

International Conference

« Playing to Build Europe »

The formation of a European Football Sphere
(1919-1991)

Thursday 5th and Friday 6th February 2015



Provisional programme

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Thematic and chronological framework

Since 1990, football history has greatly expanded within the field of sport science. In particular, historians have worked on professionalization, on the development of football's institutions or even its mediatisation in a variety of geographic areas and especially Europe; nevertheless, few studies can be considered genuinely continental in their analysis or with respect to their source material. Historians have mainly worked within a national framework, and even collective work remains, for the most part, a collection of national cases. Furthermore, the few existing works really centred on continental football focus primarily on the first half of the twentieth century, even though the period between 1950 and 1980 is fundamental regarding the "Europeanization" of football (creation of a sovereign institution, establishment of specific rules about players' transfers and contracts and, especially, the development of competitions). However, some authors have already worked on the use of football by the State in their *soft power* strategies. At the opposite, few research have focused on the role of the football manager's, who created a true transnational community (as showed by Barbara Keys about the *International Olympic Committee*), and permit that football played up geopolitical tensions and often take the "wrong-foot" of political decisions (for example during the Cold War).

With this in mind, we are pleased to propose a conference, which shall permit discussions and transnational debates about the special place of football on the European scene from 1919 to 1991. Based on many cases and topics, we want to show the steps of the structuration of a genuine 'European' football sphere, to study activities and motivations from managers and finally describe the (relative) autonomy of football regarding State policies. All the expected discussions will contribute to the rise of some new analysis and indicate suggestions for future research. However, this conference wants also to offer a space of discussion between some young and also more experimented researchers, and in this context, our aim is to pursue contacts already established in some European networks, as around the FREE (*Football Research in Enlarged Europe*) project.

Besides, this new conference can be seen as the continuation of a previous one organised in Lausanne six years ago on the occasion of the European Championship of 2008, which revealed both the place and the role of Switzerland in the development of international football during the twentieth century. Published in a collective volume *Le football suisse* in 2009, the contributions of this initial research highlighted the necessity to focus on an international level to pursue our understanding of football history.

Programme

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Some words about the event

The speakers should do shorts presentations (10-12 minutes) and will be send their text to the chairman twenty days before the Congress.

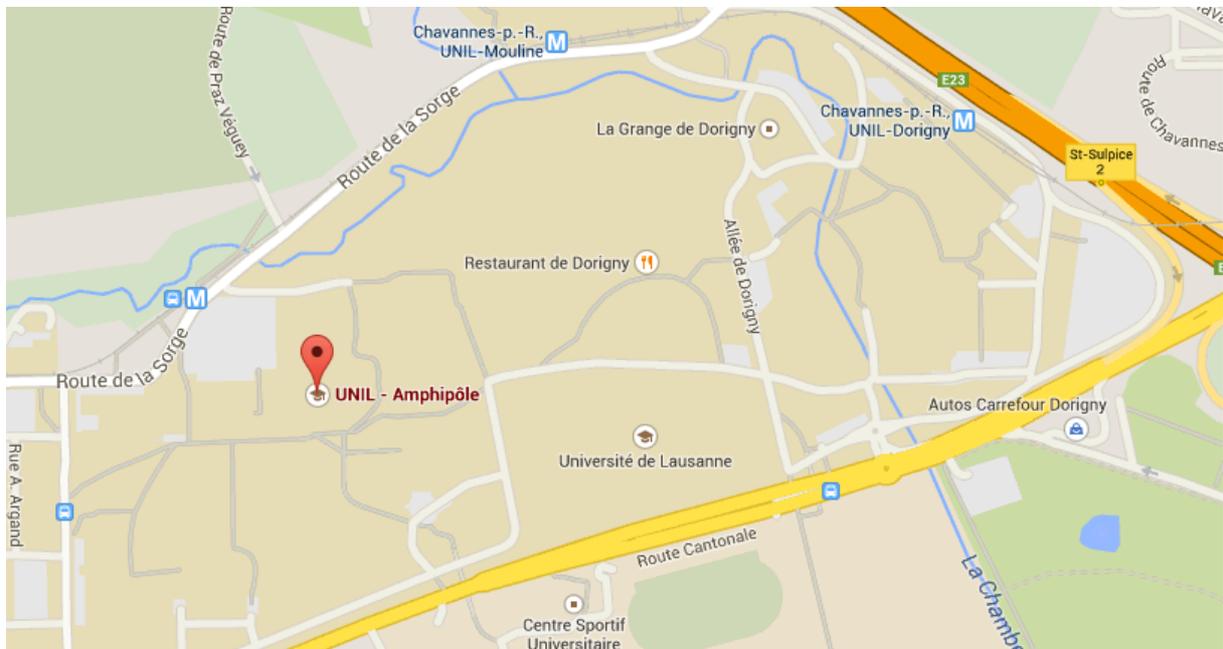
After the presentation, a brief comment (15 minutes) will be realised by the chairman, followed by a discussion between all the participants during the rest of the time.

We hope that this procedure could establish interesting discussion on the ongoing works ; and permit to stimulate new ideas and researches.

The paper and the comments will be realised in English.

Place of the Congress

Room 410, Building Amphipôle (Subway M1, Stop UNIL-SORGE ; Motorway, Direction Lausanne-sud, exit Lausanne Université)



First Day (Thursday 5th February)

13h30-14h00. Welcome

14h00-14h15. Opening Address. Fabien Ohl, Dean of the Faculty

14h15-14h30. Opening words. Philippe Vonnard (Université de Lausanne)

14h30-16h15. Session 1. *The formation of the European football sphere from the interwar to the fifties. Part 1.*

Matthew Taylor (De Montfort University, Leicester). British Football and ‘the Continent’ Reconsidered, 1919-1960

Henry Wahlig (Leibniz Universität, Hannover). The Jews, the football and the Second World War. Look on a forgotten history.

Nicolas Sbeti (Università di Bologna). Quest for legitimacy. The Italian football’s redemption after the Second World War (1945-1949)

Chair: G. Quin (De Montfort University, Leicester)

16h15-16h30. Break / Refreshments

16h30-18h15. Session 2. *The formation of the European football sphere from the interwar to the fifties. Part 2.*

Xavier Breuil (Université de Metz). The football and the construction of a European football sphere in East. Break and continuity after 1945.

Grégory Quin (De Montfort University, Leicester). Some word about the entry of Soviet Union in the FIFA (1946-1952)

Hrvoje Klasić (Sveučilište u Zagrebu). The Tito-Staline football war (1948-1952)

Chair: Paul Dietschy (Université de Besançon)

20h30. Dinner

Second day (Friday 6th February 2015)

09h45. Welcome - Coffee

10h00-11h45. Session 3. *The structuration of the European football sphere. From the sixties to the nineties Part 1.*

Philippe Vonnard (Université de Lausanne). A look on the first European competitions during the 1950's and 1960's

Jean Williams (De Montfort University, Leicester). Amateur and professional debates in European women's football 1950-1980

Kevin Marston (CIES, Neuchâtel). The International Youth Tournament: Between fraternity and professional competition, 1948-82

Chair: Jürgen Mittag (Deutsche Sporthochschule, Köln)

12h00 Lunch

13.30-15h15. Session 4. *The structuration of the European football sphere. From the sixties to the nineties Part 2.*

Manuel Schotté (Université de Lille 2). Living happy, living hidden. The relationship between the UEFA and the European Union (years 1970 and 1980).

Stanislas Frenkiel (Université de Lausanne). The construction of an european field of football agents (1968-1995)

Markwart Herzog (SchwabenAkademie, Irsee). Memorial culture of football in Europe.

Chair: Raffaele Poli (CIES, Neuchâtel)

15h30-16h15. Conclusions and openings by Nicolas Bancel (Université de Lausanne) and Thomas David (Université de Lausanne)

16h30. Conference ends