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FIRA-AER: THE ENGINE FOR YOUTH

Bernard Lapasset and an IRB-RWCL delegation were in Budapest with Jean-Claude BAQUÉ and Michel Arpaillange to attend the kick-off of RWC 2015 European qualifiers (Hungary v Bulgaria.) It was a symbolic and quite successful kick-off thanks to the playing quality (Hungary edged out a very contested game) and to the perfect hosting and the ambitious event: a curtain-raiser involving young players, women's and golden oldies! Youth and development: this was also at the heart of the FIRA-AER President, whether in Latvia, with the opening of the Olympic Youth Day or the Riga tournament in Lithuania where the Chairman of the Olympic Committee and politicians took part in the launch of the "mass participation" operation involving large school gatherings and high level events. Or with the U20 championship (won by Poland) with very high playing standards. Or again in Lithuania where the Heidelberg German team won the final of the cross-borders competition, in an exemplary sporting spirit. Youth and development but also dealing with the daily business of the Association. At its Paris meeting, during which the FIRA-AER - 6 Nations agreement was fully approved (and which will be presented for ratification at the General Assembly after the discussion in Rome involving all the concerned parties), the Executive Committee saw our new headquarters and facilities. With regards to administrative and sporting events, let's mention the commissioners meeting in Luxembourg and the referees meeting in Romania (more about this below) and the next U19 championship in Portugal which will determine the FIRA-AER representative to compete in the Junior World Rugby Trophy. A qualifying tournament will be held in parallel for 2 teams in the U18 elite pool in Grenoble. Youth and development, administration, referees, high level competitions: a genuine full house!

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FIRA-AER Offices are moving



From 8 October, FIRA-AER is now on 5 Rue de Liège Paris. The moving scheduled on October 8, offers a nice area only a few meters far from the old FFR building.

During the FIRA-AER ExCo meeting, Président JC Baqué has remember the excellent years spent on 9 rue de Liège in FFR's headquarters. He has indicated: "the FIRA-AER is now independant inside new fonctionnal and modern Offices on 5 rue de Liège"

JC Baqué has thanked the FFR for the hospitality during many years and the Members of ExCo has visited the new offices.

New address: FIRA-AER 5 rue de Liège, 75009 Paris, France

The Webb Ellis Cup celebrates the beginning of the European qualifications in the RWC on 2015



THE IRB, the RWCL and England 2015 with the support of the FIRA-AER wanted to emphasize the beginning of the qualifications in the World cup 2015. Being of use as support to the qualifications, the European nations Cup is honored this weekend through the first match of the Division 2C Hungary-Bulgaria to Kecskemét on Saturday, October 6th.

The Webb Ellis Cup had previously crossed symbolically a part of Europe by stopping in Rugby (England), Paris (France), Menton (France) on Webb Ellis's grave, Monaco and Budapest.

You can collect more information by clicking here.

Women's International 7s Tournament - NRC, Marcoussis (FR) - 12-13 October 2012



The teams of England, France, France "A", Germany, Netherlands & Spain will play each other on the first day and then ranking matches will conclude the Tournament on the second day. The Tournament is part of the preparation for the Sevens World Series in Dubai at the end of November for England, France, Netherlands and Spain as well as their first stages of preparation for the RWC Sevens Finals in Moscow at the end of June 2013

See results http://www.ffr.fr/index.php/ffr/historique/2012/tournoi_international_rugby_7_feminin and live streaming of the second day of matches on <mms://livewm.orange.fr/direct-evenementiels>

The event is the occasion for IRB RDM Douglas Langley to discuss with the technical staff of the relevant teams about the ideal preparation for European teams towards the RWC Finals. Teams

have outlined that the 2013 FIRA-AER European Grand Prix Sevens Series (1-2 & 15-16 June) as a crucial part of this preparation.

England won the final 19-12 over France.

Netherlands were 3rd, Spain 4th, France "A" 5th & Germany 6th.

Luxembourg - Commissioner's Course



From 10 to 11 October, 11 persons proposed by their Union and confirmed by FIRA-AER have participated to a Commissioner's Course. This course follows previous courses organised in Stockholm (2005) and Heidelberg (2008).

The 11 old Referees, high level players or Managers more or less in activities were in Sports National Institute in Luxembourg during 1 day and a half to learn their future role with passion and humility.

Patrick Robin for the refereeing, Michel Arpaillange for the Sports activities and Bernard Jargeac for the administrative documents have conducted practical exercises with consultancy and explanations on precise points. Trainees are now ready to be Commissioner for FIRA-AER competitions.



Lithuania - Visite JC Baqué and P Robin



On 26-27 of September European Rugby Federation (FIRA-AER), President Jean-Claude Baqué and Referee Manager Patrick Robin flew to Vilnius to visit the Lithuanian Union.

On 26 September, guests have visited Vingis rugby stadium in Vilnius, to observe rugby finals of secondary schools of Vilnius. Jean-Claude Baqué and Patrick Robin have awarded the winners. In the evening, J.C. Baqué and P. Robin met the Lithuanian rugby federation to review activities, strategic plan, and what progresses were made and also the future plans. The guests have asked Lithuanian union to present some projects in November during the FIRA-AER General Secretaries and Technical Directors conferences in Prague.

On 27 September, J.C. Baqué and P. Robin with the Lithuanian rugby Union Members have visited the Lithuanian Physical Culture and Sports Department, to meet the CEO Clement Rimšelis, following by a visit to the President of Lithuanian National Olympic Committee Arturas Poviliškas and other responsables of LNOC.

A. Poviliškas has awarded President Jean-Claude Baqué and Referee Manager Patrick Robin with LNOC plates. Jean-Claude Baqué gave to A. Poviliškas the highest FIRA-AER award - the gold medal. He thanked Lithuanian National Olympic Committee President for the support to integrate rugby into the Olympic program. This was followed by conversations about rugby sports development and prospects.

Jean-Claude Baqué and Patrick Robin visiting Latvia



On 27th and 28th September European Rugby Association (FIRA-AER) President Jean Claude Baqué and Referees manager Patrick Robin visited Riga (LV).

In the evening the two guests visited the Latvian Olympic Committee (LOC), where they met the President of the LOC Aldons Vrubjevskis and the Secretary general Zorzs Tikmers, to discuss a variety of topics.

Friday morning the FIRA-AER President was in "Daugava" stadium to open the Latvian Olympic day and welcome the participants. After, Jean Claude Baqué and Patrick Robin met the Riga Mayor Nils Usakovs, and later they attended to Upesciems stadium, giving it a very high rating.

After the FIRA-AER President watched the "Tag" rugby tournament in Kekava. Finally, JC Baqué in the Olympic Centre met the Latvia Football Federation board member, stadiums and infrastructure

committee with the Chairman Vladimirs Zuks, to discuss the new Riga stadium possible construction and operation plans.

At the end of meeting and his visit Jean Claude Baqué answered many questions given by Latvian rugby Members and journalists.

PHOTOS: Zigismunds Zalmanis, "Nikon"

High level workshop for referees in Bucharest (RO)



From 2 October starts in Bucharest (RO) a high level workshop for FIRA-AER referees. This workshop concerns best referees from Poland, Russia, Romania, Spain, Portugal Ukraine and Belgium. 12 referees under the Management of Mathieu Raynal, professional referee from France ; Michel Lamoulié (FR) and Patrick Robin (FIRA-AER referees Manager). Those referees will be appointed for the next ENC games in a few weeks.

IRB/FIRA-AER Level 2 Coaching Course Part 1, Kiev, Ukraine (22-23 September 2012)



As part of the IRB/FIRA-AER Training & Education Support "TES" scheme, Tony Thomas of the WRU delivered the 1st part of a Level 2 Coaching Course for Ukraine Rugby Union in Kiev.

10 coaches took part on the Course and were given the chance to practise their new found coaching skills on some local players.

The Course which is a mixture of practical and theoretical modules which is entitled "Developing Rugby Skills", aims to develops the coaches ability to plan, deliver & review coaching sessions.

In order to complete the course towards competency, the coaches must now undertake some planning and review work and be observed coaching with their own teams before completing Part 2.

Many thanks must go to Tony and the WRU for supporting this project and the Ukrainian Technical

Director, Oleg Zaliznyi for organising it and assisting Tony.



IRA-AER Level 2 Sevens Accreditation Coaching Course, Amsterdam (NL), 28-29 September 2012



3 parallel courses at Level 2 for Sevens Coaching are being organised in regions of Europe in conjunction with the IRB/FIRA-AER Training & Education Support "TES" scheme.

The first was organised at the National Rugby Centre in Amsterdam and was attended by 10 coaches from Belgium, Netherlands, Poland & Wales. The aim of the course is to develop Sevens coaches who have already collected some Sevens Coaching experience, examine the coaching process and technical aspects of Sevens in much more depth, and is formally assessed. Throughout the course, coaches were encouraged to practise their coaching skills on the Dutch Women's National Sevens Team. The Course was facilitated by Sevens specialised IRB licensed Educators Gareth Gilbert (NRB) & Cedric Laborde (FFR) who were supported by Regional Development

Manager, Douglas Langley (IRB/FIRA-AER). Eric Voet (NRB) acted as Course Manager. Coaches will complete the required work towards accreditation after this part of the Course in their own unions and working with relevant Educators. Many thanks must go to Cedric, Gareth and Eric for their support with this course, the NRB & FFR for releasing their services and the NRB for hosting the Course. The 2 other courses will be organised in Bucharest at the end of October and in Lisbon at the end of November.



