

FITEQ NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2019

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Welcome to your monthly newsletter from the International Teqball Federation.

A message from FITEQ President Gábor Borsányi:

" We are pleased to share the first issue of our monthly newsletter, aimed at keeping you updated with the current news and activities of the Fédération Internationale de Teqball (FITEQ). "

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PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY FOR TEQBALL'S DEBUT INCLUSION AT THE 2020 ASIAN BEACH GAMES

Preparations for teqball's first-ever inclusion in the Asian Beach Games at Sanya 2020 are in full swing as a senior delegation from FITEQ attended the 2nd Coordination Committee in Sanya on 5-8 September.

The Coordination Committee meeting of the Sanya 2020 Asian Beach Games coincided with the operational and event planning meeting concerning teqball's involvement as a medal sport at the 2019 China Corporate Games.

FITEQ Sport Director Matthew Curtain, FITEQ Head of International Relations Marius Vizer Jr and FITEQ Continental Development Manager, Asia, Lilla Horváth, attended the meetings on behalf of the International Federation. Also, in attendance were Rambo Xu from the Chinese Enterprise Association, Song Luzeng, Chairman, of the OCA Sport Committee and Husain Al Musallam, OCA Director General.



TEQBALL PUTS ON A SHOW AT THE AFRICAN GAMES RABAT 2019

Teqball demonstrations wowed athletes and fans alike during the 2019 African Games in Rabat, Morocco in August.

During the Games, there were teqball activations at both the Athletes' Village and the Fan Zone in Rabat, giving athletes and fans the opportunity to watch the sport first-hand and even try it for themselves. The activations were put on by FITEQ in partnership with COJAR (Le Comité d'Organisation des Jeux Africains de Rabat). FITEQ head of International Relations Marius Vizer Jr represented the Federation at the Games.

Teqball's involvement at the African Games followed its inclusion as a demonstration sport at the 1st African Beach Games in Cape Verde, in June 2019. The sport's inclusion in these major international multi-sport events has only strengthened teqball's profile in the African continent.



AUSTRIAN TEQBALL FEDERATION LAUNCHED ON AUSTRIAN DAY OF SPORTS

The Austrian Teqball Federation was launched on 21 September during the 19th edition of Austria's largest open-air sports event – 'Austrian Day of Sports' – which attracted more than 300,000 spectators for a celebration of Austrian sport.

Austrian Teqball Federation President Alexandra Koncar led the presentation of the new Federation, which was followed by a teqball demonstration. Members of the public were then invited to try the sport for themselves. Over 120 sports organisations including the Austrian Sports Organisation (BSO) and Austrian Olympic Committee (ÖOC), were represented at the day-long event, with more than 400 elite athletes, including Olympic Champions Marcel Hirscher and Anna Gasser also in attendance.

The establishment was the result of the successful completion of the Prospective Phase of the Federation headed by President Koncar, as Austria becomes the latest country to embrace the rapidly growing global sport. FITEQ was represented at the launch by Jacque White, Ágota Skrapics, Dániel Zwickl, Luca Takács.



ROMANIAN SCHOOL SPORT CLUB RECEIVES TEQBALL TABLE

Local Romanian sports club, Clubul Sportiv Scolar Tulcea (School Sport Club Tulcea), received a teqball table donation on 29 August during an official visit from FITEQ Head of CSR Gergely Murányi.

Murányi was joined by the Head of Department for the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, István Igló-Nagy, and András Kósa from the Hungarian Institute Bucharest. Also, in attendance were Ivan Patzaichin, President of Mila 23 Club; Borbély László, Sustainable Development Minister from Romania; Horia Teodorescu, Tulcea County Council President; and Constantin Hogeia, Mayor of Tulcea. Sandor Grecu, head of Clubul Sportiv Scolar Tulcea was delighted by the donation and the impact it would have on the young people who are involved in the club.



TEQBALL TABLE DONATED TO THE CITY OF DÜSSELDORF

On 7 September, FITEQ Head of CSR Gergely Murányi travelled to meet the Mayor of Düsseldorf, Thomas Giesel, during the Hungarian Days celebration in the German city.

FITEQ donated a table to the City of Düsseldorf, as part of an effort to further the growth of the sport in Germany. Earlier this year, Germany and FC Bayern Munich star Manuel Neuer enjoyed playing teqball during the International Champions Cup in the United States.

Murányi was joined by Dr Orgoványi András, who is the Deputy Head of the Hungarian Consulate in Düsseldorf. The donation of the table was followed by positive discussions regarding the role sport can play in the diplomatic relations between the two countries.



GEORGIA RECEIVES TEQBALL TABLE DONATION

FITEQ Head of CSR Gergely Murányi joined Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs Péter Szijjártó during his visit to Batumi, Georgia, in July.

FITEQ donated a teqball table to the city following constructive negotiations about enhanced collaboration between the two countries.



SUCCESSFUL MEETING WITH QATAR OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

A FITEQ delegation, led by Sport Director Matthew Curtain, met with representatives of the Qatar Olympic Committee (QOC) in Doha at the start of September.

The FITEQ delegation also included Sport Operations Manager Dániel Zwickl and International Events Coordinator Luca Takács. They met representatives of the QOC to discuss areas of future cooperation and development with regards to the establishment of a National Teqball Federation, as well as the potential hosting of competitions in Qatar.

The QOC representatives present during the meeting were Director of Planning and Coordination Fahad Ebrahim Juma, Head of Team Affairs & Sponsoring Unit Ahmad Youssef Darwish and Head of Federations Affairs & Sport Institutions Sections Ishaq Murtada Al-Hashemi.



FITEQ LEADERSHIP MEET IOC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER NENAD LALOVIC

Vice President of FITEQ Viktor Huszár led a delegation to Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan on 16 September, where a positive meeting was held with IOC Executive Board Member Nenad Lalović during the United World Wrestling (UWW) World Championships.

Lalović, who is UWW President, is the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) representative on the IOC Executive Board. Huszár was joined by Hungarian Olympic Committee President Krisztián Kulcsár, Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade representative István Igloi-Nagy, and FITEQ Head of CSR Gergely Murányi.

Among other matters discussed, Lalović outlined the procedures for an International Federation becoming an IOC-recognised sport. Teqball was also part of the fan zone activities during the highly successful World Championships.



INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR FITEQ DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION COORDINATOR

FITEQ is proud to congratulate Development and Education Coordinator Renáta Fóris for her nomination as a FIFA international referee.

Fóris qualified as a professional referee in 2015 and has since been officiating matches for the Men's First Division in Hungary, as well as the Women's Second Division. FITEQ would like to wish her the best of luck for the exciting journey that lays ahead.

The FIFA International Referees List is an annual publication of the global list of FIFA international referees in the football-variants controlled by the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) – association football (outdoor football), futsal and beach soccer. Members of the list are qualified to officiate at international level and are entitled to wear a FIFA badge on their uniform for the year in which they are listed.

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