



Press release - 37th Symposium

FOOTBALL'S EXCELLENCE IN COMO FOR AEFCA

Como (Italy) – 16th of November 2016.

The Lombard city hosted the 37th **AEFCA** (Alliance of European Football Coaches Associations) symposium last 3rd and 4th of November.

The event consists in sharing experiences and know-how on different training methods, from the management dimension to the purely technical aspect.



« LA GRANDE BELLEZZA DEL CALCIO »

As it was organized with the Association of Italian Football Coaches (AIAC), the theme refers to the great hours of the Italian cinema.

The usual 49 associations were represented to evoke the « beauty of football » with, in addition this year, the presence of American and African delegations, implying the start of a soon-to-be world organization.

FROM TECNICAL ANALYSIS TO PRACTICE

Re-elected for four years as President of the organization, **Walter Gagg** opened the symposium with **Carlo Tavecchio** (FIGC President), pointing out different topics: football training evolutions, Euro 2016 analysis and highlighting of Italian coaching. Relevant interventions were brought by football's finest, such as **Gianni De Biasi** (Albany Manager), **Fabio Capello** (former Russia Manager), **Carlos Alberto Parreira** (former Brasil Manager), **Landry Chauvin** (Director of the Academy of Stade Rennais). Italian training specific methods have been illustrated at **La Pinetina**, the training center of Inter Milan, where the assembly had the opportunity to attend a training session of the U17 squad managed by **Andrea Zanchetta**.

The symposium ended with a charity match for an association fighting against childhood leukemia. A gesture to remind that the beauty of football is also in the values it represents, and that the Alliance of European Coaches wants to be bearer.

TOWARDS AN INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION

The renewal of the Executive Committee and the signature of the **Carta Como**, which defines the basic principles of a global alliance, constitute solid foundations on which AEFCA can rely on. As training is being more and more digitized and enriched with multicultural techniques, the European organization has chosen to equip its coaches with the **My Coach Football** software, the digital assistant that has already seduced several countries.

AEFCA members will meet next year in Belgrade to continue to emphasize the beauty of football and its particularities.