

## COMMUNIQUE

On the mutual agreement between the National Office for Physical Education and Sports of the Republic of Hungary and the Lithuanian State Department of Physical Education and Sports under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania and following Article I of the Protocol of Sports Cooperation between the Lithuanian State Sports Department and the National Office for Physical Education and Sports signed in Budapest, on the 9th day of March, 1993, the Hungarian delegation consisting of **Mr Ferenc Studniczky**, Vice President, **Ms Katalin Laszlo**, General Director for Economics and **Ms Rita Konta**, International Officer visited Lithuania on 23 - 26 April, 1997, in order to study the questions of sport financing in Lithuania: relation between taxation and sport, financing of olympic sports, support of competitors, training camp possibilities.

Composition of the delegation of the Lithuanian State Department of Physical Education and Sports under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania:

**Mr Arunas Kazlauskas**, Acting Director of the Lithuanian State Department of Physical Education and Sports under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania

**Mr Algirdas Rasiunas**, Deputy Director of the Lithuanian State Department of Physical Education and Sports under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania

**Mr Rimas Girskis**, Deputy Director of the Lithuanian State Department of Physical Education and Sports under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania

**Mr Sigitas Stasiulis**, Head of International Sports Affairs of the Lithuanian State Department of Physical Education and Sports under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania

In the course of the visit, the guests from Hungary met leaders and experts from governmental and non-governmental sport organisations of Lithuania and discussed the above issues. The delegations exchanged information on the sports developments in their countries and on co-operation of the national sports organisations.

The programme of the visit also made it possible to meet Mr Arvydas Vidziunas, Deputy Chairman of the Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania as well as Chairman of the Organising Committee of the II Baltic Sea Games. There was also the opportunity to discuss the position of sport in the political agenda and how sport reacts to a changing society.

For the benefit of the development of mutual sports contacts and friendly relations between Lithuania and Hungary both sides have agreed to:

- a) encourage the exchange of athletes, coaches, experts between the countries in order to manage Lithuanian and Hungarian programmes "Sydney 2000"
- b) assist athletes wishing to have training sessions in the receiving countries, especially athletes of individual sports
- c) prepare an appendix to the Protocol of Sports Cooperation foreseeing the necessary measures in order to animate the realisation of the Protocol of Sports Cooperation.

The Lithuanian delegation has also accepted the Hungarian delegation's invitation to pay a visit to Hungary in September, 1997.

Signed in Vilnius, in two originals in English language only, this 25 day of April, 1997, each copy being equally authentic.

For and on behalf of the  
National Office for Physical  
Education and Sports  
of the Republic of Hungary

  
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