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Newsletter

4th World University Baseball Championship
July 17th – 27th, 2008, Czech Republic

11 countries have already applied for the WUBC

The Organizing Committee of the WUBC 2008 already has 11 applications from the following countries (in alphabetical order):

- Belarus
- Canada
- Czech Republic
- Dominican Republic
- France
- China
- Chinese Taipei
- Japan
- Lithuania
- Mexico
- USA

Applications from Cuba, Venezuela and India are still awaited.

Meeting with the Major League Baseball

On Monday, January 28th, 2008, a meeting was held with MLB represented by Mr. Clive Russell, the Director for Europe, the Middle East and Africa. The main points of discussion during the meeting were possible cooperation between the WUBC organization and effort to have more MLB games on Czech TV.

In the picture: Petr Ditrich (OC President), Clive Russel (MLB), Lucie Vladyková (OC Secretary)

Jan Bagin from Prague Baseball Week was also in attendance and discussions also took place regarding MLB's potential support for that tournament.

The support discussed could include the MLB Road Show going to Ostrava, Olomuouc and Brno, Fan Guides and Promotional Fliers and clothing for the volunteers, staff and VIP's.
The Organizing Committee and MLB will consider the above mentioned points and provide further details as an when things are confirmed. The final decision will be made by the beginning of March.

Richard Naylor from FISU is coming to the Czech Republic in March

Richard Naylor (USA), the FISU Technical Commis-sioner for the WUBC 2008, is coming to the Czech Republic. In the week from March 6th till 12th he will check the state of preparations and visit the host cities.

According to his official resume he was born on June 24th, 1940 in Brookville, Indiana, he is married and has two children. He reached the doctor degree in physical education at the Indiana University. He is the author of several articles about baseball and basketball. He was the Technical Commissioner at all the previous World University Baseball Championships – in Messina, Tainan and Havana. In 2003 he got to the Hall of Fame of the American Baseball Coaches Association. He has been cooperating with the USA Baseball for a long time. He was a member of the ABCA Executive Com-mittee. In 1996 he was a member of the Baseball Technical Committee at the Olympic Games.

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