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PRESIDENT'S NOTICE

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TO: ESF National Federations

Dear friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on our activities and operations on a quarterly basis with the intent to keep you informed of what is being done within the ESF.

European Cups:

August is the month of European Cups. Italian clubs won both elite Cups – Bussolengo defended the Premiere Cup and Bollate won the Cup Winners Cup. Congratulations go to the Italian Federation Board and their President, Andrea Marcon, as Italy dominated European female softball in 2018, by winning both female European Championships and both top European Cups. The Super Cup Men was played after the inaugural Intercontinental Cup in Prague and the rosters were full with Pick Ups players from the ICC participating countries. The Super Cup final had two Danish teams fighting for the Gold with Amager Vikings beating Stenlose Bulls for the prestigious title after last year winning the European Cup. British teams dominated the Super Cup Coed Slowpitch where all three medal positions were theirs.

Team Europe:

Team Europe was made up of players from 12 countries and was the first time the ESF has taken on such an incredible mission. The team spent a whole day together in Prague and Havlikuv Brod before the exhibition game and the players bonded as never before. The exhibition game was a great success and they also beat the Black Sox. For the players, it was a great honor, and for some of them, it was also the only chance to face the Black Sox in their careers. Article is on the ESF website [here](#).

Super 6

*The top 6 European teams in softball and baseball will come to Hoofddorp on September 18 – 23 to play in the Flagship tournament, the **Super 6**, and will close the 2018 season. It is an excellent time to see our top Europeans at one place in one time. This event as concentration of top softball and baseball is also a great venue to move forward on the creation of WBSC Europe.*

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WBSC Europe:

On May 7 a meeting was held with the Presidents of ESF and CEB and Michael Schmidt, WBSC Executive Director. There were several points on the agenda – the legal issues surrounding the WBSC Europe Statutes and the process of implementation and some common projects such as Super 6, OTT Platform and Baseball 5. Notes including timeline and responsibility for the next month are on the ESF website [here](#).

Future activities:

Next week the ESF and CEB will be meeting at the Super 6 tournament. We will finalize all needed issues to establish WBSC Europe on a legal basis and be ready to present all future concepts on how this will work at the next Congress. We will also announce the concept of the new structure for the European Championships, as promised in Paris.

The ESF was asked to be part of the European Fair Play Movement (EFPM) run under European Olympic Committee. The Memorandum of Understanding will be finally signed at the Annual Meeting of EFPM in November. Based on this Team Israel was awarded for their fair play activities at U22 WECh.

The form for bids of our next ESF events will be sent out before the end of September. We are in a transition period and some changes in the calendar of the World Cups will be approved later this year, mainly with the U23 WC. We will inform you immediately.

The ESF Executive Board will meet in Athens on November 10. The main topic will be preparing 2019 season including Congress. The Joint Congress will be held in Athens in the first weekend of February.

If you have any questions, suggestions, feel free to contact me anytime.

Best regards,



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