



ECSCA Newsletter

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WCO to Honour ECSCA Sports Athletes

The World Customs Organisation will honour the achievements of ECSCA athletes at a special ceremony in Belgium, as part of the celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the World Customs Organisation. 2002 marks two anniversaries - the World Customs Organisation 50th and ECSCA's 10th.

Following a proposal by Hungary's Laszlo Kopf, ECSCA contacted the WCO to see if something could be done to mark both anniversaries. Belgium's Lieven Muylaert and France's Jean Pierre Brust discussed the proposal with contacts in the WCO. As a result, one athlete from every ECSCA member country was invited to attend the WCO celebrations to receive a special anniversary award.

ECSCA Chairman Mick O'Hanlon said: "This is a great honour for the men and women who compete in different sports in all our administrations. ECSCA sports people take great pride in representing their colleagues and their countries in the different international events.

Front-line Colleagues

These events bring front-line colleagues face to face with their colleagues from other administrations. It is no surprise to learn that many important international contacts have been made at these sports events which are later used for the benefit of the administrations in which we work and ultimately, the citizens who we serve.

ECSCA's aims are very similar to those of the WCO. It is pleasing to learn that the

WCO recognises the important role that sport plays in the everyday lives of people working in customs administrations throughout Europe. Sport can be the social glue that binds an organisation together because it helps to build better relationships within the administration."

ECSCA athletes from Belgium, France, Hungary, the Netherlands, Ireland, the UK, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, Poland, Finland and Luxembourg will attend the short ceremony in Brussels.

Madame Doulliez

Mick: "I take this opportunity to say hello to all the Directors General of the World's customs administrations and to wish you all a profitable and enjoyable event at the Brussels ceremonies.

In particular, I would like to thank the Belgian Director General, Madame Doulliez, who is organising the special events in Brussels. Thanks to the Directors of each of the ECSCA member countries who have allowed sport to play such an important part in the life of your administrations and finally,



ECSCA President Mick O'Hanlon with Lieven Muylaert (ECSCA Executive & co-ordinator of the Brussels celebration of ECSCA & WCO event, Michel Danet (President WCO), Georges Davrou (WCO) & ECSCA Executive Committee member, Jean-Pierre Brust

congratulations to all the men and women ECSCA athletes who, by reason of their individual achievements, were chosen to represent their colleagues and their country".

WCO President Michel Danet said:

"I first hear about ECSCA from my Hungarian colleague, Mr. Arnold. I soon discovered that the principal objective of ECSCA was to strengthen contacts between administrations through sporting contact. It is restricted to European administrations, nevertheless, ECSCA is an example for all the countries in the WCO.

Without a doubt, ECSCA builds a sense of professional dignity and an esprit de corps. The WCO knows that the importance of international co-operation is vital to the success of our work. By organising and encouraging participation in these events, ECSCA is promoting international co-operation. I congratulate ECSCA on its



The 2002 ECSA men's champions-Czech Republic Customs Team

ECSA Six-a-side Football in Italy

Many thanks to our Italian friends in ADI (Associazione Doganale Italia) who hosted and organised the excellent football tournament in Chianciano, Italy in early June.

Congratulations to the Czech Republic who won the men's tournament which included crack sides from Italy, France (the previous champions), the Netherlands, Ireland, Sweden and Finland.

Congratulations also to the French women's team who won the first-ever ECSA women's football competition against challenges from Ireland and Italy. The full results can be seen soon on the ECSA website at <http://ecsa.n3.net>

Well done to Giampiero Piacentini, Michaele Ariodante and their excellent team of organisers who ensured that the Chianciano event was very successful. All the participants enjoyed the entire tournament and many new friendships were made between the participants.

Finland volunteered to host and organise the 2004 football tournament. ECSA was glad to part finance the costs of the Chianciano event.



A little football injury can't stop me from smiling!

Brussels Half marathon

Belgium organised the very successful ECSA half marathon in late May. Customs athletes from ten ECSA member countries took part. ECSA made a bit of history at the event when the combined ECSA team finished in fifth place overall in the entire Brussels half marathon!

ECSA champion was Arnaud Nowe from France in an excellent performance with a time of 1:05 for the 20 Km race. The Czech Karel Micek was second with a time of 1:09. Other ECSA runners came from Belgium, Italy, the UK, the Netherlands, Hungary, Ireland and Luxembourg.

Full results on the website.



France the 2002 ECSCA women's champions



Ireland's Trevor Nicholson was voted player of the Tournament

Nijmegen 2002

Theo de Goeijen reported on the continuing success of the phenomenal "Vier Daagse" or Four Days' March in Nijmegen, the Netherlands.

The Dutch Customs, has organised an international customs event within the hugely-popular Nijmegen Marches that attracts as many as 40,000 walkers each year.

Fully Booked!

The customs event has become so successful that it has now reached its absolute limit! Many thanks to our Dutch friends and the Director of Dutch Customs for their continued hospitality.

Full report on the July 2002 event next issue!

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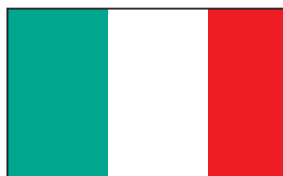
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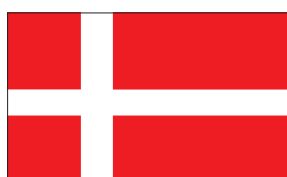
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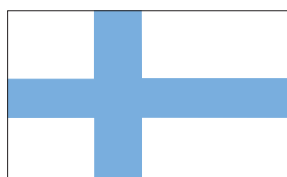
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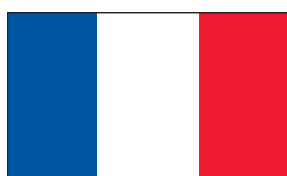
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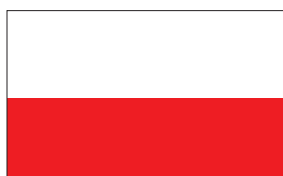


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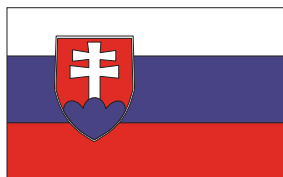


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