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Events & News round up

This year's **WCF** camps and courses in Füssen were a resounding success. Special thanks go to Eeva Röthlisberger our Curling Development Officer, ably assisted by staff member Liz Munro, the Füssen Curling Club and the German Curling Association team who make these events possible. Thanks must also be extended to the instructors, coaches and assistants for all their hard work and great motivation in sharing their expertise and knowledge. In total, over 200 people from 33 WCF Member Associations took part in the Ice Technician, Coaching and Umpire Courses and the I3th Junior Curling Camp. It is rewarding to see so many nationalities enjoying themselves and working together for the development of our sport.



Ice Technician Course, Füssen.
Photo: WCF



13th Junior Curling Camp, Füssen. Photo: WCF



Volvo Sports Centre, Riga, Latvia - venue for 2013 Women's World Championship. Photo: LCA

News hot off the press this week - Riga in Latvia has been awarded the 2013 World Women's Curling Championship. We had a strong field of host candidates to choose from and hope that the high calibre of the candidacies will continue as we look for future venues to showcase our sport and host our events.

Other event announcements made recently include - the 2012 World Mixed Doubles Curling Championship which will be staged in Erzurum, Turkey (23-29 April) and the World Seniors 2012 which take place a week earlier (14-21 April) in Tårnby, Denmark.

The WCF is delighted to extend its media and marketing partnership with Infront Sports & Media up to 2014. Le Gruyère has committed to a further two years as title sponsor of the European Championships (2011 & 2012). MOUNTIO has renewed its partnership as Main Sponsor of the European Championships 2011. And 361° has signed as Main Sponsor of the 2012 Men's and 2013 Women's World Championships. LGT will be Main Sponsor of the 2012 Men's.

The teams have been confirmed for the World Financial Group Continental Cup 2012 in Langley, BC, Canada see who'll be playing here.

The new WCF Rules of Curling and Rules of Competition book (June 2011) has been printed. The rule changes were approved at the AGA in Esbjerg. An electronic version and change log can be downloaded now from our website.



Milli Piyango Curling Hall Erzurum, Turkey venue for the 2012 World Mixed Doubles Championship. Photo: Leslie Ingram-Brown





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Site Visits

In July, Keith Wendorf and Leif Öhman visited **Innsbruck** to check on progress and preparations for the Inaugural **Winter Youth Olympic Games.** Keith also travelled to **Basel** for a pre-competition meeting with the 2012 WMCC Organising Committee. Richard Harding has been to Norway to look at a potential venue for international championships in **Stavanger** which is currently under construction



Richard Harding visiting the new curling facility in Stavanger. Photo: NCF

International Olympic Committee activities

Colin Grahamslaw and I had the honour of attending the **Olympic Congress in Durban**, South Africa, where **Pyeongchang in South Korea** was announced as the winner of the bid to host the 2018 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. The WCF looks forward to working with all the partners involved to ensure the success of the 2018 games. The curling competitions will be held in the Gangneung Indoor Ice Rink which was the venue for the 2009 Mount Titlis World Women's Curling Championship.

During our time in Durban we represented the WCF at a meeting of the **Association of International Olympic Winter Sports Federations** (AlOWF). Matters discussed included future funding from the IOC and input into a strategic review of the Court of Arbitration for Sport. Colin attended the Annual meeting of the Secretary Generals of AlOWF and reviewed progress for Innsbruck 2012 and Sochi 2014.



We also met Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, President of the **Olympic Council of Asia** (OCA), to discuss the future of curling in the Asian Winter Games and co-operation between the WCF and OCA in developing curling across Asia. It is expected that curling will now be included in the events to be played at the next edition of the **Asian Winter Games** to be held in Sapporo, Japan in 2017.



Kate & Colin learn the art of measuring in Jukskei on Durban Beach. Photo: WCF

ASSISTANT MEDIA RELATIONS OFFICER

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Daniel Parker as our Assistant Media Relations Officer. He will join us at the end of September and assist Joanna Kelly with the ever-expanding task of spreading the word about our sport across all our media & communications platforms.



Kate with Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, President of the Olympic Council of Asia. Photo: WCF



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Member Association News

News from our friends in the **Romanian Curling Federation** – in June they held their first ever come and try open session in Bucharest. While they admit the ice conditions were not perfect, it was still a great opportunity for people to try our sport ahead of the official launch of curling in Romania which will take place 9-11 September.

In the southern hemisphere, they are currently in the heart of their curling season. A special celebration was held at the end of June to mark the 125th Jubilee of **Curling in New Zealand**. While it was too mild to play outdoors, curling matches were played around the country to mark the event including a special 'Skirts on Ice' match in Naseby. The second edition of the **New Zealand Winter Games 2011** is currently underway there, with team and mixed doubles curling events. For photos & results from the event, visit our website.

News from **Norway** - four new dedicated curling rinks are about to open their doors — In Kristiansand 4 sheets (September), Hamar 2 sheets (October), Stavanger 4 sheets (November), Jar 4 sheets on the outskirts of Oslo (December).

I was shocked, as I know we all were by the tragic events that took place in Norway last month. On behalf of us all, I sent condolences to our Norwegian Curling Friends and I know they are in everyone's thoughts during this sad time.

Graham Prouse and Keith Wendorf attended the annual **Canadian Curling Association** Curling Congress in Ottawa in June. Graham gave an update on WCF activities and Keith an update on Competitions.

DEVELOPMENT, CAMPS & COURSES

In July Eeva was in China to attend a coaching seminar organized by the Heilongjiang Provincial Sports Administration in Harbin (see photo). The event was organized with the help of the **Chinese Curling Association**. In the second week of August she was in Zoetermeer helping the **Netherlands Curling Association** run a Basic Umpire Course and their 2nd Junior Team Camp.





Curling in Romania — the first come & try session. Photo: RCF Facebook Site



"Skirts on Ice!" in New Zealand to mark the 125th Jubilee of curling. Photo: NZCA



Team Korea in the men's team competition at the New Zealand Winter Games 2011 Photo: WCF/Katja Kiiskinen



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Camps and Courses

Underway right now are two new courses proposed by the WCF: an **Advanced Curling Ice Technician Course and a Seminar on Energy Efficiency in Curling Rinks** which are being held at the Greenacres Curling Club in Scotland. In another groundbreaking move, the WCF will be organizing **the first ever Junior Curling Camp in the Pacific Asia region** at the end of December. This will be held in Naseby, New Zealand in collaboration with the New Zealand Curling Association. A Basic Umpire Course will be held ahead of the camp. For more information visit: **www.wcf-camps-courses.com**

Development and Assistance Programme (DAP)

So far this year, we have approved almost \$100,000 USD of DAP funding. There have been many applications to cover the inscription fees for the Füssen, Zoetermeer and Greenacres camps and courses. Canada has received funding for a video production showing how curling ice should be installed in an arena, the Netherlands has funding for a development project in schools and Romania has received support for their Open Day in September. Send your DAP applications to Eeva: eeva.roethlisberger@worldcurling.org

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
20-28 August	Curling Competition: New Zealand Winter Games	Naseby, New Zealand
21-23 August	WCF Advanced Curling Ice Technician Course	Greenacres, Scotland
24-25 August	WCF Energy Efficiency Seminar	Greenacres, Scotland
9-11 September	Open Weekend Come & Try	Brasov, Romania
15 September	Entry Deadlines: European Junior Curling Challenge 2012 & Pacific Junior Curling Championships 2012	Tårnby, Denmark Jeonju, Korea
27-31 October	Junior Curling Camp supported by WCF	Gothenburg, Sweden
5-10 November	World Wheelchair Curling Qualification 2011	Lohja, Finland
18-26 November	Pacific Asia Curling Championships 2011	Nanjing, China
2-10 December	Le Gruyère European Curling Championships 2011	Moscow, Russia
9 December	WCF Semi-Annual General Meeting	Moscow, Russia
28-29 December	Basic Umpire Course - Pacific-Asia Region	Naseby, New Zealand
30 Dec – 4 Jan	Ist Pacific-Asia Junior Curling Camp	Naseby, New Zealand

If you wish to share news or information from your association in this newsletter please let us know by contacting the WCF Secretariat: info@worldcurling.org

Yours in curling

Kate Caithness



24 curling ice makers from around the world fine tune their ice making skills under the instruction of Olympic Ice Technicians Leif Öhman and Hans Wuthrich. Photo: WCF

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