

IBAF EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS

30.06.07.- The IBAF Extraordinary Congress will take place on 18 August 2007 in Frankfurt, GER. The following proposals will be on the agenda:

1. Present members with a complete report on the progress of IBAF operations, hearings and reports, and request their support for the actions undertaken.
2. Propose a new direction and strategy for the future of Baseball, to ensure its readmission to the Olympic programme.
3. Request the approval of the Extraordinary Congress to declare all positions on the Executive Committee vacant with immediate effect, except for the President.
4. Conduct elections at the Extraordinary Congress for all positions on the IBAF Executive Committee, except for that of the President.
5. Ratify appointments to the positions approved at the Extraordinary Congress.

SCOTLAND PLAYS FRIENDLY IN EDINBURGH

03.07.07.- The Scottish national team played a friendly game in Edinburgh against the Blue Jays from Johns Hopkins University, USA. The Blue Jays won 14-3.



USA-CHINESE TAIPEI FRIENDLY SERIES

03.07.07.- The friendly series between the USA and Chinese Taipei, which took place from 29 June to 3 July in Burlington Athletic Stadium, the National Training Center and Fieldcrest Cannon Stadium in North Carolina, USA,



ended with five wins and one defeat to the home team. Results: USA - Chinese Taipei 7-0, 6-4, 13-2, 2-3, 5-1.

GOLDEN SPIKES GO TO DAVID PRICE

03.07.07 - The 2007 Golden Spikes Award, the most prestigious Baseball award for amateur players, has been given to **David Price**, a left-handed pitcher from Vanderbilt University.



ENECO WORLD PORT TOURNAMENT IN ROTTERDAM

06.07.07.- The 2007 ENECO World Port tournament in Rotterdam, NED, takes place from 2 to 12 August, between teams from Cuba, Japan, Chinese Taipei, the USA and the Netherlands.



MLB EUROPEAN BASEBALL ACADEMY

06.07.07.- The Olympic Training Centre in Tirrenia, ITA, will host the MLB European Baseball Academy from 8 to 30 August. Fifty-four players will take part from 16 nations in Africa and Europe: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Ghana, Great Britain, Italy, Netherlands, Nigeria, South Africa, Spain, Ukraine and Uganda. The course will be led by MLB coaches **Jim Lefebvre**, **Bruce Hurst**, **Lee Smith** and **Barry Larkin**.



CLINIC IN NEW ZEALAND

06.07.07.- On 4 and 5 August the Manawatu Baseball Association will host a course and workshop at St Peter's College,

Palmerston North, NZL, led by **Greg Wolfe**, development manager of the New Zealand Baseball Federation.



OLYMPIC TEST EVENT IN BEIJING

06.07.07.- Four national teams: China, Japan, Czech Republic and France, will participate in the Olympic test event in Wukesong Baseball Field in Beijing, CHN, from 18 to 23 August.



IOC APPOINTS CHRISTOPHE DUBI AS SPORTS DIRECTOR

06.07.07.- The International Olympic Committee, IOC, has appointed **Christophe Dubi** to the position of Sports Director. Dubi takes over from Kelly Fairweather, who resigned on 15 June. Dubi is an economics graduate and holder of a Masters in Sports Administration. In 1996,



he entered the Olympic world to work on events management. Until today, he was responsible for Games management strategy and development at the IOC, working closely with Olympic Games Executive Director Gilbert Felli. He has also worked with the IOC President on the Youth Olympic Games concept. "It is a privilege to be given the opportunity to work at the heart of the organisation, contributing actively to the promotion of sport within the Olympic Movement", said Dubi. "I will take on this new task with energy and enthusiasm. I will endeavour to continue the impressive work undertaken by Kelly Fairweather in establishing strong relationships with the International Federations." Dubi takes on his new role at the beginning of August.