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Special Congress Called For September

An IFNA Special Congress has been called for this September in Singapore, to examine proposals to amend the Company's structure.

To meet the demands of the commercial world, IFNA became an incorporated body back in 1999 with the governance of the Federation split between Congress, the Board and Members Council. Five years on, both the Board and Members Council agree that the current structure is cumbersome and ineffective. There has been a great deal of duplication of work and considerable confusion surrounding the duties of each of these two bodies.

A two-tier structure is now being put forward to the Special Congress, which would result in restructuring the governance of the Company and the amalgamation of the Board and Members Council. The new Board would comprise of eight members to include the President, Vice-President, Finance Director and five elected members from the regions.

At present, elections take place every two years and it is also being proposed that the term of the Board be extended to four years. For continuity purposes, it is suggested that, in 2005, Congress will extend the terms of the President and Finance Director for another two years and elect a Vice-President for four years together with five other Board members.

Netball Singapore is assisting IFNA with the organization of the Special Congress which will take place on Saturday September 18th.

Mitre Balls On Their Way To Hong Kong

IFNA has sent a supply of Mitre balls to Hong Kong Netball Association to assist with its School Promotion Programme, aimed at developing Netball in local Chinese schools. The Programme's main objective is to introduce Netball to Chinese boys and girls who have never seen, played or heard of Netball before. 34 players, between the ages of 13 - 18, have been selected for a Development Squad.



Latest International Umpires' Appointments

IFNA has appointed Claire Tyler, Anne Abraitis and Alison Cormack to umpire the U21 Test Series between Australia and New Zealand, taking place in Canberra from 26 June - 7 July.

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 St Lucia
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England Netball Dress Wins Top Sports Award



Mitre's Superstar Netball Dress has picked up the Award for the "Best Designed Sports Kit" at The Sport Industry Awards on 4th May 2004.

Over 800 guests, including many top athletes, attended the ceremony at The Hilton, Park Lane, where Mitre won against very strong nominees including Nike's England Rugby Shirt, Asics Kayano X Trainer and KooGa Evaporex Rugby shirt.

Designer, Madeline Press, and Managing Director of Mitre, Colin Browne, collected the Award in front of the packed house. Madeline said "I'm delighted that our work has won this Award. We designed the dress for Mitre to grab your attention and to get Netball noticed. We wanted to give the girls an edge over the competition by making them feel alluring, strong and the best team on the court."

Madeline worked very closely with the England squad during the design of the dress. England GK/GD, Geva Mentor, said "The dress is great to play in, the design allows more freedom of movement while the fabric layers keep you cool and dry. On top of that, it looks fantastic."

More details of the Mitre range can be found at www.mitrenetball.com

Record Ticket Sales For Test Series

Ticket sales for the recent England -v- Australia Test Series were in such great demand that they were even being traded on the England Netball website forum. Sales were so successful that Wembley Arena sold out well before the event and Manchester and Birmingham saw record sales unlike anything ever witnessed before. Final sales figures were:

- ◆ MEN Arena, Manchester - 9386
- ◆ NI A, Birmingham - 8992
- ◆ Wembley Arena, London - 7,348
- ◆ Total spectators - 25,726

News In Brief

- ◆ This year's Asian Federation of Netball Associations' Council meeting will be held on 17th September 2004 in Singapore.
- ◆ Fancy yourself as a sharp shooter? Now you have a chance to prove it by visiting the BBC's Sport Academy. Young netballers are being challenged to improve their skills with a series of new, easy to follow contests. Visit www.bbc.co.uk/sportacademy and click on the "Give It A Go" section in the Netball area.
- ◆ Marilyn Melhuish OAM is the new President of Netball Australia, taking over from Sue Taylor AM. Her extensive Netball career spans three decades and, during this time, she has made an outstanding contribution to Netball both at grass roots and elite levels, believing strongly in the future growth of Netball in Australia and internationally.
- ◆ England Netball has announced the appointment of the coaches who will be joining Marg Caldwell, National Head Coach, as part of the elite coaching team. Maggie Jackson is the new Assistant Coach, Colette Thomson is U21 Coach, Jan Crabtree is Assistant U21 Coach. Mike Greenwood has been appointed U19 Coach and Denise Ellis is U17 Coach. A number of other Coaches are being offered opportunities as "apprentice Coaches" and, from those, Assistant U19 and U17 Coaches may be appointed at a later date.

New Premier Sponsor For Silver Ferns

Fisher & Paykel Appliances has become the Premier Sponsor of the Silver Ferns and Netball New Zealand.

The company will combine its current sponsorship of the annual international competition played in New Zealand, "The Fisher & Paykel Series", with sponsorship of the World Netball Champions.

Netball New Zealand's CEO, Shelley McMeeken, said "We are delighted that Fisher & Paykel Appliances is extending its partnership with Netball. The company is a longstanding sponsor, having been involved with the sport for the past eight years."

Fisher & Paykel Appliances will also be Premier sponsor of the NZ Academy Team and also the U21 team, competing in next year's World Youth Netball Championships in Florida.

Barbados Netball Pageant

At the recent Barbados Netball Pageant, the winner of the "Miss Netball Pageant 2004" title was Nicole Griffin From Pine Hill St Barnabas, pictured below.



News From Barbados

Barbados Netball Association's 2004 League is now up and running with 90 teams taking part in what is a very well organized competition.

Each team plays 8 matches. 6 matches are played every night and 12 through the weekend, with all the games taking place at the Barbados Netball Stadium where a new roof has just been installed.

May 31st was "Celebrities Night" for Barbados Netball with male journalists, entertainers, DJs and other professionals trying out their Netball skills against those of the Barbados National Squads.

Umpiring was the focus on May 15th when Deborah Lynch-Theobalds and Marlene Hall conducted an Umpiring Seminar with all levels of umpires involved in both theory and practical tests.

The Barbados Umpires Association has recently held its Annual General Meeting and the following Officers were elected:

- ◆ President: Mona Alleyne
- ◆ 1st Vice-President: Deborah Lynch-Theobalds
- ◆ 2nd Vice-President: Kathy Harper-Hall
- ◆ Secretary: Stephanie Greaves
- ◆ Treasurer: Maureen Bourne

Telecom Deal For Samoa

The Secondary Schools "Netball Champ of Champs" recently took place in Samoa. 96 teams participated in the Zonal Competition and the best in each of the Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Open divisions then gathered for 2 days of competition to determine divisional winners and the ultimate "Champion of Champions."



Beverley Barlow, Samoa Netball's Vice-President, addressed all the players concerning their ambitions to represent their country and also announced the Telecom Samoa Cellular sponsorship for the development of Netball. Through this deal, each of the 96 participants received a ball and a Rules Book.

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First For San Francisco

San Francisco has its first Netball court overlooking The Bay Bridge and Golden Gate Bridge. Not many courts in the world can boast such wonderful views!



ANZ Bank Support For Netball Samoa



The Managing Director of ANZ Bank, Ms Mandy Simpson, attended the opening of the 2004 Netball Season in Samoa and presented a new shield for the "A" Grade competition to the Vice President of Samoa Netball, Ms Mata Tuatagaloa. The shield has been hand carved by a local craftsman, using Samoan hard wood.

20 years ago the BWS Bank donated a shield for the "A" Grade's weekly competition. During that time the shield was challenged for and retained by such clubs as SCOPA, Samoa College, Black Cats and the current holders, SMOGA.

With the change in ownership of the Bank, Samoa Netball thought it was time to change the shield and ANZ Bank agreed. Pictured is Mandy Simpson with SMOGA representatives, Uti and Siose.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12 - 13 June 2004: US National Netball Championships, Coral Springs, Florida
- 26 - 27 June 2004: Singapore -v- Thailand, Bedok Sports Hall, Singapore
- 30 June 2004: Australia -v- New Zealand, Christchurch
- 1/2/4 July 2004: Australia U21 -v- England U21, Canberra
- 2 July 2004: Australia -v- New Zealand, Palmerston North
- 5 July 2004: Australia -v- New Zealand, Hamilton

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