



Activity Report

Since most UNIF representatives work also for EFTA and since, for the time being, most futnet events take place in Europe, many EFTA and UNIF activities and events overlap. Therefore UNIF and EFTA activity reports should be viewed together to get the whole picture of international futnet efforts in 2012.

Information about activities in any other areas not included in the written report may be provided upon request at the Congress.

Events

February President's Cup – six nations' tournament: CZE, HUN, FRA, ROM, SUI, SVK

<http://unifut.net/news.php?d=12> (info)

<http://unifut.net/files/presidentscup.pdf> (results)

9 June – 25th Anniversary of Swiss Futnet Association Tournament

<http://unifut.net/news.php?d=18>

Women's and Juniors World Championships – 3 and 4 November in Brno

<http://brno.futnetworldcup.com/>

Men's World Championships – 7-9 December in Nymburk

<http://nymburk.futnetworldcup.com/>

Education and training activities

Several UNIF Refereeing Courses with Head of UNIF Technical Committee Mr Vlastimil Stehlik have taken/will take place:

- on 10 and 11 March in Izmit, Turkey (see here <http://unifut.net/news.php?d=15>)
- on 2 and 3 June in Copenhagen, Denmark (see here <http://unifut.net/news.php?d=20>)
- in August in San Diego, USA (see here <http://unifut.net/news.php?d=24>)
- on 2 November in Brno, Czech Rep., before the Women's and Juniors World Championships
- on 6 December in Nymburk, Czech Rep., before Men's World Championships

Futnet Coaching Manual by Marian Zigala, former World Champion in single and currently coach of Slovak national team, has been purchased in its electronic form in English and is now being edited and proofread. It will be freely available as soon as possible on UNIF webpage.

DVD *Futnet Skills* has been provided by the Czech Futnet Association. It has been translated into English and is now in the final stage of subtitling.

Promotion and communication

UNIF website and Futnet World facebook are regularly updated. World Championships website and facebook were launched in July and since then have kept all fans up-to-date with all the relevant news and developments regarding Women's and Juniors as well as Men's Championships.

Contacts with FIFTA

Efforts have been made to search for the solution of the existing situation between the two world associations FIFTA and UNIF/EFTA. In January there was a meeting between Mr Kamil Klenik (EFTA/UNIF representative) and Mr Dubravko Lipnjak (FIFTA President) in Salzburg on the initiative of Mr Klenik who prepared an extensive report after the meeting. It was made available to all members in February.

Contacts with new countries. New members.

In January Mr Moctar Sow, a former player of Mali's national football team, contacted French Futnet Federation and subsequently UNIF Secretary. He was provided all the relevant information and showed a great interest in promoting futnet in his country and setting up a national futnet association.

Around February UNIF and EFTA were approached by Moldovan representatives who, since then, have been continuously in touch with UNIF Secretary and have been working hard on the development of futnet structures in their country. Thanks to their work, Moldova has taken/is taking part in the World Championships in all the categories. Their intention to come to the Women's and Youth camp, unfortunately, was not realised due to visa denial.

In March, one of Thailand's leading sports marketing companies Pentagle Promotion (organiser of WTA Tournament PTT Pattaya Open and FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour) made contact with UNIF secretariat. A DVD from 2008 World Championships

was sent to them. They are interested in futnet promotion in Thailand for which they need, among other things, more recent videos (should be available after WCh).

In April Czech Futnet Association (CNS) was contacted by a Czech expatriate and a former futnet player in Benin in order to get some help with futnet development in Benin. He was provided all relevant information by UNIF Secretary and futnet equipment by CNS and started trainings with local players.

In May there was a meeting of UNIF President with futnet promoters in Chile (see here <http://unifut.net/news.php?d=17>) . More about it in the *Futnet in the Americas* Report.

In June UNIF Secretariat received confirmation of creation of Ntola Sarama Association in Mali and its request for UNIF membership. In June, during his visit to Europe, Mr Moctar Sow met Mr Jean Bernard Gaudino from French Futnet Federation who acted on behalf of UNIF.

In July there was a first meeting of UNIF Treasurer Mr Abdelkrim Abour with possible promoters in Tunisia, namely Mr Ahmed Boukraa, Treasurer of *Sports Association of the Office of Merchant Navy and Ports (ASOMMP)*. Another meeting followed in November (see below).

In July UNIF Secretariat received news of the creation of Union od Cameroon Futnet (April 2012) and its recognition as a legal entity (June 2012).

In July and August Head of Technical Committee Mr Stehlik was training US players in San Diego and during his stay also met representatives of US South Korea Jokgu Association. South Korea will make its international debut in Futnet World Championships.

In September UNIF Executive Committee approved the Provisional Membership of Ntola Sarama Association (Mali) and Union of Cameroon Futnet. Their Full Membership would be voted at UNIF Congress in December.

Later in September UNIF was contacted by Mr Lerche Njang, CEO L & M Football Academy Limited (<http://lerche.webs.com/>) from Abuja with interest in promoting

futnet in Nigeria. He was provided all relevant information and regular contact is maintained.

In October contacts were established with futnet players in Germany. They have shown interest in futnet events and EFTA/UNIF and after one of the teams had to withdraw from Men's WCh, they will be replacing them. Germany will take part in EFTA/UNIF Congresses and hopefully will join EFTA and UNIF soon.

In November UNIF Treasurer made a presentation of futnet to the representatives of Tunisian sport at the Ministry of Youth and Sports. His detailed report is available on UNIF webpage: <http://unifut.net/news.php?d=31> Thanks to Mr Abour's effort, Tunisia will join UNIF as an Associate Member this December.

Information about EFTA and UNIF and their events has been provided also to other countries, including FIFTA members. With some of them the contacts were more intensive, for example they were provided by UNIF Secretary a detailed explanation on the current situation in international futnet, conditions of UNIF membership and World Championships participation.

During the year, contacts have been established/maintained also with countries such as India and Pakistan, however, progress there is yet to be seen. Contacts with Sweden and Canada from previous year have been given due attention and as a result, secured their participation in the World Championships. Thanks to the efforts of UNIF Vice-President and Secretary, the participation of Hungary and Bulgaria in the WCh was achieved. Continuous information support is provided to Turkey and Ireland, the latter intends to join EFTA and UNIF as a Full Member this December.

The latest developments in relations with Latin American countries will be provided by *Futnet in the Americas* report.