

**EUROPEAN COACHING COUNCIL
REVIEW OF THE 5-LEVEL STRUCTURE FOR THE RECOGNITION OF
COACHING QUALIFICATIONS**

**MEETING 1
JOSEPH PILSUDSKI ACADEMY OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION
WARSAW
MARCH 10 AND 11 2005**

1. ATTENDANCE

Chair: Dr Pat Duffy, Director, National Coaching and Training Centre (Ireland);
Chairman of the European Coaching Council and Chairman of the AEHESIS
Coaching Expert Group

Mr Corrado Beccarini, CONI, Italy
Mr Bruce Cook, International Rugby Board
Dr Miguel Crespo, International Tennis Federation
Dr Laszlo Petrovic, Director, Coach Education, Semmelweiss University
Mr Jose Rodrigues, Director, Rio Maior
Mr Aguston Schulek, European Athletics Federation
Dr Frantisek Taborsky, European Handball Federation

Apologies were received from the following:

Mr Christophe DeBove, INSEP, France (*not in Warsaw*)
Dr Thierry Marique, Louvain, Belgium (*not in Warsaw*)
Ms Marit Myrmael, European Olympic Committee (*not in Warsaw*)

It was also noted that the external advisor to the group would be Mr John Bales,
President of the Canadian Association of Coaches and President-elect of the
International Council for Coach Education.

The meeting was formally opened by the Rector of the Joseph Pilsudski Academy of
Physical Education. The Chairman of the Group thanked the rector, Dr Andraej Wit,
for the kind hospitality and for the use of the excellent facilities of the Academy.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The following terms of reference were adopted by the Group:

- a. Review the EU Qualification structure for coaches, in light of the emerging structures for the recognition of vocational and educational qualifications in Europe and taking into account the needs and programmes of European/International and National sports federations.
- b. Make preliminary proposals on a revised structure for Coaching qualifications in Europe.

- c. Prepare a preliminary report, for consultation purposes, at the ENSSEE, ICCE Forum in Limerick on September 2-4, 2005

Pat Duffy provided an outline of the background to the initiative.

3. PROPOSED TIMESCALE

The following timescale was agreed for the initial phase of the work of the group:

First meeting: Warsaw, followed by the production of a discussion paper

Second meeting: Rio Maoir, Portugal, followed by the production of a consultation paper

Third meeting: ENSSEE/ICCE Forum in Limerick, Ireland on September 1-4, at which time wider consultation will take place with the 25 member states of the EU and an extended list of international federations.

4. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

A discussion took place on the guiding principles that should underpin the revised structure for the recognition of coaches. It was agreed that these principles would be written up as part of the discussion paper arising from the meeting.

It was agreed that any revision of the coaching framework needed to take the practical and scientific aspects of the coaches education into account. The possibility of having a 'licence strand' and a 'diploma strand' was raised.

The need to relate the coaching qualifications framework to the emerging European framework for vocational qualifications was agreed. Further research on this framework is required. The findings of the Vocasport project will also be used as a reference point.

5. PRESENTATIONS BY INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS

Each of the International Federations provided an overview of the current work they are doing in the area of coach education:

- a. International Tennis Federation (Miguel Crespo)
- b. International Rugby Board (Bruce Cook)
- c. European Athletics Association (Agoston Schulek)
- d. European Handball Federation (Frantisek Taborsky)

A number of common themes emerged from the presentations:

- The International Federations welcome the proposal to review the EU 5-level structure
- The possibility of providing an overall template that will act as a reference point for the International Federations was raised

- There are sport-specific differences that will need to be taken into account when developing the revised structure
- Much of the work of the International Federations is at levels 1 and 2, so these levels should be considered as part of the Review
- The way in which the review is communicated by the International Federations to the national federations needs to be considered
- The possibility of developing a ‘convention’ along the lines of that employed by the EHF should be considered, once the proposed revised structure is agreed.

6. ACTION PLAN

The initial action plan is outlined below (action leaders listed first and marked * in each case).

- a. Production of a discussion paper in advance of a meeting in Rio Maour, Portugal on May 18 and 19 (Pat Duffy*)
- b. Research into the existing structures in coach education in the 10 leading European Sports Federations (Pat Duffy*, Ladislav Petrovic)
- c. Collation of data on the coach education systems of the 25 EU member states, using the Vocasport project as a reference point (Ladislav Petrovic*, Pat Duffy)
- d. Collation of key data from the emerging EU vocational and qualification framework (Ladislav Petrovic*)
- e. Preliminary work on the classification of coaching competence (Jose Rodrigues*, Frantisek Taborsky, Bruce Cook, Christophe DeBove)
- f. Collation of background material on Long-term player development models (Miguel Crespo*, Corrado Beccarini)
- g. Extension of the research into coach education in the context of the AEHESIS project (AEHESIS project and Coaching Expert Group).
- h. Publication of details concerning the ENSSEE Forum and the promotion of same among member states, institutions and international federations (Pat Duffy* and all Review Group members).
- i. Circulation of the initial discussion paper to the external advisor to the project, John Bales and to Review Group members not in attendance in Warsaw (Pat Duffy*).