

Third EuroLang Meeting held in Sofia, Bulgaria

Between 10-11 November 2008, the third EuroLang partners meeting took place in Sofia, Bulgaria. The European Center for Education and Training (ECET), the Bulgarian partner, was very proud to be host of the event.

The EuroLang meeting started with a presentation of EUROLANG 2012 website design and products programming process. A lot of new ideas were presented and many of them were decided to be incorporated in the website.

As this meeting was about halfway of the project cycle a big part of the discussions were on the progress of the didactical materials, the quality control system and the partners' tasks in the ECET developed dissemination strategy. The partners agreed that the next meeting will take place in Hasselt, Belgium.



EuroLang at Prof. Willy Clijsters' retiring ceremony

On October 23rd 2008, the EuroLang project partner from University of Hasselt, Belgium and our great friend - Prof. Willy Clijsters had his retiring ceremony in the big aula of Hasselt University. More than 200 people, among which many language and training experts, attended the event.

Of course besides being a wonderful event to celebrate Prof. Clijsters' work it was also a great opportunity to present the EuroLang project to a diverse audience. This opportunity was not missed and Prof. Clijsters took great care to prepare a detailed presentation of EuroLang and answer the numerous interesting questions that arose.

The EuroLang project made many friends that day, hopefully our project will be as long and successful as Prof. Clijsters' career.





What Is Football?

Football is the name for a variety of team ball sports but most commonly the one invented in England, as played by David Beckham and Ronaldo, which is popular throughout the world and especially in Europe and South America. This increasingly popular team game is also known as 'association football' and 'soccer', the latter a term used especially in the USA.

How Do You Play Football?

Football is played by two teams of 11 players on a rectangular field. Each team has a set of goal posts and a net. The aim of the game is to retain possession of the ball and advance it across the opposite team's goal-line to score goals. This is achieved by running and passing the ball with the feet, head or chest. The team that wins is the one that scores the most goals.

What Other Types Of Football Are There?

The term football is also applied to a number of other well defined professional team ball sports such as Rugby Football (comprising Rugby Union and Rugby League), American Football, Australian Rules Football, Gaelic Football and Canadian Football. All of these games have different rules to the more widely played game of Football and contrast in most cases because players can use their hands as well as their feet. And in the case of Rugby Football and American football the ball is oval as opposed to round.

Where Did Football Begin?

The contemporary history of the game of football that we know today stretches back more than 100 years. It began in 1863 in England when the world's first Football Association was founded: The English FA. At this time Rugby Football was also formalised. However, the game of football had been around for Centuries prior to this and versions of it could be found all over the world, including in the 2nd and 3rd Century BC in China; and also Japan 600 years ago. The game flourished in the UK from the 8th Century onwards with a variety of regional versions. This popularity for team football games, played initially with hardly any rules, was to lead to the present day sports of Association Football and Rugby Football.

Who Got In On The Act Next?

After the English Football Association came the Scottish FA (1873) and then the Welsh FA (1875) and Irish FAs (1880). The first international match was Scotland vs England in 1872. Football soon spread to Britain's neighbours, trading partners and colonies. Holland, Denmark, New Zealand, Argentina, Chile, Switzerland, Belgium and Italy were some of the early major partners of the game. FIFA - the Federation of International Football Associations - was founded in 1904. The seven founder members were France, Belgium, Denmark, Holland, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

What Are The Cambridge Rules?

In 1848 at Cambridge University in England representatives from Cambridge and other leading British schools: Eton, Harrow, Rugby, Winchester and Shrewsbury set about fixing the first modern rules of football. This became known as the Cambridge Rules. The rules favoured the kicking game. There was even an early primitive version of the offside rule preventing players from loitering around the opponents' goal. The Cambridge Rules had a major influence on the early rules set up by the Football Association which form the basis of the game today.

When Is A Card Red or Yellow?

Penalties occur for fouls and players can receive either a red or yellow card.

Yellow

Anything deemed as unsporting behaviour

Dissent verbally or by action

Persistent infringement of the laws

Delaying restart of play

Not retreating required distance at free kicks or corners

Entering or re-entering pitch without the referee's permission

Deliberately leaving the pitch without the referee's permission

Red

Serious foul play

Violent conduct

Spitting at opponents or another person

A player other than the goalkeeper denying an obvious goalscoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball

Denying an obvious goalscoring opportunity by offences punishable by a free-kick or penalty kick

Using abusive language or gestures

Receiving a second caution in a game



The "EuroLang 2012" partners:

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- Hasselt University (BE)
- ECET (BG)
- Himmel & Jord (DE)
- Villa Montesca Research and Training Center (IT)
- European College of Polish and Ukrainian Universities (POL)

