MESSAGE FROM THE EMC
CHAIRMAN - MOTTI TICHAUER

My Dear Maccabi Friends,

It is hard to believe that three months have already passed since we had our Opening Ceremony of the 19th Maccabiah in Teddy Stadium in Jerusalem.

Europe was represented with 44 delegations, 65% of the Maccabiah delegations came from our continent.

The feedback that we are getting from our affiliated T.O.'s is more than enthusiastic.

The Maccabiah proved again to be a milestone in the constancy of our Movement, another push forward in our Jewish continuity.

And talking about continuity brings our next big event to prepare:

The EMG 2015 in Berlin, Germany. The German capital city starts to prepare itself to welcome 2,000 Jewish athletes to a festival of Jewish values and sports. Preparations are under way. EF1 is out since September, please send your registrations till the end of 2013.

The President of Maccabi World Union, Guiora Esrubilsky, and myself will be present at a Makkabi Gala this coming weekend in Berlin.

We are in the middle of preparation of our yearly events calendar, if you like to organize a tournament please get in touch with us.

We wish you all the best in your preparations for the EMG 2015. If you have questions, the EMC Sports Director, Robert Cohen, will be more than happy to assist.
Our new European Shaliach, Asaf Golan, started his mission on October 1, you can read his message below. We wish Asaf a lot of success.

Maccabi Chai,
Motti Tichauer

EUROPEAN MACCABI GAMES - BERLIN 2015

Entry Form 1 of the next European Maccabi Games, EMG2015, was sent out September 18, 2013. The EF1 includes 23 sports in all the age categories. Several T.O.’s have already sent their replies. Please make sure to submit your forms until December 31, 2013.

MESSAGE FROM THE EMC NEW SHALIACH - ASAF GOLAN

Shalom Chaverim,

My name is Asaf Golan Golinsky, I am the new Maccabi Central Shaliach in Europe.

I was born in Israel 28 years ago. In 1991, when I was six I moved with my family to Bogota, Colombia, where my father was sent as an official representative of Israel.

I grew up in the Jewish Community of Bogota, studied in the Jewish school and was part of Maccabi Colombia and the local Jewish Youth Movement "Kineret". I developed within the Jewish organizations and at the age of 16 became a Madrich in the Youth Movement and part of the Board of Maccabi Colombia "Federacion".

When I was 18, in 2003, I returned with my family to Israel and joined the IDF, as most Israelis do. I was recruited to the Artillery and soon became an IDF officer. After 6 years of service, I was released from the military service as a Captain.

Shortly after my service I started my B.A. studies in Business and Marketing in the College of Management of Rishon le Tzion. While I was a student, I started working in Maccabi World Union, as a Madrich and then a Logistic Coordinator of Long Term Programs in the Latin American Department.

I am very happy to join the EMC team, under the leadership of the Chairman, Motti Tichauer, and to take on the important work that was done by Michal Levy.

My vision is to see Maccabi in Europe getting stronger and becoming the most popular organization within the Jewish communities in Europe. One important way to achieve that goal is by creating a strong young leadership in each community and by bringing our youngsters to strengthen their Jewish Identity and engaging them in the Maccabi Family. I believe that I bring fresh ideas and a very good energy in order to achieve that goal.

I am looking forward to working together with you, all the European T.O.’s

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Best wishes to all,

Asaf

MESSAGE FROM THE NEW IOC PRESIDENT

EMC Chairman, Motti Tichauer, sent a letter to Dr. Thomas Bach, the new IOC President, in which he expressed the concern about the publications about Dr. Bach's part in the Israel boycott group. In response to the letter, the Director General of the IOC wrote: "Please rest assured that Mr. Bach has never been part of an Israeli boycott group. To the contrary, as former President of the German Sports Confederation (DOSB), he has undertaken many efforts to build bridges and friendship through sport between Israeli and German athletes, young people and sport officials."

LAWN BOWLERS FROM MACCABI GB IN ISRAEL

Stuart Lustigman brought 2 tour groups of lawn bowlers from Maccabi GB to Israel in October 2013. The groups were based at Kfar Maccabiah and traveled the country and played lawn bowls at 6 different venues. There were 35 people on the first tour and 31 people on the second tour, which is larger than any of the previous 10 tours that Stuart has brought to Israel!

INTERNATIONAL MACCABI FUTSAL EVENT
MACCABI HOLLAND

International Maccabi Futsal event, both for men and women, will take place in Amsterdam, January 12, 2014, 9.30-17.30. For registration and more information, please contact: zaalvoetbal@maccabi.nl

SPECIAL AWARD FROM MACCABI AZERBAIJAN

Semion Ikhilov, President of Maccabi Azerbaijan, has awarded Ragif Abbasov, the Head of the Youth and Sports Department of Baku with a gold medal and a diploma of honor for his contribution to the development of Maccabi in Azerbaijan.
KRAV MAGA FEDERATION - MACCABI KHERSON, UKRAINE

The sports club "Maccabi Or Kherson" in the Jewish community of Kherson, Ukraine, was founded with the active support of the Chief Rabbi of Kherson region, Yosef Yitzchak Wolf, to attract young people to physical culture and sports.

One of the activities of the club, led by Paul Serebnitskiy, is the "Krav Maga Federation" which attracts the attention of many members of the community.

Krav Maga (Hebrew - "contact combat") - developed in Israel, the military system of unarmed combat, which places emphasis on the rapid neutralization of the immediate threat to life. The system gained prominence after it was adopted by special Israeli security forces.

The system of Krav Maga was developed in the 1930s, by Imi Lichtenfeld, also known as Imi Sde-Or (Sde-Or - "Light Field", translated into Hebrew). Initially he taught his fighting system in Bratislava in order to help protecting the Jewish community from Nazi militias. After arriving in Palestine, Lichtenfeld began teaching martial arts in the Haganah. After the founding of the State of Israel in 1948, he became Chief Instructor of physical training and fighting at the School of Combat Training of the IDF. Lichtenfeld served in the IDF until 1964, constantly developing and improving the system. After his retirement he adapted Krav Maga for civil reality.

The coaches of Kherson "Krav Maga Federation" are experienced professionals Arthur Grass and Artem Kashkurtsiev. Arthur served in the special forces in Israel, where he studied Krav Maga. Artem, in addition to skills in Krav Maga, has achieved outstanding success in many forms of martial arts. He is an international master of sports of Ukraine in kickboxing and a coach of the highest category.

In view of the fact that in recent years the work of medical staff of first aid ambulances becomes increasingly exposed to the risk of violence during the call at different times of day, Maccabi Krav-Maga Federation organized a training seminar, which was attended by some 60 medical specialists of rescue services.

The Kherson Federation plans to conduct training seminars for journalists, social centers, social service professionals, families, children and youth.

ISRAELI ATHLETES IN KAZAN, RUSSIA

Maccabi Kazan, Russia, and one of the founders of Maccabi Kazan, Lev Shteinberg, hosted Israeli athletes that took part in the Universiade Games in Kazan, July 6-17, 2013.

MACCABI SAMARA, RUSSIA - VOLLEYBALL TEAM

"Terra - Maccabi", Maccabi Samara volleyball team took part in the 2nd regional volleyball open tournament for men in Samara, Russia, July 2013.
MACCABI SAMARA, RUSSIA - FAMILY CAMP

100 participants, families of Maccabi Samara members took part in the annual family camp June 30 - July 5, 2013. This is the 18th year of the camp's existence and it was dedicated this time to 65 years of the State of Israel.