Welcome to your monthly newsletter from the International Teqball Federation.

This month's edition reflects another busy period for teqball. From the launch of our Challenger Cup series to the landmark agreement with the International Testing Agency, FITEQ continues to drive its aims and ambitions through athletic opportunities, capacity building, marketing awareness and robust partnerships.

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A FITEQ delegation, led by Sport Operations Manager Dániel Zwickl and International Sales Manager Gavin Whelan, met with representatives of the British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) at the FITEQ Headquarters in Budapest on 24-25 September.

The delegation met with BUCS representatives to discuss areas of future cooperation and development opportunities in the UK, as well as how Great Britain represents significant growth prospects for the sport of teqball.

BUCS representatives present at the meeting were Commercial Partnerships Manager Lazar Zindovic and Head of Sport Delivery Jennifer Morris.

FITEQ President Gabor Borsanyi thanked the BUCS delegation for their time and praised the joint efforts to increase participation in the sport in Great Britain. He said: “Universities serve as incredible hubs for a whole range of sports activities; the goal for teqball is to be a central part of those passionate sporting communities. We are looking forward to a fruitful cooperation between the two organisations.”
Brazilian football legend Cafu joined a FITEQ delegation to officially launch the sport of teqball in China during the 2019 World Youth Leaders Summit in Hangzhou at the end of September, helping promote the sport amongst young people.

Vice-President of FITEQ Viktor Huszar, Head of the Sport Diplomacy department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Hungary) István Iglói-Nagy and FITEQ Head of Diplomatic Relations Gergely Murányi also held positive meetings with a number of senior sports officials.

Following a meeting with the President of the Shanghai Sports Bureau and the President of Shanghai Football Club, FITEQ donated a table to the City of Shanghai, as part of efforts to further the growth of the sport in China.

Cafu then flew from China to Budapest and joined up with Spanish football legend Carles Puyol to visit underdeveloped areas in Northeast Hungary to promote teqball and to honour teqball youth teams and coaches who have been helping promote the sport in the region.

FITEQ Vice-President György Gattyán was delighted with impact of Cafu and Puyol’s presence and efforts to promote the sport, saying: “They believe in our vision and will be crucial to our engagement strategy in the years ahead.”
FITEQ SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCH TEQBALL CHALLENGER CUP 2019

FITEQ officially launched its Teqball Challenger Cup Series for 2019, with events in Balassagyarmat (HUN), Kuala Lumpur (MAS), Budapest (HUN) Mulhouse (FRA) and Warsaw (POL) so far. The aim of the Teqball Challenger Cup 2019 is to provide more regular opportunities for athletes to compete for world ranking points and to continue the global development of teqball.
President of the National Teqball Federation of Cote d’Ivoire Michel Zangbe joined Intendant General Lassana Palenfo, President of the National Olympic Committee of Cote d’Ivoire and Secretary General Mrs Nah Aminatah Fofana for a positive meeting in Abidjan on 7 October.

During the meeting, Zangbe outlined the development and future plans for the country’s National Teqball Federation. General Lassana Palenfo was delighted by the National Federation’s activities so far and was strongly encouraged by the joint initiatives in the pipeline.
FITEQ SIGN LANDMARK AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL TESTING AGENCY

On 10 October, FITEQ and the International Testing Agency (ITA) signed a two year anti-doping service agreement to support the promotion of clean sport globally.

The agreement was signed following a meeting held in Lausanne on 2 October between FITEQ Head of International Relations Marius Vizer Jr and ITA Director General Benjamin Cohen. During the meeting, FITEQ outlined its plan and commitment to clean sport, and to best-practice in all areas.

FITEQ Head of International Relations Marius Vizer Jr said: “FITEQ has expanded rapidly since being established in 2017. Each month, the sport is welcoming new National Federations, new fans, and most importantly new players. As the sport continues to grow globally, we will host an increasing number of high-profile international competitions. Therefore, partnering with the ITA is a crucial step in ensuring FITEQ remains a champion for clean sport all over the world. We firmly believe the ITA will ensure the best possible delivery of our anti-doping programmes, and we are looking forward to the journey ahead.”
FITEQ MARK FERENC PUSKÁS MEMORIAL WITH TEQBALL SHOWCASE IN ALGERIA

Following an invitation from the Hungarian Embassy in Algeria, FITEQ hosted a teqball demonstration in Algiers, Algeria on 12 October for 16 international delegations to mark the Ferenc Puskás Memorial.

The activations, which were put on by FITEQ Head of International Relations Marius Vizer Jr and Hungarian Ambassador to Algeria Helga Katalin Pritz, were part of a direct request from the Hungarian Embassy to showcase teqball as a Hungarian sport innovation.

Other sport demonstrations were held on the day, including athletics, football, table tennis and tennis.