



## **DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND MISSIONS 2015**

### **EASTON / HOYT PROGRAM**

World Archery Americas came to a cooperation agreement with Mr. Greg EASTON to get support in terms of intermediate level equipment from EASTON and HOYT for a total amount of 30 000.00 USD.

For WAA Member Associations to be considered for this project, it is mandatory that they should have a Strategic Development Program and that they should have at least one full-time coach to implement the project to the intended scope.

At this point, five WAA Member Associations have received or are in the process of receiving equipment donated by EASTON and HOYT. Specific details are enclosed in a separate report.

### **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

In the first half of the year Coach Ivan Yotov conducted his missions in six WAA Member Associations: Guatemala, Venezuela, Argentina, Ecuador, Cuba and Paraguay. The overall assessment made by Coach Yotov and the National Federations involved was very positive in most of the countries.

For the second semester, the list of countries will now include Puerto Rico and Costa Rica to replace Ecuador and Cuba.

### **CLASSIFIERS' SEMINAR**

World Archery Americas will carry out a national classifiers' seminar in Medellín, Colombia on November 21-22, 2015. It will be conducted by World Archery International Classifier Mr. John NYLAND (USA). The main goal of this seminar is to train classifiers who can assess the disabilities of para-archers in their own countries as a way to promote para-archery all over the Americas.

The seminar will include a test as a form of assessment. The participants who pass the test will be accredited as National Qualifiers by World Archery. Those with very high exam scores will be eligible for further training at the next International Classifier Candidate Seminar.

Physiotherapists, physical therapists and medical doctors registered by World Archery Americas National Federations will be accepted as participants in the seminar. Physical trainers may also be accepted.

Those interested in participating should contact [worldarcheryamericas@gmail.com](mailto:worldarcheryamericas@gmail.com) before October 20, 2015.



WAA is now in direct contact the Pan American Paralympic Committee. We forwarded the invitation to them and they distributed it to all of their National Committees. We have received emails from the NPC of Jamaica and Costa Rica asking for information on the seminar.

### **JUDGES SEMINAR IN RIO**

World Archery Americas, World Archery and the Brazilian Archery Confederation will hold an International Judge Candidate and Continental Judges' Seminar in Rio de Janeiro on the occasion of the Olympic Games Test Event.

The seminar will be held in the facilities of the archery training center in Maricá, on Sept. 23-24, 2015. It will be conducted by World Archery Judge Committee Members Sergio FONT and Dion BUHAGIAR.

In order to take the Continental Judge exam, participants will need to have been judging nationally for at least two years, and must be supported by their National Archery Federation. The seminar will be conducted in English only, but the applicants may write their exams either in Spanish or in English.

To take the International Judge Candidate exam, participants will need to have been continental judges for at least two years, and to have officiated at least at one World Ranking Event. They must submit an application form signed by their own National Federation and the Pan American Archery Confederation. Candidates from other continental regions will need their forms to be signed by their respective continental associations. The seminar will be in English only, and the test must be taken in this language. There will be no test in Spanish for International Candidate status.

The final list of participants includes 15 candidates from Brazil, Chile, Guatemala and Spain.

### **JUDGES CONFERENCE IN TIJUANA**

World Archery Americas invites all Continental, International Candidates and International Judges of our continent to attend the Second Judges' Conference of the Americas.

The Conference will take place in Tijuana, Mexico, on Nov. 4-6, 2015. Its main goal is to contribute to raising the level of performance of our judges.

The actual Conference will be held on Nov. 4-5. A Continental Judge Exam will be administered on Nov. 6 to those National Judges supported by their National Federations who wish to become Continental Judges.



## MISSION IN GUYANA

Guyana is one of World Archery's newest Member Associations. They became a full-status Member at the WA Congress in Copenhagen in July 2015. Their President, Ms. Vidushi PERSAUD requested assistance from World Archery Americas regarding PVC bow manufacturing and basic archery coaching.

World Archery Americas appointed Mr. Diego TORRES to conduct a mission in Georgetown with two these two purposes in mind. He was in Guyana on August 14-24.

The results of the visit were very successful. Both Ms. PERSAUD and Mr. TORRES were very pleased with the mission.

## COACHES SEMINAR IN PUERTO RICO

World Archery Americas will hold an advanced-level seminar for archery coaches in Salinas, Puerto Rico, on October 7-11, 2015.

The seminar will be conducted by US Coach Phil GRAVES, who is a member of World Archery Americas Development Committee.

In order to be considered as a participant in this seminar, candidates need to comply with the following requisites set by Coach GRAVES with WAA's approval:

### Requirements for Seminar

- Coaches must be active in a recognized competitive archery program, **[individual and team]**
- Coaches should be able to verify they have coached archers in a national or international tournament. This includes but is not limited to their country's team selection tournaments, National championships or WAA tournaments. **[tournament progression/performance as a training tool]**
- Coaches should also be able to provide a one page summary of their recent archery experience and relevant continuing education over the past two years. How have they used this experience and education to improve their archer's/team's skill level and tournament performance? What worked and what didn't? If something did not work, how did they modify their approach? We don't need a resume based only on attendance. We would like to see performance related information. **[staying current on new coaching developments coupled with relevant education]**
- We would like to know what the coach's future realistic goals are. Are the coaches' goals set by their federation? What are their federation's goals for the next two years? And what development plans are in place to achieve these goals. How will they track and measure their progress? **[fail to plan, plan to fail]**

Registrations for this seminar have been closed. There will be 9 participants from Argentina, the Virgin Islands, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador and Puerto Rico.



## **COACHES SEMINAR IN SALT LAKE CITY**

Easton Foundations, USA Archery and World Archery Americas will hold a high performance continental coaches seminar at the World Class Easton Salt Lake Archery Center in Salt Lake City, Utah USA on November 5-7, 2015.

This seminar will accept up to 15 participants, 10 from the Americas and 5 from the US. These coaches will be selected by their National Federations and be of national level.

Coaches will be expected to arrive November 4, 2015 and depart November 8, 2015

The Easton Foundations will provide lodging, meals and use of the facility.

The hotel will provide transportation to and from airport to hotels and to and from the center

The coaches will be required to cover travel and travel expenses to and from Salt Lake City, Utah.

The seminar will include the following presentations, discussions and activities:

- Strength Training for Archery
- Nutrition
- Sports Psychology
- Bio-mechanics
- Stabilizer selection and setup/ Arrow selection- Steve Andersen- Easton Technical Products
- Re-curve setup and Tuning- Douglas Denton- Hoyt USA engineer
- Compound setup and Tuning- Brian Gold –Hoyt USA
- Easton and Hoyt Factory tours arranged by the manufacturers
- Proper release aid execution
- Bio-mechanics
- Competition prep/strategies
- Safe Sport
- Coaching on the line

Applications were expected to be made by the candidates' National Federations to [sergiofont@yahoo.com](mailto:sergiofont@yahoo.com) by September 1, 2015. As of September 1, the list of candidates includes 5 from the United States and 6 from other WAA countries. Another four positions are open till September 15.

## **CONTINENTAL SYSTEM TO TRAIN COACHES**

US coach Phil GRAVES, member of World Archery Americas Development Committee, will present a proposal of Continental Coach Training System to the WAA General Assembly in Medellin on Sept. 8. This proposal is the result of very hard work in the last few months. Three days later, on Sept. 11, Coach GRAVES will meet with the coaches of the Americas present in Medellin to discuss matters related with the system being proposed. All coaches at the World Cup are invited to take part and contribute their ideas to the discussions.



## **CONTINENTAL JUDGES SEMINAR IN PUERTO RICO**

World Archery Americas has 6 new Continental Judges who passed their examination at the seminar in Puerto Rico. The new judges are:

Nabil Jasser HUSEIN (BRA), Claudio COMPARATO CONTRUCCI (BRA), Clovis CAMPOS (BRA), Michel JOSEPH (CAN), Rene Schoub (CAN) and Lourdes ACOSTA (PUR)

## **CONTINENTAL JUDGES SEMINAR IN GUATEMALA**

International Judge Vladimir Dominguez ran a National and Continental Judges Seminar in Guatemala with attendees from the host nation and Costa Rica.

## **PROJECTS**

World Archery Americas will continue to support those Member Associations which have set specific goals and have laid out strategic development plans. A new call for development plans was made in July.

At this point, we are very pleased to announce that we have received new development plans from El Salvador, Guatemala, Ecuador, Colombia, Peru and Uruguay. We will assess these projects and will consider assisting those which really show that our resources will be wisely used.

## **OTHER SEMINARS**

An Olympic Solidarity Coaches Seminar will be held in Bolivia on November 17-23. It will be conducted by WA Coach Trainer Jorge CABRERA (ARG). Though this is a National Seminar, the organizers will accept foreign participants as well.