



IIHF CMO CORNER

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our second newsletter in the CMO corner. The IIHF Medical Committee met in Nottwil, Switzerland, on August 19-20 at the Paraplegic Center where Dr. Beat Villiger, a member of the Medical Committee and the CEO of the Center, gave us a tour of the facility and provided all of us with great hospitality. During the meeting it was also felt by all our members that we should communicate with our CMOs on a regular basis and provide medical information and relevant articles on medical issues in ice hockey.

Anna Eskola has already sent you information on the upcoming hockey concussion symposium at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, USA, on October 19-20, under the direction of our USA CMO and member of the Medical Committee Dr. Michael J. Stuart. You are welcome to attend and there are a couple of complimentary registrations available to you if you are interested.

The IIHF has also recently introduced the Green Puck Project at the World Championship in Gelsenkirchen where 77'803 spectators attended the first game of the World Championship. The Green Puck was introduced as a logo that stands for "Say NO to Doping" and both teams in the opening game warmed-up with the green pucks. There are also numerous video clips of different stars of the past and present who say "No to Doping" in English and in their own language. These short clips appeared on the jumbotron at different times throughout the Championship. An E-learning program has been prepared to educate our young players (U18, U20) on all the different anti-doping issues. All Federations have been given this e-learning program free-of-charge and the program was presented at the recent Semi-Annual Congress in Portoroz, Slovenia. The IIHF office will, upon request, send you a copy of the video clips and a complimentary green puck with details on how to access the e-learning program. We are asking you to support this program and also help to introduce it in your Federation. The whole program was an initiative developed by the IIHF with a little help from WADA. WADA is very excited about the project and is trying to extend it to other Federations.

We are looking at organising another CMO meeting and workshop sometime during 2011 or 2012 season while trying to attach the workshop with another sport medicine conference that is related to medical issues in ice hockey.

The 2009-10 Injury Reporting System Summary has been added under the medical section on www.iihf.com Please don't hesitate to use the data as many of you have contributed to the Reporting System in your capacity as CMO or Team Physician at one of the Championships. We have also added the Power Point Presentation for your information so that you can use it in talks or presentations with your hockey family.



This newsletter is also your voice to the IIHF Medical Committee. We would like your feedback, articles, news on medical issues in ice hockey in your country. To that end we have prepared a short questionnaire that we would like you to return so that we can improve the Newsletter and voice your concerns. You are also welcome to submit any articles that may be relevant to our CMO group.

This Newsletter will only work if we can get your input and feedback. Your work is especially important in being a valuable resource for your National Association and the IIHF thus providing the quality medical care that our players deserve while playing this great sport.

Sincerely,

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Murray Costello

Chairman IIHF Medical Committee

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Mark Aubry

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