



YOUTH BULLETIN – DECEMBER 2008

2008 – ANOTHER YEAR.....

Before bidding farewell to the year we want to share with you all the youthful things: we report on the WorldHockey Youth Challenge, the Youth Leadership Certificates and the WorldHockey Youth Promoters Festival. We also briefly look ahead and reveal the dates and theme of the next WorldHockey Youth Challenge and the deadlines for Youth Leadership Certificates.

WORLD HOCKEY YOUTH CHALLENGE 2008

Live the Dream

30 countries participated in the 2008 World Hockey Youth Challenge. The theme was "Live the Dream, celebrating 100 years of Olympic Hockey". All Youth Challenge reports and pictures showing the Live the Dream events can be viewed on the Development/Youth section of www.worldhockey.org.

A special "Live the Dream talk show" took place in Monchengladbach, in conjunction with the Women's Champions Trophy. Four players of the German women's national team and ex Olympic heroes Florian Kunz and Floris Jan Bovelanders were present to answer very interesting questions put by a young audience. A very enjoyable event, organized by young leaders of the DHB, well done!

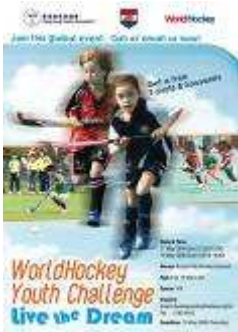
Poland, Malawi, New Zealand, Hong Kong and Chile were selected as prize winners of the 2008 Youth Challenge. They included the central theme "Live the Dream, celebrating 100 years of Olympic Hockey" in an exceptional way in their activities.

Chile organized recreational "Live the Dream" activities for the U12 group and a more serious indoor training and 4 vs. 4 tournament for the U16 and U21 squads; these were all in the frame work of 100 years of Olympic Hockey.

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Malawi implemented many activities from the FIH Live the Dream activities booklet and added "Dream Talk", discussions on individual dreams and dreams for hockey. According to Malawi's Development Officer, the Olympic Dream is alive in every child, irrespective of where he/ she live. Very true!



Left to right: Hong Kong, Poland, New Zealand, Chile & Malawi prize winners of the 2008 Youth Challenge

Hong Kong turned its King's Park Hockey Ground into a Live the Dream Park, with many fun activities around the theme. Very special was the visit of former Hong Kong men's team captain Faoq Saeed, who joined the event with the Beijing Olympic torch, having been one of the Torch relay runners. The young participants were very happy to have the chance to hold the torch and share the Olympic spirit.

New Zealand provided a Live the Dream programme for more than 26.000 young players, which was exceptional participation! Most of the state associations were actively involved, offering Live the Dream competitions around juggling, goal keeper juggling, poster design, colouring, best photos, Olympic banner design, to name but a few!

Poland organized a very special event in the Paluki region. 25 teams from 4 countries in the U13 age group came together with the aim to popularize the Olympic spirit and to increase the interest in hockey as an Olympic Sport. Under the theme "From Athens to Beijing - let's live it again" the young players enjoyed opening and closing ceremonies replicating the full Olympic protocol, Olympic history quizzes, meeting and talking with Olympic players and also they played lots of hockey!

The prize winners were selected by a jury, consisting of Anne Ellis (DCC Chair), Renita Garard (Chair Athletes Panel), Tina Brullo (co-ordinator Youth Panel), Stephan Haumann (member Working Group Youth)



and Gabrielle van Doorn (FIH Development Manager). The jury selected one prize winner per continent. The prize winning countries will receive a visit from a player of the Olympic Gold winning Women's team.

A special word of appreciation goes to Shell Netherlands for sponsoring the visits of the Olympic Gold Medal players.



YOUTH LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE 2008

This year we had two nomination rounds, one in June and one in October. In the first round 51 Youth Leadership Certificates were handed out to active young leaders in Germany, Kenya, Ireland, Malawi, New Zealand, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Scotland, Seychelles, Tanzania.

In the second round 33 certificates were handed out to young leaders in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Canada, Croatia, England, France, Lithuania, Myanmar, Pakistan, Romania, Thailand, Uzbekistan and Vanuatu, in recognition for good work as coaches, umpires, administrators, event organizers or web page masters.

Congratulations to the 84 young leaders and to the NAs for investing in their future administrators!

WORLD YOUTH HOCKEY PROMOTERS FESTIVAL 2008



30 participants were trained in a wide range of leadership roles at the 4th WorldHockey Youth Promoters Festival in Victoria, Canada. The participants came from a number of countries: Barbados, Canada, Croatia,

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England, Germany, Hong Kong, Hungary, Ireland, Netherlands, Paraguay, Poland, Scotland, South Africa, Tanzania, Thailand, Trinidad & Tobago and the USA.

Each promoter presented his/her development project to an international audience. Nina Niedermeijer from Germany was selected as WorldHockey Promoter 2008.

A wealth of information from guest speakers and fellow promoters was collected on USB sticks, which every Promoter could take home. Countries and individuals interested in the presentations of the 4th WorldHockey Youth Promoters Festival can contact Gabrielle van Doorn at fihdevelopment@planet.nl

Following the Festival the Promoters have worked on three activities to promote hockey in their own country.

Below are some good examples of what has been achieved by the young leaders after their participation in the Festival in Canada.

Scotland has re-started its Youth Panel with new members and has involved young leaders in the organization of the tournaments and festivals. Promoter Nicola Melrose made a presentation to the SHU Management Committee, the decision making committee for Scottish Hockey. She convinced them of the benefits of young volunteers and they were challenged to go away and think about how to involve young people in each area of the organization.

Ireland has set up a Youth Panel, with the Promoters Carl Allen and Amy Young chairing this group. They have shared their knowledge gained in Victoria with the National Youth Panel members and are initiating club based projects and youth festivals.

In Mexico FIH Youth Panel chair Mario Rosado has been responsible for recruiting and organizing volunteers for the PAHF Junior Women championships in October. At the tournament 4 youth panel members were reunited!

Wales recruited and instructed 27 new "Activators" for its Youth Panel.

In the USA Kelly Rappe organized youth beginners' camps in August. She made PR for hockey in the media and tried to get hockey included in the PE curriculum of the junior high school in her area.



In Canada Larissa Roechner made a presentation at three clubs and she started an indoor league at a local recreational centre.

Caswell Chiloane, South Africa's Promoter started a hockey academy for primary schools.

Becca Owen, the representative of England at the WorldHockey Youth Promoters Festival, is recruiting young volunteers who can help at the Indoor Hockey Finals, described as one of the biggest and best events in the England Hockey Calendar. At these Finals the new volunteers will be introduced to England's Youth Panel.

Germany's National Youth Panel became an official council in the structure of the DHB and the DHB Youth executive board. The Panel members meet about 3-4 times a year and discuss questions concerning the youth. They have their own by-law and statutes. The Youth Panel is in charge of:

- selecting applications for the DHB and FIH Youth Leadership Certificates
- selecting applications for the WHYPF
- selecting nominations for other seminars (like anti-doping)
- promoting the idea to "Give Youth a Voice"
- helping clubs and regional associations to set up a Youth Panel
- finding people for the position of young volunteers at big events (Champions Trophies, 8 nations cup, etc)
- helping the DHB Youth Committee to organize Sport for All events (like a girls hockey camp to attract more girls to the sport)
- updating the internet website

An extensive list of which the DHB and its young leaders can be very proud!

NATIONAL YOUTH PANELS

We're happy to see that NAs are "Giving Youth a Voice" by establishing a National Youth Panel. The following countries work with an active Youth Panel: Bulgaria, England, Germany, Hong Kong, Malawi, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand (around Auckland), Poland, Scotland, Serbia, Sri Lanka, Trinidad & Tobago and

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Wales. Are you interested in setting up a National Youth Panel? Please contact the FIH Youth Panel coordinator Tina Brullo for more info at tbrullo@lycos.com



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WORLDHOCKEY YOUTH CHALLENGE 2009

Dates: 16 & 17 May 2009

Theme: Magic Tricks

More info on the theme will be sent to you next year, but you can already invite your young players to get out their sticks and start creating and practising their unique tricks!

Youth Challenge as ADD-ON event

Do you already have many activities going on during the weekend of 16-17 May? Then why not organize your Magic Tricks competition as an **add-on** event around the existing activity?

FIH YOUTH LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE 2009

So often we forget to say THANK YOU to all those volunteers that work hard for the sport. The Youth Leadership Certificate is a special, easy and cost effective way to say THANKS to the young leaders who have helped hockey in your country to blossom!

You can nominate a maximum of 12 young leaders. It's about leaders, not about good players! Please send your forms before 21 June 2008 (first nomination round) or before 21 October 2008 (second nomination round) to the FIH Development Manager at fihdevelopment@planet.nl. If you want to award your Leaders at an earlier or later stage, then please contact the same email address.

WORLD YOUTH HOCKEY PROMOTERS FESTIVAL 2010

Dates and location to be confirmed! We are planning to organize the Festival in Asia or Africa, as it has not been hosted in these parts of the world yet.

WISHING YOU...

an enjoyable and peaceful Festive Season. Thank you for your contribution to the development of hockey and till next year!!