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**SEVENS EUROPEAN CIRCUIT  
Moscow Tournament – 16-17 July 2005**



**Portugal, European Champions**

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## EUROPEAN RUGBY'S WORLD DIMENSION

In his remarkable report at the GM in Porto, our General Secretary, Jean-Louis BARTHES, rightly highlighted how our European organisation, our 42 affiliated members representing 6,000 clubs and one million players are.

This significant weight was one asset for our President, Jean-Claude BAQUÉ, when he presented this season's action plan to the International Rugby Board and the provisional budget.

This issue should be launching the new season but for FIRA AER seasons run over 12 months!

Can we talk about the start of the season when the Moscow Sevens Tournament has just ended (total success and perfect organisation by our Russian friends) with the triumph of Portugal ahead of RUSSIA, ITALY and France?

Can we talk about the start of the season when our newly improved site has beaten records of uninterrupted hits?

Can we talk about the start of the season when, in accordance with the decisions made in Porto, the U18, Commissioners, U20, General Secretaries have already started?

If there was a start of the season, it was a serene and studious one, with the preparation for RWC Round 3 qualifiers that will provide rankings for the fourth round.

Talking about RWC and our dimension, a perfect example comes from the candidates to host RWC 2011: after South Africa, whose former captain François PIENAAR came to present his project to FIRA AER, it will be Japan and New Zealand's turn to do the same in October.

Henri GATINEAU.

## **SEVENS RUGBY**

### **Final Tournament of the European Circuit in Moscow**

|   |                  |           |                |           |
|---|------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| Final                                     | <b>PORTUGAL</b>  | <b>28</b> | <b>RUSSIA</b>  | <b>26</b> |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> places   | <b>ITALY</b>     | <b>28</b> | <b>FRANCE</b>  | <b>24</b> |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> places   | <b>SPAIN</b>     | <b>26</b> | <b>GERMANY</b> | <b>14</b> |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> places   | <b>MOLDAVIA</b>  | <b>26</b> | <b>ROMANIA</b> | <b>21</b> |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> places  | <b>LITHUANIA</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>GEORGIA</b> | <b>07</b> |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> places | <b>UKRAINE</b>   | <b>36</b> | <b>CROATIA</b> | <b>00</b> |

### **Ranking**

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| <b>1 PORTUGAL - European Champions</b> | <b>7 MOLDAVIA</b>  |
| <b>2 RUSSIA</b>                        | <b>8 ROMANIA</b>   |
| <b>3 ITALY</b>                         | <b>9 LITHUANIA</b> |
| <b>4 FRANCE</b>                        | <b>10 GEORGIA</b>  |
| <b>5 SPAIN</b>                         | <b>11 UKRAINE</b>  |
| <b>6 GERMANY</b>                       | <b>12 CROATIA</b>  |

*Very good organisation by the Russia RU.*

## **REGIONS EUROPEAN CUP**

**1/8<sup>th</sup> finals: 09/10/2005**

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|---|
| <b>PROVENCE - CATALOGNE</b>                 |
| <b>PAYS BASQUE ESPAGNOL - MIDI PYRENEES</b> |
| <b>CASTILLE Y LEON - BOURGOGNE</b>          |
| <b>ANDALOUSIE - BEARN</b>                   |

Already qualified for the quarterfinals to be played next 31/10/2005:

RIGA DISTRICT (Latvia) – A. CANTONALE GENEVOISE (Switzerland) – REGION DE MOLDAVIA (ROMANIA) – REGION DE TBILISSI (Georgia)

## **CLUBS EUROPEAN CUP**

|                 |                        |                                |           |
|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>13/08/05</b> | <b>GDYNIA (Poland)</b> | <b>39 – RC VAIRAS SIAULIAI</b> | <b>05</b> |
| <b>13/08/05</b> | <b>SC NEUENHEIM</b>    | <b>17 - RC LUXEMBOURG</b>      | <b>00</b> |

Qualified for the final tournament:

RC NADA (CROATIA) - GDYNIA (Poland) – SC NEUENHEIM (GERMANY) and the Stockholm tournament winner (14-16/10/05).

# IN BRIEF... IN BRIEF... IN BRIEF...

- Jean-Claude BAQUÉ, José Maria EPALZA, Pierre CAMOU, Michel ARPAILLANGE and Pierre VILLEPREUX shall meet with the IRB officials next 22 September 2005 in Dublin to discuss the 2006 Grants.
- FIRA AER ExCo meeting next 20 and 21 October in Paris. During the meeting, Japan and NZ will present their bid for RWC 2011.
- RDO meeting in Stockholm, 8-11 September 2005.
- Commissioners Training in Stockholm, 9-11 September 2005.
- Level 3 training dedicated to Women's rugby in CROATIA, 12-16 October 2005.
- Educators Training in Athens, Greece, 2-4 September 2005
  - Level 1 – 20 participants
  - Initiation Level – 18 participants
- Referee Level 1 training in Norway, 17-18 September 2005.
- U20 European Championship – group B – in Heidelberg (GERMANY) 24/09-2/10/05.
- Poland Team will train in France (12-18 September 2005) in the Landes region and will play against French Army in Mont de Marsan.
- Kevin BUTTIGIEG has been elected Chairman of the Maltese RU.
- Claus Peter BACH, President of the German RU, new address: Friedrichstr 28 – D-68723 Plankstadt bei Heidelberg.  
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**Reminder: General Meeting in Paris at the headquarters of *Société Générale*, next 2 and 3 DECEMBER 2005.**