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President's Message

Trieste - a great Festival, enjoyed by all, with 41 Teams from as far afield as Russia to Israel being represented, in a beautiful City with lovely weather.....good Beer, Wine and Company....what more could you wish for ?? Two of the new Pitches shall remain as a legacy of the Festival for the development of Rugby...at all ages.....and apart from the large number of Participants, it was good to see the Festival of youngsters enjoying their Rugby. Thanks go to Stefano de Rosa and his Local Organising Committee for all their efforts along with all those in the Local and Regional Authorities who supported our Festival. Appreciation is also extended to all the Festival Sponsors, without whom, there could be no Festivals and to Rugby stalwart – Mauricio – and his Staff for looking after everyone at the Opening and Closing Functions. It was great to welcome again, our friends from Argentina and especially, for the first time..... our Visitors from Australia !! EGOR's most prestigious Award, the Battered Relic Trophy is presented to the Team showing most Festival Spirit and who provide entertainment on....and off....the Pitch. The Trophy was awarded to great supporters of EGOR - *I Cangrandi* from Verona, Italy. All other participating Teams received a Commemorative Festival Plaque from the Local Organising Committee. Other Team gifts were exchanged, and donated to Stefano, including a Team Shield from Sweden's – *Vintage Vikings* – by former EGOR Committee Member – Stefan Landgren. The Dancing went on well into the nightafter all that Rugby....where did they find the Energy ???

EGOR Changes

As usual, during each EGOR Festival Saturday morning, there are Meetings of the Executive Committee and General Membership. There was a poor attendance of Teams at the General Membership Meeting but it was felt that if any Team had a complaint, they would have been present to voice their concerns to us. Teams plan Trips and Outings for the Free Day and in the past, it has meant the Team Manager maybe missing these. A suggestion was approved that at our Prague Festival, we shall hold the Meetings around Lunchtime on the Friday, at the Playing Field to allow more Teams to be represented. The fine points of planning for this have to be finalised....but will allow everyone to have the Saturday as a Free Day. The General Meeting Minutes shall appear on our Website. Proposed changes to the Constitution, to make the Document more ' user friendly ' were approved.

Our FIRA / AER Representative – Andre Plantie – had announced he was stepping down from EGOR.....as had Rolf Keppler. Both were thanked for all their efforts on behalf of EGOR and we wished them well for the future. Andre is replaced by Menachem ben Menachem at FIRA and Werner Czerny follows Rolf. Also joining us is Beat Schneider as a Media Adviser. Welcome to you all.... The Executive Committee was elected at the General Meeting and are –

Position	Name	Home Country	Team
President	Dave McDonald	Scotland	<i>Aberdeen Strollers</i>
Vice President / Treasurer & Finance	Dott Sergio Caggia	Italy	<i>I Cangrandi</i>
Vice President / Sponsorship & Marketing	Bob Dean	Switzerland	<i>Swiss Gnomes</i>
Secretary & Webmaster	Matthias Schenker	Switzerland	<i>Swiss Gnomes</i>
Committee	Werner Czerny	Germany	<i>Frankfurt Bembelschwenkers</i>
	Patrick Darricarrere	France	<i>SNUC Nantes</i>
	Ed Freedman	Israel	<i>Elders of Zion</i>
	Andrej Hronec	Czech Republic	<i>Old Boys Prague</i>
Co – opted Referee Adviser	TBC		
Co – opted / Media	Beat Schneider	Switzerland	<i>Fossy Bears</i>
Co – opted / FIRA Representative	Menachem ben Menachem	Israel	<i>Elders of Zion</i>

Any thoughts, comments, ideas etc about EGOR, will be greatly appreciated – info@europeangoldenoldiesrugby.com – we look forward to hearing from you.... Join us on **Facebook** !!

Trieste Report – A Message from the Organising Committee ChairmanStefano de Rosa

Grazie a tutti i 41 club da tutta Europa e Australia e Argentina per aver partecipato a questo grande evento che è stato l'Egor 2012 Trieste festival, 4 giorni stupendi passati insieme con la cornice di una città meravigliosa come Trieste spero che tornerete a visitare la ns splendida regione, voglio ringraziare i miei collaboratori + stretti, Andrea Boltar, Dario Giuluzzi, Emanuele Stefanelli e Andrea Fabiani e tutti i 120 volontari che hanno lavorato duramente per far diventare l'Egor festival 2012 un grande evento sportivo e turistico.ricordo che 5250 € raccolti da tutti i partecipanti sono già stati versati all'associazione Rugby For Life che li daranno all'ospedale pediatrico di Codroipo , perciò non solo sport e turismo ma anche occhio al sociale di nuovo grazie a tutti e spero di vedervi a Praga il prossimo giugno

Thank's to all the 41 Clubs from all over Europe and Australia and Argentina for coming to the great event which was the Egor 2012 Trieste Festival, 4 wonderful days all together with the frame of a beautiful city like Trieste. I want to say thank you to my great staff Andea Boltar, Dario Giuluzzi, Emanuele Stefanelli and Andrea Fabiani and all the 120 volunteers who worked very, very hard to make the Egor 2012 into a great sport and tourist event. I want to remind you all that 5250 euros has already been given to the Rugby for Life Association which devolves the money to the Pediatric Hospital in Codroipo, this mean not only sports and tourism have benefitted but also an eye to the social good of the area where we all enjoyed a great Festival.....

Thanks to you all again and I hope to see you all next year in Prague.

Stefano de Rosa

Prague Update

Teams are Registering for next year's - 12th European G O Festival, which shall take place in the ancient, beautiful City of Prague, Czech Republic..... from June 13-June 17, 2013 and the Organising Committee is ready to accept many more Entries. All necessary information has already been available at the Official EGORF 2013 website <http://oldboys.rugby.cz/en/egorf-2013> or can be requested from the Official EGORF 2013 e-mail address egorf2013@estec.cz. The Organising Committee has just accepted the first 3 entries from England, Wales and France. If you intend participating in this Festival....make sure you Register NOW.....to save disappointment

Other Festivals

Even before the Trieste Festival, I had received e – mails from several Clubs, from all over Europe, wishing to Host our 13th Festival, in 2015. Guidelines etc for Hosting an EGOR Festival can be found on our Website and your initial request should be submitted as soon as possible. A Closing Date for Bids shall be intimated on the Website and then a short list shall be selected and visited by Members of the EGOR Executive Committee, before a decision is made. If interested, submit your Application....NOW !! You can also hold smaller, local Festivals at your Club with just a few Teams....the number of Teams participating depend on the number of Pitches you have available. If you wish any advice, guidelines etc...drop me an e-mail.

Rugby Shirt Museum

If you saw the collection of International Rugby Shirts, on show in Trieste, I'm sure you were impressed. You now have the opportunity of having your Club Shirt in a *Golden Oldies* Collection ! Send a clean Club Jersey, along with a Team Photo and a short Club History to – Corrado Malloccia, Rugby Museum, Corse F Turati, 121 – 00034, Colleferro, Rome, Italy. Request a Photo for your Club Website / Facebook / Newsletter etc so any Club Member may be aware of the Donation, and wish to visit the Museum if visiting Colleferro.....

Admin Update

Before the Trieste Festival, our EGOR Secretary sent out a Form to get up to date contact details about all our Member Clubs, to check our information is going to the correct person....and if not, alter our Mailing. If you have not returned the Form, please do so....and if you require another copy, e – mail Matt on – matthias.schenker@gc-rugby.ch Also, for Clubs who were not at the European Festival, or already paid, your Club Annual Subscription of 100 euros is now due and a Form is attached. We are all volunteers....so please reply promptly to Matt's Messages....it saves a lot of time. We also asked our Country Representatives to verify if they still wish to represent European Golden Oldies Rugby.....the only Official European Golden Oldies Rugby Organisation recognised by FIRA / AER.

Our Website shall also be updated and we wish to have more Local Information for our Members....so please send us any Stories, Photographs etc for inclusion.

I hope you keep on enjoying your Golden Oldies Rugby.....please spread our EGOR details to your other Local Clubs.

We now look forward to our 12th Festival in Prague next June.....Register now.....I hope to see you there !

Dave McDonald

President

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