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Round-Up of Sports News & Information for Yorkshire Region

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15th European Sport Management Congress

From the 12th to the 15th September 2007, Turin (Italy) will host the 15th Congress of the European Sport Management "Sports Events and Sustainable Development". This international event is part of the congress activities undertaken by the EASM, the European Association for Sport Management, and aims to bring together researchers, scientists, and practitioners from Europe and around the world to share knowledge, and expertise in the broad area of sport management and marketing. You are invited to take a look at the website www.easm2007torino.com to get full information about the programme, registration fees, accommodation and more! Arrivederci a Torino!

Special issue of ESMQ

There is now a growing body of literature on change within sport organisations. European Sport Management Quarterly will publish a special edition of the journal in 2008, on the *Theoretical Approaches to Change in Sport Organisations*, the object of which will be to showcase and thus enable comparisons between the varieties of theoretical perspectives which can shed light on these processes of change. All papers should draw explicitly on one or more theoretical perspectives. It is also anticipated that these perspectives should be used to illustrate specific case studies, so that each paper should involve an integration of theoretical perspectives and empirical data. Papers may focus on any aspects of change within sport organisations, and these changes may be either historical or contemporary. In association with this special issue it is also planned to hold a workshop at the 15th EASM conference in Turin. Those wishing to offer a paper to the conference should submit a two page abstract to berit.skirstad@nih.no by 18 April, 2007. Papers presented at the conference will be considered for publication in the special issue of the journal. Papers for the special issue may also be submitted to either of the special issue guest editors Ivan Waddington or Berit Skirstad. Papers should not normally exceed 8000 words.

Karate England (Karate England 2005 Limited)

Sport England has been informed by Karate England (Karate England 2005 Limited) that the organisation formally ceased trading at 8.00pm on Wednesday 31 January 2007. Karate England has issued a statement to this effect on its website at www.karate-england.org. This decision was taken by the Karate England Board on Friday 26 January 2007.

Minimum wage to rise by 17p

The minimum wage is to increase by 17p an hour to £5.52. The new rate for adults will come into force in October and will lead to pay rises for more than one million workers, two-thirds of them low-paid women. The statutory rates for 18-21-year-olds will rise by 15p to £4.60 an hour while 16 and 17-year-olds will have their rate increased by 10p to £3.40.

UK School Games

The UK School Games venues for the next four years will be: 2008: Bristol and Bath; 2009: Cardiff, Swansea and Newport; 2010: Newcastle, Gateshead and Sunderland; 2011: **Sheffield**. This year the games will be in Coventry, with badminton, judo and volleyball added to athletics, fencing, gymnastics, swimming and table tennis, which featured in Glasgow last September. More than 1,300 schoolchildren will take part this year, living in one athletes' village over four days. More than one city will be needed to host the games in future years, given that the number of sports will reach double figures. The UK School Games are run on behalf of the Department of Culture, Media and Sport by the Youth Sport Trust. Apart from Government investment, the Games are funded through £3.5 million from the Big Lottery Fund up to 2011.

Women encouraged to get active

More women are being encouraged to get active following disappointing research just published by the Women's Sports Foundation and UK Sport. The report, called *Women in Sport – the State of Play*, revealed that just 19% of women take part in regular sport or recreational activity, compared with 24% of men. And there are even fewer sporty Asian women with the proportion just 13%.

Olympic Smoking Ban

Beijing is considering a ban on smoking in venues for Olympic Games. A tobacco-free Games is always on top of the agenda for China's preparations for a green Olympics. Last May, the Ministry of Health promised to ban smoking by the end of 2007 at all hospitals that would be used specifically for the Games. The ban will also be extended to public transport and public buildings. The concept of a "non-smoking" Olympic Games, initiated in 1988, was put into practice in Barcelona in 1992. But it remains an arduous task for Beijing. It is estimated that 350 million people, about 26 percent of the country's population and a third of the world's smoking population, are hooked on nicotine. China reports about one million deaths from smoking-related diseases each year, and the figure is expected to triple by 2050.

Horse riders push for access to coastline

The British Horse Society (BHS) is campaigning for riders to be included in government plans to make England's coastline more accessible to the public. The creation of a permanent right of way round the coast was part of the Labour Party's manifesto in 2004, and listed as a priority for DEFRA in 2005. On 2 March, government agency Natural England submitted recommendations to DEFRA that would allow walkers free access to the coast, but advised that access for riders, cyclists and other users should be dealt with "on a local level". Working as part of the Equestrian Access Forum, the BHS has teamed up to lobby with the British Canoe Union, British Caving Association, British Mountaineering Council, CCPR, Cyclists Touring Club (CTC), International Mountain Biking Association UK, the Open Spaces Society, the Ramblers' Association and the Youth Hostel Association.

French Tennis Coach faces sex abuse claims

In the world of women's tennis, French coach Regis de Camaret is known for being unconventional. 'He would lie on his stomach behind the baseline and take pictures,' one former pupil told police. 'He told us he was checking our footwork.' Amid allegations of sex abuse and rape, the man famed for a 20-year career coaching some of the most famous names in French tennis - including Wimbledon finalist Nathalie Tauziat and Spanish star Arantxa Sanchez Vicario - is now in custody awaiting trial. At least 10 former players have come forward and the inquiry is set to be broadened to Britain which sent several female tennis hopefuls to De Camaret's private tennis academy.

Coach guilty 'of abuse of trust'

An award-winning coach has had his UK Athletics licence withdrawn for five years after being found guilty of "abusing his position of trust." David Farrow, 50, who is based in Cheltenham, will no longer have the backing of the governing body, will not be eligible for accreditation for any domestic or international event and will not be covered by UK Athletics' insurance. He could also be banned from using any local authority-owned facilities and any athlete who works with Farrow will not be able to benefit from lottery funding. Farrow, who was named coach of the year by the British Milers' Club in 2006, has been fighting to clear his name since Jan 2005, when he was arrested by Gloucestershire police following an allegation of rape. The police did not pursue the case but Farrow continued to be the subject of a UK Athletics inquiry.

Childhood Obesity

The risk of children becoming obese could be halved with 15 extra minutes of moderately vigorous exercise each day, study results have suggested. All that is needed is a short game of football or a walk to school brisk enough to get slightly out of breath. The effects are greater in boys than in girls, but both sexes benefit. Researchers were surprised to find that boys have just 25 minutes of activity each day on average, and girls only 16 minutes. The data comes from the Children of the 90s project, which has followed a group of children born in Avon in the 1990s. The Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children is one of the biggest and most ambitious cohort studies ever attempted and is producing some of the best evidence on the effects of diet and lifestyle on disease. Researchers fitted 5,500 children aged 12 with activity meters to measure how much exercise they took. The children wore the meters around their waists, taking them off only to sleep, bath

or swim. Their body fat was measured using an X-ray emission scanner, which can distinguish between fat and muscle. The results are published in *PLoS Medicine*.

Newly opened Etap Hotel Leeds centre.

The Etap Hotel Leeds opened on Monday 5th March 2007 and has 218 bedrooms. As standard all the bedrooms have a double bed with a single bunk bed over the double bed. All of our bedrooms also feature en-suite shower facilities, separate toilet, desk, chair, air conditioning and state of the art flat screen TV's. Etap hotels offer clean and comfortable accommodation for those who would like no frills, with guaranteed standards of service and a simple food option at really affordable prices. The hotel offers a 24 hour reception desk and all of the bedrooms can accommodate up to 3 people per room. The hotel is very well located for shops and amenities and is just a short walk to the city centre and Leeds City Railway Station.

Tesco sponsor women's football

The Football Association has concluded a major sponsorship agreement with supermarket Tesco. As 'Official England Supermarket', Tesco will work with The FA on a range of initiatives to satisfy the huge demand from fans for official England products around the team's participation in major tournaments. And to support the development of women's and girls' football in England, Tesco will be The FA's Official Women's and Girls' Football Partner until 2010. Women's football is set to enjoy a higher profile when the England Women's team compete in the FIFA Women's World Cup in China this September. Tesco will be the title sponsor of The FA Women's Premier League and The FA Women's Premier League Cup, and the supermarket also gains various advertising and branding rights at England women's internationals and The FA Women's Cup.

Parliamentary Sporting Surgery

26 MPs attended CCPR's first Parliamentary Sporting Surgery hosted by Andy Reed MP, on 14 March 2007. The event enabled MPs from across the UK to share the concerns of their sporting constituents and receive advice from CCPR colleagues on how to address these issues. MPs also chatted with Mark Ramprakash about the importance of grass-roots sports clubs, and also his more recent experiences of the world of movement and dance.

Fly the Flag

Patriotic sport fans have won a victory after ministers scrapped regulations banning them from flying the flags of their national teams. Under the old rules, fans faced fines of up to £2,500 for flying national flags if they didn't first get planning permission from their local council. The ban emerged during last summer's World Cup when England fans who flew the St George's Cross were told they could be prosecuted. They could only escape the law if the flags were mounted on vertical poles.

Adventure Activities Industry Committee

The AAIAC, which is supported by both CCPR and SkillsActive, is representative of a wide range of stakeholders from the UK adventure activities sector and is seeking new members of its committee. It works with the industry to identify, develop and disseminate

good practice, and to advise Governments and agencies accordingly. The AAIAC aims to refresh its membership annually and is now seeking nominations for new members from across the sector. Information packs are available from Duncan Carter (dcarter@ccpr.org.uk) If your organisation is involved in adventurous activities please consider nominating an appropriate individual to serve on the AAIAC.

Consultation on a Marine Bill White Paper

A Sea of Change, a Marine Bill White Paper, was published on 15 March 2007. DEFRA is seeking views on the proposals set out in the White Paper and input to the supporting regulatory impact assessment. Five key issues are covered: planning in the marine area; licensing activities in the marine area; marine nature conservation; modernising marine fisheries management; and a new marine management organisation. The deadline for responses is 8 June 2007 and the documents can be accessed at: www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/marinebill-whitepaper07/index.htm

Community Amateur Sports Clubs

www.cascinfo.co.uk, a website dedicated to the promotion of the CASC scheme, provides NGBs and clubs with up-to-date, accessible information about the scheme to help more clubs register as CASCs and reap the significant financial benefits. There are now 4,172 clubs registered as CASCs with an estimated total cash benefit of at least £17.4 million in rate relief, corporation tax savings and Gift Aid repayments. The sports of cricket, bowls, lawn tennis, rugby union and football continue to grow and make up 61% of the total registrations.

Smokefree venues

As of July 2007 smoking will be banned at all 'fully or substantially enclosed' venues. All club-houses will be deemed fully enclosed and most sports stadia substantially enclosed. For further information visit www.smokefreeengland.co.uk

New standards for sports administration

Running a sport is a complex business. Sports administrators need to develop and maintain rules, regulations, and competitive structures whilst also promoting ethics, equity and welfare. SkillsActive has worked with colleagues from across sport to develop a set of National Occupational Standards covering the varied responsibilities involved in sports governance and administration, and is now seeking further views on these. Copies of the draft Standards are available from <mailto:nicola.temple@skillsactive.com>

Commission for the Future of Volunteering

The Commission for the Future of Volunteering continues to seek input from sport as it seeks to establish a long-term vision for volunteering. For further information visit: www.volcomm.org.uk/getinvolved/, and submit your responses by 25 May 2007.

European White Paper on Sport

The consultation will remain open until 3 April 2007 and you can complete the online response, which can be found at: <http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/ipm/forms/dispatch?form=OnlineConsult2007&lang=en>
The consultation is expected to result in the publishing of a White Paper on Sport in July 2007.

Meeting of EU Sports Directors in Bonn

The EU Sports Directors met in Bonn at the beginning of February, where the subjects of sport and the economy, integration, anti-doping policies and the White Paper topped the agenda. Overall the meeting concentrated upon the economic impact of major sports events, such as the Olympics and the Football World Cup. It was agreed that the German Presidency would continue the work of the Austrians by gathering data on the relationship between sport and the economy across the EU. The discussions on sport and integration focussed on the role of sports clubs in encouraging community integration, whilst anti-doping talks dealt with the promotion of co-operation between national anti-doping agencies via an EU network.

European Green Paper on "Promoting healthy diets and physical activity"

During their discussion of the European Commission's Green Paper on 'Diet and Physical Activity', MEPs made a number of references to sport and physical activity. The EU was called upon to play an active role in campaigns informing consumers and make them more aware of the obesity issue, to fund research, educational and sports projects and to adopt new or revised legislation which has a genuine impact on European citizens' nutritional health. Concerns were also raised that the majority of stakeholders on the Diet and Physical Activity Platform are concentrated on the 'energy-input' side of the obesity issue – such as food manufacturers and nutrition; and that 'energy-output' representatives - such as computer game manufacturers, sports associations and broadcasters should become more engaged in the debate. Member States should be encouraged to ensure that children have sufficient facilities to engage in sports and physical activities at school. A 'gentlemen's agreement' between the Commission and the European media industries was recommended, which would require children's media (television, cinema, Internet and video games) to carry health and recreation information intended to make Europe's youngsters aware of the importance of sport. These recommendations will be submitted to the Commission for consideration and it is hoped that future health policies will incorporate far greater emphasis upon sport and physical activity. To read the transcript, please visit:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P6-TA-20070019+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN>

ERDF Structural Fund

During February 2007 the 39th Alpine World Ski Championships were held in Are, Sweden. Are is one of Sweden's most important skiing resorts and obtained €200,000 from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) to organise the Championships. The ERDF Structural Fund prioritises economic growth within the EU and in particular supports projects in less economically developed regions. Between 2007 and 2013, €335.1 billion is available for the most deprived areas of the EU and the South-East region of the UK has already received funding linked to training needs associated with the 2012 Olympic Games. Further funds could be available for other regions seeking to host a major sporting event or who are seeking to use sport as a tool for commercial development. Further information please visit: www.erdffund.com

'Youth in Action' Funding

The EU Directorate for Education and Culture has published a handbook on the 'Youth in Action' funding

programme. The Fund has €885 million to distribute from 2007 to 2013 and has a target group of young people aged 13 to 30 years. The Fund's priority area is raising awareness of Europe, both as a political and cultural entity. In recent years sports organisations have successfully applied to the fund for projects that use sport as a basis for discussions on citizenship, health, social inclusion and youth engagement. A number of application deadlines have already been set for 2007 and projects can be selected at both national and European level. The Funding can be generous but any project will require a degree of co-financing. Visit: http://eacea.cec.eu.int/STATIC/en/youth/index_en.htm for further information.

'Future Leaders – empowering young Europeans' Conference

CCPR would like members to put forward staff or volunteers to attend ENGSO Youth's 'Future Leaders' Conference in May 2007. Held in Finland, the six day Conference, which will include the ENGSO Youth General Assembly, will discuss the important topic of youth participation in the governance of sport and will provide participants with skills and experiences that will enable them to develop as the future leaders of sport in Europe. The Conference will run from 2-6 May and be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Helsinki. The cost of participation is €100, which includes full accommodation and subsistence. Travel costs will be at participants' own expense, although an application has been made to the European Youth Fund and if successful, travel costs will be subsidised up to a maximum of 70%. Participants must be under 35 years of age and active within a sports organisation. Places are limited, so early applications are advised. Interested organisations should contact Judith Wood, jwood@ccpr.org.uk or 020 7976 3932 for further information. The deadline for applications is 13 April 2007.

European Youth and Sport Forum 2007

The 2007 European Youth and Sport Forum will be held in Bonn, Germany from the 17-22 June. The theme for this year's Forum is 'Welcome Diversity – Let's Move Europe' and will include discussions on discrimination in and through sport, social inclusion, diversity and intercultural communication. Outside of the formal programme, participants will also have the opportunity to network and exchange ideas amongst themselves. Attendance, including accommodation and food, is free and travel expenses will be refunded to a maximum amount of €200 for UK participants. Participants must be aged between 18-30 and actively involved in voluntary work at a local, regional, national level or involved with a sports/recreation organisation. Applications should be made online at <http://isca-web.org/english/events/eysf0> before 15 April 2007. Successful applicants will be notified by 30 April 2007. Further information can also be obtained from Judith Wood on jwood@ccpr.org.uk

Delivering 4 Community.

Do you live and work in the Yorkshire and Humberside Region? and Do you run a Local Community Group, Charity or Voluntary Organisation? Or does your business run on a not-for-profit basis? Or perhaps you work for a Local Authority looking to work more closely with these groups in the community? If you answer **yes** to any of these questions then the largest regional event of its kind – the '3rd Sector – Delivering 4 Community' Conference and Exhibition – may be of

interest to you. Over 200 delegates, 20+ supporting organisations and partners and 30+ speakers will be gathering in York to discuss, debate and learn more about the various activities happening in the area to support you and your organisations development. *Delivering 4 Community – 24th April 2007 at York Racecourse* is the fourth in the series of regional events and takes a practical advice form. The voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations attending this event, along with their partners and support agencies, will be able to choose from 12 workshops, each providing support and tips on a variety of issues which face third sector and supporting organisations in the current climate. This one-day conference and exhibition finishes the day with a networking drinks reception. This event, organised by funding information providers j4b plc, has been developed in consultation with local agencies and enterprises to provide timely, appropriate information and best practise examples Please see www.delivering4community.com for further information or to book your place. You can also ring 01625 628080

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Barwick-in-Elmet Tennis Club

Barwick-in-Elmet Tennis Club has just set up a website, trying to boost its membership and attract youngsters to the club. They run various sessions, including juniors' beginners and improvers evenings. The website address is www.barwicktenniscub.com

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