

**Minutes of ECSA Meetings held in Heviz, Hungary, 12 & 13
October 2007**

Attendees:

Lasse Lehtokangas **Finland**

Andrea Scott-Lewis & Richard Dowling **U.K.**

Palle Lundborg **Sweden,**

Jan Gajdos **Slovakia,**

Botond Hej **Poland,**

Theo de Goeijen **Netherlands,**

Alise Peterson **Latvia,**

Barnabas Sik, Sandor Kilin **Hungary,**

Giampeiro Piacentini & Marco Paladino **Italy,**

Mick O'Hanlon **Ireland,**

Joel Bastion **France,**

Robert Andrecs **EC TAXUD,**

Max Holm **Denmark,**

Menelaos Georgiades **Cyprus,**

Katy Stifterova **Czech Republic** and

Daniel Koener **Luxembourg**

Apologies:

Belgium, Lithuania, Slovenia, and Turkey.

DAY 1 (Friday 12 October)

Opening Notes:

1. The Conference stood in a minute's silence in respect of the memory of former ECSA Marathon Champion, Ireland's Gerry Mullane R.I.P. 1955 - 2007. Gerry died last August after falling ill during a race. Gerry won bronze, silver and gold in the Hungarian Customs and Finance Guard ([see appendix 7](#))
2. Lasse Lehtokangas announced that ECSA President Lieven Muylaert (Belgium) had to withdraw from travelling at the last minute due to a sudden illness. It was agreed that Lasse would act as Vice President in Lieven's absence. The Conference sent best wishes to Lieven for a speedy recovery.
3. Lasse thanked Barnabas Sik and Sandor Kilin and their team of helpers as well as Lieutenant General János Nagy, György Juhász and their colleagues in the Hungarian Customs and Finance Guard Museum and band for doing so much to organize an excellent stay in Hungary, both in Budapest and in Heviz.
4. ECSA Membership has risen to 20 and the Conference meetings were extended to a two-day affair for the first time this year.

AGENDA Items:

1: Apologies & Approval of Previous AGM Minutes:

The Conference also heard that Slovenia, Turkey and Lithuania were not represented at the meeting. This is due to personnel changes in Slovenia and Lithuania where the former ECSA representatives Sasa Ivanc and Ramune Tartelaite have left those administrations.

An e-mail from Mr. Frank Agius (Malta Customs) was received by Mick O'Hanlon after the meeting expressing an interest from Malta in participating ([see Appendix 1](#))

However, there is a possibility that Turkey may not continue its membership. Theo de Goeijen said that Turkey had sent four walkers to Nijmegen in July and he would contact Bora Erdingi to clarify the position.

Lasse Lehtokangas formally opened the 2007 AGM and the Minutes from the 2006 AGM were adopted after a few clarifications.

2: Reports from EC Meetings Stockholm & London

Lasse, Theo, Andrea, Giampiero, Katy & Daniel explained the issues discussed and progressed by the Executive Committee at the EC meetings in

Stockholm and London.

In particular, EC discussions had focused on the drafting of a new, robust ECSA Constitution. (*see Appendix 2, minutes from EC Meetings*).

In addition, the EC meetings reported on the ongoing contact with TAXUD and the question of ECSA designation for the shooting competitions in Slovakia and Lithuania.

Please Note: *Katy Stifterova requested that the minutes from London be amended to delete the incorrect point that the Czech Republic is seeking subvention for the cycling event. They are not.*

Palle Lundborg also wants the London minutes to include Sweden and The Nether lands at point 4a.

3: Proposal of the new Draft Constitution

The delegates examined the papers in depth. Italy wants clarification that "Recreation" includes events of artistic and cultural nature. Richard Dowling (UK) clarified that the wording is flexible enough to include artistic and cultural events with sporting events and each case will be considered on its own merits.

Richard also explained that Lasse will produce another documents (the detailed Rules of ECSA) that will issues shortly to all./ The idea is that we now have a tight Constitution that should stand the test of time whereas we will be able to vote on proposed rule changes, as ECSA sees fit, in the future.

The Conference agreed to consider this and return to vote on the new Constitution on Day 2.

4: TAXUD Presentation

The Conference warmly welcomed Mr. Robert Andrecs from the European Commission (TAXUD). Robert told the AGM that although he comes from Austria, his family has origins in Hungary so, he was feeling very much at home at the excellently-hosted ECSA meeting in Heviz.

Robert emphasised that the Commission fully supports the aims and objectives of ECSA. The Commission recognises the value of ECSA with its special front-line networks that operate within the existing frameworks and the importance of this internal communication channel that can be called upon in emergencies and it has proved very fruitful in the past.

The EC is fully behind the ECSA values of co-operation and collaboration that reinforce the interdependence of customs officers and their administrations.

Robert gave a presentation on plans to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the EC, in 2008. TAXUD wants to marry the Customs part of the EC 40th celebrations to ECSA events in 2008. The idea is to jointly co-operate on the biggest and best ECSA events in 2008 to gain as much exposure as possible. What's in mind is that TAXUD would supply tee-shirts, caps etc bearing the

logo of ECSA within the EC 40th anniversary (*Robert asked delegates to check within their own administrations for a suitable design*). TAXUD would also consider a business case from ECSA's most significant event 2008 to see whether any financial support could be provided but he cannot commit to any financial support on the Commission's part for any event, at this stage.

Discussion continued and many different ideas and events were proposed. Robert suggested the delegates should break out in four working groups for 30 minutes to "brainstorm" and come up with suggestions that would be reported to the AGM.

The meeting went into recess while the work shops were held.

After the recess, the working groups gave their reports;

GROUP A: Finland Sweden Denmark Latvia

Palle said this group had decided against holding a range of events at the same time (which had been earlier suggested) because ECSA's Constitution wants "to bring officers together".

Group A suggested arranging regional ECSA sports, north, south, east and west. This is seen as a good idea because of the regionally-related business focus as well as bringing the officers together in sporting events to celebrate the 40th Anniversary.

GROUP B: France Italy Cyprus

Menelaos reported. Group B proposed a 10k race in Paris (March) – perhaps the winners should get a free trip to participate in the half marathon in November in Cyprus? And tennis on 1 July in Italy.

GROUP C: Czech Republic Poland Slovakia Hungary

Katy reported from this group. They proposed five events including a highly-visible rafting event on the Danube (Budapest), shooting in Hungary (April or May), a two-day trek through Poland, the Slovak Peace Marathon (October) and the sniffer dog event in the Czech Republic.

GROUP D: Netherlands Ireland Luxembourg U.K.

Richard reported that Group C focused on what we could do with existing ECSA events to marry them to the TAXUD celebration proposals. Group C proposed that this joint venture is also a great opportunity to formalise the Commission's adoption/recognition of ECSA.

Group C proposed that Lieven Muylaert (ECSA President and because of his central location in Brussels) should act (if he is so willing) as special liaison between ECSA & TAXUD on this matter.

The EC should produce portable exhibition material (lightweight and convenient) that can be erected at most ECSA event 2008 as well as banners, flags, Tee Shirts etc all to be jointly branded with ECSA logo within the EC 40th celebrations framework design.

The Nijmegen walking event was identified as being of particular value for its TV coverage.

Two-way links were proposed on ECSA & TAXUD websites and the possibility of organising a special event in Brussels to coincide with the 40th anniversary on 1 July 2008.

Robert gave his first reaction to the proposals and said that he thought that these were all very realistic and achievable in joint co-operation:

“We want to put the emphasis on the pan-European dimension of our work, the interdependence of our colleagues and our administrations. I agree with regional events, the specific events such as the Danube rafting are very exciting prospects for collaboration, I am in agreement with everything that has come out of the working groups so far. Portable exhibitions - yes, flags and banners -yes. Let us see your ideas and we’ll see what we can produce in terms of support.

I cannot commit to any financial support at this time. EC & TAXUD recognition of ECSA - yes, website links – yes. Promotional material for flags, tee shirts caps - yes. We will bear the cost of producing this material. Let’s have your ideas for a design. I will provide manes from TAXUD who will work alongside ECSA in this joint celebration.”

The delegates agreed to develop this further and charged the EC with this task.

5: TAXUD membership of ECSA

Robert explained that TAXUD is an entity in itself. Its 450 officers come from different countries but that are somewhat “stateless” and they work together in Brussels to develop taxation and customs policy and to help member states to develop their policies in these areas.

“Together in TAXUD, we are European public officials and we are in one sense disconnected from our parent administrations.”

The AGM approved TAXUD membership and welcomed this pan-European body into ECSA.

6: reports on 2007 & 2008 events

U.K. (Andrea): “In 2007, we hosted the EC Meeting in London in June. 40 Customs Officers attended the World Police & Fire games in Australia. We sent teams to the Czech Republic cross country, a team to Nijmegen and a team of five to the White Week ski event in Italy”.

For 2008, we hope to organise an international 11-a side football match and we are inviting ECSA countries to participate. This may turn into a bigger event, depending on the level of interest.” (see [Appendix 4](#))
We are also organising sailing, angling and table tennis events.”

Hungary Barnabas: “We sent colleagues to the ECSA table tennis in Poland where Zoltan Gelleri won the men’s singles. We also sent a team of three to the Brussels half marathon. Six ECSA countries participated in the ECSA Budapest marathon and they finished in this order:

Latvia, Belgium, Netherlands, Finland, Hungary and Ireland

For 2008, we will organise the ECSA shooting competition in May”.

Finland Lasse: “As well as our summer and winter national games and some international events with our neighbours, we participated in the ECSA 20k in Brussels, the Nijmegen marches, shooting in Vilnius and the Budapest marathon.

We wish to apply for ECSA status for the Winter games in Tornio in March 2008 (see [Appendix 8](#)). I will issue everyone information on this event shortly.”

France Joel: “We sent four athletes to the Brussels 20k. We organised the first European cross country in Bordeaux with participants from Belgium, Luxembourg, Sweden and the Czech republic. In 2008, we hope to participate in the Brussels 20k and we will organise another cross country event.

This unfortunately is my last participation in ECSA as I will retire next year. I take happy memories with me of my time in ECSA, meeting wonderful colleagues from all over Europe. My successor will be J. Golanski. *Au revoir!*”

(The entire membership of ECSA wishes to express our deep gratitude to Joel. Thank you for all your effort in bringing customs colleagues in contact with their counterparts in France. We wish Joel and his wife a long and happy retirement.)

Czech Republic Katy: “We participated in the Brussels 20k, the Bordeaux cross country, Nijmegen and the shooting competition in Lithuania. We also organised the athletics event that was attended by the UK and Ireland”

Slovakia Jan: We organised the 2006 Kosice marathon that was attended by Belgium, Finland, Czech Republic (1st place) and Slovakia as well as the half marathon that was attended by Latvia and Czech Republic.

We attended the ECSA table tennis in Poland and won 2nd place in the mixed event. We sent a team to Brussels 20k and the Nijmegen March. In addition, we took part in football tournaments against Czech Republic and Hungary.”

Italy Giampiero: "We hosted the White Week in Val di Fassa in March 2007. 165 Italian colleagues joined friends from the UK and Sweden. We will also organise this event in 2008 from 23 February to 1 March. And we seek ECSA status for this event.

We also participated in Brussels 20k and Nijmegen - special thanks to Theo and his colleagues and good luck to Giel Hermans.!

Every year we organise an art exhibition of works done by our colleagues in honour of St. Matthew, patron saint of tax and customs officials. This year the event will take place in November. If you are interested, I can give you more information if you e-mail me."

Sweden Palle: "We hosted the EC meeting in January in Stockholm. We sent two officers to the World Police & Fire Games in Australia. We also participated in the cross country in Bordeaux, Brussels, the White Week in Italy, Nijmegen and the shooting event in Lithuania. We sent a sailing team to the Dutch Police sailing event. We would like very much to see an ECSA sailing event in the future.

Our athletes are very grateful to the organisers of all the events they attended and send their best wishes to you."

Luxembourg Daniel: "We sent runners to the cross country in Bordeaux, the 20 K in Brussels and we participated in the Four Days in Nijmegen. We will host the ING marathon on 3 May 2008"

Latvia Alise: "We will host the sniffer dog tournament in September 2008 as part of the 40th EC celebrations."

Cyprus Menelaos: "We will host the half marathon on 23 November 2008 as part of the 40th EC celebrations."

Ireland Mick: "We participated in Brussels 20k, Nijmegen, Czech Republic athletics, Budapest marathon and the Lupton Cup between Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales."

Denmark Max: "Unfortunately, apart from the Nijmegen Marches, we did not participate in any events but we hope to be more active in 2008. We will organise a special commemorative walk to mark the 50th anniversary of the border guard. I would like to invite ECSA members to this 10k event on 17th May 2008 "

Netherlands Theo: "Next year, the Nijmegen event will be the biggest ever as it will be the 50th anniversary of Dutch customs participation. Please send your applications in as early as possible to guarantee places. You can download the registration forms from the ECSA website.

We also sent three runners to the Brussels 20k, three players to the Polish table tennis where our Dutch ladies won third place. We sent four people including three competitors to the Lithuanian shooting competition and two

runners to Budapest marathon where we won 3rd place in the team event and 2nd in the ECSA event. We hope to enter the same events in 2008.

Poland Botond: “We organised the ECSA table tennis and will do so again in 2008. We also participated in Nijmegen and Brussels 20k”

The meeting recessed until Day 2

Day 2

Saturday 13 October

A: Delegates reconvened and paid the annual subscriptions to the treasurer before the meeting resumed:

B: A Vote was taken to approve the new Constitution and was unanimously passed in favour. The New Constitution now stands from 13 October 2007.

SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM SNo. 6a & 6b

6a: Discussion to compile list of events that should be designated special ECSA/EC status for “showcasing” the EC 40th Anniversary during 2008

This item was introduced as requiring special attention the previous evening, after Robert Andrec’s presentation. Katy chaired a session to list key ECSA events in 2008 as follows:

Status	EVENT	date	Host Country
ECSA/TAXUD	6-a-side football	June 2008?	See Note 1
ECSA/TAXUD	Half marathon	23 rd November 2008	Cyprus
ECSA/TAXUD	Sniffer Dogs	September 2008	Latvia
ECSA/TAXUD	Shooting	May 2008?	Hungary
ECSA/TAXUD	10k Paris	July 2008	France
The following events needed no discussion: They are already designated as ECSA events and will carry the EC banners etc			
	Four Days	July 2008	Netherlands

	Nijmegen		
	Downhill Skiing	February 2008	Italy
	Cross country skiing	29 March 2008	Finland
	Marathon	October 2008	Slovakia
	Table tennis	2008	Poland

Note 1: Six –a-side football:

An organiser is sought to host this excellent event held every two years that brings 200 officials together. Some options will be explored as follows: Lasse will contact Lieven to see if it might be possible for Belgium (perhaps in conjunction with the Netherlands) to host this event close to July to coincide with the 40th anniversary.

Hungary, Italy and Sweden will also explore the possibility of hosting it in 2008. If this would not be possible, Katy would see whether the Czech colleagues could host it again.

ECSA will give subvention and TAXUD will examine any business case for this possibility, within the remit of the 40th celebrations.

6b: Clashing events:

Hungary kindly agreed not to invite runners to the Budapest marathon so as not to interfere with the participant pool that will be available to take part in the Slovakian Marathon in October 2008

7: Report on countries trying to join ECSA

Lasse reported on Estonia. Finland has been trying to encourage them to join but has not yet succeeded.

Palle continues to try to get Norway to join but there has been very little response.

The Meeting hopes that Robert (TAXUD) can use his influence to get his native Austria to join. Robert will make contact.

Lasse will talk to the Maltese contact.

Menelaos will try to encourage Greece to join.

8 & 9: Financial Situation & Treasurer's Report:

(see Appendix 5 for Treasurer's Report)

Slovakie asked whether no ECSA subvention was paid in the period under review. Daniel confirmed this was so. However, he has two applications for subvention before him from Lithuania and Hungary and these will be paid.

The finances are in a healthy state to enable ECSA subvention to be given to the 2008 events. It is likely we will have c. €13,000 by the end of 2007. Poland confirmed they will clear outstanding arrears at the meeting. The meeting voted to increase the annual membership subscription to €150 per member country.

10: Any Other Business:

ECSA Shooting Competitions

Theo presented a paper that sought to regulate the disciplines that should apply in future to ECSA shooting competitions. The paper was read and discussed and accepted in full unanimously. It will shortly appear on the website.

Election of Officers

Richard Dowling (UK) to join as EC member.

Lasse Lehtokangas (Finland) was proposed as Vice President by Giampiero Piacentini (Italy) and seconded by Daniel Koener (Luxembourg)

Otherwise, all EC memberships and roles continue as before:

President Lieven Muylaert (Belgium)

EC Members:

Lasse Lehtokangas (Finland) Vice President, Daniel Koener (Luxembourg) Treasurer, Katy Stifterova (Czech Republic) Secretary, Theo De Goeijen (Netherlands) Web Master, Richard Dowling (UK) Botond Hejj (PL).

Future Meetings

Jan 2008 (EC Meeting) Riga confirmed

June 2008 (EC Meeting) London OR in conjunction with the football

19th Sept 2008 (AGM) Cesky Krumlov (Czech Republic)

APPENDIX 1

Mr Lieven Muylaert
Mr Mick O'Hanlon

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for sending your invitation to our Director General to attend Annual General Meeting in caption.

Unfortunately, for reasons I indicated in my e-mail (vide hereunder) this time around we could not make.

We would very much appreciate if you would kindly send us details (by return mail) as to how we (Malta Customs Sports Association) can participate in future ECSA activities.

Thanks and Good Luck for the Forthcoming AGM

Frank Agius
Chairman - Malta Customs Sports Association
c/o Customs Airport Manager,
Malta International Airport, Gudja, MALTA
(Office Telephone No. 21249868; Mobile Telephone No. 79204089)

-----Original Message-----

From: Agius Francis at MFIN-CUST
Sent: Fri 10/12/2007 9:36 AM
To: Mifsud Zammit John at MFIN-CUST
Cc: Scerri Paul at MFIN-CUST; Briffa Mario at MFIN-CUST
Subject: RE: Invitation ECSA AGM in Budapest

Good Morning Mr. Mifsud,

With regard to invitation in caption, I had in mind to attend, and, had already approached Messrs. ES Travel of Gzira who were going to organise a tour to Budapest, Hungary (on the occasion of football match Hungary vs. Malta) during same week of the ECSA AGM, thereat (i.e. 11th to 14th instant).

Unfortunately, the tour was cancelled at the ninth hour (owing to lack of response from the local sporting public) and, there was no time to make 'relative cheaper' alternative arrangements, especially, since I had to fork out all the travel, etc. expenses from my pocket.

Whilst I would like to thank you for the information, I hope that next time round one of us would be able to make it!

Thanks and best regards

Frank

-----Original Message-----

From: Mifsud Zammit John at MFIN-CUST
Sent: Thu 10/11/2007 8:35 AM
To: Agius Francis at MFIN-CUST
Subject: FW: Invitation ECSA AGM in Budapest

b.. Poland declared to make it up during the annual meeting in Budapest.
The rest of countries will be called on to pay.

4. Activities

Shooting competition

- a.. 7 countries: Estonia, Lithuania, Finland, Czech Rep., Belgium, Sweden, Netherlands participated in the event
- b.. Lithuania asked for subvention.
- c.. Decision: Request will be held after showing the financial "business plan" of the event (including details with the costs of hosting foreign participants.)

5. Other business

- a.. The Netherlands: The VIP-s will be asked for the closing ceremony in Nijmegen.
- b.. Shooting competitions: The Netherlands are interested in organizing
- c.. it is necessary to encourage the organization of this activity, because this is a core activity for the most of the customs services in Europe.
- d.. The competitions should be organised with the same type of gun or pistol, which ensures that all participants have the same chance to win the competition.

Saturday (together with Lasse)

1. TAXUD

Lieven referred to previous decision

TAXUD will be invited to the closing ceremony in Nijmegen.

2. Constitution

Lasse approves the draft and 2 small amendments has been made in the draft

3. Financial cases

- a.. Some countries have technical problems to pay the annual subscription.
- b.. In the situation that the representatives of the member states did not attend the AGM the EC should send immediately after the AGM a letter asking for payment by bank.
- c.. Lithuania also asked for a subvention, but they asked already a fee (250€/foreign participant) means that a business plan of the event should prove the necessity of the subvention.

4. Other business

1.. Next EC-meeting: Helsinki on 14-15 December????

2.. Ukraine:

a.. The Polish EC-member asked about possibility to get Ukraine involved in Polish ECSA tournaments.

DECISION : It is possible to invite Ukraine for ECSA events to show them the ECSA idea, but Ukraine must be participate as a special guest (e.g. even they win they cannot get the ECSA medals or cup witch are only for members).

Reporter: Botond Hejj

Executive Committee Meeting in Stockholm, 12 January 2007

Attendance: Lieven Muylaert (Chairman), Lasse Lehtokangas (Member EC), Theo De Goeijen (Working group website ECSA), Daniel Koener (Treasurer), Botond Hejj (Member EC), Giampiero Piacentini (Member EC), Katy Stifterova (Secretary)

Lieven Muylaert welcomed the members of the EC and thanked our friend Palle for organizing this meeting. Lieven shared with us a good news from Mick: Mick promoted, the sad thing resulting out of this is, that he will not be able to attend the EC meetings anymore. Though, he will be attending the AGM, so we will still have the opportunity to see him.

1. ECSA Constitution

The first point of the agenda was discussion about ECSA Constitution. The need to revise the wording of the Constitution comes out from the fact that more Member States are/want to be members of ECSA and the Constitution has to reflect the growing organization. The most important guideline is still the same since creation of ECSA, and that is, that we meet to do sports together, we should stay friends and we should always try to solve problems in best understanding, Lasse and Botond will work together on a draft for the new Constitution, which should also include rules for Members election / representation in Executive Committee and a new role within the EC, vice-president of ECSA.

2 TAXUD

The official contact point for ECSA on the side of TAXUD is Mr. De Graaf. Lieven received a letter confirming the goodwill and interest of TAXUD to be a part of the ECSA activities. Lieven has been asked by TAXUD could provide for ECSA. Lieven will invite Mr. Graaf to the 20 km of Brussels, so that he can see how good atmosphere there is on the sports meetings of ECSA. TAXUD will also be invited to put a letter on the website of ECSA.

3 SHOOTING COMPETITION IN 2007

Two countries sent their proposals to organize this, year's shooting competition: Slovakia and Lithuania. As for Lithuania this is the very first time that a country for East Europe has possibilities and is willing to organize an ECSA event. This was the most important reason that lead to the decision in favour of Lithuania. So we are looking forward to see the best shooters of the ECSA Member States in Lithuania. The competition will be organized 25 and 26 of May.

4 FINANCIAL ISSUES

The only financial source for ECSA is the income resulting from the annual subscriptions. In order to facilitate the support to the new ECSA Member States to

organize sports events, it was agreed to propose to the AGM rising the Annual subscription to 150 euro. The proposal will be presented for approval at the AGM in Budapest this year and would apply from 2008. Daniel mentioned that Poland, Slovakia and Latvia are still due their annual subscription.

5 SIX-A-SIDE FOOTBALL COMPETITION

ECSA is still looking for volunteers to organize the next six-a-side-football competition. Please examine your possibilities to organize this great event!!

6 WEBSITE

www.ecsa-sports.eu operates now within the new design.

7 PUBLICITY

Theo organized nice pens with ECSA logo, he will distribute them at the AGM. The EC works on organizing the round badges as well.

Katy Stifterova
Secretary

APPENDIX 3

CONSTITUTION OF THE EUROPEAN CUSTOMS SPORTS ASSOCIATION

(Adopted 1992, amended 1996, 1998, 2004 and 2007)

1. Name

The name of the Association shall be the EUROPEAN CUSTOMS SPORTS ASSOCIATION hereinafter referred to as “The Association”.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the Association shall be:

- a) To encourage sports and recreation between Customs personnel of European countries.
- b) To facilitate links between sports associations and sports bodies for Customs and associated personnel within European countries.
- c) To encourage mutual understanding between Customs officials, strengthen team spirit and build a positive image of Customs.

3. Membership

- a) The Customs Sports Associations of all European countries, and any other organisation agreed by the Annual General Meeting (AGM), are eligible to affiliate to the Association. Each shall pay an annual subscription as the AGM shall decide.
- b) Any member country wishing to withdraw from the Association shall give two months written notice to the Executive Committee.
- c) In case of a serious violation of this Constitution or of the Association’s policies the Executive Committee may recommend to the AGM the expulsion of the offending member country. The AGM shall have the final decision.

4. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- a) One representative from each member country shall be entitled to attend and vote at the AGM.
- b) The AGM shall meet as frequently as necessary, but not less than once per calendar year.
- c) Meetings shall be held in each member country, on a rotational basis as decided by the AGM.
- d) Resolutions and items for the agenda shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least two months before the date of the meeting. The agenda shall be circulated at least 21 days before the date of the meeting to all member countries.

- e) Resolutions and elections to the Executive Committee shall be decided by a majority of representatives. The President shall have an ordinary vote and in the event of a tie shall have a casting vote.
- f) Observers and Honorary Vice Presidents may attend meetings at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

5. Executive Committee

- a) The Executive Committee of the Association shall be the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and three other elected members. Executive Committee members shall serve for a maximum of four years and may be re-elected for one further period of four years.
- b) Nominees shall agree to stand for office.
- c) The Executive Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- d) The Executive Committee shall make and implement such plans as are necessary to further the objectives of the Association and shall report on such to the AGM.
- e) The Executive Committee may appoint Honorary Vice Presidents to the Association. These shall be honorary positions with no executive powers.
- f) The Executive Committee shall seek to take its decisions by consensus. If this shall not be possible a vote shall be taken. If there shall be a tie, the President will have the casting vote.
- g) In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall act as President. In the absence of the Vice President, another member of the Executive Committee may act as President.
- h) The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt a maximum of two additional members to serve.

6. Finance

- a) The funds of the Association shall be administered by the Treasurer acting under the instructions of the AGM.
- b) The accounts of the Association shall be examined and audited annually by two persons nominated by the AGM.
- c) Travel and accommodation expenses to attend meetings shall be the responsibility of the individual member countries or observers as appropriate.
- d) In the event of non payment of subscriptions, the Executive Committee shall have the power to impose such sanctions as are provided for in the Rules.

7. Association

The Association may affiliate to organisations having similar objectives.

8. Rules

The Executive Committee shall have the authority to make Rules on matters where this Constitution is silent

9. Amendment of Constitution

This Constitution shall not be amended except by a majority of two thirds of the representatives present and voting at the AGM.

Approved of AGM in Heviz Hungary 12-13.10.2007

APPENDIX 4



Revenue & Customs
Sports & Leisure

Football Section

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Date 1st October 2007
Our Ref
Your Ref

Dear Representative,

The Football Section committee of UK Revenue & Customs Sports & Leisure would like to invite your country to participate in an 11-a-side friendly football match in London, UK. We have considered trying to arrange this match for sometime during the month of September 2008 but no firm conditions apply at this stage.

We are asking a number of countries if they would be interested in taking part in such a friendly match so at this stage we are looking for an indication of interest from you. If you are interested, further arrangements can then be discussed between the two countries.

We very much hope that such a game can be played and that it will be only the start of a number of similar matches between member countries of the ECSCA.

Yours sincerely,

David MERRIFIELD
Football Section
Secretary

Chairman Mike Norgrove
President Paul Gray
Sports Co-Ordinator Andrea Scott-Lewis

Secretary Richard Dowling
Treasurer Geoff Irwin
Organising Secretary Viv Jones

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APPENDIX 5



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ECSA TREASURER'S REPORT

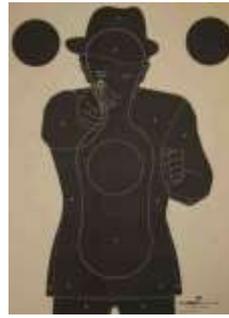
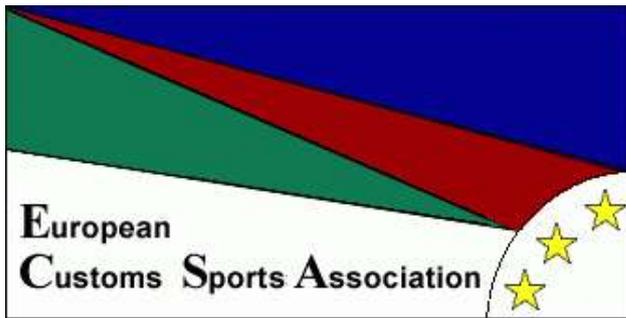
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		TURKEY			100	
		SWEDEN			100	
		IRELAND			100	
		DENMARK			100	
		HUNGARY			100	
		POLAND (2005)			100	
3	29.09.07	INTEREST			0,75	
4	29.09.06	BANK COST		2,00		
5	02.10.06	REPAYMENT			133,10	
6	19.10.06	BROCK.BE SITEHOSTING		75,00		
7	31.12.06	INTEREST			0,87	
8	31.12.06	BANK COST		2,00		
9	31.12.06	BANK COST		1,50		
10	31.12.07	INTREST			173,76	
11	23.01.07	TRANSFERT		1339,88		
12	23.01.07	TRANSFERT COST		2,00		
14	23.01.07	INTEREST			0,21	
15	24.01.07	TRANSFERT			1339,88	
16	29.01.07	INVOICE ECSA PENS REHABITEX		680,00		
17	29.01.07	BANK TRANSFERT COST		0,30		
18	17.07.07	SUSSCRIPTION Luxembourg 2007			100	
				2102,68	3248,57	11008,72

Bank Account	NR LU 32 0019 6112 3506 5000	BCEELULL	10249,14
Bank Account	NR LU 41 0019 1855 1905 4000	CLOSED	0
Bank Account	NR LU 33 1111 2520 7569 0000	CCPLLULL	759,58

Daniel Koener
ECSA Treasurer

TOTAL 11008,72

APPENDIX 6



ECSA Annual General Meeting Budapest 2007

ECSA shooting competition

This year, the 3rd annual ECSA shooting competition was hosted by Lithuania, which proved itself to be an excellent host and organizer. Eight customs teams participated. A large group of shooters shot on 8 different disciplines, with their own customs (pistol) firearm, some shotguns and one machine pistol.

History:

2004 Shooting competition organised by Hungarian Customs

Various disciplines

2005 1st ECSA shooting competition organised by Czech Customs

European Police Parkour (EPP) shooting course/precision shooting/situational shooting

2006 2nd ECSA shooting competition organised by Hungarian Customs

Various disciplines

2007 3rd ECSA shooting competition organised by Lithuanian Customs

Various disciplines

Work-related benefits

Shooting with weapons provided by the customs administration creates a direct connection to the work we deliver as customs services. Most customs organizations are provided with firearms in the form of pistols.

As we all know, the use of shotguns and machine pistols are often discussed in the meetings held by ECSA. Apart from the competitive element, the sharing and spreading of knowledge of self defence and fire arms training is an important factor.

The Executive Committee shares the opinion that a continuation of this annual shooting competition is desirable under certain circumstances.

A common approach for ECSA shooting competition

For most customs organizations a pistol or revolver is standard issue. However, some countries also have access to other arms such as shotguns or automatic weapons. This difference in armament could have unforeseen consequences if certain countries organize shooting competitions with a variety of weapons. If it became known that weapons such as shotguns and automatic weapons were being used in competition, DGs could prohibit participation in shooting competitions.

The standard pistol or revolver should be the main weapon in ECSA shooting competitions. It is therefore recommended that rules concerning the weapons to be used during competition are established, so as not to exclude certain countries due to differences in armament.

Ensuring an equal chance for all

Many customs organizations possess several kinds of standard weaponry. As far as we know, most customs services have pistols. Some pistols are provided with an ammunition capacity of 8 rounds, others have a capacity of 17. Because of this difference, there may be an unfair advantage for those competitors whose weapons have a capacity of 14 cartridges or more. A rule should therefore be set up that will eradicate the advantage of having pistols with 14 rounds or more.

Furthermore, the main discipline should be standardized to give countries the same methods of training that will provide them all with the same capability. This rule should be worded to diminish the advantages for countries in the competition. This should not mean the exclusion of other weapons such as shotguns and machine pistols, but instead their inclusion as extra disciplines, over and above the standard pistol discipline.

Proposed new ECSA Pistol Shooting Competition

I propose the use of the European Police Parkour (EPP) on an annual basis. In EPP competitions all stages require 5 rounds, so ammunition capacity is no longer an issue. It is also possible to shoot the EPP with a revolver.

Most trainers are familiar with the EPP; preparation of competitions should therefore be much easier. Shooting this course annually will create a competition in which the winning country or team will have had no unfair advantage of any kind. No country would be permitted to set its own course.

I suggest the introduction of a rule which states that the EPP will from now on be shot as the main discipline and that the organiser of a competition must offer the EPP. As noted above, organisers would also be able to offer other types of competition as well.

The targets for the standard discipline would be the paper board as depicted above (a man silhouette) and two round objects. The shooting range would be at least 30 meters long and would be provided with a barricade at a distance of 20 meters.

The new official name would be the ECSA Pistol Shooting Competition.



Theo de Goeijen
Representative of Dutch Customs

Appendix 7

Gerry Mullane R.I.P. ECSA Champion

Our Irish colleague and former ECSA Marathon Gerry Mullane died last August.

Gerry was a great ECSA champion who won bronze, silver and finally gold medals in the Budapest Marathons in 1998, 1999 and 2000. He also won a medal in the ECSA 20k in Brussels in 2003.

ECSA President Lieven Muylaert (Belgium) remembers:

“Gerry was a great sporting and professional ambassador for Ireland. I can remember him from Brussels in 2003. He was a gentle person and a first-class athlete. Gerry made friends easily with colleagues from other European administrations and he was a highly-respected and popular ECSA champion.

On behalf of all the colleagues from all the ECSA member countries – Hungary, Belgium, Ireland, the UK, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, the Netherlands, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Cyprus, Poland, Slovenia, Turkey, Lithuania and Latvia I wish to extend our deepest condolences to Gerry’s family and to colleagues in Limerick (Ireland) as well as to his many friends across Europe.”



Appendix 8

FINNISH CUSTOMS SPORTS ASSOCIATION

ECSA
President Lieven Muylaert
Brussel
Belgium

APPLICATION

Finnish Customs Sports Association is organizing our traditional Winter Games 28-29.3.2008 in Tornio.

We apply from ECSA to be decided at AGM the right to use ECSA status and to organize European Customs Championship for the event :

Cross country skiing with series:

Men	Women
10 km free	5 km free
10 km traditional	5 km traditional
Men 40 years	Women 40 years
10 km free	5 km traditional
Men 50 years	Women 50 years
5 km traditional	5 km traditional
Men 56 years	
5 km traditional	

We organize also an Ice fishing event
The skiing participants have the possibility to participate in our Ice fishing event.

Presentation with more details of the games will be held at the AGM

Helsinki 21.9.2007

Lasse Lehtokangas
Chairman
Finnish Customs Sports Association