

## *The History*

In the meeting in Paris, from 27<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> April 1953 the baseball delegates: **Mr. Roger Panaye** - President of Belgian Federation, **Mr. Th. A. Blanchard** - President of France Federation, **Mr. Norbert Schoffers** of the German Federation, **Prince Steno Borghese** - President of Italian Federation and **Mr. Luis Barrio** - President of Spanish Federation, met and founded the “Fédération Européenne de Baseball - F.E.B. - European Baseball Federation”.

The first five members were **Belgium, France, Germany, Italy and Spain.**

The first Executive Committee was: **Prince Steno Borghese (ITA) - President, Mr. Roger C. Panaye (BEL) - Secretary General Treasurer and Mr. Luis Barrio (ESP) - Vice President** and the first Technical Committee was **Mr. Luis Barrio (ESP) - President and Mr. José Ramon Alvarez (ESP) - Secretary.**

In 1954, the Congress was celebrated in Paris on January 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. There was a change in the Executive Committee for the death of **Mr. Luis Barrio (ESP)** who was replaced by **Don Ramon Arrojo de Carlos (ESP)** as Vice President.

In this year the series of the **Senior European Championship** started in Belgium with four teams and Italy won the first title.

On January 17<sup>th</sup>, 1955 the Congress was celebrated in Frankfurt a/Main and all the members of the Executive Committee were re-elected.

On January 8<sup>th</sup>, 1956 the Congress met in Milano and was accepted the sixth member: **Netherlands.**

The Congress that met in Madrid on January 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 1957, confirmed the old Executive Committee and accepted the seventh member: **Sweden.**

In 1958, on January 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, the Congress that met in Amsterdam changed the Secretary General Treasurer, **Mr. Roger C. Panaye (BEL)** (resigned) with **Mr. Franco de Vitis (ITA).**

The Congress met in Madrid on January 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 1959, and elected the new Executive Committee: **Prince Steno Borghese (ITA) - President (Re-elected), Mr. Franco de Vitis (ITA) - Secretary General Treasurer, Don Ramon Arrojo de Carlos (ESP) - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (Re-elected) and Mr. W.H.E. Posthuma (NED) - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.**

On February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 1960 the Congress was held in London and the eighth member: **Great Britain,** was accepted.

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, 1961 and January 17<sup>th</sup>, 1962, the Congresses met in Paris.

The Congress met in Paris on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 1963 re-elected the old Executive Committee. The series of **European Cup** start with six clubs and the first champion was Picadero Jockey Club Barcelona (ESP).

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, 1964, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 1965 and March 19<sup>th</sup>, 1966 the Congress met in Paris.

The Congress met on March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 1967, in Paris, and elected the new Executive Committee: **Prince Steno Borghese (ITA) - President (Re-elected), Mr. Roger C. Panaye (BEL) - Secretary General Treasurer, Mr. Claus Helmig (GER) - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Mr. Pierre Petitjean (FRA) - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> April 1967 the Dutch and Italian Federations announced officially their withdrawal from the F.E.B. and the founding of a new “Fédération Amateur Baseball”.

The Congress in 1968 met in Paris on March 13<sup>th</sup>, and again in Paris, on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 1969, the Congress elected the new Executive Committee: **Prince Steno Borghese (ITA) -President, Mr. Guus**

**van der Heyden (NED)** - Secretary General Treasurer, **Mr. Jacinto Barrio (ESP)** - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, **Mr. Claus Helmig (GER)** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and **Mr. Roger C. Panaye (BEL)** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President.

The Congress brought the reunion of all the European Federations in F.E.B. After two years of absence the Dutch and Italian Federations were again accepted as members.

In Antwerp on March 14<sup>th</sup> 1970, the Congress elected **Mr. Roger C. Panaye (BEL)** as Secretary General Treasurer for **Mr. Guus Van der Heyden (NED)** (resigned).

On 1971, the Congress met in Milano on March 20<sup>th</sup> and accepted the new ninth member, **San Marino**.

The Congress elected also the new Executive Committee: **Mr. Bruno Beneck (ITA)** - President, **Mr. Roger C. Panaye (BEL)** - Secretary General Treasurer, **Mr. Francisco Gomez (ESP)** - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, **Mr. Claus Helmig (GER)** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and **Mr. Aldo Lamia (FRA)** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President.

In the Congress 1972, celebrated in Marseille on March 11<sup>th</sup>, the “European Baseball Federation” (F.E.B.) changes the name in “European Amateur Baseball Confederation – C.E.B.A. – Confederation Europeene de Baseball Amateur”.

The Congress 1973 met in Amsterdam on March 10<sup>th</sup> and elected the new Executive Committee: **Mr. Bruno Beneck (ITA)** - President, **Mr. Roger C. Panaye (BEL)** - Secretary General Treasurer, **Mr. Francisco Gomez (ESP)** - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, **Mr. Richard W. Kermas (GER)** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and **Mr. Georges Lahuerta (NED)** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President.

In 1974 the Congress met in San Marino on March 16<sup>th</sup>, in 1975 in Barcelona on March 15<sup>th</sup> and in 1976 in Stockholm on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

The first European Cadets Championship was played in Germany, in 1975, with five teams and the first Champion was Netherlands and the first European Juniors Championship was in Italy on 1976 with three teams. Italy was the first Champion.

On March 12<sup>th</sup> 1975, in Amsterdam the Congress elected the new Executive Committee: **Mr. Bruno Beneck (ITA)** - President, **Mr. Roger C. Panaye (BEL)** - Secretary General Treasurer, **Mr. Francisco Gomez (ESP)** - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, **Mr. Richard W. Kermas (GER)** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and **Mr. Gerard Voogd (NED)** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President. All the members were re-elected except Mr. Lahuerta (Ned) replaced by Mr. Voogd (Ned).

In 1978 the Congress met in Antwerp (BEL) on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

During 1979, two Congresses were celebrated in Trieste. The first, ordinary on March 31<sup>st</sup> accepted the tenth member, **Denmark** and the second, extraordinary on August 13<sup>th</sup> during the Senior European Championship.

After the Congress 1980 in Paris on March 15<sup>th</sup>, the Congress 1981 was in Amsterdam on March 18<sup>th</sup> and accepted the eleventh member, **Finland**. The Congress re-elected the Executive Committee: **Mr. Bruno Beneck (ITA)** – President, **Mr. Roger C. Panaye (BEL)** - Secretary General Treasurer, **Mr. Francisco Gomez (ESP)** - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, **Mr. Richard W. Kermas (GER)** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and **Mr. Gerard Voogd (NED)** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President.

An extraordinary Congress met in Santpoort on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, 1982 the Congress met in Stockholm, and accepted the twelfth member, **Switzerland** and split the European Cup in two pools “A” and “B”. The first European Cup - B Pool was played in Sweden with eight teams and the first Winner was Leksand (SWE).

During 1983 two Congresses were celebrated: the ordinary, in Firenze on March 12<sup>th</sup>, accepted two new countries as members, fourteen at this moment, **Malta** and **Yugoslavia** and the extraordinary in Grosseto on August 4<sup>th</sup>, accepted the fifteenth member, **Austria** and changed the Chairman of the

Technical Commission, **Mr. Miquel Ortin (ESP)** replaced **Mr. Joaquin Rodriguez (ESP)** (deceased).

In Madrid, on March 17<sup>th</sup>, **1984** the Congress split the European Seniors Championship in two pools “A” and “B” and the first “B” Pool was played in Great Britain with four teams. The first Winner was San Marino.

The Congress met in Zandvoort on March 16<sup>th</sup>, **1985** and elected a new Executive Committee: **Mr. Guus van der Heiden (NED)** – President, **Mr. Roger C. Panaye (BEL)** - Secretary General Treasurer (Re-elected), **Mr. Aldo Notari (ITA)** - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, **Mr. Francisco Gomez (ESP)** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Re-elected) and **Mr. Patrick Tugault (FRA)** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President.

The Congress also nominated the new Technical Commission: **Mr. Miquel Ortin (ESP)** – Chairman (Confirmed), **Mr. Gaston Panaye (BEL)** – Secretary, **Mr. Aldo Notari (ITA)**, **Mr. Jules de Pierre (NED)**, **Mr. Olivier Dubaut (FRA)**, **Mr. Ake Halvarson (SWE)** – Members and **Mr. Riccardo Fraccari (ITA)** - Umpires Commissioner.

An extraordinary Congress was held in Haarlem on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

On **1986**, two Congresses met, the ordinary in San Marino, March 15<sup>th</sup>, and the extraordinary in Amsterdam on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

In Barcelona, the Congress met on March 7<sup>th</sup>, **1987** and made some changes to the Executive Committee because of the death of Mr Guus van der Heiden: **Mr Aldo Notari (ITA)** - President, **Mr. Francisco Gomez (ESP)** - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (Re-elected) and **Mr. Patrick Tugault (FRA)** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and **Mr. Peter Laanen (NED)** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President. The extraordinary Congress met in Barcelona on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Congress in Paris, on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, **1988** accepted **U.R.S.S.** as new member (16) and the extraordinary Congress was celebrated in Firenze on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

In the year **1989** two Congress were held in Paris. The ordinary on January 28<sup>th</sup> accepted the new member, Czechoslovakia (17<sup>th</sup>) and elected the new Executive Committee: **Mr. Aldo Notari (ITA)** - President (Re-elected), **Mr. Roger C. Panaye (BEL)** - Secretary General Treasurer (Re-elected), **Mr. Jules de Pierre (NED)** - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, **Mr. Bruno Lesfargues (FRA)** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, **Mr. Ramaz Goglidze (URS)** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, **Mr. Reto Blum (SUI)**, **Mr. Miguel Pozueta (ESP)** and **Mr. Clarence Taylor (FIN)** - Vocals, **Mrs. Annie Reinenbergh (BEL)** and **Mr. Thierry Barraud (FRA)** - Advisors.

The new Technical Commission was nominated: **Mr. Miquel Ortin (ESP)** - Chairman (Confirmed), **Mr. Gaston Panaye (BEL)** - Secretary (Confirmed), **Mr. Ake Halvarson (SWE)**, **Mr. Riccardo Fraccari (ITA)**, **Mr. Olivier Dubaut (FRA)** (Confirmed), **Mr. Azdatov (URS)** and **Mr. Frans van Aalen (NED)** – Members.

The extraordinary Congress was also held in Paris on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Congress **1990** met in Tbilisi on February 10<sup>th</sup> and accepted the eighteenth member, **Poland**. In this year the series of the Cup Winners Cup “A” and “B” pool starts. The “A” pool was played in France with six teams and the first Champion was Neptunus Rotterdam (NED); the “B” Pool was played in Sweden with three teams and the first Winner was Leksand (SWE).

In **1991**, two Congresses were celebrated in Italy, the first, ordinary in Venezia on February 2<sup>nd</sup> accepted the nineteen member, **Romania**; the second in Nettuno on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

In **1992**, following the political split of Russia, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, the Congress met in Praha on February 8<sup>th</sup> and accepted eight new members: **Croatia, Estonia, Georgia, Lithuania, Russia, Slovenia, Ukraine** and **Bulgaria**. At this moment the C.E.B. members counted 25 as U.R.S.S. and Yugoslavia did no longer exist. In this year the first European Juveniles Championship was played, namely in Czech Republic with seven teams and the first Champion was Italy. Also the first

European Super cup was played in Italy between Mediolanum Milano (ITA) (Winner) and SCAC Nettuno (ITA).

In 1992 Baseball was included as official sport in Olympic Games in Barcelona and two European countries participated in the tournament, Italy and Spain qualified 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> on eight participants.

The Congress met in Stockholm on February 6<sup>th</sup>, **1993**, accepted five new members: **Czech Republic, Hungary, Moldova, Norway, Slovakia** (29 at this moment) and elected the new Executive Committee: **Mr. Aldo Notari (ITA)** - President (Re-elected), **Mr. Gaston Panaye (BEL)** - Secretary General Treasurer, **Mr. Jules de Pierre (NED)** - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (Re-elected), **Mr. Olivier Dubaut (FRA)** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, **Mr. Miguel Pozueta (ESP)** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, **Mr. Lothar Seinige (SUI)**, **Mr. Ake Halvarson (SWE)** and **Mr. Clarence Taylor (FIN)** (Re-elected) - Members, **Mrs. Annie Reinenbergh (BEL)** (Re-elected), **Mr. Dino Rossi (ITA)** and **Mr. Guller Eriksen (DEN)** - Advisors.

The Technical Commission was nominated: **Mr. Miquel Ortin (ESP)** - Chairman (Confirmed), **Mr. Riccardo Fraccari (ITA)** - Secretary, **Mr. Jan Esselman (NED)**, **Mr. Jules Vermeiren (BEL)**, **Mr. Julio Pernas (ESP)**, **Mr. Bruno Creiche (FRA)**, **Mr. Peter Ström (SWE)** - Members.

The extraordinary Congress was in Rome on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

In 1993 the series of the C.E.B. Cup “A” and “B” pool. The “A” pool was played in Italy with seven teams and the first Champion was CFC Nettuno (ITA); the “B” Pool in Slovakia with four teams and the first Winner was Success (MDA).

In **1994** the Congress met in San Marino on February 5<sup>th</sup> and accepted four new countries: **Armenia, Belarus, Ireland, Portugal** (33).

Mr Miquel Ortin, Technical Commission Chairman and Mr. Bruno Creiche resigned and the following changes were decided: **Mr. Riccardo Fraccari (ITA)** - Chairman, **Mr. Jan Esselman (NED)** – Secretary and **Mr. Giampaolo Reiter (ITA)** and **Mr. Emmanuel Dubaut (FRA)** - new Members.

The most important item of the congress was the change of the name: the word “Amateur” was deleted from the name and all articles of the statutes.

The European Junior Championship was split in two pools and the first “B” Pool was played in Ukraine with eight teams. The first winner was Russia.

The Congress met in Haarlem on February 4<sup>th</sup> **1995**, accepted the 34<sup>th</sup> member, Israel and decided to enlarge the Executive Committee with two new vocals: **Mr. Steve Herbert (GBR)** and **Mr. Martin Miller (GER)**.

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, **1996** in Praha, the Congress accepted the 35<sup>th</sup> member, **Yugoslavia**.

In Paris on February 1<sup>st</sup>, **1997**, the Congress changed a Vocal Mr. Lothar Seinige (SUI) (resigned) with **Ms. Ann Murphy (IRL)** and nominated as Technical Commission member **Mr. Roland Hofmann (GER)** for **Mr. Jules Vermeiren** (dead).

In the year **1998** the Congress was in Budapest on February 7<sup>th</sup>, in **1999** in Milano on February 7<sup>th</sup> and accepted two new member **Greece** and **Cyprus** (37) and in **2000** in Eilat on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Germany organized the Congress in Bonn on February 3<sup>rd</sup> **2001**. The Congress accepted the new thirty-eighth member, **Turkey** and elected the new Executive Committee: **Mr. Aldo Notari (ITA)** - President (Re-elected), **Mr. Gaston Panaye (BEL)** - Secretary General Treasurer (Re-elected), **Mr. Frans Van Aalen (NED)** - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, **Mr. Alexander Ratner (RUS)** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, **Mr. Miguel Pozueta (ESP)** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President (Re-elected), **Mr. Petr Ditrich (CZE)**, **Mr. Ake Halvarson (SWE)** (Re-elected), **Mr. Martin Miller (GER)** (Re-elected), **Mr. Sam Pelter (ISR)** and **Mr. Mario Primdjanov (BUL)** - Vocals, **Mr. Radim Kepak (CZE)**, **Mr. Fredy Steger (SUI)** - Advisors.

All the Technical Commission members were re-nominated: **Mr. Riccardo Fraccari (ITA)** - Chairman, **Mr. Jan Esselman (NED)** - Secretary, **Mr. Julio Pernas (ESP)**, **Mr. Peter Ström (SWE)** **Mr. Emmanuel Dubaut (FRA)**, **Mr. Giampaolo Reiter (ITA)**, **Mr. Roland Hofmann (GER)** - Members.

In **2002** the Congress met in Sofia on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and in **2003** in Krakow. The congress accepted the new member: **Luxembourg** (39). In the Technical Commission, Mr. **Xavier Mateu (ESP)** was nominated for Mr. Julio Pernas (resigned).

In **2004** the Congress met in Madrid on February 7<sup>th</sup>. The congress approved the new Statute at the presence of 33 members countries on 39. **Mr Jan Liszka** (25 years President of Polish Federation received the C.E.B. Golden Award.

Czech Republic organized the Congress in Prague on March 19<sup>th</sup>, **2005**. elected the new Executive Committee: **Mr. Martin Miller (GER)** - President, **Mr. Riccardo Fraccari (ITA)** - First Vice President, **Mr. Alexander Ratner (RUS)** - Second Vice President, **Mr. Gerard Vaandrager (NED)** - Third Vice President, **Mr. Peter Ditrich (CZE)** - Secretary General, **Mr. René Laforce (BEL)** - Treasurer, **Mr. Attila Borbély (HUN)** - First Vocal, **Mr. Ake Halvarson (SWE)** – Second Vocal, (Re-elected), **Mr. Sam Pelter (ISR)** – Third Vocal (Re-elected), **Mr. Eric-Pierre Dufour (FRA)** – Fourth Vocals, and **Mr. Osvaldo Vavra (CRO)** – Fifth Vocal.

All the Technical Commission members were re-nominated and the past Chairman, Mr. Riccardo Fraccari (ITA) was not nominated because he was elected in the Executive Committee. **Mr. Jan Esselman (NED)** - Chairman, **Mr. Xavier Mateu (ESP)**, **Mr. Peter Ström (SWE)** **Mr. Emmanuel Dubaut (FRA)**, **Mr. Giampaolo Reiter (ITA)**, **Mr. Roland Hofmann (GER)** - Members.

The new Executive, in the first meeting, nominated the past President Mr. Aldo Notari as Honorary President and Mr. Gaston Panaye, Honorary Secretary General.