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Follow up report

*Advisory Visit in Bulgaria
on the implementation of the Anti-Doping Convention, October 2002*

1. Bulgaria signed the Declaration of Copenhagen in April 2003.
2. Additional Protocol to the Convention of the Council of Europe. In the present moment the Additional Protocol is in a process of harmonization with the other Ministries and shall be ratified by the National Assembly during the fall.
3. All documents sent by the Council of Europe, IOC and WADA (World Anti-Doping Code, International Standard for Testing, etc.) have been translated in Bulgarian language and disseminated among the national federations.
4. We are now in a process of improvement and renovation of the doping laboratory. As the sum for the purchase of equipment presents a large amount, according to the legal regulations in Bulgaria a tender must be carried out. Until the present moment one new apparatus have been bought – CG/MSD – 6890/5973 N from “Agilent Technology”
5. A scientific research study is developed and shall commence at the end of 2004 – “Anti-Doping Program for Young Athletes”. This program involves athletes from sports schools, club and national teams up to 18 years.
6. The Bulgarian doping laboratory is selected as a participant in the Monitoring Program of WADA for substances, which are not on the Prohibited List. The results will be reported to WADA.

7. From 19 to 22 March 2004 in Sofia, Bulgaria was held Regional Sport Medicine Course on “Doping Control, Recovery and Sport Traumas” under the auspices of IOC Medical Commission Olympic Solidarity.

75 participants from Bulgaria, Germany, Poland, Serbia and Montenegro, Romania, Macedonia, Albania, turkey, Cyprus attended this course.

The lecturers invited in the field of doping control were: Dr. Klaus Mueller – Germany, on “The World Anti-Doping Code and Regulations”, Dr. Hans Geyer – Germany, on “Nutritional Supplements as Doping Trap”, Dr. Virginia Mihaylova – Bulgaria, on “Practical Aspects of Doping Control”.

There was also a round table about doping problems.

8. In December 2003 was held a national doping control seminar for the physicians of the Bulgarian Olympic Teams. The matters concerned were the World Anti Doping Code, the Ordinance for Doping Control Procedures in Bulgaria, and also practical seminar for testing has been organized.
9. On 22 June 2004 another practical seminar for testing shall be organized for physicians and coaches of Bulgarian Olympic teams.