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THE FUTURE OF THE GAME ABOVE ALL

New Zealand won "their" World Cup 2011. That was written, but the last European team nearly changed the course of History. The Gods of Rugby, if they exist, have decided so. At the end of the day, France finished second and Wales fourth. Placed but not winners. It is already necessary for us to think of 2015 and to work all together for a European victory.

When all attention was focussed to the World Cup: on the field and to the elections off the field, FIRA-AER was also getting full inspiration from the future of our Game, whether with regards to competitions or development policy.

Firstly, Bucharest will host two superb U19 and U18 tournaments. The U19 event will be a qualifying tournament for the IRB Junior World Trophy 2012 with title holder Georgia facing challenges from Belgium, Switzerland, Russia, Romania, Portugal, Spain and the Netherlands. Then, the U18 event will be the qualifying tournament for the next U18 Justin Bridou Trophy, which will be held in Spain, with the participation of Georgia, Portugal, Belgium and Romania. Finally, Poland will host from November 14 to 18, the U20 final tournament with Poland, Ukraine, Moldavia and Lithuania.

In parallel to these sporting activities FIRA-AER's new bilingual presentation brochure was completed including seven sections: definition of the institution; development; age grade competitions; Women's Game; Fifteens; Sevens Grand Prix Series and Partnerships. A complete communication tool which will be extremely useful in all sectors.

Our 87th General Assembly will also be held under the sign of the future. Beyond all the traditional works (sporting, administrative, financial - accounts and budget - and strategic matters) two broad general topics will be discussed:

- Development (growth via the increase in the number of registered bachelors) with the participation of the Chairman of the Organising Committee for the next World Cup: Paul VAUGHAN.

- Olympic ideals Rugby, with the collaboration of the Chairman of the IRB, Bernard Lapasset and of the Chairman of the European Olympic Committees: Mr. Patrick HICKEY, who will discuss Sevens and relations between the various Rugby Unions and their respective National Olympic Committees.

Let's note, for this matter, the course to be held in Amsterdam, November 10-13, for Sevens Coaches and Referees to prepare for the season.

All these activities undertaken so soon after the recent world event during which France, Wales, Ireland, England have proudly represented the European colours.

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Spanish Rugby Union awarded



The Chairman of the Spanish Rugby Union, Mr. Alfonso MANDADO, was awarded with the Golden Medal of the Royal Order for Sports Achievements. Also, Spanish Rugby Union's General Secretary, Mr. José Manuel MORENO, was awarded with the Silver Medal during an award ceremony presided by Her Royal Highness, Princess Cristina de Borbón last 5th of October.

New-Zealand winner of RWC2011



New-Zealand is the winner of the RWC2011 at home facing to France 8 to 7. Northern hemisphere country failed against a Tri Nations country

Only England, winner in 2003 in Australia, has won a RWC for the Northern Hemisphere. France failed for the third time after a very tight game. In the history of the RWC, South wins by 6 to 1. Will a FIRA-AER Country could win again a RWC? Rendez-vous in 2015 in England. But before, IRB will give to FIRA-AER the organisation of the RWC Qualifier for the European Countries affiliated.

Norway - 2011 Champions are known



East coast clubs get their revenge during the second part of the season (since the 7-a-side competitions were won by West coast clubs), with a win from Oslo RK Women and Men in respectively the NorgesCup 10s series and the NM15s championship.

Oslo RK Women had a hard time to win the NorgesCup 10s series, BSI from Bergen being a tough opponent.

The men had an outstanding season in the NM15s championship, winning easily in semi-final against Stavanger RK. However, the final against Bergen RK was a different story. Bergen came with a strong squad, and it was a short victory 6-5 for Oslo.

In the new Division 1 competition (Senior men 10-a-side), Fana RK won the national final.

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IRB/FIRA-AER Level 1 Coaching of Match Officials Course & Referee Clinic, Sweden



As part of the IRB Training & Education Support "TES" scheme, IRB licensed Educator Claire Daniels (bottom far left) of the RFU visited Stockholm & Enkoping on 28th-30th October 2011.

5 delegates attended an IRB/FIRA-AER Level 1 Coaching of Match Officials (CMO) Course whilst 11 attended a Referee Clinic, both facilitated by Claire. As part of the CMO course, delegates practised their new found skills utilising the FIRA-AER ENC Division 2A match, Sweden vs. Croatia. Claire also met & worked with relevant persons from the SRF on Referee development processes and structures.



