



**ANDORRA**  
The Andorran FA's stand at Planet Fútbol.



**BELARUS**  
Goalkeeper and captain Yury Zhevnov receives the trophy from the Maltese tournament.

# News from member associations



## **ANDORRA** Present at Planet Fútbol

From 17 to 22 February in Barcelona, the Andorran FA took part in Planet Fútbol for the first time, giving the thousands of visitors the opportunity to find out about the association's different activities and discover how it is celebrating its tenth anniversary.

The association's stand was in the main pavilion, where it rubbed shoulders with the stands of important associations and clubs such as the Spanish FA, RCD Espanyol, Real Madrid and FC Barcelona. This advantageous situation ensured that many visitors passed our way and learned about our tournaments, camps, grassroots football activities and national team, among other things.

A screen traced the ten-year history of our association in image, notably our national team's matches against France, Brazil, the Netherlands and the Republic of Ireland, as well as various football and futsal tournaments. The stand was decorated with first-division shirts as well as pennants and souvenir shirts from important matches.

Our presence at Planet Fútbol also allowed the general public and football professionals to see how we are celebrating our tenth anniversary. Among other events, there will be friendly matches against Spain and France, as well as a Francesc Vila memorial tournament in which some renowned European clubs will be taking part.

*Miquel Angel Quiñones*



## **BELARUS** New cycle for the national team

The mid-season break turned out to be an extraordinarily busy time for the national teams of Belarus. The management of the Belarus Football Federation, together with the coaches of the national teams at all levels, had prepared a thorough plan of training camps and friendly matches.

The events which attracted greatest media and public attention were the participation of the senior national team in international tournaments in Cyprus and Malta. After their unsuccessful EURO 2004 qualifying campaign, the senior team started its new cycle with a tournament in Cyprus, where, in a deciding match, they defeated EURO 2004 finalists Latvia 4-1 to take third place. Belarusian forward Maksim Romashenko, who plays for Trabzonspor in Turkey, was the leading scorer of the tournament, putting the

ball into the back of the net five times in three matches, which in the process also made him his country's leading scorer, with a total of ten goals to date.

Earlier, the Under-21 side of Yury Puntus represented their country in the tournament in Malta and came home with the trophy – a tremendous feat. After the European Under-21 Championship final round in Germany, many of these players will be taking their place in the senior national team.

Off the field, construction work on the "House of Football" will start soon on a site near to the indoor arena in Minsk. The Belarus FA has already acquired the land, received planning permission and completed other preparatory work regarding the project. The office is being built within the framework of the football development programme in Belarus and under the personal patronage of the country's president, Alexander Lukashenko. It is scheduled for completion in December.

*Sviatoslav Kiselev*



## **BELGIUM** Organisation of European tournaments

Belgium has always tried to play an active role in the various activities of UEFA. It has proved this once again by offering to host the qualifying tournaments for the European Under-17 and Under-19 Championships.

The Belgian national teams will be trying to qualify for the final round in both categories. The Under-17 tournament will be held in the Liège province from 26 March to 1 April, when our young Red Devils will



## **BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

### Close attention paid to security issues

Although the winter break between the two parts of the championship lasted almost three months, there was no rest for the Football Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Work was concentrated on preparing for the remainder of the championship as well as for the semi-finals of the BH Cup. But most attention was given to the



**BELARUS** The Under-21s won the Maltese tournament.