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10 years with EHC !!!

Dear Friends,

We'd like to start the 10th EHC season with two pictures. 9 years out of them.

It was back in 2001 when "6-friends-in-a-pub" came up with the idea of creating a circuit of races that would promote a strange (for that period) kind of sport called handbiking.

Those friends (Kees van Breukelen/NED, Christian Peter/AUT, Patrick Moyses/FRA, Didier Simons/BEL, Wolfgang Petersen/GER and Andreas Gautschi/CH) were strongly motivated by a common vision: to maintain their passion for this sport and to try to involve as many people as possible.

Rosenau was the very first race under the EHC logo, and 62 athletes crossed the start line.

They certainly didn't expect to see their idea expand so much that it would become a benchmark for the rest of the world 10 years later.

They did it for their passion for handbiking; the same passion that still drives them to continue today. Today, just like the very first day 10 years ago.

During almost 10 years, lot of things happened, and a quick look at these figures shows what has been accomplished:

	2001	2009
Member countries	6	12
Races	6	14
Registered athletes	147	723

... and we still want to do even better...

EHF Committee



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EHC Calendar 2010

1.	13	March	Al-Ain (UAE)	ITT
2.	13			Road Race
	14			Hill Climb (not valid for EHC)
3.	3	April	Rosenau (F)	Road Race
4.	15	May	Schenkön (CH)	ITT
5.	25	June	Grafendorf (CH)	ITT
6.	26			Road Race
	27			Hill Climb (not valid for EHC)
7.	3	July	Louny (CZK)	ITT
8.	3			Road Race
9.	5	September	Fowlmead, Kent (UK)	Road Race
10.	6			ITT
11.	18	September	Colmar Berg (LUX)	Road Race
12.	19			ITT

Only 8 out of 12 races count for the overall EHC ranking.



EHC prize money will increase in 2010!!!

The EHF Committee has unanimously decided to increase the overall prize money to **€9,000** from the €7,200 that was previously announced in the last newsletter.



The 2010 season will start with the new UCI classification system

As you know, the UCI has released a new classification system that will be used as from January 2010. The classification assignment is now based not only on the disability but it also takes into consideration the athlete's position on the bike.

The first Classification Master List was published by the UCI a few days ago.

For the updated UCI Rulebook and Master List, please go to the UCI website www.uci.ch

NEXT STAGE: AL-AIN, UAE



13-14 March.

info: www.alainmeeting.com



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The new EHF website is now online!!

www.ehf-ehc.eu, the new EHF website is now online.

News, calendars, results, statistics, rules and photo galleries will be available on the website. You can register for races directly online just by going to the website and filling in the required information.

The EHF Committee sees this website as another step towards offering the athletes better service and organisation, as well as the official point of contact and information.

Of course, suggestions to improve the service will be welcome!!

EHF Newsletter: check your anti-spam !!

We are experiencing a lot of problems sending the newsletter to registered people due to the continuous upgrading of anti-virus and anti-spam software.

A large number of people have reported encountering problems or negative replies when sending emails. For a better information service, please check your anti-spam filters and agree to receive emails from info.ehf@gmail.com, the official EHF-EHC email.

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