



## YOUTH BULLETIN - NOVEMBER 2009

### EARLIER...

than usual, we are sending you this Youth Bulletin at the request of a number of active countries that like to plan ahead and want to know when and what's happening on the Global Development front next year. Well... we have planned exciting events for your young people in 2010, and these will be explained on the last two pages of this Bulletin.

On the first pages you will find a review on the WorldHockey Youth Challenge 2009, the Live the Dream visits, the FIH Youth Leadership Certificate and the FIH Youth Panel. Enjoy reading!

### WORLD HOCKEY YOUTH CHALLENGE 2009



Twenty nine countries showed their Magic in this year's World Hockey Youth Challenge. The jury selected Afghanistan, Malawi, Bangladesh, Belgium and Pakistan as this year's prize winners. Below you can find out why.

The Magic Tricks event in Afghanistan was opened by the President and Vice President of the NOC. Over 100 players in the age group 8 to 18 enjoyed a Magic Tricks Day in the indoor hall and at the grass pitch of the NOC complex in Kabul and were encouraged to keep playing and practising. It is worth noting that not only boys but girls also participated. Afghanistan Hockey Association has motivated four girl's schools to start playing hockey. All the four schools were present, with their women school teachers. An official ceremony was held to close the Magic Tricks day, which included the awarding of WorldHockey Youth Challenge certificates. The entire event was covered by the local TV. Despite the current unrest, hockey lovers keep the game going in Afghanistan.



Malawi organized a Magic Tricks Weekend in four different hockey centres - Blantyre, Zomba, Mangochi and Lilongwe. Magic Tricks were organized on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> and a Magic 8-a-side Tournament on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> of May. The event was covered by most of the electronic and print media prior to and after the event. Students were featured live on radio for panel discussions on the WorldHockey Youth Challenge and the challenges that hockey youth are facing in Malawi.

As a result of the event three companies have pledged to sponsor mini hockey in all areas. A Parents' Committee has been formed with the aim of looking for more sponsorship for youth. The number of youth, the demand from schools to start playing hockey and the competition amongst school teams has increased. And, last but not least, free space for articles on youth hockey has been given by a leading newspaper.

The Magic Tricks event in Bangladesh was really well advertised, via colourful posters and stickers all over the city. This resulted in 300 children gathering at the gates of the National Stadium in Dhaka to show their abilities. They were first given a WH Youth Challenge T-shirt with the Magic Tricks logo, making the youngsters feel proud to be part of the FIH Youth Family. After the opening by the Chairman, the youth took part in a Magic Tricks circuit and mini six-a-side matches. All participants received a Magic Tricks certificate and enjoyed a Grand Musical show before going home.

Mr. Abdur Sikder, Secretary of BHF said: "Due to this fantastic global event BHF received sponsorship from Capital Group, who will support the youth development programme of Bangladesh Hockey. This is an important step in the development of Bangladesh Hockey".



*Magic events in Afghanistan, Malawi, Bangladesh & Pakistan (left to right). Belgium can be viewed on video!*

In Belgium all hockey youth were invited via the NA website to take part in the national Magic Tricks event. Clubs were asked to send in videos of their best Magic "Trickers" by YouTube. A jury selected 68 finalists to come to the National Club Championships in Brussels. Here each participant was given 1 minute to show their tricks, in front of an impressive audience of 450 fans.

The winners in the U10, U12, U13 and U15 categories all received a new stick, allowing them to create even more Magic in future! Videos of the prize winners can be viewed on

<http://vimeo.com/5076674?pg=emed&sec>



Pakistan organized a Magic Tricks circuit for its youth in the National Hockey Stadium in Lahore, including "Aerial", "Speed", "Goalie", "Scoring", "Double/Triple", "Round Circle", "Match" and "Team" tricks. A winner was selected in each category.

A very special aspect was the presence of five great Olympians, who demonstrated tricks to the children and showed their love of the game. Olympian Muhamed Saqlain was an excellent role model for the young people encouraging them by his interaction and with his message "just keep practising, keep smiling, you will soon get your target". APNA national TV Channel made a documentary of this and three other TV channels also included the Magic Tricks day in their programmes.

Well done & congratulations to Afghanistan, Malawi, Bangladesh, Belgium and Pakistan!

Each prize winner has received 10 Magic Skills CD Roms, containing moving images of all hockey techniques, over 600 field exercises, 150 home exercises and some amazing Magic Tricks.

Also congratulations to all the other participating countries having created Magic for their Youth:

Argentina, Australia, Canada, Chile, China, Fiji, Hong Kong, Iran, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Oman, Qatar, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Uzbekistan.

Reports and pictures of all the participants in the WorldHockey Youth Challenge can be found on the WorldHockey Youth website - [www.worldhockey.org/youth](http://www.worldhockey.org/youth)

## New Youth site

Have you already visited this website? It is THE place to be for all youth matters. Have a look and let us know what we can improve and what you would like to find on this page. You are also very welcome to send your contribution - please do so to [fihdevelopment@planet.nl](mailto:fihdevelopment@planet.nl) or to [tbrullo@lycos.com](mailto:tbrullo@lycos.com)

## **YOUTH LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE 2009**

The FIH Youth Leadership Certificates have been awarded in 2009 to **100** active Young Leaders, in recognition for good work as coaches, umpires, administrators, event organizers, youth panel members, club developers, school hockey introducers or web page masters. Congratulations to all these GREAT YOUNG PEOPLE (and their NAs "using" them!) from Barbados, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Chinese Taipei, Croatia, England, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Namibia, New Zealand, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand, Trinidad & Tobago, the USA, Uzbekistan and Wales!



We plan to feature these young leaders on the FIH Youth Website - so please send pictures of their work to the FIH Youth Panel leadership, who will contact you soon.

## LIVE THE DREAM OLYMPIC VISITS



*Minke Booij  
in New  
Zealand*



*Floris Jan  
Bovelander  
in Poland*

All the "Live the Dream" visits took place in the first 9 months of this year. Each of the 2008 WH Youth Challenge prize winners received a visit from an Olympic Hero. The Olympians conducted clinics to clubs, schools, regional and national squads, handed out autographs, made speeches, gave out awards and drew a lot of media attention! Below are pictures to the events. A big thank you to all the Olympians and to Shell Netherlands.



*Janneke Schopman in Chile*



*Minke Booij in Hong Kong*



*Marilyn Agliotti in Malawi*

## FIH YOUTH PANEL

### New Chair & Secretary elected

New leaders of the FIH Youth Panel have been elected. We welcome Michael Steinmann from Germany (World Youth Hockey Promoter 2005) and Rebecca Daniels (Finalist WHYPF 2008) from Wales.



*Michael Steinmann  
Chair FIH YP*



*Rebecca Daniels  
Secretary FIH YP*



Michael will fill the role of Chair and Rebecca will be Secretary of the FIH Youth Panel. Both are very excited about their new posts and we wish them well in their new endeavours moving forward. Have a look at the youth website ([www.worldhockey.org/youth](http://www.worldhockey.org/youth)), where you can find more details about these special two!

We wish to thank Mario Rosario and Lwandile Similane for their work as the previous Chair and Secretary respectively.

## **Activities members FIH Youth Panel**

What has happened around the world with the Youth Panel members? Too much to mention them all here, but we give you a selection:



Nina Neidermeyer, current World Youth Hockey Promoter has been busy travelling the world visiting other hockey enthusiasts and sharing her knowledge with others. Her trip to New Zealand involved assisting Oceania Hockey with packing and sorting stick and uniform donations to other hockey nations within the Oceania region.

While in Australia Nina also took on the role as a web writer for the FIH at the Samsung Hockey Women's Champions Trophy, as well as filling a similar role at the Junior World Cup in Singapore and Malaysia. Her travels have even taken her to Canada where she met up with Ali Lee who is interested in starting a National Youth Panel in Canada.



Youth Leaders in Wales created a great opportunity for their Youth Activators, by taking them to Wrexham for the EuroHockey Nations in August. Before the matches on Sunday 2nd, a Performance Development Centre tournament was held for the North Wales area.

The Activators (Jamie Hooper, Lynsey Porter, Enlli Owen, Catrin Owen, Bethan Till and Sian Crisp) umpired the matches, whilst FIH Youth Panel member Jon Elliott acted as Tournament Director. The players were able to enjoy the same experience as the international players, with music and announcements for the goals and games.



## Youth Website

The youth website has been well received and it has had a steady number of hits.

It would be great if NAs and Youth Panel members could provide some stories/articles on recent youth activities or forthcoming tournaments. Also innovating ideas or interesting concepts, results of youth league finals, coaching or umpiring tips that you would like to share would be welcome. And don't forget to send us your photos, as a picture still says more than a 1000 words. Please send your contribution to [fihdevelopment@planet.nl](mailto:fihdevelopment@planet.nl) or [tbrullo@lycos.com](mailto:tbrullo@lycos.com)

## PREVIEW 2010

### WORLDHOCKEY YOUTH CHALLENGE 2010

Dates: 15 & 16 May 2010

Theme: *Small Games* - meaning 3vs3, 4vs4, 6vs6, 7vs7, 8vs8, 9vs9

More info on the theme will be sent to you next year - please put the dates on your Hockey Calendar now!

### 6<sup>th</sup> WORLD YOUTH HOCKEY PROMOTERS FESTIVAL 2010

Monchengladbach, Germany, has been selected as host for the 6<sup>th</sup>

WorldHockey Youth Promoters Festival. This Festival will take place in

conjunction with the Men's Champions Trophy. A great opportunity for your young hockey promoters to get trained in a variety of youth leadership workshops, to tell "the world" about their hockey promotional project and to share hockey development ideas with fellow Promoters from all over the world.



Some practical information:

- Dates: Sunday 1 August - Saturday 7 August 2010
- Location: Kliever Heim, Monchengladbach, not too far from the Champions Trophy venue
- Programme: Youth Leadership workshops on coaching, umpiring, administration, event management, marketing & PR, anti-doping, etc. All participants will also get the chance to present their hockey promotional project. The six best presenters will be selected for the Final, in which they present



their project to an international jury, who will choose the WorldHockey Youth Hockey Promoter 2010

- Participants: only the very best young leaders! Each NA is invited to set out a national competition, from which the winner will be the National representative at the WorldHockey Youth Promoters Festival in Monchengladbach
- Staff: experienced development officers from different continents
- Accommodation: host families
- Costs: the NA only needs to pay the flight and some pocket money. The FIH and DHB (Deutsche Hockey Bund) will take care of all other costs, including tickets for the Men's Champions Trophy!
- Application: will start early 2010. For now, start saving for this wonderful experience, which has proved to have a big spin off to other young people and a lasting commitment of the Promoter to the development of hockey.

## FIH YOUTH LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE 2010

The Youth Leadership Certificate is a special, easy and cost effective way to say THANK YOU to the young leaders who have helped hockey in your country to blossom!

### Conditions:

- age: 16-22 years
- maximum: you can nominate a maximum of 12 young leaders
- the National Association need to make the nominations to the FIH, but they can of course invite local hockey people to help.
- nominations can be made via a special form (which will be sent to you early next year), which needs to be fully completed
- remember: it's about youth **leaders**, not about good players!

**WISHING YOU...** A great finish to this year and an even better start to next year!