

EHF Mediterranean Hockey Forum 25-27 September – Catania - Italy

10 nations from around the Mediterranean met in Catania to share their challenges and opportunities to grow hockey in the region. They were honoured by the presence of FIH President Mr Leandro Negre.

After EHF CDO Norman Hughes had explained the Strategic Plans of FIH and EHF each nation gave a presentation of their targets and the obstacles they face

Common themes coming out of the talks were:

- The need for a Competition structure that allows all Nations to take part in such difficult economical times
- The need for more girls and women to be attracted to hockey in this region
- The need for more coaches to enthuse the kids
- The need for more pitches to cater for the growth



20 delegates from 10 nations join FIH President Mr Leandro Negre in Catania

FIH President gave the group an insight into the competitions discussions within FIH at present and urged the group to lobby hard for the reintroduction of hockey in the Mediterranean Games

A full calendar of events for 2010 was agreed alongside a list of actions that the new Mediterranean Hockey Working Group and the Nations need to complete

Many thanks to FIH, EHF and in particular Italian Hockey Federation for the support they gave to this important meeting. Also thanks to Zonal Coordinator Mr Gianni Rossi and his team.

CDO report.