

Now it is Hamburg's turn!

The swimming contests took place in front of an astonishing scenery right next to the Mediterranean Sea in Rovinj the middle of June. – As a sign of the handover the EFCS flag was passed on to Hamburg during the final event.

After the games is before the games. This wisdom also holds for the unofficial European Championship of the European sports people, the ECSG. Not long ago the seven-headed Hamburg delegation was at this year's event in Rovinj/Croatia and now they are already intensely preparing themselves for the coming XVIII European Company Sport Games 2011.

Due to capacity problems unfortunately only 4,500 competitors were able to take part in the 20 disciplines offered in Rovinj. This scenario will certainly change in Hamburg because even today the organization committee plans with a capacity twice as high as the capacity of the previous year.

1,000 active members alone came from the Federal Republic of Germany this year, which therefore were among the strongest team at the championship in Croatia. Another glimmer of light was the Croatian weather because it provided ideal general conditions although there were some scattered showers from above. Apropos water: the swimmers seemed to have been offered the most beautiful venue. The swimming championship took place right in front of the Mediterranean Sea which made the championship even more attractive than it already was. But also the other disciplines reported good news so that the event in Rovinj again strengthened the idea of international company sports from which everybody was able to keep something valuable for himself. The participants were able to report about exciting experiences and partly about crushing victories. Whereas the Hamburg delegation came to the conclusion that it's worth to be actively engaged in this event and therefore brought the EFCS flag as a symbol for the coming venue of the games. During the closing event in Rovinj this flag was handed over to Sandra Buring, representative of the Hanseatic City Hamburg, and to Ingo Aurin, 1st chairman of BSV Hamburg.

The event in Rovinj will enter the history books of European championships as a festival of the Croatian hospitality. It was a wonderful time in the city at the Mediterranean Sea, between sport and encounter with old and new friends.

**New sport disciplines at the ECSG?**

The organization committee is checking whether further disciplines are to be included into the concept!

Should the athletic offer be extended? This question is now being asked among the organisation staff after the Hamburg delegation returned from Rovinj. Several questions especially targeted at disciplines such as bridge, darts, ninepin and miniature golf. There are current discussions about the feasibility of realising these disciplines and if necessary they will be added to the calendar of events. The ECSG Hamburg 2011 Organization committee (OC) will keep the interested parties informed by publishing the latest developments in this newsletter. If there are any further suggestions from the potential participants, the OC can be contacted anytime via the ECSG Hamburg 2011 web page.

## Volunteers wanted!

The European Company Sport Games Hamburg 2011 still need numerous volunteers for the time from the 22nd to 26th June 2011, especially people with diverse language skills. It is regarded as imperative to welcome 10,000 participants from all over Europe in the city, to guarantee a smooth flow of the event and to offer help and advice anytime it is needed in June 2011. Furthermore the OC seeks a cooperation with the education authority in order to make it possible for higher semesters to use the last week of school as a kind of an official project working week. If you are interested please directly contact the person in charge of the volunteers, Alfred Holdhoff, under: [alfred.holdhoff@ecsghamburg2011.de](mailto:alfred.holdhoff@ecsghamburg2011.de).

## Hamburg's Delegation

The delegation was headed by Ingo Aurin and Sandra Buring (City of Hamburg Sport Department), and further included Günter Quast, Bernd Meyer, Barry Barnes, Ulrich Lengwenat-Hahnemann and Alfred Holdhoff, who represented Hamburg with a one presentation stand in Rovinj.

## Slovenia joins in now too

Slovenia has been admitted as the 26th member in the circle of the presently active company sports people at the annual EFCS'plenary assembly in Rovinj.

## Hamburg 2011 online

Since middle of June the ESCG 2011 Hamburg web page [www.ecsghamburg2011.de](http://www.ecsghamburg2011.de) is online. Interested parties have the opportunity to keep themselves updated all the time about the latest developments concerning the event or they can directly subscribe for the sport disciplines that are offered at the games.

## It is already going pretty well...

With the activation of the web presence there is the possibility of an early subscription for the event in summer 2011 for all the people who are interested. The direct registration is only possible via the internet portal. On the web page you can get information about the accommodation concept. There are already 1,000 participant registered for the games in Hamburg. It is already going pretty well, isn't it?

## Against racism

In the greeting part of the latest issue of the magazine "Sport im Betrieb" Ingo Aurin, 1st Chairman of the BSV Hamburg and the ECSG 2011, explicitly pointed to the fact that the company sport especially pleads for the communication in the companies and in society. "We as members of the BSV stand for an attitude against racism and discrimination. Especially due to this fact we are organizing the ECSG 2011 - for a better understanding in Hamburg and in Europe!"