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Follow up report from Romania
by the Romanian Anti-Doping Commission
further to the Recommendations expressed in the report of the
Advisory Visit to Romania (Bucharest 14-16 May 2001)

Present Situation

(a) Regulations

The regulations on doping provided in the Sports Law 62/2000 (Chapter VII – Doping) are up-to-date in all respects and a specific Law on Doping is now prepared by the MYS and ROC.

(b) Organisation

Unfortunately, due to financial reasons, we could not increase the number of tests in 2001, but we hope to do more on this matter in 2002.

The National Anti-Doping Commission

Since January 2002, 50% of the tests ordered by MYS are at the disposal of NADC (who decide which sports, how many tests in competition and how many out-of-competition). The relation between the Sports Federations and NADC is still unclear, but MYC promised to solve this by a Ministry Order as of January 2003 (NADC still cannot intervene in a case when a Sports Federation does not apply 100% of the sanctions in a positive case).

MYS will provide, from January 2003, a National Anti-Doping Agency, totally independent, supported financially by the government and having its own bank account and juridical personality.

Laboratory

The accreditation ISO 17025 is going well and we hope that by the end of the year 2002 it will be finished. The staff of the Laboratory increased this year from 7 to 12 (3 new

biochemists) and the training of this new personnel is now taking place, with the support of some accredited laboratories. A new extra space is now ready and new equipment (GC-MS high resolution and others) might arrive by the end of the year.

Education

In November 2001, we produced and distributed a free booklet in Romania on the pharmaceutical products (medicines) authorised by legal authorities in Romania, which contains doping agents. Every 2 years this booklet will be revised. In December 2001, we produced 5000 copies of a free booklet entitled "Anti-Doping Code" and distributed them in Romania and R. Moldavia.

In September 2002, we produced 5000 free pamphlets and 2000 free posters on doping and distributed them in Romania and R. Moldavia. These were produced with the financial support of the Monitoring Group-CE and we should like to thank them very much for their help.

Team doctors (national teams) and Club doctors are obliged to talk with their athletes every month about doping.

In Bucharest in October 2002, on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the Romanian Sports Medicine Society and of the 40th anniversary of the National Institute of Sports Medicine, a symposium on doping will be organised by CNAD.

Several TV programmes on doping were organized in 2001/2002 and several papers were published in the newspapers.

An anti-doping campaign against the use of unknown nutritional supplements by top athletes will start on 1 November 2002 and last for 2 months. Its promoters are: ROC, CNAD, National Institute of Sports Medicine, National Agency of Medicines and National Institute of Hygiene and Public Health.

CNAD is preparing to organise an international symposium on doping.

Conclusions

We can appreciate that real progress took place after the Advisory Visit. We still have a lot to do but are sure that in the future we shall do "more and better".

Many thanks must be addressed to the Monitoring Group of the Anti-Doping Convention and to Mr. George Walker for their precious support.

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