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Subject: Expression of Interest to Host PAHF Events for Period 2011-2015

To: All PAHF Affiliated National Associations

**From: Sue Neill, Hon. Secretary General
: Coco, Budeisky, Chair, Competitions Committee**

Dear Members,

On October 29, 2009, the Pan American Hockey Federation's (PAHF) Board of Directors took decisions which will advance the status of hockey in the Americas and change its competitive structure. The fundamental idea is to create competitions which are more competitive and interesting for all member countries and, at the same time, expand and more accurately reflect the PAHF Ranking System for both outdoor and indoor hockey.

The PAHF is working at all possible levels to turn Competitions into Events, where more than just matches will take place. Development, Coaching, Technical and Umpiring Courses and/or Workshops will be conducted simultaneously with match competitions.

PAHF Board Meetings, Congresses and Committee Planning Meetings may also be held as part of these Events.

Moreover, the PAHF considers the use of Indoor Hockey to be a good strategy to promote the sport in countries that are starting hockey development or who do not possess artificial turf fields and facilities.

Accordingly, the PAHF plans to hold future Events focusing on U17, U-21, Senior Club and Indoor categories to promote and encourage development, exchange and international competition to elevate the standard and status of hockey in the Americas.

Therefore, we are pleased to call for Expressions of Interest from National Associations to host one or more of the PAHF Events as listed below for the period 2011-2015:

PAHF Events Planned for the period 2011-2015

PAHF Pan Am Challenge (M&W) 2011
PAHF Caribbean Cup (M&W) 2011
PAHF Club Championships (M&W) 2011

PAHF Board Meetings 2012
PAHF Pan Am Youth Championships (M&W) 2012
PAHF Junior Pan Am Championships (M&W) 2012
PAHF Indoor Pan American Cups (M&W) 2012
PAHF South American Championships (M&W) 2012
PAHF Club Championships (M&W) 2012

PAHF Board Meetings & Congress 2013
PAHF Pan Am Cup (M&W) 2013
PAHF Caribbean Cup (M&W) 2013
PAHF Club Championships (M&W) 2013

PAHF Board Meetings 2014
PAHF Pan Am Youth Championships (M&W) 2014
PAHF Indoor Pan American Cups (M&W) 2014
PAHF South American Championships (M&W) 2014
PAHF Club Championships (M&W) 2014

PAHF Pan Am Challenge (M&W) 2015
PAHF Caribbean Cup (M&W) 2015
PAHF Club Championships (M&W) 2015

Note: The PAHF Board Meetings and Congress for 2011 and 2015 will be held in conjunction with the Pan Am Games - 2011 (Guadalajara, Mexico) and 2015 (Toronto, Canada)

All Events must be considered accordingly to their profile and importance. See below for a brief summary regarding the various competitions and their specific international level.

Pan Am Cup

Highest level of Competition: Qualifier for the FIH World Cup

Pan Am Challenge

New opportunity for intermediate level countries to raise their level: Qualifier for the Pan Am Cup.

Junior Pan Am Championships

For experienced U-21 players progressing to the highest level: Qualifier for the FIH Junior World Cup.

Pan Am Youth Championships

Important opportunity for U17's to start competing at a high-performance level for their age group: Qualifier for the Youth Olympic Games.

Indoor Pan Am Cups

Highest level of Competition for Indoor: Qualifier for the FIH Indoor World Cup.

South American Championships

Regional Competition to promote integration and competition among South American Countries: Qualifier for the Pan American Games.

Caribbean Cup

Regional Competition to promote integration and competition among Caribbean Countries (currently played between non-latin countries): Not a qualifier.

Club Championships

Competition for Champion Clubs in the region to stimulate comradeship, exchange and increase in standard of Pan Am Club players, and to motivate better organization of national leagues: Possible qualifier for World Club Championship

The PAHF invites National Associations to submit their Expression of Interest by June 30, 2010, identifying the Event or Events with preferred dates to:

Mr. Julio Neves, PAHF Project Co-ordinator – julio.neves@panamhockey.org, and
Willard Harris, PAHF Competitions Committee Secretary - willardpharris@gmail.com

All National Associations lodging an Expression of Interest will be given appropriate information concerning the PAHF technical, commercial, financial, media and protocol requirements for a host organizer to fulfill. For more details, see the PAHF web-site, www.panamhockey.org, under the Administration Section.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Julio Neves if you require any further information concerning this request.

Sincerely yours,

Sue Neill, Hon. Secretary General
Coco Budeisky, Chair Competitions Committee