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MANY EVENTS ON TAP

The ISF Junior Women's World Championship will begin in 19 days in Brampton (ON), Canada. The championship will feature 16 teams from all five regions in the 19-under division. For all the latest information on the tournament, visit the official event website at www.jwwc2013.com.

Softball is also on the program of the 9th World Games in Cali, Colombia commencing in 43 days. Five teams, Argentina, Aruba, Colombia, Cuba, and Venezuela, will participate. The World Games features sports and disciplines who are not presently on the Olympic Games program. This is the fourth appearance for softball, who is a charter member of the International World Games Association, starting in 1981.

Also on tap for softball is the 8th World Masters Games in Torino, Italy in August. Softball is the second biggest sport behind football/soccer with over 800 participants. Between 14,000 and 15,000 participants are expected to compete in 30 sports and 160 disciplines for athletes 35 years of age and older.

WORLD SOFTBALL DAY

The worldwide softball community will again celebrate World Softball Day tomorrow, June 13. Some countries have planned tournaments with their local clubs, while others have organized educational clinics or introductory camps.



Nepal celebrates by playing a friendly game of softball.



Pakistan holds a coaching and umpiring

(photo: Nepal Baseball Softball Association)

clinic for over 80 participants.
(photo: Softball Federation of Pakistan)

WBSC PRESENT AT SPORTACCORD

The WBSC had a large presence at SportAccord in St. Petersburg, Russia earlier this month. In addition to presenting to the IOC Executive Board, the WBSC had a booth in the exhibition hall and participated in the Demo Zone. The Demo Zone allowed convention participants to take a swing at a baseball or softball in an inflatable batting cage.



A convention delegate takes a swing in the Demo Zone (photo: Around the Rings)



The WBSC booth (photo: Around the Rings)

WBSC WILL ATTEND ANOC ASSEMBLY

WBSC co-presidents, Riccardo Fraccari and Don Porter, will be attending the Association of National Olympic Committee's General Assembly in Lausanne, Switzerland this weekend. Approximately 800 delegates from the 204 National Olympic Committees as well as the Presidents of the International Federations, Representatives from the Olympic Games Organizing Committees and Candidate Cities will take part in the ANOC General Assembly.

ISF PRESIDENT ATTENDS COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

Don Porter was in attendance during the final games of the U.S. Women's College Softball World Series between the University of Oklahoma and the University of Tennessee at ASA

Hall of Fame Stadium in Oklahoma City, OK (USA). A press conference was held with Porter and several Olympic medalists to update the press on the progress of the WBSC 2020 Olympic campaign.

IN MEMORIAM

Xavier Mateu passed away last week at the age of 50 following a heart attack. Mateu was the Technical Director for the Spanish Baseball and Softball Federation and also Secretary General of the European Baseball Confederation (CEB). The ISF expressed our deepest condolences to his family and friends.



(photo: IBAF)