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## **EHF Competitions Commission**

(Meeting no. 03 of the period 2016 – 2020)

**EHF Office in Vienna / AUT**      Thursday, 27 April 2017      14:30 – 18:30 hrs.  
(general EHF Info to CC/MC/BC from 14.00 -14.30 hrs.)

Friday, 28 April 2017      09.00 – 12.00 hrs.

### **Participants:**

Bozidar Djurkovic	Chairman CC
Jan Kampman	Men's Competitions
Carmen Manchado Lopez	Women's Competitions
Radek Wasiak	Club Competitions
Dragan Nachevski	Refereeing Matters

Markus Glaser	Office
Peter Sichelschmidt	Office
Monika Flixeder	Office

Further office staff according to agenda

### **Agenda:**

#### **1. Welcome**

Djurkovic welcomed the members of the CC to this second meeting of 2017. No amendments to the agenda are requested.

#### **2. Minutes and Reports of Meetings and Task Groups**

There were no comments and no questions.

#### **3. Information on Meeting Technical Delegation / CAN**

Glaser provided a summary of the most important topics and especially referred to the discussion of a coordinated approach to the players' equipment issue, where the European Federations and clubs expect a guideline for the new season which respects all stakeholders. Further topics from the TD will be mentioned at each respective point of the agenda.

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#### **4. Club Competitions**

##### **4.1. Men's Champions League 2016/17**

All matches were played according to schedule and no major incidents were reported. A club wrote an open letter to the EHF about a game in round 14 of the group matches mentioning various competition issues and also expressed its unhappiness with the referee performance in that particular game. The mentioned topics are being discussed and the performance of the referees was analyzed by an EHF refereeing expert.

In general the season passed really well in all four groups from a competition point of view and especially in groups A/B most ranking positions were decided only in the very last round. A more detailed analysis will follow after the conclusion of the season.

##### **4.2. Women's Champions League 2016/17**

The quarter finals were concluded and no major incidents were reported apart from an interruption of a few minutes of one of the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg games where a spectator poured beer on the court from the stands behind the goal. There was no real influence on the game, but a legal case will be initiated in any case.

The draw for the Final4 in Budapest was carried out and preparatory work for the event are in full swing. Apart from the already used goal line technology, the goal light technology as well as the instant replay will be installed in Budapest for the first time.

##### **4.3. Men's EHF Cup 2016/17**

As in the previous four years, also in this season the organizer of the EHF Cup Finals (Frischauf! Göppingen/GER) qualified directly for the final event and only three quarter finals are being played.

An analysis of the competition from an overall point of view including the TV-and Marketing aspects is necessary in order to define the direction for the seasons to come.

##### **4.4. Women's EHF Cup 2016/17**

The semifinals are concluded and the final will be played in home and away matches. There were no real issues and all matches were played according to schedule. The general impression of the CC is that the new competition format was successful and the level of matches is considerably higher than it was in the past. Various issues still need to be improved, but in general the competition seems to be on a good path.

##### **4.5. Men's and Women's Challenge Cup 2016/17**

The level of the teams varies a lot and the organizational issues around the matches are sometimes leading to misunderstandings between the teams mainly due to bad or late communication. But all matches were played and no major incidents were reported from the latest round.

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#### 4.6. Preview Club Competitions 2017/18

There is no change in any of the playing systems and the regulation issues were discussed in the last meeting. The CC motions were approved by the Executive Committee in March with one amendment: The CC had proposed to have the Women's Champions League Qualification Tournaments either on Friday and Saturday or on Saturday and Sunday. The ExeC added the possibility of playing Friday and Sunday.

The rundown of sending the registration documents to National Federations and clubs remains unchanged as well as the handling of the issue of the Champions League registrations and requests for upgrades. These decisions will be taken by the Executive Committee in its meeting in June, while the draw for the 2017/18 Group Phase will take place on Friday, 30 June. The date for the draw of the qualification will be defined at a later date.

The deadlines for the EHF Cup and Challenge Cup Competitions (men and women) are at the beginning of July and the draw for the first rounds will take place on Tuesday, 18 July.

### 5. National Team Competitions – Qualifications

#### 5.1. 2018 EHF EURO Men CRO (Qualification phase 2, round 3 to 6)

Qualification Phase 2 with 28 teams is currently under way. The matches in Round 1 and 2 were played without any problems. Rounds 3 and 4 will be played between 3 and 7 May, Round 5 and 6 between 14 and 18 June 2017, each with 28 matches.

#### 5.2. 2018 EHF EURO Women FRA (Registration, Draw, Phase 1, Phase 2)

The registration phase started on 7 February 2017 and the deadline for registration was 12 March. 32 teams registered (FRA not included). Therefore a Qualification Phase 1 (with 6 teams, the 2 winners will qualify for phase 2) was necessary. The draw took place on 21 March 2017. Phase 1 will be played in 2 tournaments (FAR, FIN and GRE in Maroussi/GRE and GEO, ISR and KOS in Prishtina/KOS) from 9 to 11 June 2017. The draw for the EURO qualification (phase 2) took already place in Paris/FRA on 21 April in the NOC of FRA.

Apart from the already qualified organiser FRA 15 further places are available for the final tournament (30 November to 16 December 2018). 28 teams will participate in Phase 2, from where the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked teams as well as the best 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked team will qualify for FRA.

The workshop for the qualification phase 2 took place on 21 April 2017 in Paris/FRA. Only 22 out of 32 possible participants took part.

Criteria for 3rd ranked team:

In 2012 the direct qualification of the defending champion of the previous EURO to the following EURO was cancelled. The determining of the additional place for the next EURO (the so-called "15<sup>th</sup> place" – apart from the organiser, the seven 1<sup>st</sup> ranked and the seven 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked teams) was easily decided by taking the best 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked team of the seven qualification groups. But a clear definition of the criteria, on how to calculate the ranking of the 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked teams in each group is still missing. Therefore the attached motion is presented and discussed. The CC is unanimously of the opinion to table this motion to the EXEC for approval.

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### 5.3. 2017 WWCh GER (Play-offs Europe)

31 teams registered for the 2017 WWCh Qualification Europe. For the final tournament already qualified are: GER (organizer), NOR (reigning champion) as well as NED, FRA and DEN (as the 3 best ranked teams of the Women's EURO 2016 in SWE). Phase 2 with 18 play off matches will be played between 9 to 11 June (1<sup>st</sup> leg) and 13 to 15 June 2017 (2<sup>nd</sup> leg).

### 5.4. 2017 YAC Qualification (MU21 WCh ALG)

33 teams registered for the Qualification Europe, which was played from 6 to 8 January 2017. From here 7 teams qualified for the final tournament (17 to 30 July 2017) and joined the already qualified European teams of FRA (as reigning champion of the MU19 WCh 2015 in RUS and at the same time 3<sup>rd</sup> of the 2016 M20 EURO DEN) as well as ESP, GER, CRO and NOR (as the best ranked teams of the M20 EURO 2016 DEN). In the meantime SWE (as 1<sup>st</sup> substitute) replaced in addition to this the team of OCE.

### 5.5. 2019 MWCh DEN-GER

The registration phase already started on 24 March 2017 with the deadline 24 April 2017. The matches of the Qualification Phase 1 will start in autumn 2017. The draw for the playoff matches is foreseen to take place during the final weekend of the Men's EURO in CRO (27/28 January 2018). The matches of the Qualification Phase 2 (play-off matches) will be played from 8 to 10 June (1<sup>st</sup> leg) and 12 to 14 June 2018 (2<sup>nd</sup> leg).

Apart from the organisers, DEN and GER, and the reigning World Champion from 2017 FRA, 10 places for Europe are available for the final tournament (10 to 27 January 2019).

### 5.6. 2020 EHF EURO Men SWE-AUT-NOR (Qualification phase 1, ENCh Qualification Europe)

Total entries: 48 (44 teams in qualification), directly qualified teams are: SWE, AUT, NOR (all 3 as organisers) and the future defending champion of Men's EURO 2018 in CRO. The current status of already qualified teams for phase 2 is: (EST, GRE, ITA coming from Phase 1, ISR was additionally qualified as the highest ranked team of the potential participants in Phase 1 and all participants of the 2018 EURO Qualification Phase 2 (with the exception of CRO).

The official announcement for the "2<sup>nd</sup> Men's Emerging Nations Championship in BUL from 12 to 18 June 2017" was sent out by the IHF on 8 February. In the meantime the 4 groups were drawn and already published together with the playing schedule. 3 (European) teams will qualify from the Emerging Nations Championship for the EURO Qualification (Phase 2).

## **6. National Team Competitions – Final Tournaments**

### 6.1. 2018 EHF EURO Men CRO

An EHF site visit took place in Split and Zadar between 8 and 10 March 2017. During this site visit the operational/technical infrastructure which needs to be secured for the EHF EURO 2018 at the Spaladium Arena in Split were checked and reported to the CRO OC.

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In addition the alternative venue, the Kresimir Cosic Arena in Zadar, which was proposed by the CRO OC was inspected and due to the arena base size, which doesn't fulfill the minimum size of 48mx28m, the arena was denied by the EHF.

As the public authorities confirmed to fully support the Spaladium Arena, Split was confirmed by the EHF as Preliminary Round venue of the EHF EURO 2018.

The Men's EHF EURO 2018 Final Tournament Draw will take place at the Lisinski Concert Hall in Zagreb on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017 at 19.30 hrs. For spectators' interest, every EHF EURO organiser has the right to seed one team in each Preliminary Round group.

The Referee and Delegates Seminar for the EHF EURO 2018 will take place from 1 to 3 September 2017 in Vienna.

The Heads of Delegations Conference will take place between 8 and 10 October 2017 in Zagreb/CRO. From the side of the CC, Bozidar Djurkovic and Jan Kampman will participate at the Heads of Delegations Conference.

#### 6.2. 2018 EHF EURO Women FRA

The organization of the EHF EURO 2018 is ongoing. The latest coordination meeting between the EHF and the FRA OC took place on 19 April 2017 in Paris.

In the meeting the FRA OC presented their EHF EURO 2018 ticketing strategy. The overall strategy foresees an individual ticket sale for single matches (except the last Main Round match day). As a consequence of the individual ticket sales, a minimum gap of 3h between the throw-off times of the matches will be needed. The EHF CC mentions the long duration in the arena with longer match intervals. However the CC in general comments the initiative positively.

Additionally, the FRA OC requested to start with the Championship one day earlier (29 November 2018) and to play the opening match of the host team including the opening ceremony completely separated for marketing and promotional purposes. The request was commented positively by the EHF CC.

A second request of the FRA OC concerns the Main Round Matches of the host team. The FRA OC would like to avoid possible matches of the home team taking place on weekends. Therefore, the FRA OC would like to switch matches between the second and the third match day during the Main Round, this way they would like to secure that the home team plays during the week.

As the example of an individual match schedule of the last WCh led to many discussions, the EHF CC is of the opinion that the same match schedule, approved by the EHF ExeC shall apply for all EHF EURO events.

Concerning the Final Weekend match schedule, the FRA OC does not see advantages of organizing the Bronze Medal match and the Final on separate days. According to their experiences from the WCh 2017, the FRA OC is of the opinion to play the two matches at the same day, to sell them individually and to create a huge VIP event on the day prior to the final day. Additionally, the EHF CC mentioned the importance of the Bronze Medal Match and that the time between the Semi Finals and the Bronze Medal Match would not be sufficient for such an important match if it is planned just 20h later. Therefore, the EHF CC is not in favor of a change of the Final Weekend format.

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A preparatory meeting between the EHF and the FRA OC will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at the EHF Office in Vienna/AUT. At the same occasion a marketing coordination meeting between Infront and the EHF will take place in Vienna.

The Final Tournament Draw will take place in June 2018.

### 6.3. EHF EUROS after 2018

#### 6.3.1 Men's EHF EURO 2020

Four pre EHF EURO Cups will be organised in the three host countries and in the country of the winner of the Men's EHF EURO 2018.

Infront came up with the idea to play the Final Weekend of the Men's EHF EURO 2020 SWE/AUT/NOR in a different format for marketing and promotional reasons. According to Infront's opinion the Bronze Medal Match should take place one day prior to the day of the final. The EHF CC sees the Bronze Medal Match directly on the day after the Semi Finals as disadvantageous for the teams and mentions that the Bronze Medal Match is an important match for most of the teams and players and therefore should be played on the final day.

Furthermore, the EHF is working in cooperation with the organizing countries on host city agreements which should be implemented for the first time for the Men's EHF EURO 2020. A first draft version was provided in April 2017 to the NOR OC.

#### 6.3.2 EHF EURO events 2022 & 2024

The bidding process for the EHF EURO events in 2022 & 2024 is currently ongoing. Applicants had to provide the EHF with the letter of intent until 1 May 2017. The list of interested nations will be made available as of 4 May 2017.

The EHF EURO 2022/2024 bidding documents will be provided to the applicants until 1 July 2017. Afterwards the applicants need to prepare and provide detailed application documents to the EHF until 1 November 2017.

For the Women's EHF EURO 2022, the FIFA World Cup 2022 in Qatar needs to be taken into consideration, taking place between 21 November and 18 December 2022. The playing period for the Women's EHF EURO 2022 needs to be discussed within the respective EHF bodies as an overlapping of the 2 events could lead to major problems for the EHF (TV, Host Broadcaster, etc.).

### 6.4. W17 EURO 2017 SVK, W17 Championships 2017 LTU and MKD, W19 EURO 2017 SLO

All events are currently prepared according to the timeline. An organisers' workshop took place in Vienna on 26/27 September 2016 as well as the necessary site inspections in Celje/SLO and in Michalovce/SVK for the EUROS and also for the championships in LTU and MKD. The draw for the W19 EURO in SLO took place in Paris during the Secretaries General Conference on 20 April 2017. The playing schedule is currently coordinated with the host.

As already agreed by the CC the Championship in MKD was rescheduled to the new date: between 31 July and 6 August (instead of 14 to 20 August). All participants were informed accordingly.

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6.5. Further Events in 2017 (M17 European Open, W17 and M17 EYOF in Győr/HUN etc.)

6.5.1. M17 European Open

Between 3 and 7 July 2017 16 teams will compete in the EO event. The groups were drawn and together with the playing schedule already published.

6.5.2. M17 and W17 EYOF in Győr/HUN

The event will take place in Győr/HUN from 22 to 29 July 2017. Apart from the automatically qualified organiser HUN, the teams of SWE, DEN, NOR, NED, RUS, FRA and ROU (qualified via W18 EO 2016 SWE and WU18 WCh 2016 SVK) will participate in the W17 (born 2000 and 2001) tournament. FRA, CRO, GER, SLO, DEN, ESP and ISL (qualified via M18 EURO 2016 CRO) will participate in the M17 tournament.

The draw is foreseen to take place during the Chefs de Mission/Technical Delegates Seminar on 26/27 April in Győr/HUN.

6.6. IHF Competition Matters (MU19 WCh GEO, MU21 WCh ALG, IHF Super Globe, WWCh GER)

6.6.1. MU19 WCh GEO (7 to 20 August 2017)

Apart from the organizer GEO 11 teams from Europe (defined via the M18 EURO 2016 in CRO) will participate. In the meantime NOR (as 1<sup>st</sup> substitute) replaced in addition to this the team of OCE.

6.6.2. MU21 WCh ALG (17 to 30 July 2017)

All relevant details were mentioned at agenda point 5.4. No further details known at the moment.

6.6.3. IHF Super Globe

Apart from a shortly announced rescheduling of the event, because of an important religious holiday in the region, no further details were reported. The new period is: 25 to 28 August 2017.

6.6.4. WWCh GER (1 to 17 December 2017)

At the moment there were no further details to be reported.

6.7. YAC events in 2018: M18 EURO and Championships, M20 EURO and Championships (competitions, applications, registrations); WU18 WCh POL, WU20 WCh HUN

6.7.1. YAC events in 2018:

The registration papers for the M18 and M20 events in 2018 were sent out in November 2016, together with the application documents for the M18 and M20 events.

16 Federations for each of the M18 and M20 EURO, 23 Federations for the M18 Championships, and 22 teams for the M20 Championships registered for participation.

All events were awarded by the EHF EXEC on 24/25 March 2017 as follows:

M18 EURO: CRO – Varazdin and Koprivnica (daily fee 125€)

M18 Championships: AUT – Tulln with 12 teams (daily fee 100€) and GEO – Tbilisi with 11 teams (daily fee 80€)

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M20 EURO: SLO – Celje (daily fee 120€)

M20 Championships: MKD – Skopje with 11 teams (daily fee 100€) and MNE – Podgorica with 11 teams (daily fee 100€).

The draw for the M18 and M20 championships will take place during the CC meeting. The composition of the tournaments in the championships will be done via the updated Men's YAC ranking list (snake system) taking into account the results of the Men's YAC events in 2016. To optimize the possibilities of promotion of the respective EUROs the draws for the M18 EURO in CRO and the M20 EURO in SLO have to take place in the country of the host.

The workshop for the 2018 YAC events will take place in Vienna in September 2017.

Concerning promotion / relegation after the YAC-EUROs and Championships the EXEC approved the CC motion and confirmed the number of minimum 2 promoted/relegated teams. In case of more than 2 championships, the number of promoted/relegated teams will correspond to the number of the Championships.

Playing schedules in championships with more than 8 participants:

In the last meeting the CC was unanimously of the opinion that cross matches, instead of direct placement matches (e.g. 1 against 1, 2 against 2), should be a must in the Championships as they are in the EUROs. A "weak or bad" day in the preliminary round will no longer be decisive for the ranking. Furthermore, the workload for the players must be reduced by implementing additional rest days.

The new playing schedule with cross matches for a tournament of 12 and 10 teams was compared and will look as follows:

10 competition days (instead of 7), 42 matches (instead of 36), 7 matches per team (instead of 6), 3 rest days (instead of 1) and maximum 2 matches in a row (instead of 2 times 3).

The new playing schedule with cross matches for a tournament of 10 teams will have:

9 competition days (instead of 7), 29 matches (instead of 25), 6 or 5 matches per team (instead of 5), 2 rest days per team (same as before) and maximum 2 matches in a row (instead of 3 for some teams).

Nevertheless, it should be a common target to reach the optimum number of 40 registrations with 16 teams in the EURO and 3 x 8 teams in the Championships.

To clarify several aspects, which should be taken into consideration before a final decision (2 or 3 additional days, herewith combined additional costs for the participants) a small questionnaire was sent out to all participants, in order to achieve a broader opinion in this regard. The results/feedback are now presented and discussed.

Taking into consideration the results of the questionnaire and the additional costs, which could be expected, as well as the discussion in the last meeting, the CC is unanimously of the opinion to table this motion to the EXEC for approval.

#### 6.7.2. WU18 WCh 2018 in Poland (27 July to 5 August 2018)

Apart from the organiser POL, 11 European teams coming from the W17 EURO 2017 in SVK will take part in the competition.

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### 6.7.3. WU20 WCh 2018 in Hungary (1 to 15 July 2018)

Apart from the organiser HUN, and RUS (the already qualified defending champion of the WU18 WCh 2016 in Slovakia), as well as the two best ranked not already qualified teams from the W19 EURO 2017 in SLO 9 further European teams coming from the EURO qualification groups. The qualification will be played between 23 and 25 March 2018 for the last time in a tournament format.

## **7. Refereeing Matters**

### **7.1. Issues from the current season 2016/17**

One of the Men's Champions League games in Round 14 of the group matches resulted in public negative reactions and an open letter of the club who lost the game by a very narrow margin. Various issues are mentioned in the letter which are and will be dealt with on a technical level. An analysis of the referee performance was done as well.

The use of technologies will be enlarged as the 2017 Women's Final4 in Budapest will not only have the goal line technology, but also the goal light technology and the instant replay for the first time. Same holds true for the EHF Cup Finals in Göppingen, so that all three club competitions Final events will use all the three technologies.

The following five referee pairs will end their career due to age reason at the end of the 2016/17 season: Dentz/Reibel FRA, Dobrovits/Tajok HUN, Kekes/Kekes HUN, Kristiansen/Pettersen NOR and Krstic/Ljubic SLO.

TUR requested 1 EHF pair for Deaflympics in Samsun from 18-30 July 2017. Details of this nomination need to be checked as the EHF has currently no referees who are specialized in handball for deaf.

### **7.2. TRC Meeting 26 April**

It was the first meeting of the TRC with the new members, some time was therefore used for general information on structural issues and the position of the TRC within the EHF.

The task distribution for the new mandate is as follows: Ehrmann (female referees), Konecny (young referees), Baum (physical preparation), Marreiros & Togstad (preparation of teaching material);

The topics for the teaching material for the summer 2017 YAC events as well as for the new season were defined. Apart from the standard issues a special package will be put together regarding the handling of the last 30 seconds as this new rule is still not handled well and differently interpreted by the referees.

After a detailed discussion the office took over the task to work out a document regarding the handling and the consequences of an unsatisfactory resp. bad referee performance in a game of an EHF competition. These guidelines will be coordinated with the CC and, if approved, put forward to the Executive Committee in June.

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### **7.3. Preview Summer Events 2017**

A total of 30 pairs are nominated for the four events (10 each for SLO and SVK, 5 each for LTU and MKD). Teaching material touching various rule issues will be made available to the referees in good time.

### **7.4. Preview EHF Candidates Courses 2017**

Two candidates' courses will be held before the end of the current season. The first one in Balatonboglár/HUN (22-25 May) with a total of six referee pairs from KOS, UKR, HUN, ROU, ESP, CZE. The second course will be held in Gothenburg at the occasion of the M17 EO (3-7 July) with 5 couples from FRA, ITA, SWE (all fem.) as well as from KOS and GBR.

### **7.5. Young Referees Program**

A total of approximately 25 couples are needed for the three events in July (M17 European Open in Gothenburg, EUSA Games in Antequera/ESP and EYOF in Győr/HUN). Additionally all these events will be covered by EHF-refereeing lecturers.

### **7.6. Female Referees Program**

Ehrmann-Wolf is the new TRC Member dedicated to the female referees in the EHF and details of her task were discussed at the TRC meeting.

For the first time there are solely female referees and female delegates on duty at the Women's Final4 in Budapest. Ehrmann-Wolf in the TRC as well as Manchado in the CC recommended to have a mix of men and women referees in the nomination for future events as they consider this as important for education reasons as well as for the team spirit and the coexistence at the venue.

Eleven out of twenty couples overall are female at the W19 EURO in SLO and the W17 EURO in SVK this summer.

### **7.7. Referee nomination friendly matches**

A list with a summary of all nominations was distributed to the CC members and additional information was provided by Rancik, no special issues were discussed.

### **7.8. Referees' Head Sets**

A large number of referees in EHF competitions are currently still using Adeunis headsets (previous EHF partner), while some others are already using headsets of the new partner Axiwi (since 1 January 2017). Rancik informed that Axiwi has offered to buy all Adeunis sets from the EHF and to replace them with their own headsets. As the Adeunis headsets are basically still working alright, this offer will be evaluated and considered only if it is favourable for the EHF from an overall point of view.

### **7.9. IHF Refereeing Matters**

The TRC had discussed the experience with the new rules and had stated that four of the five new rules are implemented quite well from a general referee handling point of view. The "last 30 second" rule is not going completely well in Europe and needs additional clarification and information, which will be transported via the teaching material to the 2017 summer events as well as to the National Federations for their preparatory activities with the referees for the new season.

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A total of ten couples from Europe (incl. a GBR YR pair) will be invited for the GRTP course in BUL (12-18 June 2017) at the occasion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> IHF Emerging Nations Trophy. A coordination with the IHF will be sought there as the EHF Refereeing Responsible would appreciate if the EHF was consulted in the future regarding the nomination of the European couples.

#### **7.10. Possible unified referee equipment as of 2018/19**

The Executive Committee in its meeting in March approved further investigation and clarification of a unified referee equipment as of the 2018/19 season. The preferred colour is grey with an add-on of EHF branding. A coordination with Salming is under way and a motion with a colour proposal will be tabled to the Executive Committee in June.

### **8. Delegates Matters**

#### **8.1 Issues from the current season 2016/17**

A total of eight Delegates ended their career after the EHF Congress in St. Wolfgang in November, one more will end his career in summer 2017 due to age reasons.

Those new delegates that successfully participated in the Seminar in December 2016 in Gothenburg were partly nominated for club competition matches in February and March 2017 and will partly be nominated for YAC events in the summer in order to offer a good experience and a larger number of matches for practicing.

#### **8.2. Preview to the 2017/18 season**

On-line education material as well as on-line testing will be made available and installed for all EHF-Delegates for the time period prior to the new season. Special focus will be put on Rule issues especially considering the new rules that are valid since 1 July 2016.

### **9. Additional Matters**

#### **9.1. International Calendar 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019**

The current EHF Calendars 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 (with very small editorial corrections) together with the EHF meeting calendar were distributed to the CC.

#### **9.2. EHF Anti-Doping Unit**

Testing is running according to plan in all EHF competitions. There were no positive test results so far during the 2016/17 season. The information material for the 2017 Summer events is currently being prepared and is expected to be available in good time prior to the events.

#### **9.3. Players' equipment**

The CC agreed that the issue of the players' equipment caused too much confusion in Europe during the current season and that a fresh approach with updated information would be very much appreciated by National Federations as well as Clubs in Europe.

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Basics of the very complex issue are discussed and different areas of the equipment were defined. Sichelschmidt and Glaser took over the task to work out a document which will be coordinated with the CC by e-mail in order to be able to present it, if approved, to the Executive Committee in June. At the same time an information exchange and a coordination with the IHF will be initiated in order to reach a common understanding regarding the handling of the issue in EHF-competitions and domestic competitions in Europe.

**10. Miscellaneous**

No issues were raised.

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