Continuity with new challenges

Dear Friends,

***In June**, FIBA celebrated its 70th anniversary.*

***In August,** the Congress of FIBA appointed a new Central Board and elected a new President.*

***In September,** history was written in our basketball landscape when the medals at the World Championship for Men where given to Yugoslavia, Argentina and Germany.*

***In December,** 27 years of extraordinary basketball leadership will come to an end and a new Secretary General will start his work as of January 2003.*

***In sum,** this has been a very exciting and important year in FIBA's 70 years of existence.*

That is why we, Borislav Stanković the departing Secretary General and Patrick Baumann the new Secretary General as of the 1st January 2003, write this common message to you to do an "inventory" and look at the major issues world basketball is facing today and the future challenges.

First of all, FIBA was always reckoned as granting great continuity with only having two people at the top of our organization since our foundation in 1932. Whilst we are beginning a new era as of 1st January 2003, we ensure our members that continuity and the spirit of our rich tradition and of our core values will be preserved.

FIBA and its National Federations: a strong partnership

Only through a strong partnership within the sport pyramid, where each part of the basketball family "plays its game" we shall be able to maintain the popularity of our sport at its current levels and improve it further.

To represent and manage the interests of 212 member national federations is not an easy task especially when the standards of development vary widely across the world.

To this extent, communication will be improved in all areas to allow for useful and necessary transfer of know-how world-wide from the most developed countries to the lesser ones, from the smallest federations to the strongest ones.

Also, a quality certification progress will be put in place to ensure a faster and uniform growth towards common standards of management and organization in each country. This long-term project does not lead to immediate success, neither financially nor sporting wise, but ensures that more and more federations will be able in the future to grow with their own capabilities and resources, to quickly adapt to changing situations, to have regular national competitions at all age categories for both men and women and to compete internationally. FIBA and its five continental Zone Commissions have already started such a process via specific development programs. These shall be strengthened and implemented with a greater focus on a few key issues. A corresponding new ranking system for national federations will be established to reward quality programs at national federation and zone levels.

An obvious conclusion is also that more international competitive opportunities for national federations should be available. A pre-condition, though, is that club and national team competitions do not conflict with each other. This was reflected in the very recent decision by the Central Board in November this year to harmonize the international basketball calendar on a world, regional, and national level.

Also, the Indianapolis results show that the world has become very competitive and a new "world order" has been achieved, which allows now for more countries to reach the top competitions. This is equally reflected in the recent debate on increasing the number of participants to the World Championship for Men as of 2006 or in the possible creation of new competitions.

Equally important is to focus on our future talents and stars by a well-targeted grass-root activity as well as providing exciting and interesting youth competitions and promotion opportunities.

Last but not least, women basketball is an exciting and challenging aspect of our sport which deserves our greatest attention. Here too, the Central Board has already taken some important decisions, which do not only encourage new and interesting women's competitions but should also lead to a greater involvement of women in the management of our sport at all levels.

National teams versus clubs: a key relationship

National federations and FIBA are increasingly facing a very delicate debate on the key relationship between clubs or leagues and national federations.

For example, the critical challenge FIBA-Europe is facing with the formation of a European league of basketball clubs outside of FIBA-Europe's structure is a great risk to basketball. There is no doubt that unity in European basketball must be one of the primary goals of FIBA-Europe for the sake of continuing growth

On the left: Borislav Stanković, FIBA Secretary General 1976 – 2002

and on the right: Patrick Baumann, FIBA Secretary General as of 2003

of the sport on that continent, which is second only, in terms of popularity and market potential, to the United States. Many attempts and efforts have been undertaken to find a solution and to unify the parties, but unfortunately without success yet. We hope that rationality will overcome emotions in the very near future.

However, it would be a mistake to believe that this is a European problem only. In fact, it leads to an important discussion which has been raised many times not only in Europe but also in other continents where club competitions play a vital role in the development of our sport. The discussion being the right balance between club and national team competitions: where as everyone would accept the statement that there is no better promoter for basketball than the national team in most of the countries around the world, there is also no question that in the most mature basketball countries, clubs play a major role in the promotion of our sport throughout the season and in the formation and education of players. Therefore, it is our goal to find the right relationship between the two fields of activity taking into account the common and different interests.

As the economic interests in our sport are successfully growing, the club system grows stronger and, in turn, feeds our sport's growth. On the other hand, national team programs at all levels, from senior to youth categories, are and will remain the natural complement to the club activities. Their achievements are the final gratifying result for good work performed jointly by the national federations and the clubs and bring the necessary stimulus to a well-functioning associative structure, to a continuous growth of basketball in every country and to the formation of larger base of players and the discovery of new stars and talents. But, most importantly, it justifies and reinforces the commercial growth of the club activities.

In fact, club and national federation activities, when successfully and cooperatively managed, reinforce each other to the benefit of an overall growing interest in our sport.

Obviously, experience shows that interests, means and management philosophies differ greatly within these two activities. This diversity means that different, but converging, management processes must be put in place in the associative structure. One does not want uniformity but harmony to properly exploit commercial opportunities and synergies and to adequately defend our common sport interests and the love for the game of basketball.

FIBA and NBA, a successful relationship to-date

A related topic to the challenging management of interests of clubs or leagues and national federations is our relationship with the NBA.

It is almost exactly 10 years ago when a new era started with the appearance of NBA players at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona. Basketball witnessed a global boom following the 1992 Olympics. The two men who had that vision both reached their main goal: David Stern and Borislav Stanković helped to expose the sports superstars to a global audience arguing that all players must play together and only if you compete with the best you will once be able to beat the best. This goal has been accomplished just ten years later at the World Championship for Men in Indianapolis this year.

There is no doubt that the NBA has become the most recognized basketball league in the world and its players belong to the most renown sports idols on the globe. The fact that almost 60 players from outside the United States play in the NBA is a big compliment to FIBA and to the programs run by national federations and clubs around the world but at the same time a big opportunity and challenge for the relationship between both organizations. In addition, the WNBA development has contributed to the success of women's basketball, with almost 30 players from outside the United States in the WNBA, but equally added additional challenges for national federations. We must sit together with our partners from the NBA to discuss the opportunities and challenges that are ahead of us.

As mentioned at the very beginning, continuity does not mean perseverance and will certainly not exclude new ideas and a constant reflection on the status of basketball worldwide. Changes will be made whenever and wherever necessary to adapt to the new circumstances that the world in general and basketball in particular will be facing from time to time. This was the spirit of FIBA for the past 70 years and will remain as such for the future.

We will certainly take on all these new challenges with great sincerity and thoroughness, but we realize we can achieve our goals only with a united basketball family, i.e. with the full support of all our continental zones, sub-zones, national federations, leagues, clubs and all the individuals and volunteers who are committed to help us in this mission.

There is only one basketball world and one basketball family and it is our every day role and commitment to ensure unity through a harmonized growth of our sport. The new FIBA brand design and architecture, which will be rendered public within a few months, will best represent the unity of the FIBA family and the great opportunities for our sport that lie ahead of us in this unity.

We wish you happy holidays and best wishes for the New Year.

Borislav Stanković
FIBA Secretary General
1976 – 2002

Patrick Baumann
FIBA Secretary General
as of 2003

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What's in store?

As the governing body for basketball, FIBA strives to firmly contribute to the fight against doping through education, information and regulation. As one of many initiatives in this fight FIBA started a campaign on its website using for the first time the new FIBA mascot in slides as well as in a short cartoon. The key messages are illustrated for a targeted young audience from 6 to 66 years old.

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Lisa Leslie (USA) named Most Valuable Player at the FIBA World Championship for Women 2002

Thirteen Junior Teams for Worlds determined One Planet – One Title

Thirteen of the sixteen teams who will compete for the World title at the World Championship for Junior Men are known. Only the three teams from Asia will still have to qualify in the continental championship in Kuwait, which will be finalized on 26th December this year. The following teams have qualified so far: Angola, Argentina, Australia, Croatia, Greece, Lithuania, Malaysia, Nigeria, Puerto Rico, USA, Slovenia, Turkey, Venezuela.

Draw

Who is up against who in the Preliminary Round for the Junior Men World title will be decided on January 10, 2003 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia at the Legend Hotel. Please stay tuned on fiba.com for the results.

System of Play

The final sixteen teams will be drawn in four groups of four teams (round robin), before the best two placed teams of each group advance to the Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals in elimination system. The Championship will be played in Malaysia from 10th – 20th July 2003. The Preliminary Round will be played in the MABA Stadium in Kuala Lumpur and the Penang International Sports Arena in Pulau Pinang. The Final Round will be played in the Putra Stadium in Bukeit Jalal Kuala Lumpur.

Today's players are tomorrow's superstars

This 6th Championship for players under 19 years (born on 1st January 1984 or later) has always been a showcase of the biggest basketball talent on the globe. The list of players who participated in former championships reads like a who is who of today's superstars of international basketball: Rimas Kurtinaitis (URS 1979), Andrew Gaze (AUS 1983), Jacques Conceicao (ANG 1983), Detlef Schrempf (GER 1983), Toni Kukoc (YUG 1987), Vlade Divac (YUG 1987), Wang Zhi Zhi (CHN 1995), Vince Carter (USA 1995), Andrei Kirilenko (RUS 1999), Pau Gasol (ESP 1999) are just a couple of names of a long list of players who have become true heroes of the sport in the years after their first appearance on world level. During this event you can watch them all in a stage where their names aren't developed yet, but their game is.

Pure basketball

"Watching these young men play is some of the nicest and purest basketball experience you can gain. Speed, skill, emotion and natural play makes this basketball a lot of fun to watch – at least from a fans perspective", states FIBA Deputy Secretary General Patrick Baumann and promises, "From all our events, this Championship has probably the biggest potential, and we will do everything possible so that it will have the audience it deserves." "We are excited to stage this prestigious FIBA event in Asia" states FIBA President Carl Men Ky Ching, and added: "Asian people love basketball, and we will embrace the talent of the world once the ball has tipped off for the Championship in Malaysia."

World Championship for Juniors every two years?

Many experts within the FIBA family strongly opt for this Championship to be held every two years, instead of every four years. This would allow more generations to participate. Junior Championships are regularly played every two years in each continent anyhow and a World Championship every two years would help establishing strong Junior Championship in each country and put emphasis on the younger categories. The biggest obstacle for new international events, namely the calendar, is almost no issue in this age category. The Commission for International Competitions has asked the Youth Commission of FIBA to further study the proposal.

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FIBA signed a new contract with CHAMPION

Display of talent: Spain's Navarro at the 1999 World Championship for Junior Men

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+ + + African Championship U 20 for first time in Africa

The 1st African Championship for Women Under 20 will take place in Tunisia from the 21st-28th December 2002. Ten countries have confirmed their participation: Tunisia, Senegal, Ivory Coast, Angola, Democratic Republic of Congo, Mozambique, Guinea, Mali, Nigeria and Algeria. + + +

What's in store?

Asian Youth Championships

The Asian Championship for Young Women was played for the first time in the history of FIBA-Asia from the 28th October to the 3rd November in Shijazhuang, China. Nine countries participated; China won gold, Korea won silver and Chinese Taipei won bronze.

The Junior Men and Women will be next to play for the Asian Championship. The 17th Asian Championship for Junior Men will take place in Kuwait December 16th to the 26th 2002 with the participation of 16 teams. The top three placed teams will qualify for the World Championships for Junior Men in Malaysia summer 2003. The 16th Asian Championship for Junior Women will be played in Chinese Taipei on December 21st to the 30th, 2002 with the participation of 14 teams.

World Champs for Young Women moved to Sibenik

The 1st World Championship for Young Women 2003 was planned to be played in Dubrovnik, Croatia but has been moved to a different city. Sibenik, also located on the Adriatic coast of Croatia will be the venue for the women's competition next summer.

Twelve teams are entitled to participate at the first World Championship. The 11 teams qualified for the event are the host Croatia, USA, Brazil, Argentina, Czech Republic, Russia, France, Latvia, Australia, China and Korea. The team from Africa will be known after December 28, 2002. Registration forms for this event must be received by the Secretariat of FIBA by December 31st, 2002. The Draw for the World Championship for Young Women is scheduled for the 28th of January 2003 in Sibenik.

The games will be played in the sports hall "Baldekin" at the address Stjepana Radica bb, HR – 22000 Sibenik. The participants' accommodations will be the Hotel Olympia and for FIBA representatives and officials will be Hotel Punta, for more information about accommodations in the area go to www.vodicanka.hr.

FIBA's world

Busy Schedule for World Meetings

Central Board, Zone Secretaries General and Competitions Commission met in Geneva

The second week of November was a very busy one for the members of the FIBA Central Board, the Zone Secretaries General and the members of the Commission for International Competitions.

The Commission for International Competitions, under its new President Ruben Rabano from Argentina, met at the beginning of the week to discuss important issues such as the harmonization of the calendar and the creation of new world events for national teams and clubs. The proposals made in this Commission were forwarded to the Central Board for approval.
The Secretaries General of FIBA-Africa, FIBA-Americas, FIBA-Asia, FIBA-Europe and FIBA-Oceania met for their bi-annual meeting to give an activity report on their Zone and also discuss the proposals by the Commission for International Competitions. They also refined the strategy for a corporate vision and mission including all five continents. A priority of goals have been defined and put forward to the Central Board for approval.
The Central Board of FIBA under its new President Carl Men Ky Ching met on the 16th and 17th November 2002 for the 2nd session during its 2003 – 2006 term of office in Geneva, Switzerland. The following decisions were made:

Harmonization of Calendar

Following the proposal of the Commission for International Competitions, the Board has approved to harmonize the international basketball calendar for national teams in the following way:

July – August: Olympic Games
25th August – 30th September:
World Championship for Men and Women
1st July – 30th September:
Continental Championship
for Men and Women

This would enable FIBA for the first time to have all its international competitions on a regional and world level within a fixed time period. The club competitions therefore would no longer be interrupted for national team competitions. The summer months shall also include a period of holidays for players.

24 Teams at World Championship for Men

The Board has in principle approved to increase the number of participating teams from 16 to 24 which would better reflect the raised standard of national teams throughout the world. This decision is subject to final discussions with the Local Organizing Committee of the 2006 edition in Japan. If agreements with all parties involved are reached, the following will apply:

Host: 1 place, Africa: 3 places,
Asia: 3 places, Europe: 6 places,
Americas : 5 places, Oceania: 2 places,
Invited by FIBA: 4 places.

• 4 groups of 6 teams would play in a round robin format. The 4 best teams of each group would continue to play in "knock-out" system the Eighth-Finals, Quarter-Finals, and medal round. Classification games would be played only for positions 1-8.
• The championship would be played in 5 cities and would last 16 or 17 days for a total of 80 games.

New World competitions

The Board has acknowledged the need for new and more regular World Competitions of the highest possible quality, especially for national teams.

The following proposals will be further studied:
• A FIBA Nations Cup (working title) for national teams which would be played in the odd years immediately after the Continental Championships with the participation of the five continental champions and the hosting country. This competition could start as early as 2005.
• A FIBA Diamond Ball for national teams for men and women which would be played in 2004 and further Olympic Years, shortly before the Olympic Basketball tournament. This competition, which is based on the experience of the FIBA Diamond Ball held in Hong Kong in 2000, will be an invitational tournament with 6 teams who have qualified for the Olympic Games. The Yugoslavian Basketball Federation has been assigned to organize the 2004 event for men.
• A World Club Championship for Women which would include 10 clubs from all around the world. Invited clubs would play in two phases, in the first phase in two groups of 4 clubs and in the final phase with the best two of the first phase and two more invited clubs. The first phase would be played in May, the second phase in October.
• A 3 on 3 World Tour will be studied which allows for an official and FIBA sanctioned world event.

New Corporate Identity of FIBA

Following the decision of the FIBA Central

+ + + Delfines de Miranda (Venezuela) South American Club Champion

The 39th South American Championships for Men's Champion Clubs was played October 20th – 27th, 2002 in Valdivia, Chile. The Delfines de Miranda retained their title as South American Champions. The winning team achieved six victories, having counted on the great performances of Victor David Díaz, Carl Herrera and the reinforcements Ruben Nembhard and Nate Johnstone. For a list of results go to *www.fiba.com* section: Have You Heard. + + +

Board from May 2002, a proposal for a new visual identity of FIBA has been presented to the Board members. Mr. Zintzmeyer from world renowned brand experts Interbrand Zintzmeyer & Lux, introduced a new concept for a unified global brand identity for FIBA. The Board has accepted the proposed new direction which would include a unified appearance for FIBA and the five regional Zones of FIBA. This unified appearance would also include the FIBA World events and the Continental Championship which qualify for the World Championships and Olympics. Interbrand has been authorized to further develop the final corporate identity of FIBA which will be launched in 2003.

FIBA Development Managers

visit Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, East Timor, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan.

Mexico was an initial visit by Anicet Lavodrama to become acquainted with Mr. Enrique Basulto, President, and the members of the Mexican Basketball Federation. Discussions were held with regards to the administration of the sport of basketball with the elements of highly populated nation with over 100 million people and its 32 states Mexico has implemented a very encouraging training process and database of their coaches and the referees. Mr. Felipe Muñoz, President of the Mexican Olympic Committee and Mr. Juan José Palacios, General Director of Sports, provided insight on Mexico's sports structure and where basketball fits as an important social alternative and human resources development factor.

Puerto Rico's Basketball Federation President, Mr. Hector Reyes, and members of the federation's Technical Board as well as the Secretary General of the Puerto Rican Players' Association met with Mr. Lavodrama. The matters addressed were the follow up on the issues discussed on a previous meeting for a better coordination of the developmental process of young people getting into basketball and their training environment. Several projects are in the implementation phase in that direction. Puerto Rico is historically a strong performer at FIBA World competitions and the basketball federation is determined to remain as such through the implementation of strategies aiming at an improved training process for coaches and referees. The visit also served the purpose of introducing a new IT structure to FIBA-Americas, who have their headquarters in San Juan.

Cuba was visited for the first time by Mr. Lavodrama who met with President Ruperto Herrera who heads the federation together with Mr. Gregorio Cabrera, Secretary General. The leitmotiv "Sport, Right of the People" was very much evident during the course of the visit.

Messrs. José R. Fernandez (President of the Cuban Olympic Committee), Mr. Humberto Rodriguez (President of the National Sports and Physical Education Institute), diligently confirmed Cuba's commitment to the sport of basketball. Cuba has an ideally very efficient structure around basketball. The organized development of basketball presents a very optimistic perspective.

East Timor is not a member of the FIBA family yet and the aim of the FIBA Development Manager Mr. Zoran Radović was to establish them as an affiliate national federation of FIBA. Despite the economic difficulties East Timor basketball people are very enthusiastic and hopeful. Radović stated, "The trip was very successful, we hope to establish strong ties and have East Timor become a part of the FIBA family. There is a positive future for the East Timor Basketball Federation".The visit was successfully organized by the President of the Federation Mr. Alberto Carlos and Isildo Thilman and Vicente de Ribeiro.

The Middle East trip was characterized with excellent hospitality and west Asia's Secretary General Mr. Hagop Khajirian joined Radović for the remainder of the trip. The first meeting with **Lebanese** Basketball Federation and its president Mr. Jean Hammam was extremely positive and it was no surprise that Lebanon played in the FIBA World Championship for Men 2002 in Indianapolis, USA. Overall, the LBF has a very promising future in the basketball world.

Syrian Basketball Federation (left to right): Administrative Director Mr. Musallem Homsi, FIBA Development Manager Zoran Radović, President Mumtaz Malaz, Secretary General Hisham Abou Ghazale and National Team Director Mr. Oubay Douaji.

The same is to be said about the futures of the national basketball federations of **Syria** and **Jordan**. Specifically, in the case of the Jordan Basketball Federation which is in a transitional period from amateur basketball to professional. The Presidents of Jordanian and Syrian, Federations Messrs. Awwad Haddad and Mumtaz Malas were very enthusiastic and the basketball communities in both countries give a guarantee for future development. One of the, main objectives of his trip was to establish a league competition in west Asia which in the future can be the common league for west Asia and the Gulf countries, similar to the Euroleague in Europe.

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Champion signs contract for next four years

On the occasion of the Central Board meeting of FIBA, held in Geneva on the 15th and 16th November, the new sponsorship contract with CHAMPION was signed for the period 2003-2006.

Mr. Sauro Mambrini, President of Champion, Mr. Borislav Stanković and Mr. Aldo Vitale of FIBA signed the new agreement in attendance of Mr. Carl Men Ky Ching, President of FIBA and Mr. Patrick Baumann, FIBA Deputy Secretary General.

Both CHAMPION and FIBA have had a positive long standing relationship since 1996. The partnership grants financial contribution as well as value in kind for future FIBA competitions.

FIBA Secretary General Borislav Stanković stated, "We are very pleased to extend the fruitful relationship with one of the leading sports apparel companies in the world. This partnership will further help us to promote the sport around the world."

Also present at the signing of the contract were Dr. Roberto Mazzoni, General Manager CHAMPION and Bruno Bernardini, President of Sport System Europe and acting consultant for Champion.

Mr. Mario Mambrini, President of CHAMPION and Mr. Aldo Vitale, FIBA at signing in Geneva, November 15th 2002.

FIBA Basketball Promotion GmbH is a subsidiary of FIBA. FBP consists of three departments: Marketing, Events and Study Centre & Research.

+ European Board Appoints Nar Zanolin as FIBA-Europe Executive Director

Zanolin, a native of Canada, served as a FIBA international referee between 1974 - 1989 after which he was employed by the Secretariat of FIBA as Assistant to the Secretary General until 1996. He has since been working in various roles in European basketball before returning to FIBA- Europe. His term of office as Secretary General of FIBA-Europe will begin January 1st 2003. Mr. Kosta Iliev submitted his resignation as a Board member due to his appointment as FIBA Europe Sports Director. He has been replaced by Mrs. Marion Grethen. + + +

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People

+ + + Lisa Leslie (USA)
Most Valuable Player
Lisa Leslie has quite a list of honors and medals from the basketball world. Leslie, who was on the USA team at the FIBA World Championship 2002 in China this past September, not only won the gold medal, but was awarded Most Valuable Player. Leslie's accumulation of gold medals first started at the 1991 World University Games and so far has reached a total of seven, of which two are Olympic medals and two are FIBA World Championship medals. Leslie has played for USA Basketball and plays Center for the WNBA Los Angeles Sparks in her home state of California. In 1998 and 1993 Leslie was named USA Basketball Female Athlete of the Year.

+ + + Mohammed Acha The basketball world was hit with sad news this past October. Nigerian national and Lebanese club team player Mohammed Acha died at the age of 28 in San Antonio, Texas, USA. A similar incidence involving his health occurred earlier in the year forcing Acha to retired from basketball. Acha had won three Lebanese Championships, three Lebanese Cups, three Arab Clubs Championships and two Asian Clubs Championships all with Sagesse. He played also the McDonald's Championship in Milan, Italy and the FIBA World Championship for Men 1998 in Greece.

+ + + Dusan Ivkovic
Dusan Ivkovic, one of the most successful basketball coaches in history and newly appointed President of the FIBA World Association of Basketball Coaches (WABC), visited the FIBA Headquarters on the 17th of November to discuss the future strategy of the WABC with FIBA Secretary General Borislav Stankovic and FIBA Deputy Secretary General Patrick Baumann.

+ + + Al Ramsey Basketball Australia hosted a function in October in honor of FIBA Honorary Member Al Ramsey to mark his retirement from FIBA-Oceania and FIBA duties and in recognition of his immense contribution to basketball in the region and indeed the world level. FIBA Oceania President Bob Elphinston and Basketball Australian President John Maddock were among the guests and presented Al with a trophy for his outstanding contribution.

Stay tuned

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EVENT CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2002

20, 23, 27/11/02	*33rd European Championship for Men 2003, Semi-Final Round, Second Leg*
20, 23, 27/11/02	*33rd European Championship for Women 2003, Semi-Final Round, Second Leg*

DECEMBER 2002

16/12/02 - 26/12/02	*17th Asian Championship for Junior Men 2002 in Kuwait*
20/12/02 - 30/12/02	*16th Asian Championship for Junior Women 2002 in Chinese Taipei*
21/12/02 - 28/12/02	*1st African Championship for Young Women 2002 in Tunisia*

JANUAR 2003

10/01/03	*Draw for 7th World Championship for Junior Men in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia*
18/01/03	*Draw for 29th European Championship for Women in Greece*
28/01/03	*Draw for 1st World Championship for Young Women in Sibenik, Croatia*

MEETING CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2002

02/12/02 – 03/12/02	*FIBA-Asia Clinic for International Referees Candidates in Delhi, India*
06/12/02 – 07/12/02	*FIBA-Asia Clinic for International Referees Candidates in Tashkent, Uzbekistan*

FEBRUARY 2002

Tba	*FIBA-Africa Clinic for International Referees in Burkina Faso*
Tba	*FIBA-Africa Clinic for Coaches in Senegal*
Tba	*FIBA-Africa Clinic for Coaches in Morocco*

MARCH 2002

28, 29/03/2002	*FIBA-Europe Board Meeting*

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