

## **European Dragon Boat Federation**

### **Visit to Armenia - Report**

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#### **ARMENIA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

The Armenian Dragon Boat Federation is developing the sport of Dragon Boat in the country with 2 small and 2 standard boats.

They are doing both a development of the competitive side of the sport and the social side.

They have also a project for infrastructures on the Lake of Yerevan, with the support of private sponsor and of government.

An impressive 3D video about the project has been shown during the meeting.

We have been to the Specialized Children's Home of Kharebed, the Xalbert Spashl Orhopenig.

They are doing an interesting work with the children, with the support and endorsement of the Director Arutyun Balasanyen. This work started in co-operation with the Ukrainian Dragon Boat Federation and Oleksandr Bakanicev. He invited some of those children in Kiev for the training camp.

I have been very much impressed of ArmDBF commitment and of the capacity of the President Makar Sargysian and of the people of the ArmDBF Board.

They need another 2 standard boats and another 2 small boats.

They can make an investment of only 6.000 Euro to achieve this result and they need our support.

I suggest that we should seek for CROWDFUNDING and we should support their needs with some of the resources of our budget, allocated for development, and with a couple of IDBF development boats if any available in Europe after Brandenburg and Szeged.

They also ask for a race officials and coaches courses. They would be ready to pay for hospitality and travel costs for our coaches.

They will send to our Secretary General copy of documents of the constitution of ArmDBF and registration, minutes of their Congress with Elections of ArmDBF President and Board. Any other document to reinforce and prove the status of ArmDBF as the only governing body for dragon boat in Armenia.

I'm personally in favour to support the ArmDBF development project and I submit it to the Ex. Com. for advice and follow up.

More info and photo have been published on the EDBF FB page.

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