-1 draw against Germany's Saher Senesie in their first match.

BONGARTS



The triumphant Swiss.



The top scorers:

1. Jonathan Soriano (Spain) – 7 goals
2. Morten Rasmussen (Denmark) – 6 goals
3. Denis Calincov (Moldova) – 5 goals
   Collins John (Netherlands) – 5 goals
   Wayne Rooney (England) – 5 goals

Switzerland lift their first European trophy

ON COMPLETION OF THE QUALIFYING ROUNDS IN MARCH, 15 TEAMS OUT OF THE 50 THAT STARTED OUT IN THE COMPETITION JOINED HOSTS DENMARK FOR THE FINAL ROUND OF THE FIRST EUROPEAN UNDER-17 CHAMPIONSHIP.

Between 27 April and 10 May, Europe's leading youth teams gathered at 12 different venues on Lolland-Falster, Sealand and around Copenhagen in Denmark for the final stage of the competition.

In a tournament well covered by the Danish and the international media, the Swiss team won their first trophy ever in a UEFA competition. Switzerland became the tenth nation to add its name to the list of titleholders in the history of the tournament. The players of Swiss coach Markus Frei made it to the title with a well-organised team on the field of play and a very solid defence, allowing their opponents only two goals in six games.

The opening game, which pitted Denmark against the Netherlands, set the tone for a fantastic championship with a 4-4 draw. To the delight of the enthusiastic local crowd, the Danes equalised in the 83rd minute from a free-kick. Later in the tournament, the host team could not come up with any more surprises, and they were eliminated in the quarter-finals by Spain in a penalty shoot-out after a dramatic comeback from a 2-0 score. However, Denmark won a well-deserved Fair Play trophy, which is awarded by UEFA to encourage youngsters to behave in a sportsmanlike manner.

With an average of more than four goals per game, the tournament saw many other highlights. The qualification of Georgia and Switzerland for the quarter-finals was unexpected, while the elimination of the favoured Portugal also came as a surprise, with the Portuguese not getting beyond the group stage, after losing to the two subsequent finalists, Switzerland and France.

Goalless until the end of extra time, the final went into a penalty shoot-out, which was won by Switzerland 4-2. The Swiss also won the group match between the two teams. Third place went to England, who beat Spain 4-1 in the match for third place.

Portugal will host the final round of the 2003 European Under-17 Championship, which will feature eight teams, to bring it into line with the European Under-19 Championship.



Philippe Senderos holds up the first European championship trophy that Switzerland have ever won.

Three questions to Markus Frei, coach of the Swiss Under-17 team



What is so special about being a youth coach?

MF: It's a tremendous pleasure to be able to help the players along in their development. As Under-17 coach, you get the players at a stage of their career where you can really make a positive impact on their future, and at this level, the work is more appreciated than the results you achieve. I have two years to help them as much as I can, but during these two years, I can work at the pace that I find best, and in the end, progress is what counts – not what we achieve on the scoreboard.

What sort of feeling does a youth coach get from seeing his players perform so well? It's a reward for all the hard work, isn't it?

MF: Well, I have to say that the final ten minutes that we played against England was one of the biggest moments of my career. It was simply unbelievable. We were leading 3-0 in the semi-final against a great nation like England, and we were playing the ball around exactly as we pleased without them being able to do anything about it. That was fantastic.

At Under-17 level, are tactics given special priority or is coaching still very much linked to the joy of playing?

MF: That's always the big question. Creativity is important in football, but you can't just have the players running around in defence like headless chickens. The players need certain principles and boundaries that they can work within, so that they know by instinct that they have to run towards the near post in a certain situation. The players need to have that discipline, because otherwise your game loses structure.



Viola Odebrecht was judged to be the player of the match in the final.







England rejoice after qualifying for the semi-finals.



PHOTOS: BILDBYRÅN

The triumphant German team celebrate their third successivechampionship victory, which means that they can keep the trophy.

Women's Under-19 Championship

third success for Germany

FOR THE FIRST TIME, EIGHT NATIONS TOOK PART IN THIS YEAR'S FINAL TOURNAMENT, HELD IN HELSINGBORG AND THE REGION OF SKÅNE IN THE SOUTH OF SWEDEN FROM 2 TO 12 MAY. GERMANY CAME OUT WINNERS FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR, WITH A 3-1 VICTORY OVER FRANCE.

The teams all had an added incentive, as the tournament kicked off with the four teams reaching the semi-finals assured of a place in the FIFA Women's Under-19 Championship in Canada in August this year.

The competition got off to a thrilling start at the Olympia Stadium in Helsingborg, with Germany coming from behind to beat France 3-2. The high-scoring game featured goals from the two eventual tournament top scorers. France's Claire Morel scored two first-half goals, half her tally for the tournament, while Barbara Müller responded for Germany with a hat-trick which proved crucial to the outcome of the game.

The other game in Group A was a more tense affair, with Spain clinching a late injury time winner against hosts Sweden to disappoint the crowd of more than 2,000 and seal a surprise victory.

In Group B, England re-wrote the history books with their first ever defeat of Norway at this level, running out 3-1 victors to start their campaign in fine form. Denmark were the other team in the group to win their opening game, with a 3-0 victory over a young Switzerland. The game saw an outstanding performance between the posts by Denmark's Susanne Graversen Boel.

With the top two teams in each group qualifying for the semi-finals, the open nature of both groups ensured a nail-biting end to the final group games. With Germany already qualified from Group A ahead of the last group game, Sweden, France and Spain still had the chance of qualifying in second place. However it wasn't to be the hosts' day, and their hopes of qualification were ended with a 1-0 defeat to Germany. The second place spot and ticket to Canada went to France, with a 2-1 victory over Spain.

In Group B, England had to endure a few nervous minutes at the end of their 4-3 defeat to Switzerland. After certainly the most entertaining game of the tournament, both teams had to await news from Ängelholm, where Denmark were playing the closing stages of their game against Norway. There were joyous scenes from the English delegation as news of Norway's defeat filtered through to Kävlinge. England progressed to the semi-final stage courtesy of a superior goal difference. In the semi-finals Germany continued their unbeaten run defeating England 1-0. France reached the final courtesy of another fine goal from Claire Morel as they defeated Denmark 1-0.



A brand-new vehicle for the Lesotho Football Association.

FA



The "Progress" course in Côte d'Ivoire.

UEFA



Ray Kiddell and Issa Hayatou.

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Meridian Project course in Côte d'Ivoire

THE DIRECT AID BETWEEN UEFA AND CERTAIN MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS OF THE AFRICAN FOOTBALL CONFEDERATION (CAF) CAN BE EXTENDED SELECTIVELY TO OTHER ASSOCIATIONS THAN THOSE BENEFITING FROM REGULAR AID FOR TWO YEARS.

In this way, a Progress course was organised in Abidjan in early April for officials from the Côte d'Ivoire Football Association. Progress courses have proved their worth within the framework of assistance to Eastern Europe (East European Assistance Bureau), by, among other things, providing training in the areas of administration, coaching and financial management.

In Abidjan, some 30 participants from the Côte d'Ivoire FA followed a three-day course run by members of the UEFA Administration's Assistance Programmes unit. Given that the Côte d'Ivoire government has made training one of the key aspects of its sports development policy, the course concentrated on reinforcing the training of human resources within the association, as well as on the professional administration of a football body.

A British experience

Alongside UEFA's direct aid, co-operation continues between national associations from both continents, Africa and Europe, as reports Jane Bateman, Head of International Relations at The Football Association in England:

A delegation from The Football Association visited southern Africa in April to run two workshops entitled "Planning for Effective Football Development Administration". South Africa was the first port of call, where senior officials from 44 of the 52 African national associations attended the workshop in Johannesburg.

This workshop was the first of four to take place as part of a programme of F.A.-CAF co-operation agreed by our Chairman, Geoff Thompson, and CAF President Issa Hayatou.

Whilst the programme of co-operation was described by The F.A.'s Head of Delegation, Mr Ray Kiddell, as "a great honour", it was commended by Mr Hayatou as "a unique invitation". He said, *"The F.A. is setting a magnificent example by extending the hand of friendship to an entire confederation in this way".*

The F.A.'s commitment to Africa is similarly reflected in its ongoing support of the UEFA-CAF Meridian Project which partners England with Botswana, Malawi and Lesotho. The Mountain Kingdom was the venue for the second workshop delivered exclusively for Lesotho's football administrators. Accompanied by UEFA Meridian Project Manager, Mohamed Taa, the delegation's three-day visit also included the hand-over of a new team bus for UEFA and an inspection of their new headquarters, where The F.A. will sponsor the library and conference rooms, expected to be operational in July.

Geoff Thompson, Chairman of The F.A. and a Vice-President of UEFA, described The F.A.'s commitment to African football development as *"an important and exciting part of The F.A.'s International Development Programme".* He said: *"We value the close relationships we enjoy with each of our partners through the UEFA-CAF Meridian Project. It is without doubt a rewarding experience for The F.A., providing a valuable opportunity for us as an organisation to learn as well as to share our own experiences and areas of expertise."*



The Football Association ran a workshop on "Planning for Effective Football Development Administration" in Lesotho in April.

PHOTOS: FA

Red cards are the most frequent cause of disciplinary cases.



The Welsh delegation sign the Convention...



General terms and conditions for UEFA match referees are being laid down in a official document.

UEFA activities
meetings and other events

AT ITS MEETING IN STOCKHOLM ON 24 APRIL, THE DAY BEFORE THE XXVI ORDINARY UEFA CONGRESS, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SAID GOODBYE TO THREE OF ITS MEMBERS, DES CASEY, FRANTISEK CHVALOVSKY AND CLAUDE SIMONET.

It also heard a progress report on preparations for EURO 2004, for which contracts have been signed with the three two official sponsors, Carlsberg, McDonald's and Coca-Cola.

Among the other business dealt with, the Committee agreed on the creation of a UEFA Club Forum intended to strengthen co-operation and dialogue with the clubs taking part in the UEFA competitions, and approved general terms and conditions for referees, assistant referees and fourth officials appointed for UEFA matches. These terms and conditions come into force with the new season (2002/03) and will be distributed to all concerned. They embrace all the current practices, which have never been assembled in an official document until now.

On the subject of artificial turf, the Committee approved a draft manual providing all the necessary technical specifications, recommendations and instructions for fitting an artificial playing surface in conformity with the norms set by UEFA. The printed manual and a CD-ROM are scheduled to be published next summer.

A number of sets of competition regulations were also put before the Committee, which duly approved the regulations for the 2002/03 European Women's Under-19 Championship, the 2002/03 European Under-19 Championship, the 2002/03 European Under-17 Championship, and the 2002/03 UEFA Regions Cup.

Turning its attention to anti-doping measures, the Committee decided to put the question of blood tests to the UEFA Medical Committee and to recommend such tests, as well as to increase the number of doping tests. On the same subject, it amended the related sanctions provided for in the UEFA Disciplinary Regulations to bring them into line with the sanctions imposed by FIFA. From now on, a player will therefore incur a suspension of a minimum of six months for a first doping offence, of a minimum of 12 months for a second offence, and for an indefinite period (but in excess of 12 months in any case) for a subsequent offence.

In accordance with the FIFA Statutes, two members of the Arbitration Tribunal for Football (TAF) were appointed, namely Jean-Pierre Karaquillo (France) and Léon Straessle (Switzerland). In addition, Executive Committee member Giangiorgio Spiess (Switzerland) was appointed as UEFA's representative for the International Chamber for Football Arbitration (CIAF).



... followed by Bulgaria....



... and Finland.



Over four million Swiss francs for charity

For the 2000/01 season, the fines imposed in the UEFA competitions amounted to almost 4.1 million Swiss francs, a sum that UEFA has contributed to its support to charity work.

The amount collected in fines for the 2000/01 season is some CHF 175,000 higher than for the previous season. More than half of the fines were imposed for improper conduct by a team (52%), the other main reason being the non-respect of instructions regarding safety and security in the stadium and its immediate vicinity (34%).

Although the overall amount of fines may have increased, the number of disciplinary cases brought before UEFA's disciplinary bodies has, however, dropped, despite a sharp increase in the number of matches. In the 2000/01 season, 599 cases were opened for a total of 1,488 matches, which is 48 fewer cases (8% less) than in the previous season. In contrast, the number of appeals rose to 37, which is 15 more (a 68% increase) than in the previous season.

Red cards constituted the most frequent reason for disciplinary cases (41%), followed by improper conduct by a team (32%) and inadequate order and discipline in the stadium (18%).

Coaches' Convention

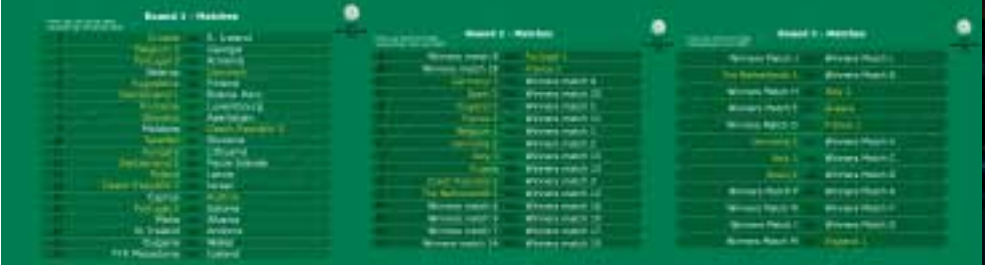
In Stockholm, the day before the UEFA Congress, representatives of the football associations of Bulgaria, Finland and Wales ratified the UEFA Convention on the Mutual Recognition of Coaching Qualifications at Pro level.

"Twenty-seven national associations have been admitted to the Convention now", highlighted UEFA Technical Director Andy Roxburgh, *"including 16 as full members. That means that some 150,000 coaches throughout Europe have a UEFA-endorsed coaching licence. What's more, the applications of another 12 associations are under consideration."*



UEFA President Lennart Johansson with representatives of the associations newly admitted to the Convention.

PHOTOS: UEFA-B.TILLY





UEFA President Lennart Johansson shakes hands with his European Football Pool counterpart, Friedrich Stickler.

Club licensing workshops

Following its approval by the Executive Committee in March, the UEFA Club Licensing System Manual was presented to all UEFA member associations in Nyon on 19 April.

This general presentation was followed by workshops for which the national associations were divided into three groups. The programme of each two-and-a-half day seminar was the same. All the workshops took place in Zurich between 29 April and 8 May.

The main aims of these workshops, to which each association was invited to send its experts, including a financial expert, were to convince the participants of the advantages of the club licensing system, to explain the details and logic of each aspect of the manual, to learn how to use a range of project planning tools, and to provide information on the support available.

Feedback from the associations has been largely favourable. Eduard Dervishi, project leader in the Spanish Football Federation, which has been one of the pilot associations for the UEFA project, said: "Judging from my experience, it is a very good project. It is very complex indeed, but equally helpful, even for Spain. We are considered a big football country, but it will help us improve ourselves further".

Eduard Dervishi is also convinced that the project will go down well with the clubs: "We haven't presented it officially yet, but we've had a good response from the professional league and we won't have any problems".

Smaller football nations, like Georgia, have also applauded the system. Valery Cholaria, secretary-general of the Georgian Football Federation, told uefa.com: "This initiative comes at the right time. It should help Georgian football to get up to European standard. The hardest task for us will be to convince the clubs. They will participate of course, but it is clear that this will take a lot of effort. But, despite some difficulties, we clearly realise that football should benefit from such a system".

UEFA Intertoto Cup

On 9 April, at UEFA's headquarters in Nyon, Jean Fournet-Fayard, Chairman of the Club Competitions Committee, assisted by Thomas Büchler from the European Football Pool, made the draw for the first three rounds of this year's UEFA Intertoto Cup. Forty-five national associations have entered the 2002 competition and have until 24 May to announce the name's of their participating clubs.

The competition gets under way on 22 and 23 June (first legs), when 40 clubs will be on the starting grid in the first round (see complete schedule below).

Ultimately, three clubs will qualify for the first round of next season's UEFA Cup.

On 24 April, in Stockholm, UEFA signed a contract with the European Football Pool for the 2002 UEFA Intertoto Cup, which is the eighth such event.

UEFA INTERTOTO CUP

Schedule

First round	22/23.6 and 29/30.6.2002
Second round	6/7.7 and 13/14.7
Third round	20/21.7 and 27.7
Semi finals	31.7 and 7.8
Finals	13.8 and 27.8

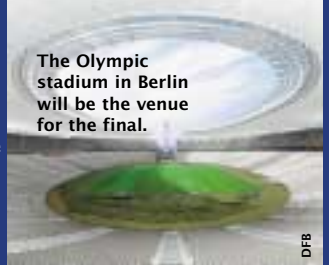


Jean Fournet-Fayard with Thomas Büchler (left) and Michele Centenaro, Senior Product Manager Club Competitions.



The FA of Andorra places great importance on the youth sector.

FAF



The Olympic stadium in Berlin will be the venue for the final.

DFB



Agropetrol and Kaskada before the Bosnia & Herzegovina Futsal Cup Final.

FUAD KRVAVAC

from member associations news

ANDORRA

Among the vast efforts being undertaken by the FA of Andorra (FAF) to boost the practice of football in the country, activities in the training sector deserve being singled out.

With a view to taking care of the future of football in our country, the FAF organised various camps for young players last year, an exercise that it will be repeating this year. During the summer holidays, a second football and English camp will give children the chance to play football and improve their skills thanks to the participation of coaches and top international players, and, at the same time, they will also be given English lessons by teachers of English mother tongue.

Also worthy of mention is the 3rd Educational Football Tournament in May, which has some exceptional names on the list of participants, notably FC Barcelona, RCD Espanyol, Athletic de Bilbao, Valencia CF and FC Utrecht.

And last but not least, we are pleased to announce the creation of a national B team, which will enable all young players with a promising future to take part in international matches and prepare themselves for the senior national team.

Miquel Angel Quiñones

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

In May this year, the Football Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina celebrates the tenth anniversary of its foundation. It was on 17 May 1992, to be precise, when the FF BH was founded, after the State had gained independence. In that time, the federation has done a lot towards uniting football in BH. It has been extremely hard, but, at the end of the day, football, as a game, will win. Indeed, on 23 May, an Extraordinary Assembly of FF BH will be held, at which the Football Association of Republic of Srpska will probably join the state federation. Invitations have been extended to 40 delegates who will represent the ten cantonal associations of FF BH and to 20 delegates who will represent the five regional associations of the Republic of Srpska.

Once the Football Association of the Republic of Srpska has joined the state federation, delegates will be called upon to decide about the competition system for the forthcoming two-year period. A three-member presidency will also have to be elected, as well as all the other committees necessary for the functioning of FF BH.

While the negotiations have been under way to unite football off the field throughout the territory of BH, the players (male and female) have already ensured such unity on the field, with the final stages in all categories of this season's BH Cup involving clubs from the Republic of Srpska.

FC "Leotar" Trebinje qualified for the semi-finals, as did FC "Borac" Banja Luka in the women's sector, whilst Futsal club "Agropetrol" Brcko District were defeated by Futsal club "Kaskada" Gracanica in the finals, with "Kaskada" subsequently taking part in the 1st UEFA Futsal Cup in Portugal.

All teams from the Republic of Srpska took part in the above-mentioned competitions without waiting for its association to join the FF BH, while a final decision concerning the appointment of national-team coaches, except for that of head coach, has been postponed until the forthcoming assembly, to enable coaches from the Republic of Srpska to join the technical staff.

Fuad Krvavac

CROATIA

There are new things happening in Croatia. For the first time since Croatia became independent, the domestic championship has not been won by NK Dinamo Zagreb or NK Hajduk Split, but by NK Zagreb, a club that dominated the championship all the way through, from the first to the last round.

NK Zagreb is one of the oldest Croatian clubs, founded in 1903. One of the new Croatian football stars plays for NK Zagreb. He is Ivica Olic, leading scorer in the championship (20 goals scored). Several players in other national teams also play for the club: Duro, Sabic and Simic from the national team of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Stavrevski from FYR Macedonia. Goalkeeper Vladimir Vasilj is one of the goalkeepers of the Croatian national team. Coach of NK Zagreb is Zlatko Kranjcar, former international player (with Dynamo Zagreb and Rapid Vienna). He has also coached several Croatian and Austrian clubs.

This past championship was the last to involve 16 clubs. As from next season, the Croatian national division will consist of 12 clubs (in the final part of the championship, play-offs will be contested to determine who wins and who gets relegated). It is hoped that such a system of competition will raise the quality of football and that it will stop young talents from leaving for foreign clubs.

NK Dynamo Zagreb, a Croatian football institution, have won the Croatian Cup. Over the two legs of the final, NK Dynamo did better then their opponents, NK Varteks from Varazdin. The first match, played in Zagreb, finished in a 1-1 draw, while in the second match, in Varazdin, NK Dynamo defeated NK Varteks 1-0.

The Croatian national team is now getting ready for the World Cup finals. Final preparations have taken place in Austria, at Faak am See. The team left for Japan on 19 May and prior to the competition will stay at their base camp in the city of Tokamachi.

Adolf Kozul

GERMANY

Gerd Müller has received another World Cup honour. In Frankfurt am Main, at the headquarters of the German Football Association (DFB), the World Cup record goalscorer was the surprise guest at the ceremony to announce the venues for the 2006 World Cup in Germany.

At the event on 15 April, the 1974 world champion pressed the button that started a short video presenting each venue. The 12 venues selected by FIFA and the Germany 2006 Organising Committee are Berlin, Dortmund, Frankfurt, Gelsenkirchen, Hamburg, Hanover, Kaiserslautern, Cologne, Leipzig, Munich, Nuremberg and Stuttgart. The international media centre will be located in Munich.

FIFA regulations do not permit more venues, but the unsuccessful candidates of Bremen, Mönchengladbach and Düsseldorf will still be involved in World Cup activities. *"We would like to play international matches in those stadiums"*, announced Horst R. Schmidt, Vice-Chairman of the Organising Committee.

Gerd Graus



Halldor B. Jónsson, Vice-President of the Icelandic FA, and the Mayor of Reykjavik inaugurate the Egilshöll.

KSI



FLF

The FLF centre in Mondercange.



NFF

ICELAND

Playing football in perfect conditions during the wintertime is no longer a distant dream in Iceland, as the number of indoor football arenas is growing steadily. Until last April there was only one indoor arena, in Keflavík, but now one has gone up in Reykjavík, and another will be opened in Akureyri next winter.

The one in Reykjavík, Egilshöll Arena, is one of the largest of its kind in Europe, equipped with a full-size pitch, third generation artificial turf, and a seating capacity of 2,000.

Instead of facing the possibility of wind, rain or snow (or all of these factors) during the final stages of the winter competitions, an increasing number of matches can now be played in perfect conditions on a perfect pitch.

Ómar Smárason

LUXEMBOURG

Since the beginning of May, the Luxembourg FA has a new home, in the Gasperich district of the city. The new, functional offices of the association house not only the secretariat but also the national match operations department, and are of course equipped with the necessary audio-visual and technical aids.

In mid-August, or thereabouts, the other departments of the administration, as well as the entire technical sector of the association, will move to Mondercange, which is ten kilometres from the city of Luxembourg. The association's national training centre, which disposes of three natural fields and an artificial field, will accommodate all the national teams. Apart from four very spacious dressing-rooms, the new centre boasts a sauna, rooms for doctors and masseurs, a gym, a small fitness studio, a Jacuzzi, laundry, kitchen and dining room, function rooms and numerous multi-purpose meeting rooms and offices.

Despite the ten kilometres separating the two new premises of the association, the latest technical means ensure that the whole administration of the association will be networked in future through a leased line.

Thanks to all these improvements, and by adding to its staff, the Luxembourg FA will soon dispose of all the necessary means to work efficiently and in the spirit of Luxembourg football.

Joël Wolff



Anton Parera (left, FC Barcelona) and Gerardo González, General Secretary of the Spanish Football Federation, with UEFA CEO Gerhard Aigner.

RFEF

MALTA

"The new Millenium Stand at the Ta' Qali national stadium is nearing completion and will soon be officially inaugurated". This was the announcement made by the Malta FA's President and member of the UEFA Executive Committee, Dr Joseph Mifsud, during a press conference which was followed by an on-site visit for the local media and the association's Council members. This new state-of-the art stand, which replaces the old East Stand, will seat 5,200 and incorporate 22 executive boxes, a half-Olympic-size pool, two gymnasia, two squash courts, and other facilities for a football museum, conferences, exhibitions, retail outlets and a spacious underground car-park. This multi-million project has been made possible thanks to a loan from the association's bankers, HSBC, a soft loan from UEFA and financial assistance from the FIFA Goal Programme. Project Manager Ludovico Micallef, a Malta FA Vice-President, is an architect by profession.

In a friendly international match played at the Ta' Qali national stadium on 17 April, Malta beat visiting Azerbaijan by a goal scored by young striker Michael Mifsud, who plays for Kaiserslautern in the German Bundesliga. This was the sixth consecutive positive result for the senior national team since beating Canada last November. Coached by former German World Cup star Sigi Held, Malta also won the eleventh edition of the prestigious Rothmans International Football Tournament in February.

Thanks to a brace of goals by their leading striker Adrian Mifsud in their penultimate match against rivals Floriana, Hibernians took the three points they needed to clinch the Rothmans Premier League Championship for 2001/02. The winning of this championship, which came in the year when Hibernians FC are commemorating the eightieth anniversary of their foundation, was celebrated by thousands of fans, who thronged the streets leading to Paola in the Cottonera district. This was Hibernians FC's ninth league title in the club's chequered history and assured them of a place in the preliminary round of next season's UEFA Champions League.

Louis Micallef

NORWAY

UEFA President Lennart Johansson has praised seven Norwegian clubs for their work against racism. The clubs, Vålerenga, Brummunddal, Bækkelaget, Drafn, Grei, Holmlia and Vard/Haugesund were honoured at a lunch in Oslo on 17 April.

The lunch was a part of the centenary celebrations of the Norwegian Football Association. Among the guests were FIFA President Joseph S. Blatter, members of the FIFA Executive Committee, members of the UEFA Executive Committee and representatives from several European football associations.

In his speech to the 350 guests, Mr Johansson thanked the clubs for their work against racism: "Norway is leading the way when it comes to

Lennart Johansson congratulates the Norwegian clubs.



Work is in progress to provide the Romanian FA with new headquarters.



FC Torpedo, winners of the first two rounds.

fighting everyday racism and integrating foreigners into football clubs, and these seven clubs serve as an example of the efforts against racism in Norway", the UEFA President said.

Roger Solheim

ROMANIA

A long-held dream of Romanian football will finally become a reality this summer, when new headquarters for the association are completed. The building is situated behind the national stadium, in the biggest sports park in Bucharest and the whole country, which bears the name of the former Olympic champion and president of the Romanian Olympic Committee, Lia Manoliu. The "House of Football", as it will be known, occupies approximately 2,900 square metres and comprises four floors, which house 50 offices, a 350-capacity conference room, a room for meetings of the executive committee and a 70-capacity press conference room.

Although the new headquarters will only be fully operational towards the end of June or beginning of July, the conference room has already been used to hold the general assembly of the Romanian FA on 13 May. The assembly was called upon to decide on the new competition system for 2003/04, details of which will be provided in the next issue of uefadirect.

Dan Cristea

RUSSIA

The Veterans Committee of the Football Union of Russia (Chairman – Alexei Paramonov, Olympic Champion of 1956) is organising the 1st Veterans "Ever-Shining Stars" Tournament for players over 50.

The tournament is being organised with the purpose of promoting sport and a healthy way of life and of encouraging activities for football veterans.

Veterans' teams from Spartak Moscow, Dynamo Moscow, Lokomotiv Moscow and Torpedo Moscow, as well as the Moscow Veterans team and Arbitr (referee veterans team) are taking part in this competition. All the players are over 50 and all played or officiated for top-division teams in the Russian or USSR domestic championships.

The tournament is being staged in Moscow from January to December in 12 legs.

During each leg (month), the first three teams in the rankings and the best players are awarded with small prizes. Players born in the month of the leg receive gifts.

The winners, runners-up and third-placed team will be awarded with commemorative prizes, and the players of those teams with commemorative medals and diplomas. The best goalkeeper and the best player of the tournament will receive special prizes.

The refereeing of the tournament is being carried out by women referees from the FIFA list.

Four legs have already been staged. The winners of the first and second legs were FC Torpedo, the third leg was won by the Arbitr team, and the fourth by FC Dynamo. The next (fifth) leg takes place on 11 May.

The Veterans Committee of the Football Union of Russia would like to propose setting up a UEFA Veterans Committee and organising international competitions for football veterans of different ages.

Alexei Paramonov

SLOVENIA

Life at the Football Association of Slovenia (NZS) has been very hectic since its senior national team qualified for the World Cup finals for the first time in the history of Slovenian football. Our relatively small organisation, with only 14 employees, has been involved in its largest project ever. Luckily, we gained some experience two years ago, when we participated in the EURO 2000 final round.

One of our new projects has been official merchandising and, accordingly, we have tried to do our best to 'remodel' our team jerseys to be more Slovenian, by incorporating a Slovenian (state) insignia. We came up with the idea of using the symbol of our highest mountain, the Triglav, which means "three heads" in the Slovenian language, because of its shape. It is also part of the Slovenian coat-of-arms. The end result? New national team jerseys from our official supplier, Uhlsport, sporting a "three-peaked line" on the chest, as christened in our friendly match against Croatia on 27 March.

Aiming to expand support for our team from the fans, the Football Association of Slovenia has opened an official merchandising shop called the Trigi Shop in Ljubljana, which offers a whole range of official licensed products, including – in the first place – the national team jersey. For those who are more comfortable buying via the Internet, and especially for our fans abroad, the NZS has created a special website, www.trigi.si, where all products are easy accessible with a secure payment guarantee.

Most of the organisational and logistical work has been completed, so the rest is now up to the 'boys' of our national team, who will show – borrowing the words of our coach Srecko Katanec – what they are made of in the World Cup Korea/Japan 2002!

Irena Ilesic

SPAIN

After the resounding success of the first "Planet Futbol" international fair, held at the Fira in Barcelona in May, the second such event is already in the pipeline and is scheduled to take place in Madrid from 8 to 16 March 2003.

The Barcelona experience received tremendous public support, with some 400,000 visitors during the nine days of the exhibition, at which 220 commercial brands were represented over a surface area of 40,000 square metres.

The fair also received wide media coverage, both in the written and audio-visual press. Over 1,000 journalists were accredited.

In view of its success, the organisers of Planet Futbol (the organising committee comprises the Spanish Football Federation and the Spanish Professional Football League) have decided that it should be an annual event. Madrid will be the venue for exhibitions in "odd" years, while Barcelona will host the fair in "even" years.



Miran Pavlin sports Slovenia's new strip.



The signing of the agreement between the Yugoslav FA and Lotto.

UEFA was strongly represented at this year's Planet Futbol. Meetings of its Professional Football Committee and Control & Disciplinary Body took place in Barcelona at the same time, as did the 12th UEFA Coach Educators Course.

The International Professional Football Congress held within the framework of Planet Futbol was opened by UEFA CEO Gerhard Aigner.

Jorge Pérez Arias

SWEDEN

Former striker Mats Aronsson is a new member of the board of the Swedish Football Association. Aronsson, now 51 year, had a player career with Landskrona Bois and Djurgårdens IF. He is chairman of Stockholm's Football Association.

Lars-Åke Lagrell was elected chairman for another year (his twelfth year!). The other members of the board are Björn Ahlberg, Börje Sandgren, Susanne Erlandsson, Gillis Persson, Sune Hellströmer (General Secretary) and Bengt Madsen (Vice-President).

Jonas Nystedt

SWITZERLAND

The Swiss FA (SFV) is heavily involved in the national exhibition, "EXPO 02", that has just opened in Switzerland (Bienne, Morat, Neuchâtel and Yverdon).

The SFV's aim is to show football in all its facets and to make it accessible to more people. Within the framework of EXPO 02, people who would normally prefer to go to the opera or cinema will be encouraged to also appreciate football.

Already in advance of EXPO 02 – during the so-called Qualification Games – the SFV was represented with success, in Tenero, Bern, Lausanne and Greifensee. By taking precision shots at goal, everyone – young or old, women or men – had the chance to qualify for the final in Yverdon in mid-May. Prominent internationals such as Kubilay Türkyilmaz and Alex Frei, as well as football legends Erich Burgener and Jakob Kuhn, were kept busy signing autographs, and visitors also showed great interest in an information stand about the joint Austro-Swiss bid to host EURO 2008.

The closing highlight in Yverdon will be the precision shooting finals, a woman's tournament and a mixed tournament involving teams each composed of two veterans, two active players, two under-19s, two under-16s, two senior women and two women under-19s.

On 14 July, in Yverdon, there is a real treat in store for football fans, when a Swiss team plays a world selection. Prominent names from Europe, the rest of the world and Switzerland will be on show.

Pierre Benoit

WALES

The main event for the Football Association of Wales during the month of May was the visit of Germany to the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff for a friendly senior international on 14 May, which attracted an attendance in excess of 36,000 spectators. During the same week, the Wales semi-professional squad participated in a four-nation tournament in England, which also involved teams from Scotland and the Republic of Ireland.

The domestic season ended on 5 May, with Barry Town FC and Bangor City FC, who are champions and third in the league respectively, contesting the Welsh Cup Final, where the guest of honour was former Juventus favourite and 38 times capped John Charles.

Cardiff City FC, who play in the English Nationwide League Division 2, are currently contesting the play-offsand will be hopeful of progressing to the final match at the Millennium Stadium Cardiff.

The Wales women's team were also in action when they entertained Scotland at Merthyr Tydfil on 19 May in a FIFA Women's World Cup qualifying match.

And last but not least, not to forget the match officials, the Football Association of Wales have recently appointed former FIFA referee Rodger Gifford as National Referees Officer.

John Deakin

YUGOSLAVIA

On 5 April 2002 in Belgrade, a sponsorship contract was signed between famous Italian sports equipment company "Lotto" and the Yugoslav Football Association.

The contract, signed by YFA President Dragan Stojkovic and "Lotto" Vice-President Edoardo Artaldi, states that "Lotto" will be the technical sponsor of all Yugoslav national teams for the next six years and that it will supply them with sports equipment, accessories and leisurewear. In addition, all selections – except the senior national team – will be kitted out with "Lotto Stadio Elite" football boots.

At the contract signing ceremony, YFA President Dragan Stojkovic expressed great pleasure at the fact that Yugoslav national team players will wear equipment of high quality, top design and bearing a well-known mark. In addition, YFA has obtained the exclusive right to open specialised "Lotto" shops in Belgrade, as well as to be involved in the distribution of "Lotto" equipment, which will certainly represent a significant source of income. The contract links two reliable and well-known partners: "Lotto" as one of the leading sports equipment companies in the world on the one hand, and the Yugoslav Football Association, on the other.

Both partners acknowledge that the contract entails co-operation between two successful undertakings who want to get even better and, in this respect, there is the possibility of extending the present contract at the end of its first six-year term.

Nebojsa Ivkovic



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birthdays – calendar

Birthdays

Alun Evans (Wales), a member of UEFA's alumni association, will be 60 on 11 June, a milestone reached by Philippe Piat, a member of the Players Panel and FIFPro on 18 June. UEFA wishes both gentlemen many happy returns of the day and also extends birthday greetings to:

- Otto Andres (Germany, 1.6)
- Wilfried Gerhardt (Germany, 1.6)
- George Courtney (England, 4.6)
- Georg-Adolf Schnarr (Germany, 5.6)
- Franz Wöhrer (Austria, 5.6)
- Ludovico Micallef (Malta, 5.6)
- Léon Straessle (Switzerland, 6.6)
- Michael Joseph Hyland (Rep. of Ireland, 6.6)
- Piotr Werner (Poland, 6.6)
- Lars-Åke Bjørck (Sweden, 7.6)
- Charles Talar (France, 7.6)
- Michel Sablon (Belgium, 7.6)
- Sándor Berzi (Hungary, 7.6)
- Engelbert Nelle (Germany, 9.6)
- Joseph A. Sacco (Malta, 9.6)
- Hans Bangerter (Switzerland, 10.6)
- Alain Courtois (Belgium, 12.6)
- Tom A. Restall (Malta, 13.6)
- Giulio Campanati (Italy, 15.6)
- Viacheslav Koloskov (Russia, 15.6)
- Sabri Celik (Turkey, 16.6)
- Michael Joseph Maessen (Netherlands, 17.6)
- Roger Lemerre (France, 18.6)
- Gérard Enault (France, 18.6)
- Hannelore Ratzeburg (Germany, 18.6)
- Michel Platini (France, 21.6)
- Peter Zidovsky (Slovakia, 22.6)
- Georg Pangl (Austria, 23.6)
- Kurt Furgler (Switzerland, 24.6)
- Jan Zatorsky (Czech Republic, 25.6)
- Claude Simonet (France, 27.6)
- Barry W. Bright (England, 27.6)
- Sigurdur Hannesson (Iceland, 27.6)

Forthcoming events

MEETINGS

14.6.2002
Draw for the 2nd UEFA Women's Cup

20.6.2002,Nyon
Club Competitions Committee (bureau)

21.6.2002, Geneva
Draw for the first two qualifying rounds of the UEFA Champions League and for the first qualifying round of the UEFA Cup

10-11.7.2002, Nyon
Executive Committee

15.7.2002, Nyon
Draw for the semi-finals and finals of the UEFA Intertoto Cup

18-19.7.2002, Nyon
Seminar for European stadium managers

26.7.2002, Nyon
Draw for the third qualifying round of the UEFA Champions League

COMPETITIONS

31.5-30.6.2002, Japan and Korea
World Cup

22-23.6.2002
UEFA Intertoto Cup: first round (first legs)

29-30.6.2002
UEFA Intertoto Cup: first round (return legs)

6-7.7.2002
UEFA Intertoto Cup: second round (first legs)

13-14.7.2002
UEFA Intertoto Cup: second round (return legs)

17.7.2002
UEFA Champions League: first qualifying round (first legs)

20-21.7.2002
UEFA Intertoto Cup: third round (first legs)

21-28.7.2002, Norway
Final round of the European Under-19 Championship

24.7.2002
UEFA Champions League: first qualifying round (return legs)

27.7.2002
UEFA Intertoto Cup: third round (return legs)

31.7.2002
UEFA Champions League: second qualifying round (first legs)
UEFA Intertoto Cup: semi-finals (first legs)

New publication



FC Metz Un Club, une Histoire

To mark its seventieth anniversary, FC Metz were certainly hoping for something better than the relegation that awaited them at the end of the season. However, the club will find the strength it needs to rise from this setback by delving into its history, as traced by Gérard Charles with the support of numerous photographic documents. The book is available from Editions SERPENOISE – B.P. – FR-70090 Metz Cedex 01.

Announcements

- At its General Assembly on 7 April, the Austrian FA elected a new president, in the person of Friedrich Stickler.
- Since 1 April, Dusan Tittel has been the new secretary-general of the Slovak FA.
- The Estonian FA has a new address: Rapla 8/10 – EE-11312 Tallinn – Estonia. Tel. +372 651 27 20 / fax +372 651 27 29
- The EURO 2004 SA foundation also has a new address: Avenida da Republica 53 – PT-1050-188 Lisbon – Portugal. Tel. +351 21 799 29 04 / fax +351 21 799 20 99
- The FA of FYR Macedonia has appointed Zarko Ignjatovski as head of its international department.

Obituary

- **Robertas Mackevicius** (Lithuania) a member of the Futsal and Security Officers Panels passed away on 24 April, aged 63.
- **Valery Lobanovsky** (Ukraine), who was too ill to make the trip to Stockholm to receive the UEFA Order of Merit bestowed on him, passed away on 13 May at the age of 63.

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