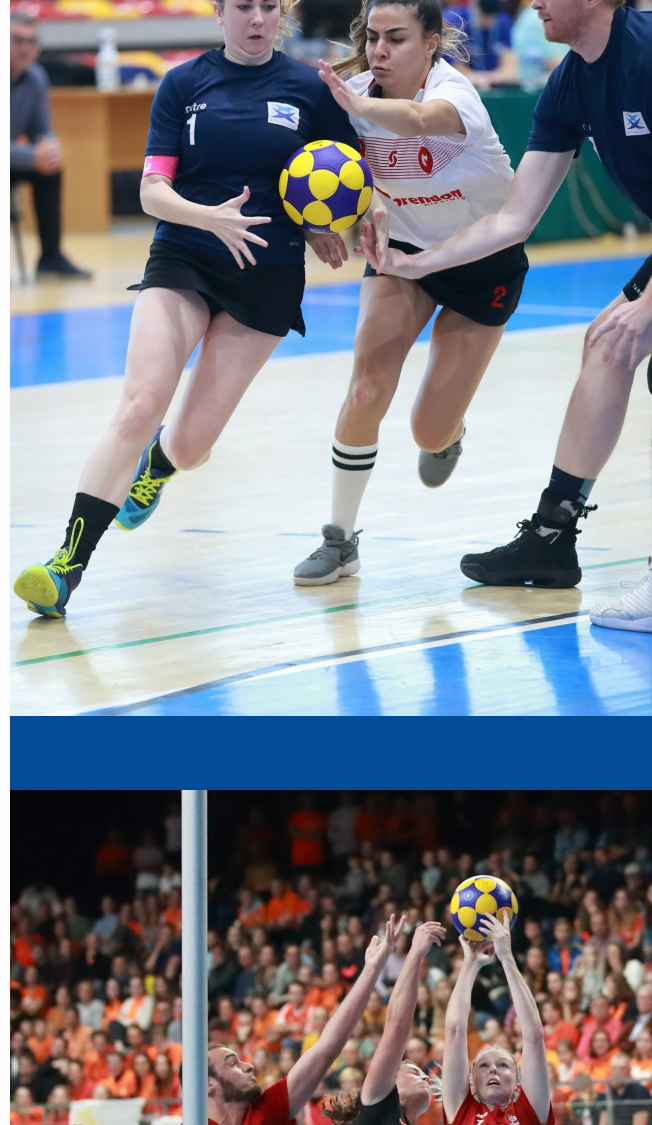




World Korfball Update - 2021 - edition VIII

November is here, and we have seen two great senior IKF events in October. If you have followed the livestreams, you know that there were lots of exciting matches at the European Korfball Championships. One of those is featured in this month's event flashback. But we don't just focus on Europe, you can learn all about korfball development in Africa by reading the Official in the Spotlight section. Enjoy, and don't forget to send us your korfball news!

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Competitions

IKF EKC B-Division

The first edition of the IKF European Korfball Championship B-Division marked the restart of the senior IKF events. Eight national teams travelled to Wrocław to compete in this long-anticipated event. All teams, IKF Officials and local volunteers followed the IKF COVID-19 Event Protocol to ensure a safe event. The event was characterised by exciting and tight matches from the pool phase onwards, and all participating teams managed to get at least one win in. The bronze medal was claimed by Turkey, and Poland and Slovakia faced each other in a packed hall to compete for gold. Read all about this spectacular final in the Event Flashback.

IKF EKC A-Division

Two weeks after the medals were claimed in Poland, the top 8 national teams of Europe started their quest for glory in Antwerp during the IKF European Korfball Championship A-Division. With a final planned in a full Lotto Arena, all teams aimed for the best results in their matches, starting with the pool phase. This resulted in semi-finals of The Netherlands vs Germany, and Belgium vs England. With The Netherlands and Belgium being victorious, the korfball community had an exciting final to look forward to. The Lotto Arena was buzzing with excitement on Sunday, where Germany claimed the bronze medal before the start of the big final. Supported by their home crowd, the Belgian Diamonds gave it their all and challenged the Dutch. The final had it all; atmosphere, fans, spectacular goals and hard but fair duels on the pitch. In the end, The Netherlands were able to keep a gap of 4 goals and claimed the trophy with a final score of 17 – 21.



Events flashback - IKF

EKC B Poland – Slovakia

The first senior IKF event in 1.5 years was one to never forget. It was the first edition of the IKF European Korfball Championship B-Division, a tournament with many close matches. At finals, day long friends and rivals Poland and Slovakia battled it out for gold.

[Relive the game](#)

[Watch the game](#)



Organisational news



IKF World Korfball Congress

The IKF World Korfball Congress took place from 28-29 October in Antwerp, followed by the IKF General Meeting on 30 October. Both events were organised in a hybrid format, to allow all IKF Committee Members, IKF Distinguished members, National Federations and guests to join either online or onsite. The IKF World

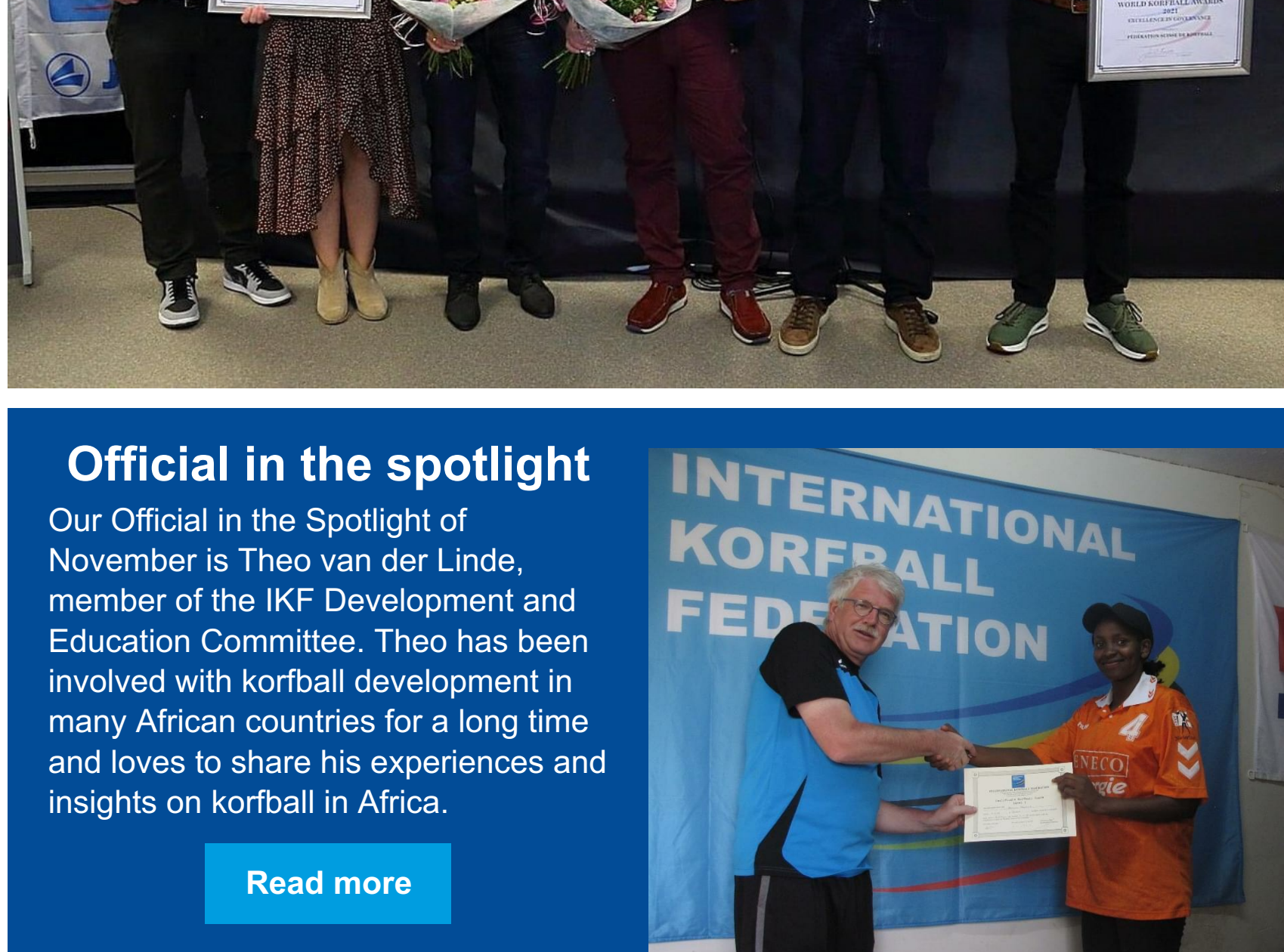
Korfball Congress focused on the Olympic Pledge 2027, Post-Covid Recovery, Learning Management Platform and Smaller Korfball Formats. With plenary discussion and break-out rooms, the participants exchanged ideas on korfball development and collaboration between IKF and its members. Make sure to keep an eye on the IKF website for an extensive review of the Congress, to be published soon.

IKF General Meeting

The IKF General Meeting took place on 30 October. The IKF General Meeting was preceded by the IKF Extra Ordinary Meeting, in which the onsite IKF Members approved online voting, to be used during the IKF General Meeting. The IKF General Meeting started with the awarding of the IKF Badge of Honour to Walter Eijssink, Gerrit van der Beek and Jan Sjaardijn, for their distinguished service to the IKF.

IKF World Korfball Awards

The IKF World Korfball Awards were awarded during the General Meeting. The Award for Excellence in Governance was awarded to SWISS Korfball, the Award for Best Event was awarded to Polish Korfball Association and Royal Belgian Korfball Association, the Award for Innovation was awarded to Hong Kong China Korfball Association and the Award for Best Grassroots Development was awarded to Asociación Korfball Argentina.



Official in the spotlight

Our Official in the Spotlight of November is Theo van der Linde, member of the IKF Development and Education Committee. Theo has been involved with korfball development in many African countries for a long time and loves to share his experiences and insights on korfball in Africa.

[Read more](#)



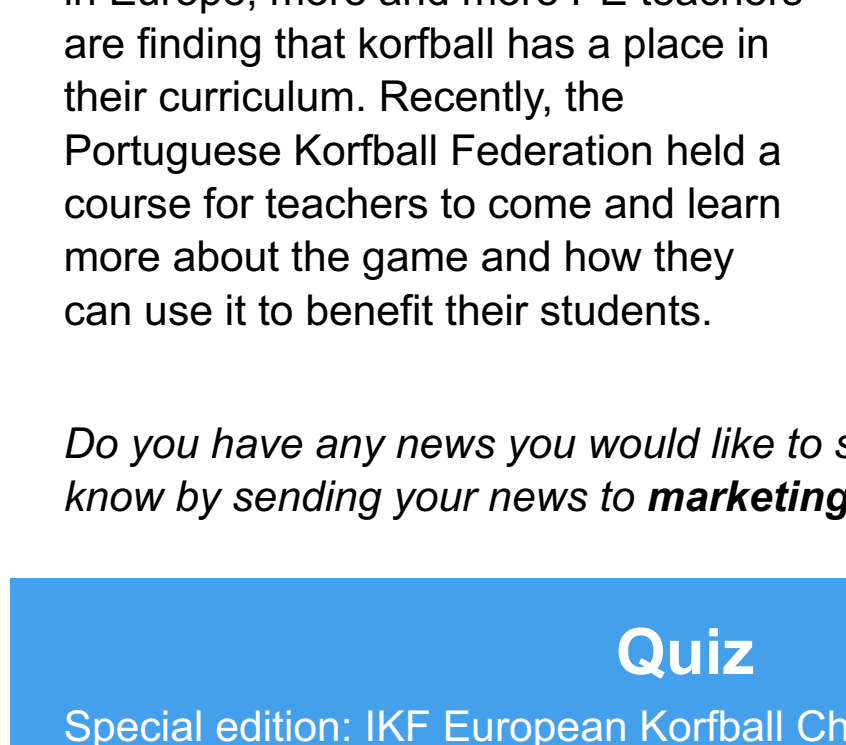
News from our members

There have been so many great events and stories this month that it's hard to know where to start! We'd love to feature them all, but that would be an entire newsletter! Be sure to follow our social media pages to keep up to date on all things korfball!

Our members and clubs have been working hard this month at spreading the message of Korfball around the world, and we couldn't be happier. Here are a few stories we loved this month

Korfball is back!

It's amazing to see games start to be played again in various countries around the world after the lifting of Coronavirus restrictions. Games and competitions are back again in Indonesia, England, Morocco and Taiwan! University teams are also getting back into their trainings and matches!



Korfball is growing too!

We love to see korfball growing on the North American continent, and this month a demonstration practice was held in South Carolina for those participating in the Olde English Consortium PE Conference at Winthrop University.

Also, with the new school year starting in Europe, more and more PE teachers are finding that korfball has a place in their curriculum. Recently, the Portuguese Korfball Federation held a course for teachers to come and learn more about the game and how they can use it to benefit their students.

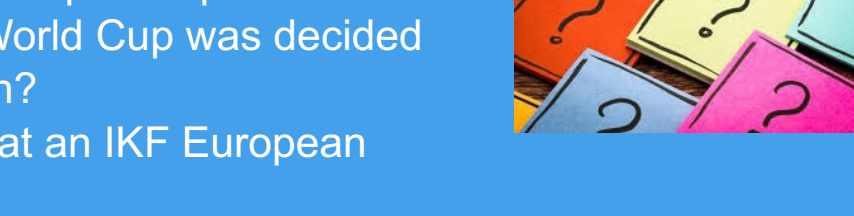


Photo: Malaysia Korfball (Facebook page)

Do you have any news you would like to share with the korfball community? Let us know by sending your news to marketing.communication@ikf.org.

Quiz

Special edition: IKF European Korfball Championship!

1. Which match at the IKF U21 Korfball World Cup was decided by a golden goal? And which team won?
2. Which team won their first ever match at an IKF European Championship in October?
3. We will return to Poland very soon for another IKF event, which one?
4. Who was the top scorer at the IKF EKC A-Division?
5. Which referees were appointed for the IKF EKC A-Division final?



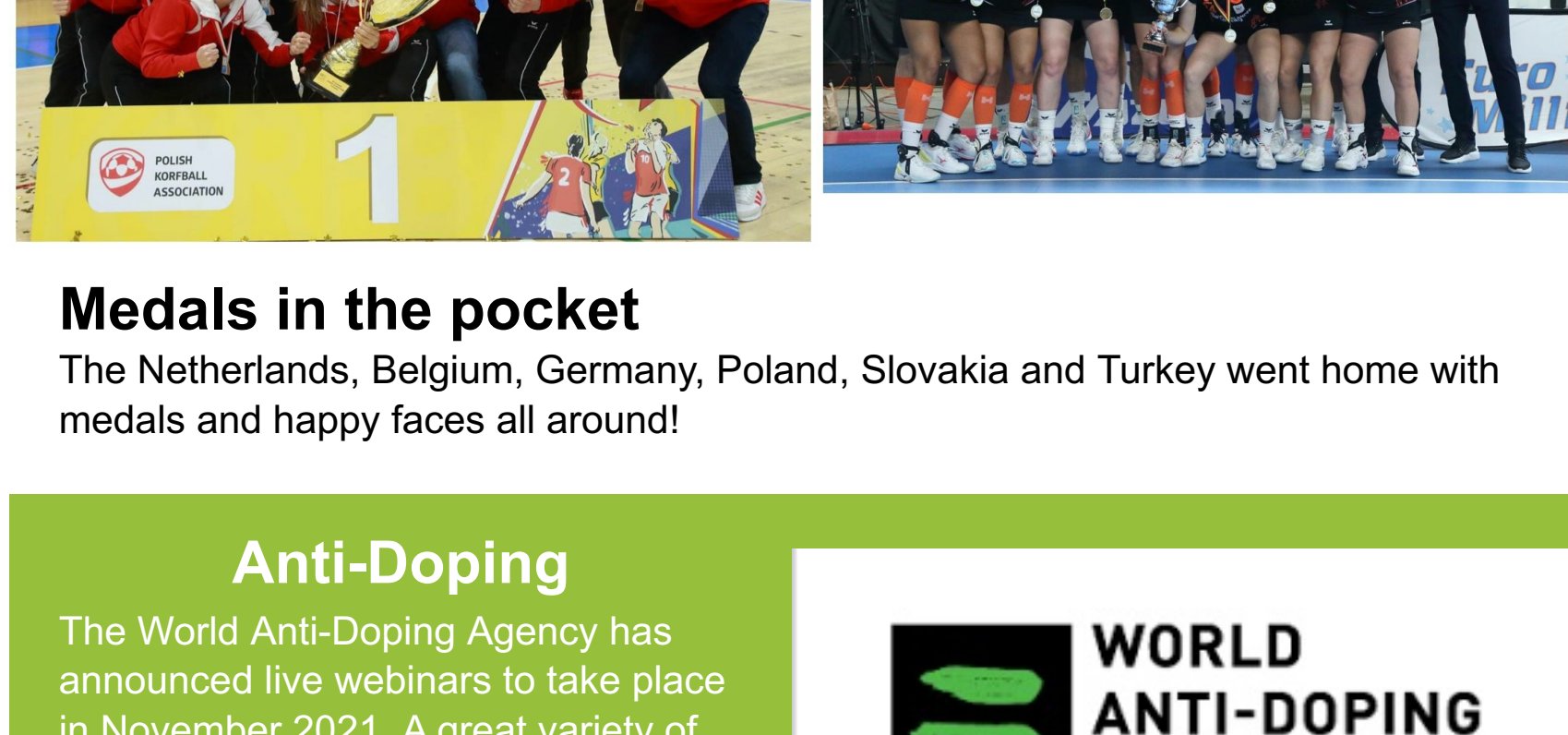
Send your answers to marketing.communication@ikf.org, check your score in the next newsletter and get a shout-out for best score!

Did you ace this quiz? Send your answers to marketing.communication@ikf.org!

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1. Estoril, Portugal, 1988
2. 8th, 2014
3. Balázs Berényi
4. Switzerland
5. The king of Belgium, king Filip Leopold Lodewijk Maria

Social Media Highlights



Medals in the pocket

The Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Poland, Slovakia and Turkey went home with medals and happy faces all around!

Anti-Doping

The World Anti-Doping Agency has announced live webinars to take place in November 2021. A great variety of topics will be covered, among which the 2022 Prohibited List, Dried Blood Spot testing and the Social Science Research Grant Program.

[More information and time schedule](#)

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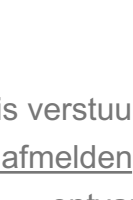
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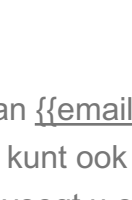
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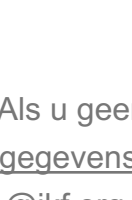
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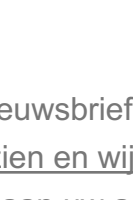
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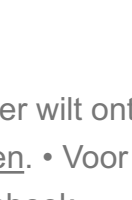
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