RUGBY LEGENDS CUP PREMIÈRE in Argeles-sur-Mer (France)

There are so many competitions in Rugby, but still exists the “area” that deserves the attention and to be discovered.

In fact the games with “informal character” when the former International players play on occasion of big rugby events i.e. Rugby World Cup, 6 Nations Tournament, or Super 14 Cup, are well known in the world of Sports.

EGOR – European Golden Oldies Rugby organisation supported by FIRA/AER as the European Rugby governing body, decided to “open this undiscovered area” and to organize first ever RUGBY LEGENDS CUP – the great randevous of former International players from all over the world.

The honour and privilege to start with Rugby Legends Cup, that will be organised each third year in another country, is given to the town of Argeles-sur-Mer in french part of Catalania.

To organize this 1st edition from April 10th – 14th 2009 (Easter) Argeles-sur-Mer was not chosen accidentally…but because of the strong arguments on the fields of Sports (rugby specially) and Tourism.

This Town is well known Mediterranean tourist resort visited by thousands and thousands from all parts of the world…

But french Catalonia and town Argeles-sur-Mer are known also as notable rugby center, through “the big sister” U.S.A. – Perpignon, that is successfully competing in 1st French Rugby Division.

Governed by the Mayor Pierre Aylagas, former top referee and former Regional Technical Adviser, Argeles is also the home/birth place of famous rugby family Lievremont, from seven brothers and one sister, three of them Thomas, Matthieu and Marc – actual French National Coach, weared proudly “Tricolour jersey” for a long time.

Coming to Argeles the Veteran National Teams will be hosted with the honour and accordingly to their commitment and talent that they showed playing our game years ago in the almost every corner of the world.

Once again they will “run and pass the ball” with the same passion that “caused the trembling” on the biggest rugby stadiums not so far ago…

André Plantié

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Israel

1st HAIFA GOLDEN OLDIES FESTIVAL

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United Kingdom

KRONENBOURG 1664

Aberdeen, Scotland

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1st BRIDGENORTH „THREE NATIONS“ Veteran Tournament

Gnomes of Zurich, Switzerland

Bridgenorth Vets, England

Y GOGS, Wales

DIE BOSBOKKEN

2nd Hilversum Old Boys Festival

Hilversum (Netherlands), March 22nd
EUROPEAN OLDIES CELEBRATING WITH FUNCHAL ITS 500 ANNIVERSARY – 9th E.G.O.R. FESTIVAL 2008
Madeira (Portugal), 19th – 23rd June

Funchal, the capital of Madeira Islands is celebrating this June 500 years of its existence and the European rugby veterans will be there…..fourthy teams of 15 nations, from all over the “old continent”, will join the President of the Madeira Regional Government and other guests on Sunday evening, June 22nd, for the Final Gala Dinner in the Town port.

Sports part of this Festival will take place at Complexo Desportivo Ribeira Brava and Complexo Desportivo Marítimo.

The games on Friday and Sunday will be “controlled” by Inacio Mendes, former president of Portuguise Rugby Union Refreeing Committee and his team of national and international referees.

Festival organisers Old Greens Porto and Miltours, the Official Festival Travel Agent prepared fantastic programme starting with “Millions things to do” on the Festival free day – Saturday, up to the extended stay after the Festival for those wanted to visit beautiful Island of Porto Santo with its 8 km long Paradise beach, golf course and typical food & wines…

For the first time ever this European event has exclusive sports equipment sponsor – Kukri Sports Ltd – that will offer wide range of “Festival sports souvenirs”.

So everything is prepared for the biggest ever European GO Rugby event…

Madeira Sea Wolves, the first ever Island GO Rugby team and all the organisers wish warm welcome to Rugby veterans and their supporters.

HOME OF SEVENS RUGBY JOINED E.G.O.R.

This year in Melrose (Scotland) is 125th Anniversary of Sevens Rugby, the game that was “born” in this picturesque boarder’s town.

The traditional 7’s Tournament is extended to include complimentary tournaments during the week of Sevens. So among for Youth, Ladies, also Veterans’Ten-a-Side Tournament will take place on April 10th as the part of European Golden Oldies Rugby Series.

The participation is by invitation only, but teams interested please apply by emailing to vets@melrose125.com

The condition that the players are the age of 35 at the time of the tournament will not be proved…the organisers will instead rely on the honesty of individuals. That said, after two hard days of socialising and rugby if anyone is looking too sprightly on Friday afternoon…he might be challenged to produce his birth certificate!

As the visit to Melrose is always the exiting one specially organised entertainment functions, also for the veterans, are sched ulled to take place between Thursday and Saturday…

Melrose 125 is looking forward to meeting you next month…

EUROPEAN GOLDEN OLDIES RUGBY SERIES 2008

15th MARBELLA INTERNACIONAL VETERANS TOURNAMENT
Marbella (Costa del Sol) Spain, 2nd – 3rd May
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Wolfgang Mund – New E.G.O.R. Treasurer

After the process of EGOR registration in Germany (Heidelberg) had started this January European Golden Oldies Rugby organisation has the new Treasurer – Wolfgang Mund (1941), the member of Heidelberger Ruderklub Rugby Oldie Team of 1872, the Treasurer of Rugby Union Baden-Württemberg and the Vice-president of this German oldest rugby club, founded only a year after the foundation of Rugby Football Union (England).

Wolfgang, who is present at the “Heidelberg rugby scene” for more then 50 years, after stopped playing competitive rugby, spent mostly his time with coaching & development of children-school-youth rugby at the Club and Rugby Union level. For his engagement Wolfgang was awarded by German Rugby Union in three occasions – 1983, 1988 and 1992. EGOR Committee wish him good start with European Oldies…

NEW E.G.O.R. WEBSITE STARTS END OF MARCH

After hard work of completing all needed data the new EGOR webmaster Pedro Vareta (Lisbon, Portugal), the programmer Nuno Pereira with the „Design by None“ team finished the new European Golden Oldies Rugby website – www.europeangoldenoldiesrugby.com

The start of this European orientated website will be between March 24th and 28th.

Ten areas – Home, Contact, Festivals, EGOR Series, EGOR Partners, Links, Newsletter, EGOR Laws of the Game, with appropriate subfiles will represent the actual stand of Veteran Rugby in Europe.

We hope that you will enjoy it...............

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3rd Torneo „Cuidad de el Puerto“
El Puerto de Santa Maria, Cadiz, Spain
April 4th – 5th 2008
Contact: veteranos@craportuense.com

15th Flanders Open Rugby 2008
International 10-a-Side Tournament
Dendermonde, Belgium
May 10th – 11th
Contact: veteranos@craportuense.com
EVENTS CALENDAR

January
No events

February
3rd International Rugby Oldies Tournament in the Snow
Kiev (Ukraine), February 16th – 17th
contact: ukroldiesrugby@ukr.net
Leonid Deineko

March
2nd Die Bosbokken – Hilversum Old Boys Festival
Hilversum (Netherlands), March 22nd
contact: rugbyclubhilversum@kpnplanet.nl
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Piet van den Deijssel

April
3rd Torneo „Cuidad de el Puerto“
El Puerto de Santa Maria, Cadiz, April 4th – 5th
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Francisco Garcia „Kuone“

125th Anniversary of Melrose RFC – Veterans Ten-a-Side Tournament
Melrose (Scotland), April 10th – 11th
contact: vets@melrose125.com
Andy Purves

1st Twickenham Oldies Festival
Twickenham, date to be determined
contact: AlanBlack@RFU.com
Alan Black

1st Golden Oldies Festival – ELX PATRIMONI DE LA HUMANITATEN
Elche (Spain), April 25th – 27th
contact: veteranos@elcherugby.com
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May
15th Marbella Internacional Veterans Tournament
Marbella (Costa del Sol, Spain), May 2nd – 3rd
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1st Juromenha Rugby Oldies Festival
Juromenha – Vila Vicosa (Portugal), May 3rd
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Paulo Jaleco

7° Torneo Internazionale „Old Rugby“ Citta’di Rovigo
Rovigo, May 3rd
contact: iveciderugbyrovigo@libero.it
Fabrizzio Frezzato

32nd UFAR National Festival
Toulouse (France), May 10th
contact: pdarricarrere@colbertassurances.com
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15th Flanders Open Rugby
Dendermonde (Belgium), May 10th – 11th
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4th Havirov Turkey
Havirov (Czech Republic), May 17th
contact: karel.gaman@volny.cz Karel Gaman

20th Anniversary of the Czech Veterans Rugby Movement
4th Old Golden Prague & 6th Georg Holek Cup
Prague (Czech Republic), May 29th – June 2nd
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Bournemouth Sevens
Bournemouth (England), May 31st – June 1st
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June
5th Luxembourg International Veteran Tournament
Challenge Marcello Ridolfi – Walferdange RC
Luxembourg, June 15th
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July
Kronenburg 1664 Stockholm International Ten’s
Stockholm, July 26th – 27th
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August
8th Golden Oldies Moscow Open Rugby Festival
Moscow (Russia), August 29th – 30th
contact: vidorofeev@izmaylovo.ru Vladimir Dorofeev

2nd Rome Vets Rugby Festival
Exact date to be yet determined
contact: matchorganisations@capitolina.com Ahmad Ghazzal

September
Leipzig RC Oldies Turnier
Leipzig (Germany), September 6th
contact: marco.schreiber@porsche.de or old-boys@leipzig-rugby.de Marco Schreiber

6th Köln Golden Oldies Tournament
Köln (Germany), exact date to be yet determined
contact: nc-schoenma12@netcologne.de Matthias Schönfeld

21st Vyskov Collared-Pork Trophy & 14th Memorial of Dzonek Navratil
Vyskov (Czech Republic), September 27th
contact: d.lodes@trasko-as.cz Dusan Lodes

Civiltaavecchia Festival – Memorial Buso/D’Angelo
Civitavecchia (Rome), September 27th
contact: drop@oldrugbycivitavecchia.it Domenico Nastasi

October
2nd Viking GOR Festival
Exact date and place to be determined
contact: snick_marshall@hotmail.com Nick Marshall

November
2nd Three Nations „Knights Tournament“
Exact date and place to be determined
contact: peterft.edwards@tiscali.co.uk Peter Edwards

December
No event(s) at the moment

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