



FEDERATION MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Item 1: Strategic Plan Focus on SportAccord Membership

Following the direction of one of the key outcomes from the Strategic Planning Conference held in Sydney during April of last year the FIT Board, supported by heavyweights Australia and New Zealand, are working on developing an application submission for membership of SportAccord, the worldwide association of International Sporting Federations (ISF). The venture requires significant resourcing and is certainly not an inexpensive one, with both the membership application fee and the annual affiliation fee being CH4,000 (Swiss Francs) each.

Item 2: New Federation Sub-Committee Members Appointed

The FIT Board is pleased to announce that several new appointments have been made to a number of Federation Sub-Committees. Erick Acker from Touch France has been appointed to Chair of the Regional Federation Sub-Committee and has been joined by Gillian Nortier from South Africa and Rhonda Tohovaka-Togipau from Niue. Riccardo Brizzi, President of Italian Touch has been appointed to Chair of the Marketing Sub-Committee and Peter Shefford from Australia is the new Chair of the Information and Communication Technology Sub-Committee. The new global Sport Development Panel is also being appointed with members from Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

Item 3: 2011 Touch World Cup Update

The next Touch World Cup to be delivered in Edinburgh 20-26 June 2011 is causing the organisers some challenges. With 103 team entries from 30 countries, there is now severe pressure on both the venue and the number of referees. Ten fields were planned at the Peffermill venue and initial indications believed 80-85 referees would be adequate. Given the massive response to team entries more fields and over 100 referees will likely be required. Confirmation of team entries will be advised after exchange of country Participation Agreements and receipt of team entry fees.

Item 4: Potential New Federation Members

Discussions are now underway with a number of country representatives with a view to achieving FIT membership. Countries that one would not normally associate with our game are showing great interest in joining the global Touch fraternity. Names like Sweden, Croatia, South Korea, Egypt, Tonga and China are but a few with whom negotiations continue.

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