

5a EFTA Activity Report 2012

Since most EFTA representatives work also for UNIF 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.

Events

EFTA European Cup of Club Champions took place on 19 May in Corte in the French island of Corsica with the participation of club champions of the top European national leagues. As the winners of their national leagues in 2010/2011 season, the teams of Modrice (Czech Republic), Kosice (Slovakia), Grolley (Switzerland) and Venaco (France) competed for EFTA European Cup of Club Champions. More information: http://www.futnet.eu/news/european_cup/

3rd Youth and Women's International Futnet Camp was held on 23 – 28 July in Chabarovice, Czech Republic, providing an opportunity for the development of existing futnet skills of children and women under the supervision and guidance of experienced futnet coaches and instructors. Photogallery: <http://www.futnet.eu/international-camp-2012/>

Education and training activities

On 4 and 5 February EFTA Level 1 Futnet Coaching Course was held in Belfast, complemented by 5th round of Northern Ireland Futnet League. EFTA was represented by its General Secretary Ms Zuzana Vinanska and the member of Technical Committee Mr Jan Vanke. EFTA Level 1 course was designed to provide a broad introduction to futnet, its rules, disciplines, basic skills and coaching.

More information:

http://www.futnet.eu/news/northern_ireland_league_5_and_coaching_course/

Sunday, 11 March, saw the historically first futnet coaching course taking place in England thanks to the initiative of the representatives of English Futnet Association (EFNA), and mainly of its president Mr Jarek Dylag. EFTA Level 1 course was held at George Salter College in West Bromwich (near Birmingham) under the supervision of EFTA General Secretary Ms Zuzana Vinanska and the member of EFTA Technical Committee Mr Jan Vanke. More information:

http://www.futnet.eu/news/great_futnet_weekend/

Promotion and contacts with new countries / candidates for membership

EFTA website and Futnet World facebook are regularly updated with all kinds of information, photos or videos promoting futnet. In March and April EFTA General secretary was in contact with the editorial staff of RETURNAL, the first German-language journal for tennis clubs and associations in German-speaking countries. Her interview about futnet, its attractive features and how it can relate to tennis clubs and players together with an informative article on futnet is available here: <http://www.futnet.eu/news/returnal>

Continuous information support is provided to **Turkey** and **Ireland**, the latter intends to join EFTA and UNIF as a Full Member this December. Turkish representatives will attend EFTA and UNIF Congresses.

Regular contacts are maintained with **Belgium** and its futnet promoters who organise a futnet tournament in Lokeren. Their interest in futnet continues, they could not come to see the World Championships due to private reasons. Their second meeting with EFTA General Secretary will probably take place early next year in Brussels.

Intensive communication was maintained with **Northern Ireland**, especially during first half of this year, when they organised Northern Ireland Futnet League and a coaching course. In the second half their futnet activities have somewhat subsidied.

Early this year UNIF and EFTA were approached by Moldovan representatives who, since then, have been continuously in touch with the general secretary and have been working hard on the development of futnet structures in their country.

Thanks to their work, **Moldova** has taken 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.

Thanks to the efforts of UNIF Vice-President and Secretary, the participation of **Hungary** and **Bulgaria** in the WCh was achieved. Previous contacts with Sweden were pursued and their participation in WCh was secured.

Later this year 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.

Information about EFTA and UNIF and their events has been provided also to other countries. With some of them the contacts were more intensive, being provided, for example, a detailed explanation on the current situation in international futnet.

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

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