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Dear AEFCA-Members and -Friends,

Unfortunately, it is now a sad certainty: despite extensive efforts by the Board and Secretariat, it was not possible to find a venue for the AEFCA-Symposium this autumn.

The little virus thwarted our plans for the second time in a row.

The currently rapidly increasing incidences within Europe have led to the fact that no indoor-events with larger numbers of participants can be held at the moment within conditions that can be met.

However, the observed course of the pandemic in the past 18 months has shown that the Infection-situation can change significantly at other times of the year.

Both national coaching associations, with whom we last negotiated, have declared that they intend to negotiate an AEFCA-Symposium next year in May or June 2022.

In addition, the AEFCA has received offers from event organizers, which are also examined in detail.

In any case, the postponed AEFCA General Assembly will take place at the next AEFCA-Symposium with elections for AEFCA-Board and AEFCA-Executive Committee.



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Alea iacta sunt! – The die is cast!

Part one of the qualification for the European participants in the 2022 World Cup in Qatar has been played out. But the favorites did not prevail in all of the 10 qualification groups.

With a goal in the last minute of the game, Croatia was able to secure the group victory. Serbia sent ex-European champions Portugal in the qualifying round by scoring in the last minute.

A not scored penalty on penultimate matchday gave Switzerland the chance to win the group. With a clear victory on the last match Switzerland forced the newly crowned European champion Italy, that only played a draw on the last matchday, to go into the qualification round together with nine other runners-up in the table.

Other participants like Turkey managed to qualify for the qualification-round in the last group match.

Together with the two best group winners of the Nations League 2021/21, the last three European participants will be played in three groups of four.

The groups will be drawn on November 26, 2021.

Starting March 24, 2022, six semi-finals will be played, afterwards three finals will be played and only the three winners will qualify for the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.

The participants of the AEFCA-Symposium planned for summer 2022 will have plenty of time to exchange ideas about the success strategies of the qualified associations.

A few more months before the World Cup starts in November 2022, the delegates will be very interested to listen to the predictions of the football-experts.

Online-Trainingscourses

A number of AEFCA members have expanded their training to include online-courses in the wake of the spreading pandemic.

Very soon, after the usual face-to-face events could not be held either indoors or outdoors, a whole series of trainer-associations broke new ground with online-training.

In particular, the coaching associations of the major soccer nations have successfully established this new training path within a very short period of time.



The AEFCA had to observe, however, that a number of particularly smaller associations was not able to offer online-trainings for their members.

Our random queries showed that on the one hand the financial requirements were not in place, but on the other hand there was also no technical staff available to carry out this task.

The AEFCA secretariat offers these associations the opportunity to establish contact with the associations that are already practicing with the aim of organizing their own events.

In any case, please note that the new form and content of these events are recognized by your football association as advanced training.

Offers from various Cooperation Partners

The AEFCA has now been working with the provider "Soccer Hub" for several years.

The Portugal-based company offers training in several languages. You may find the current offers on the internet at www.hub-soccer.com.

In addition to various "Soccer-Coaches Packages", Soccer-Hub offers online-courses on various topics related to soccer.

Beside courses that are subject to a small fee, Soccer-Hub also offers a number of fee-free courses, for example "How to become a Soccer-Coach", "How to become a Soccer-Scout" or "English for Soccer-Professionals".

In any case, a very interesting program for aspiring and practicing coaches. „Johan Cruyff-Institute“

The „CI“, the Johan-Cruyff-Institute based with headquarters in Amsterdam and Barcelona and dependences all over the world, offers education in Spanish and English language.

AEFCA, as partners of the Johan Cruyff Institute, can access special benefits such as discounts on the academic programs.

The Online Academic Programs of Johan Cruyff-Institute are a great way to continue growing and developing skills about Sport Industry from home.



„CI“-Courses start with education in governance and leadership, financial management and analytics.

You may acquire academic degrees such as „Postgraduate Diploma in Sports“ or „Masterdegrees in Sportsmanagement or Sportsmarketing“.

A number of courses are offered both face-to-face and online.

A highlight is the course „Master in Football-Business“ in partnership with CF Barcelona. For further information please go to www.johancruyffinstitute.com

A year like hardly any other before is drawing to a close. We all had to adjust to new challenges.

But the European Trainer-Organizations have impressively shown, that they can adapt to changing framework conditions and have successfully solved even the most difficult tasks.

Beside all challenges - we hope that you and yours have remained negative.

With pre-Christmas greetings



Jürgen Pforr
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