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## World Netball Heads For Fiji



President of The International Federation of Netball Associations, Molly Rhone, accompanied by Vice President, Pam Smith, and Oceania Representative, Tina Browne, travelled to Fiji in February to attend the Organizer Agreement Signing Ceremony for the World Netball Championship 2007, officially handing over the hosting rights of the event to Netball Fiji.

The visit allowed the IFNA officials and Netball Fiji to carefully review the content of the Agreement and for Netball Fiji to explain their plans for hosting the event.

Molly, Pam and Tina met with the Managing Director of Fijian Holdings, Sitiveni Weleilakeba, who is to Chair the WNC 2007 Organising Committee. Joining Mr Weleilakeba on this Committee will be members of the senior executive staff from Fijian Holdings. The company will also be helping Netball Fiji to market the Championship to ensure it is a very profitable event.



During the evening of 20th February, Mr. Weleilakeba held a cocktail party at his home, to celebrate the Signing Ceremony. IFNA officials were honoured by the presence of the Prime Minister, Finance Minister and Tourism Minister, their wives, Executives of Fijian Holdings, Netball officials and players.

Alisi Tabete, Executive Director of Fiji Sports Council, organized a tour of the very impressive competition facilities to be used for WNC 2007, which are one of the legacies of the 2003 South Pacific Games, held in Suva.

Television arrangements were discussed by Molly Rhone, Pam Smith and representatives from Fiji TV.

Every indication is that Fiji will provide an excellent Championship both on court and financially. Close contact will be maintained between IFNA, Netball Fiji and the WNC 2007 Organising Committee, with Molly Rhone including a stop-over in Fiji en route to the IFNA meetings to be held in Melbourne, Australia at the end of November 2004.

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## Air Jamaica Honours Molly Rhone

On 27th January 2004, the President of the International Federation of Netball Associations, Molly Rhone, joined an elite number of outstanding Jamaicans in being awarded the prestigious Air Jamaica Golden Pass Card.

The Air Jamaica Golden Pass Card is presented to Jamaicans who have brought fame and honour to the country through their achievements in sports and culture. Mrs Rhone's Pass entitles her to free travel to any Air Jamaica destination for the tenure of her Presidency.



At the presentation, Deputy Chairman & CEO of Air Jamaica, Christopher Zacca, lauded Mrs. Rhone's outstanding contribution to the development of Netball as a professional sport in Jamaica, especially her role in putting together the 2003 World Netball Championships held in Kingston last summer. "This is indeed a happy occasion for us at Air Jamaica to be able to make this presentation to such a distinguished daughter of our country and a former member of the Air Jamaica family who has done so well for herself and has made her country proud. Molly you are truly an example of what hard work can achieve. Continue the good work you have begun and continue to make us proud," he said.



In her reply Mrs. Rhone thanked the airline for its continued support of local Netball and for its role in making the 2003 World Netball Championships possible. "I must say it is truly heart warming that Air Jamaica has always been so supportive of Netball in Jamaica."

In a show of appreciation and on behalf of the International Federation of Netball Associations, Mrs. Rhone presented a replica of the Trophy to Mr. Zacca for Air Jamaica's role in the successful hosting of the 2003 World Netball Championships. "The airline has always been there throughout the journey and your contribution as official carrier for the 2003 Championships, bringing in 23 of the 24 participating teams and their supporters, has been invaluable."

## News In Brief

- ◆ Elections for Officers recently took place at the Pakistan Federation of Netball AGM and the number of women on the Council has now increased to 25%.
- ◆ Captain of the WNC 2003 Australian Team, Kathryn Harby-Williams, is to play in New Zealand's domestic Netball league for TheTrusts Diamonds.
- ◆ St Vincent & The Grenadines Netball Association's Healthy Lifestyle Programme, "Your Life, Your Health, Make it Right" has been adopted by the SVG NOC Women in Sports Commission. The programme has been designed to meet the needs of youngsters aged 11 - 16 and includes topics such as self-esteem, goal setting, communication, decision making, teamwork, leadership, nutrition and diet, exercise, sex and HIV/AIDS in Sport and Drugs in Sport.

## Umpires Training Unit For Asia

The Asian Federation of Netball Associations has established its own Asian Umpires Training Unit comprising four Singaporean umpires trained as presenters and testers. The development work for this project was carried out by IFNA Director Chris Burton, who also Chairs the IFNA International Umpiring Committee and is Umpiring Director for Netball Australia.

The four AUTU members were first in-serviced during the AFNA "Train the Trainers" Course which took place last November, together with ten other aspiring presenters from four other AFNA countries. The three day Course, led by Chris Burton, was part of Netball Singapore's Regional Development Programme, a commitment Singapore has made to provide the infrastructure to develop Netball in Asia.

Subsequently, in the recently concluded Asian Umpires Camp, the AUTU took the lead in their inaugural practice run, under the watchful eye of Chris Burton. There were nineteen participants in total from Hong Kong, Malaysia, Maldives, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

The Camp was packed and demanding. All the trainees showed their true grit as they endured practical testing under the hot sun, with one of the AUTU trainers or Chris alongside.

The AUTU presenters will now be available to all the AFNA countries, to assist the development of umpires and umpiring standards in the Asian Region.

## Mrs Daisy Tan

On behalf of International Netball, it is with regret that we note the passing of Mrs Daisy Tan. Her contribution to the growth and development of Netball was outstanding and we will continue to have fond memories of her.

Mrs Molly Rhone, IFNA President

## Australia's New Look

The Hon. John Howard MP, Prime Minister of Australia, presented the Australian Netball team with their new **black and white** official match uniform in Sydney on 27 February, prior to the team departing for Test Series against South Africa and England.

The March tours to South Africa and England signify the beginning of a new era for Netball in Australia, with the recent appointment of a new National Coach, Norma Plummer, and Team Officials as well as a new Team Captain, Liz Ellis, and Vice-Captain, Sharelle McMahon.

The Prime Minister wished the Team every success in their matches.

## International Umpires' Appointments

IFNA appointed Pauline Sciascia, David Palaamo and Maggie du Plessis to umpire the Test Series between South Africa and Australia early in March.

Justine Bourne, Dalton Hinds and Carolene Logan were appointed by IFNA to umpire at the March England -v- Australia Test Series.

## Umpiring Courses For South Africa

IFNA International Umpiring Committee members, Maureen Boyle and Jan Carlton, conducted umpiring sessions in South Africa from March 22 - 27 based on the technical and practical theory base of IFNA.

It is some time since umpiring courses in South Africa have been carried out by overseas personnel. It is hoped that the support of both Netball Australia and IFNA, in providing the personnel and the knowledge they will impart, will give South African umpires a briefing in not only the most up to date information but also a clear view of the pathways leading to international development and qualifications.

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## 3rd World Conference On Women And Sport

IFNA was represented by its President, Molly Rhone, at the 3rd World Conference on Women and Sport which took place in Marrakech, Morocco from 7 - 9 March 2004. This was the first time the Women and Sport Conference had been held in Africa.

The Conference sought to analyse the progress made in the last four years and cover other areas and issues with the aim of ensuring greater equality of opportunities for girls and women in sport activities of all kinds.

Many challenges are yet to be met by the "Women and Sport" movement. In many countries women sport leaders are slowly climbing the ladders of administration and decision-making structures but much remains to be done.

The three day Conference tackled a number of issues concerning women in the world of sport. Topics included media exposure in women's sport, the development of comprehensive gender sensitive sport policies, women and leadership, marketing and business in women's sport, sexual harrasment prevention as well as partnerships with other organizations for the advancement of women in sport.

## Coming Next Month .....

**The new World Netball Championship Format explained....**

**Results of the England -v- Australia Test Series.....**

**The latest news on the 2005 World Youth Champs.....**

*and much more*

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

27 March: National League commences in Grenada  
10 April: Umpires Preliminary Theory Course, Jamaica  
13 - 18 April: Under Age Nationals, Launceston, Tasmania  
18 April: National Trials, Atlanta, USA  
15 - 20 May 2004: SportAccord, Lausanne

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