

## **EHF NEWS 12 – 24.01.2008**

### **EHF Extraordinary Congress in Lillehammer**

#### **Introduction**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2008, the 9<sup>th</sup> EHF Extraordinary Congress will take place in Lillehammer, Norway from 10:00 – 12:00. The Congress will see 98 representatives from all 49 EHF Member Federations and delegates from the associated member federation of Kosovo attending this important meeting. The Congress was called to continue on from the Extraordinary Congress which took place in Rome in October of 2007.

#### **European Championship Qualifications**

The principle reason behind the calling of this Extraordinary Congress was to deal with the matter of European Championship Qualifications. The Rome Congress called up a Working Group, which primarily analysed the TV and marketing status of this phase. Their findings form the basis for the motion tabled, which seeks to further strengthen the Euro product during this stage of the competition. The motion respects existing contracts, while looking to make use of unutilised rights and offer marketing packages. The EHF will invest resources in this further development. As of 2008 the qualifications for this premier event will be played in the form of home and away matches.

#### **European Championship**

A second motion deals with the distribution of European Championship revenues.

#### **Club Handball**

Motions tabled by the German Handball Association propose the establishment of bodies to act as advisory committees to the EHF Competitions Commission and to EHF Marketing GmbH. The individual bodies will focus on men's handball, women's handball and national teams.

#### **Information Service**

The European Handball Federation will inform all parties about the 9th Extraordinary Congress by the EHF News service directly from Lillehammer. Should you require photos from the Congress, please contact Sian Rowland at rowland@eurohandball.com.

The next Ordinary Congress will take place in September 2008 in Vienna, Austria.

#### **2008 Women's European Championship Play-off Draw**

Immediately after the Congress, the draw for the 2008 Women's European Championship Play-off Draw will take place, followed by a Press Conference on the outcome of the Congress. Information will be published immediately after the event.