

**46** **INTERAMNIA**  
**WORLD CUP**   
Teramo (Italy) 5/11 July 2018





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## *The most international handball tournament in the world*

The Interamnia World Cup can be considered “The most International handball tournament in the world” because throughout 45 years it has brought to the city of Teramo teams coming from 114 countries representing all the 5 continents. Furthermore, the tournament takes the credit for having had among its participants 259 national teams Under 21: 143 of these teams were from the male leagues and 116 from the female leagues, representing 54 countries of the 5 continents.



### “15 GOOD REASONS TO TAKE PART IN THE INTERAMNIA WORLD CUP”

1. Because I want to find out why everybody says they love Teramo
2. Because the Interamnia World Cup is not an ordinary tournament
3. Because I will compete in my favourite sport
4. Because I will meet people of my same age from all over the world
5. Because the Interamnia World Cup is much more than a handball tournament. First of all, it is a life experience
6. Because it feels like having a trip around the world in one week
7. Because half an hour after playing a match, I can be swimming in the sea or hiking in the wilderness of the mountains
8. Because I can be part of the show by participating in the inaugural parade
9. Because I can be a beauty queen or king for a night
10. Because I can taste typical Italian dishes
11. Because only in Italy there are charming cities such as Rome, Florence, and Venice
12. Because the Interamnia World Cup promotes a healthy and ethical lifestyle, geared towards the highest values of sport and cultural exchange
13. Because through sports it is really possible to try and tear down racist behaviours and live in solidarity among different cultures and their social contexts
14. Because with the Interamnia Cup I feel at the center of the world
15. Because I also want to say “I love Teramo” and its Cup



Fatuma Cisse (Nigeria)



Alexandra e Joan Postovaru (Romania)



Runyu Wei (Taipei Cina)

Juli 2, 2005

## The Sydney Morning Herald

### All roads lead to Teramo

Desmond O' Grady



## Teramo

Teramo is the ideal place connecting sport competitiveness and pleasant entertainment, thanks to its privileged geographical position. Teramo is located in the centre of Italy, making it equally distant to the coast ( Adriatic Sea ), with its 50 km of sandy beaches, and to the highest mountains of the Apennines, the Gran Sasso Mountain Range positioned within the biggest Naturalistic Park of Central Italy, with its suggestive snow capped peaks and a wild and uncontaminated nature.

The territory of Teramo and its province, combines the artistic interests with its evidences of the Roman and Medieval past with great entertainment. Especially during the tournament it is possible for the young athletes to take advantage of the many touristic accommodations at the seaside, sun, water parks, musical events and as well a vibrant night life with open disco and others nice thing to do. Also important is the gastronomic culture of Teramo. Always attentive to the many visitors' needs, several restaurants serve the most typical and representative meals of the city's tradition.

Teramo is also the ideal city from which one can easily travel to the most important cities of art, such as Florence, Venice and Rome, thanks to its central location. In fact, Teramo is only 150 km away from Rome.

### **Teramo can be reached by the following means of transport:**

- **By plane from :**

- **Rome ( Fiumicino Airport 170 km.);**
- **Pescara ( D'Abruzzo Airport 55 km.);**
- **Ancona ( Falconara Airport 125 km.);**
- **Milan ( Malpensa Airport (590 km.)**

- **By train :**

- **Railway station in Giulianova**

- **By car :**

- **Highway A14 Adriatica;**
- **Highway A24 Roma - L'Aquila – Teramo**





## *The coast of Teramo: a pearl of the Adriatic sea*

The main attraction of the Adriatic coast of the territory of Teramo lies in its 50 km of golden sandy beaches, a clean sea and beach resorts offering all sorts of comfort and entertainment. This is why we take pride in inviting our foreign friends to take advantage of one of the most important resources the territory has to offer.

When not busy with matches, the athletes can easily reach the seaside locations by public transportation and, when they are tired of spending the whole day sunbathing, they can enjoy the vibrant night life our area has to offer, with its discos and restaurants, concerts and shows, and perhaps even a bonfire on the beach and a swim in the sea at midnight.





# *Welcome to all the world !!!*

## I N V I T A T I O N

The Interamnia World Cup is approaching the 46th edition of the tournament stronger and prouder of its experience, thanks also to the fame achieved on the international field for its originality and for the richness of its technical-sports and social-cultural contents. We heartily invite you to take part in our tournament and to duly keep in mind that in Teramo you will experience what lacks in other tournament, even though most other tournaments were actually created in the wake of ours. In fact, in our city you will not find a great number of teams coming from bordering countries, but you will discover a more human dimension, based on teams coming from various countries of the 5 continents. You will have the occasion to feel comfortable in a friendly and hospitable city which through the tournament has always promoted original and significant initiatives in favour of solidarity and brotherhood among peoples. In view of the next tournament, even in consideration of the great number of clubs of various countries wanting to participate, we are reinvigorating the event in all its contents and giving more attention to all those logistic aspects which have lately been overlooked. We are also taking advantage of the precious support offered by a new and important partner of ours, the University of Teramo, with whom we have made a cooperation agreement.

Keeping in mind the above, we feel ready to receive a greater number of enthusiastic participants, conscious of the fact that they are coming to Teramo to give life to a unique "performance" in the world. Our eager invitation to come and spend a whole week of sport, tourism and fun in Teramo, as always is addressed to everyone, without distinction of race, tradition and political beliefs.





## 46<sup>th</sup> INTERAMNIA WORLD CUP Teramo ( Italy ) July 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> / 2018

### PROGRAMME

The Sports-Cultural Association "Interamnia World Cup" plans and organises the "46<sup>th</sup> Interamnia World Cup" – Memorial "Giorgio Binchi" - International Handball Tournament - with the technical collaboration of the Italian Handball Federation and under the aegis of the National Olympic Committee, of the International Handball Federation.

### DURATION OF THE TOURNAMENT

The tournament will be taking place from the 5th to the 11th July, 2018 in Teramo and also in some municipalities of its province.

### PARTICIPANTS

Participation is reserved to youth teams – both male and female – belonging to clubs who are members of national federations and to teams representing their provinces, regions and countries, directly affiliated with national federations, members of the International Handball Federation for the current season.

Youth school teams can also take part as long as their national associations are affiliated with the International School Sport Federation.

### MALE CATEGORIES

#### A-INTERAMNIA UNITE GRAND PRIX

( University teams – born in 1999 and before )

B-Over 18	( born in 1999 and before )
C-Under 18	( born in 2000 and younger )
D-Under 16	( born in 2002 and younger )
E-Under 14	( born in 2004 and younger )
F-Under 12	( born in 2006 and younger )

### FEMALE CATEGORIES

#### G.INTERAMNIA UNITE GRAND PRIX

( University teams – born in 1999 and before )

H-Over 18	( born in 1999 and before )
I-Under 18	( born in 2000 and younger )
L-Under 16	( born in 2002 and younger )
M-Under 14	( born in 2004 and younger )
N-Under 12	( born in 2006 and younger )

### CATEGORIE A e G - INTERAMNIA UNITE GRAND PRIX

(Over 18 maschile e femminile)

The tournament was born in 2017 as part of a collaboration between the Interamnia World Cup and the University of Teramo.

At the 2nd edition of the event can attend university teams composed of athletes already enrolled at the University or in the process of enrolling.

### CATEGORIE B e H (Over 18 male and female )

These categories have been part of the tournament in the past seven years, as a suggestion made by some clubs who were particularly fond of the tournament. These categories give the opportunity to those male and female athletes who have participated in previous years and still want to participate despite having gone over the age of 18 (born in 1999 and before).

### RULES

Game rules of the Italian Handball Federation and those of the International Handball Federation will be observed. Tournament matches are going to begin on the 5th July at 8.30 a.m. and will finish on the 11th July at 8.00 p.m. The procedure of the games foresees eliminating matches, semi-final matches and final matches. Each team will play a minimum of five matches and a maximum of nine.

### ELIMINATORY PHASE

Matches will be played in Teramo and in some municipalities of its province on the Adriatic Coast during the morning of the 5th July and during the mornings and afternoons of the 6th, 7th and 8th July. July 9th will be a free day or a day on which recover matches can be played if necessary. The teams lodging in Teramo will play, in general, in Teramo; those lodging in other towns of the province will play, in general, in those towns. It will be not possible to respect the above mentioned arrangements if the minimum number of teams lodging at the seaside will be not reached, this means that it will be possible to play the matches there, the Organization will inform all teams as soon as possible and will arrange the matches to be played in Teramo.





### SEMI-FINAL PHASE

Matches will be played in Teramo during the morning and the afternoon of July 10  
Le gare si svolgeranno il mattino ed il pomeriggio del 10 luglio a Teramo.

### FINAL PHASE

Matches will be played in Teramo during the morning and the afternoon of July 11

### LENGTH OF MATCHES

Cat. A-B-C-G-H-I : 2 x 20 minutes

All the other categories : 2 x 15 minutes

### MISCELLANEA

1. It is mandatory for each player to bring an identity document (passport or identity card) to be shown before each match to play
2. The detailed and definite programme of the tournament will be available to each club enrolled hereafter.
3. The Interamnia World Cup reserves it-self the rights to inform teams of any changes in the procedure of the matches and to reject enrolments, by the 20th-May 2018, in case the minimum number of six teams per category will be not reached. Last-minute enrolments will be also rejected in case all the logistic availabilities will be sold out.

### FRIENDLY MATCHES AND TOURNAMENTS

All teams will have the possibility to play friendly matches during their stay in Teramo. Furthermore, the organizing committee is at the disposal of any foreign teams who would like to anticipate or lengthen their stay in Europe so as to play handball tournament before or after the "46th Interamnia World Cup".

### REFEREES

The matches of the tournament will be refereed by Italian referees appointed by the Refereeing Section of the Italian Handball Federation and by Foreign referees invited here on purpose for this tournament.

### PRIZES

- All the teams ( in each category ) making first place will receive a trophy and as well the trophy "UNITE" (University of Teramo )
- Teams making second, third, and fourth place will receive a trophy.
- Other prizes will be awarded to those teams, athletes, and managers who particularly distinguished themselves.





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## OUTLINE PROGRAM

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Arrival of the teams, greeting and accommodation

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July

- 8.30 - 13.00 Eliminating matches
- 21.00 - 24.00 Teramo, Italy Here - Great Inaugural Parade

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July

- 8.30 - 13.00 Eliminating Matches
- 15.00 - 19.00 Eliminating Matches
- 21.00 - 23.00 Matches by Night
- 23.00 - 24.00 Music Concert

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July

- 8.30 - 13.00 Eliminating Matches
- 15.00 - 19.00 Eliminating Matches
- 21.00 - 23.00 Matches by Night
- 23.00 - 24.00 International Festival for Human Rights

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July

- 8.30 - 13.00 Eliminating Matches
- 15.00 - 19.00 Eliminating Matches
- 21.00 Friendly match Coaches vs Referees

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July

- 9.00 - 18.00 Stones and Peoples 2016  
-Touristic excursion in the mountains
- 21.00 - 24.00 It's a beautiful world: Miss and Mister Interamnia World Cup

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July

- 8.30 - 13.00 Semi-Final Matches
- 15.00 - 19.00 Semi-Final Matches
- 21.00 - 23.00 Final Matches Under 12 ( male and female )
- 21.00 Gala Paty ( only MANAGERS and REFEREES )
- 23.00 - 24.00 Disco Night

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July

- 8.30 - 13.00 Final Matches
- 15.00 - 19.00 Final Matches
- 21.00 - 23.00 Prizing and Grand Final

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Departures of delegations





## Side events

During their stay in Teramo, the participants will have the opportunity to engage in events having nothing to do with sport, thanks to a programme full of other initiatives and performances. Such small and big events and international activities can be enriched by those clubs who wish to recommend artists and exhibitors willing to participate to our administrative office.

### TERAMO, ITALY HERE –Inaugural Parade (5<sup>th</sup>July)

TERAMO, ITALY HERE” is the slogan that sums up the joyful, colourful, and suggestive background of the already rich and cosmopolitan inaugural Interamnia World Cup parade. This staple event will take place on the evening of the 5<sup>th</sup>July. It will unfold along the streets of the historic center of the city mixing a magical cocktail of athletes, Italian and foreign music bands, historical, folkloristic, and theatrical groups. What makes this initiative beautiful and magic is the bond among the young people who take part in this unforgettable celebration. Athletes from all over the world make their mark by offering a unique show based on their own concept of creativity. Some are dressed up in the costume of their own country or city, some wear their uniform, others wear peculiar and extravagant clothes. This event gathers in an ideal hug the city of Teramo and the numerous guests from the countries of the world, some of which are struggling because of tensions of different nature, thus reinforcing the concept of peace and friendship among peoples.



### REFEREES 2018 VS COACHES (8<sup>th</sup> July )

The players in this match are participants at the tournament and handball experts but not the athletes. In the 46<sup>th</sup> edition of the tournament in 2018 the referees will “challenge” the coaches in a match where competitiveness and fun will play an important role, thus confirming the idea of Interamnia World Cup as a vehicle to meet and confront with different cultures and backgrounds within the world of handball.



### STONES AND PEOPLES 2018 (9<sup>th</sup> July )

Within an interesting project called “The mountains as the center of the world” the Organizing Committee, in collaboration with the Explora International Association, proposes, once again, the successful initiative “Stones and Peoples 2018”. Therefore, we invite the participating clubs to bring a small stone from their territory to Teramo. All the stones will be placed on the highest peak of the Gran Sasso mountain range among all the stones that symbolize the world, as an ideal union of the peoples of the earth.



### IT’S A BEAUTIFUL WORLD – Miss & Mister Interamnia World Cup (9<sup>th</sup> July )

Who are the beauty queen and king of the Interamnia World Cup? For sure, that boy and girl who express their cultural identity in a creative and natural way, giving a broader meaning to the idea of beauty. Beauty also stands for joy, colour, style, and pride for one’s own way of being. It’s a Beautiful World is a real beauty contest in which the athletes are welcome to wear their favourite clothes, those that best describe who they are and what their culture represents, along with expressing their personality and their way of interpreting .... fashion!





# “International Festival for Human Rights” 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> July 2018

The social aspect of the Interamnia World Cup strongly emerges during a great international celebration addressed to all the multi-ethnic peoples present in Teramo, in the name of participation, sharing, integration and friendship. The “International Festival for Human Rights” is a multi-cultural project carried out thanks to the collaboration of volunteer and solidarity associations present on the territory of Teramo (UNICEF, Amnesty International, the Italian-Venezuelan Association Alma Criolla, Emergency, the Senegalese Immigrants Association AISAM, the LEM-Italy Association for language rights, Caritas, the Solidarity Consortium Aprutina and the Team Horse Club for Social Works) to enhance and give value to the respect of human rights, under all its aspects, through music, singing, dancing, performances and videos

coming from all over the world. The witnessing of the supporters and of the victims of the violations of the fundamental rights of people, of war or catastrophic natural disasters, are expressed through the sound of traditional tribal instruments and of modern rap music; of folk dancing and films on the theme, to let us reflect together, thanks to the emotions that only cultural events can raise





## *Free time*

### **PARTICIPATION OF CULTURAL GROUPS: INVITATION**

We have the intention to enrich the “Interamnia World Cup” with the presence of cultural groups coming from the countries taking part in the tournament. Therefore, we would be very grateful if you could give us any information on a cultural group of your country who may be interested in accepting our invitation to take part in the international cultural happening called “Yes, We Teramo”, taking place from the 5th to the 11th July 2018, and at the same time, would be interested in an exchange with a similar cultural group of Teramo. To the group, that should be made up of a minimum of 3 people to a maximum of 6 people, our proposal is :

1. Free boarding and lodging in a school from the 4th July to the morning of the 12th July 2018
2. Free transport from the airport of Rome (or Pescara or Ancona) to Teramo and back

3. Health assistance

4. Participation to the cultural initiatives foreseen by the program

For your information, the following cultural fields may be taken into consideration:

- Dancing (modern or traditional)
- Folklore
- Music (various types of light music)
- Street theatres
- Cabaret

### **SHOPPING**

All the participants in the Interamnia World Cup will be granted of special discounts in particular approved stores: a unique occasion to get to know the fashion and typical products of the Abruzzi region.





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## *Free time*

### **EXCURSIONS IN TERAMO AND AMONG THE BEAUTIES OF ITALY**

Thanks to its particularly favourable geographic position, during the tournament it is possible to reach the seaside or the water park on public transport in a little more than half an hour.

Instead, during the event "Stones and Peoples 2018", the Organization Office of the Tournament has arranged for an excursion in the mountain, in the heart of the National Park Gran Sasso-Laga, on the highest peaks of the Apennines.

Those who would like to take advantage of their presence in Italy to visit art cities such as Rome, Florence or Venice after the tournament, they can do it at a convenient cost. The clubs interested can request detailed information to our Organizing Office.

### **ACQUAPARK**

Thanks to a particular agreement, the participants of the Interamnia World Cup can enjoy themselves in the water park "Acquapark Ondablu" at about 30 kms from Teramo ( Tortoreto ) at a reduced entry fee. The water park is easily reachable by bus or car. A wonderful water park with easy and safe rides for younger children, as well as swimming pools for adults and steep slides for those who like to challenge speed in water.





# In 45 years...

## SPORT

The Interamnia World Cup is one of the most important and long-lasting International tournaments. Throughout the years, it has gained the spot light in promoting sports and, specifically, handball. Moreover, it has earned national attention, so much that in 2002 it was defined by the International Handball Federation (IHF) as “the most important youth handball tournament in the world”.

Established in 1973, the tournament has since been taking place during the first week of July. In these 45 years, it has become one of the chief initiatives in the world, by offering the opportunity for the youth clubs to start competing on an international level. It also gives opportunities for the major teams to train for the main championships

### Technical and sport features:

The Interamnia World Cup holds the following merits:

- throughout the years it has managed to host in one location -Teramo- up to 8,778 teams from 114 countries, ( with an average of 42 countries each year in the last 23 years ). This makes up more than 54% of the countries of the world and more than 74% of all the countries where handball is played;
- it has always endorsed quality ( rather than quantity ). Since 1983, the most important protagonists have been:
  - a) Coaches, managers and athletes of national teams Under 21 from 54 countries representing the 5 continents for a total of 260 teams, of which 146 male teams and 114 female teams. Among these teams, the Organization also hosted the world champion male teams of the Soviet Union and Egypt, and as well the world champion female teams from the Soviet Union, Denmark, Romania and Russia;

- b) Coaches, managers and athletes from the most prestigious youth clubs in Europe. Among these clubs, 14 are European champions in the senior divisions, representing 9 countries, and 132 are clubs that participated in European Cups in senior divisions, representing 31 countries;
  - c) world handball celebrities ( managers and coaches, as well as internationally acclaimed athletes ), journalists, reporters, and photographers;
- The Interamnia World Cup has also contributed to the following:
    - a) The growth of the referee class, by hosting to this day 2,997 referees from 72 countries of 4 continents;
    - b) to the technical development of sport in countries where it is not taken into great account and where, thanks to the Interamnia World Cup, these countries have been able to be in the intercontinental limelight for the first time (only to mention a few: Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Dji-

bouti, Dominican Republic, Gabon, Ghana, Greenland, Guinea, Hong Kong, Honduras, India, Ireland, Kenya, Lebanon, Libya, Liechtenstein, Malta, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nepal, Nigeria, New Caledonia, Palestine, Panama, Peru, Reunion, Tibet, Uruguay, Zimbabwe, Yemen.

c) it favoured the establishment of many other tournaments in the world. At the same time, it has helped to increase the international popularity of handball, by strengthening its image and credibility.





## Statistic data

What follows is a snapshot of who has taken part in the tournament during the past 45 years:

- 8.778 teams (260 national teams and 8.483 clubs) from 114 countries coming from 3,351 cities representing the 5 continents
- 181.354 people from 114 countries; among these:
  - 157.541 players
  - 8.963 coaches
  - 11.894 managers and escorts
  - 2,997 referees from 72 countries
- A total of 24.252 matches have been played until now
- 2.502.453 meals have been served
- 5,999 volunteers have offered their precious contribution
- 112,988 people have taken part in touristic excursions to the beach (Giulianova) and to the mountains (Gran Sasso – Monti della Laga National Park)
- 441 groups, for a total of 2.021 artists, have enriched the sporting event in its recreational and cultural aspects

## Countries which have been represented in the past editions



**AFRICA:** Algeria, Angola, Cameroon, Congo, Djibuti, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Libya, Morocco, Mozambique, Nigeria, Reunion, Senegal, Tunisia, Zimbabwe.

**AMERICA:** Argentina, Brasil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Peru, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela.

**ASIA:** Afghanistan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, China, Hong Kong, India, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, Syria, Thailand, Taiwan, Tibet, Yemen.

**EUROPA:** Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Belaus, Bosnia – Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Czech Republic, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, EEstonia, Faroe Island, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Greenland, Holland, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, uxemburg, Macedonia, Maltaa, Moldavia, Montenegro, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Principality of Monaco, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Soviet Union, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tukey, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Yugoslavia.

**OCEANIA:** Australia, New Caledonia.





## *Social aspects*

What makes the Interamnia World Cup a unique event is its strong social connotation, that make it-self be a "small Olympics of handball", as it was renamed a few years back. Sport events are without any doubt pivotal in the world to create connections in favour of peace and brotherhood among peoples, like the Olympics shows nowadays too.

One of the most important merits of the tournament is that it has always welcomed everyone without prejudice towards race, sex, religion, and political belief. The Interamnia World Cup continues its effort to bring down any political barriers, offering the opportunity to countries in conflict to take part in the tournament.

Indeed, even during periods of great tension, teams from Lebanon and Israel, Iran and Iraq, England and Argentina, Bosnia and Serbia, China and Taiwan competed against one another in Teramo, launching an important message of peace and union among peoples in the name of sport. These high and solid values always live

on, especially thanks to events that carry a great symbolic meaning, such as the "Squadra della Pace" (United World Team for Peace), formed in 2004, which made the meeting of athletes from countries in conflict among themselves possible and the UNICEF award, which named Teramo in 1989 "A CITY OPENED TO THE WORLD".

Recently, on the 40th anniversary of the tournament, the Organization invited the peoples of the world to sign the "Teramo Charter", in which they committed themselves into performing acts to spread peace around the world, taking into consideration the needs and the requests of all the children who took part in the contest titled "Tomorrow's leader".

This path, characterized by the slogan "Towards a new world", had begun in 2009 after the earthquake in L'Aquila, capital city of Abruzzo. On that occasion, a message was launched by the youth of the Interamnia World Cup to the governors who gathered in L'Aquila during the G8 meeting that year.

The contest called "Tomorrow's Leader" was proclaimed again on the occasion of the 43rd edition of the Interamnia Cup and in cooperation with the LEM-Italy Association and the University of Teramo. During the event, the work created by the children within the First World Congress on Language Rights (Teramo, 19th/23rd May 2015) and on "Lessons of Freedom" which took place during the handball tournament were presented.

### **UNITED WORLD TEAM FOR PEACE**

On the occasion of its 32nd edition, the Interamnia World Cup created a particularly prestigious event. This gave the opportunity to 24 players from 5 different continents to be part of one unique ideal team, called "The United World Team", also known as "The Team for Peace" for 7 days. This team was made up of players from countries at war, living in a tense political and diplomatic environment. The players came from China

and Taiwan, South and North Korea, India and Pakistan, Iraq and Kuwait, Iran, Israel, Palestine and Lebanon, the United States of America and Vietnam and Afghanistan, Morocco and Algeria; Bosnia, Croatia, Kosovo and Serbia; Turkey and Cyprus with the cohesive participation of Italy as the host country and one player from Australia representing Oceania continent, to give the whole experience a universal meaning.

This unprecedented event in the sport world, highlighted the importance of overcoming all conflicts as well as their physical and non-physical borders which divide peoples and cultures. .





# Culture

The need to join the handball tournament, an entertainment path for foreign athletes who can meet with the host nation, has led to the development of a series of collateral events gathered under the brand "Yes, We Teramo" and that, over the years, represented the contamination and interpenetration of cultures and traditions so different between each-other.

The tournament offers every year a wide range of shows and cultural events from 5 continents, like "StreetAnimation" and different festival of ethnic and rock music, games and popular traditions, everything starting with the Inaugural Parade with its expressions of youthful joy, continuing with the HandMade ethnic market and at the end with the traditional Miss and Mister Interamnia World Cup beauty contest. Everything made to let people from different geographical areas meet. This cultural idea opened the path in 2004 to the big international happening "Teramo,

a City Open to the World". This paved the way to new expressions of culture, thus elevating the city of Teramo as a great model of civilization.

On the occasion of the 46th edition of the tournament, the social aspects of the kermesse were highlighted through cultural, International and traditional events, as well as through the "Festival for Music and Human Rights" which, thanks to its previous success, will become a fixed appointment of the Interamnia World Cup.





## *Coming soon...*

The following teams, coming from 69 countries, have expressed their wish to participate in the competition, thanks to the successful international marketing strategies which began last July. This has allowed the Organizing Committee to start fruitful collaborations with the federations, clubs, and other organizations.

**AFRICA:** Algeria, Egypt, Gabon, Libia, Marocco, South Africa, Tunisia.

**AMERICA:** Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Trinidad e Tobago, Usa.

**ASIA:** Afghanistan, China, Iran, Japan, Kazakhstan, South Korea, Lebanon, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, Taipei China, Thailand, Uzbekistan.

**EUROPA:** Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Montenegro, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine.

**OCEANIA:** Australia.





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