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Dear Korfball Friends,

The International Korfball Federation's 80 year anniversary is on 13 June 2013. To celebrate this milestone the first world wide Korfball YOUTH project has been organised. Youth promotion activities are planned throughout the year and on 15 June the International Youth Korfball Day will take place.

Projects and plans

Some projects have been completed already.

South Africa have prepared an extensive youth development plan which include the following activities in 2013:

- *12 January*: Introduction of the Long-Term Participant Development Model with specific reference to players from age 7 – 11 to representatives from Provinces, Regions and Districts
 - *15 January – 31 May*: Individual projects in every Province, Region or District (potential 10)
 - *15 June*: Individual activities in each Province, Region or District and official implementation of the SAKF Long Term Participant Development Model and subsequent programmes for players from age 7 – 11.
 - *1 – 6 July*: SAKF Provincial Tournament (80% of teams participating will be Youth)
 - *1 August – 30 November*: Follow up and finalisation of projects in Provinces, Regions and Districts
- This project will be continued in 2014.

The first project was executed on the weekend 8 to 10 February 2013 in the Kwa-Zulu Natal Province. This also established a new Region for korfball in South Africa as players from the Tongaat Region in Kwa-Zulu Natal attended a korfball workshop for the first time and in total 55 players attended from all regions. The age of the players ranged between 19 and 22 and planning for the rest of the year has been made.

Brazil.

To begin the Year of Korfball Youth in Brazil, clinics were held in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo and around 100 children between the ages of 5 -15 participated.

Another clinic was conducted in the city Macaé on 18 January and 50 children (aged 9 – 15) attended.

An agreement was signed between the city of Macaé and Brazilian Korfball to organise a big event on 15 June 2013 with participation of youth from the city.

Hungary.

HKA's goal in the Year of the Youth is to start korfball in a new region (Pest) in Budapest, and attract at least 3 more schools to play korfball. These schools will thus become a part of the official youth competition system called Youth Olympics. This would mean a 20% growth in numbers of schools playing korfball in Hungary.

The targeted age group is 6-18 years.

An interesting idea from **Hungary** to celebrate the **International Youth Korfball Day on 15 June 2013** will be to play korfball at 15 locations simultaneously on 15th June in Hungary. At each location the participants will form two teams named the Korfs and the Balls (there will be several age groups at each location).

The results from all locations of the Korfs teams and the Balls teams will be added together, so it will be a country-wide korfball match between the two teams.

HKA will have an interactive map where the visitors can see the results at each location, and by age group, including all the names of the players who played at that location. Next to the map, the big score board will show the overall standings as they come to hand. At the end of the day there will be a final result between Korfs and Balls and pictures, videos, reports from each location will be posted.

The goal is to have 15 locations, 50 teams and 1,000 goals scored in Hungary.

With some support from IKF and other korfball countries we can also extend this project world-wide, so we can make a world-wide korfball match, where we can aim for 1,000 locations, 5,000 teams and 100,000 goals! Please contact HKA if you would like to join in on this project also.

IKF support.

A lot of korfball information is available on You Tube (www.youtube.com).

Very soon participating countries will receive a DVD with videos of international youth matches, some brochures and an introduction guide for schools. Other support: synthetic IKF korfs, Kangaroo korfs (for young kids), and in some cases a contribution to the travelling costs of IKF instructors.

If you did not receive a grant application form, please contact Ms Celeste Split (split_celeste@hotmail.com).

Countries will be informed soon regarding the IKF support.

IKF Website, Facebook

The renewed IKF website has been launched on 11 January 2013. Some amendments are still underway and will be finished very soon. A special page has been reserved for our project.

Celeste Split will contact each country to prepare a brief article about your promotion plans for the IKF website as well as a report of the result on 15 June 2013.

We have created a **Year of Youth Facebook Page** and information and pictures of the activities conducted throughout 2013 will be displayed on this page. The page is called Year of the Korfball Youth and the address is: <https://www.facebook.com/YOY2013>

Questions or comments? Please contact the IKF Office (office@ikf.org) or our Assistant Project Manager Ms Celeste Split (split_celeste@hotmail.com).

Kind regards,
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PM 2013 Year of the Youth Project