PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

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Events - *round up*

This is our first newsletter to you all since we met for our Annual General Assembly in Esbjerg. Special thanks must go to all the people involved in making our events this season such a resounding success – from the **World Wheelchair Championships in Prague,** the **World Juniors in Perth**, the **Capital One World Women's Championship in Esbjerg** and **Ford World Men's in Regina** to the **World Seniors** and **World Mixed Doubles in St Paul**. And congratulations to all the athletes who qualified for these events and to those who made the podium - once again our sport has been showcased to the world. The high calibre of these competitions only goes to show that our sport is going from strength to strength.

HRH Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark delivers the opening stone of the Capital One World Women's Curling Championship 2011 in Esbjerg. Photo: WCF/Gjert Henriksen

World Curling Freytag Award 2011

I was deeply honoured to be able to meet the family of the late **Ray Kingsmith** in Regina to hand over this year's **Freytag Award**. At the opening banquet for the Ford Men's Worlds, Marlene, Doug, Joan and Don spoke with great fondness and humour about their father and his lifetime commitment to curling.

Site Visits

Richard Harding and Joanna Kelly have been to **Basel** to conduct the TV site survey for next year's Men's Worlds. They have also been to **Moscow**, to visit the venue for the European Championships this December and make plans for our TV coverage from that event. Later in June they will do the TV site survey for **Lethbridge**, venue for the 2012 Ford Women's Worlds and they will also take the opportunity to visit **Langley**, venue for the 2012 Continental Cup. Keith Wendorf will also be travelling to Canada in June to attend the CCA National Curling Congress in **Ottawa**.

IOC activities

In May I attended my first meeting in Lausanne as a member of the **IOC Programme Commission** and had the honour to attend a dinner with IOC President Jacques Rogge. On the same day our media officer Joanna Kelly attended an IOC meeting on communication plans for the inaugural **Winter Youth Olympic Games** in January 2012 in Innsbruck. In July, Colin Grahamslaw and I shall be travelling to Durban, South Africa to attend the 123rd IOC Session where the **vote on the host city of the 2018 Olympic Winter Games** will take place. The candidate cities are Annecy (France), Munch (Germany) and PyeongChang (South Korea).

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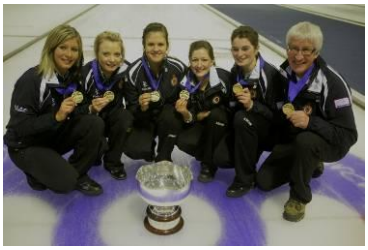
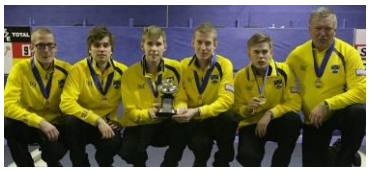
Canada – World Wheelchair Curling Champions 2011. Photo: WCF/Pavla Hrbova



Scotland – World Junior Women's Curling Champions 2011 Photo: WCF/Richard Gray



Sweden – World Junior Men's Curling Champions 2011 Photo: WCF/Richard Gray

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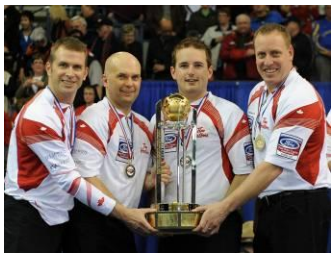

Canada – World Men's Curling Champions 2011 Photo: CCA/Michael Burns

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Canada – World Senior Women's Curling Champions 2011 Photo: WCF/Leslie Ingram-Brown

Member Association News

I was very happy to accept the invitation from the **Latvian Curling Association** to attend their 10th Anniversary Celebration on the 4th of June. I really enjoyed the evening and most certainly they are to be congratulated on the development of curling within Latvia during their short history.

DEVELOPMENT

Canada – World Senior Men's Curling Champions 2011 Photo: WCF/Leslie Ingram-Brown

Development and Assistance Programme (DAP)

June 2011 sees the start of a new year for DAP funding. WCF Curling Development Officer Eeva Röthlisberger is waiting to hear from you with your latest applications for funding: eeva.roethlisberger@worldcurling.org

In total, 2010-2011 saw DAP applications from 36 of our 48 Member Associations. Over 386,000 USD was distributed for approved projects. The latest approved applications included funds for a second-hand ice scraper for **Romania**; brooms, crutches, measures & other equipment for **Austria**; Dart Fish analyzing software for the **Czech Republic**; curling stones and an exhibition stand for **Germany** to help promote curling at events linked to the 2018 Munich Olympic Bid and several Member Associations received DAP money to cover the registration fees for the **Adult Curling Camp in Prague**.

Switzerland – World Mixed Doubles Curling Champions 2011 Photo: WCF/Leslie Ingram-Brown

Camps and Courses

The WCF camps and courses programme is expanding. Eeva welcomed 52 adult curlers from all over the world to our camp in Prague at the end of May. Thanks go to all those involved in the organisation of this camp and all those who took part.

The 5th WCF Adult Curling Camp, Curling Hall Roztyly, Prague, Czech Republic (Photo: WCF)

In addition to the regular courses held in Füssen each year, the WCF is offering **two new ice-making courses**, one on advanced curling ice making techniques and a seminar on energy efficiency. They will be staged at Greenacres, Scotland in August. To sign up go here: www.wcf-camps-courses.com

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Latvian Curling Association President Janis Rudzitis receives a plaque from the WCF on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of curling in Latvia. Photo: LCA

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SPORTACCORD CONVENTION

Secretary General Colin Grahamslaw and I were two of almost 2000 delegates to attend the annual SportAccord Convention in London at the beginning of April. This event brings together the major stakeholders of the sporting world. During the week, we attended meetings between SportAccord, the Association of International Olympic Winter Sports Federations (AIOWF) and the IOC Board. We also met representatives of Sochi 2014 and Innsbruck 2012 to receive updates on progress for these events and saw presentations by each of the Candidate Cities for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games which gave us a chance to see how plans have developed over the final few months of the bidding process.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
25-29 June	**WCF Ice Technician Course**	Füssen, Germany
29-30 June	**WCF Basic Umpire Course**	Füssen, Germany
1-2 July	**WCF Level 1 Technical Instructors Course**	Füssen, Germany
2-9 July	**13th Annual WCF Junior Curling Camp**	Füssen, Germany
6 July	**IOC Vote on 2018 Olympic Winter Games Host**	Durban, South Africa
21-23 August	**WCF Advanced Curling Ice Technician Course**	Greenacres, Scotland
24-25 August	**WCF Energy Efficiency Seminar**	Greenacres, Scotland

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The World Curling Federation is currently seeking applications for the position of an **Assistant Media Relations Officer / Communications Assistant.** For further information please contact us for a complete job description and application details: info@worldcurling.org

Closing date for applications: **27 June 2011**

If you wish to share news or information from your association in this newsletter please let us know by contacting the WCF Secretariat: info@worldcurling.org

Yours in curling

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