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Congratulations are in order for the five Ontarians who have been named to the 2007 FIFA List of Match Officials. Returning for another year on the international stage are referees Steve DePiero and Silvu Petrescu, assistant referees Amato DeLuca and Denise Robinson, while Joe Fletcher gets the nod as an assistant referee for the first time. In all, 16 Canadians, six women and 10 men, are included in the 2007 international lineup. You can see the full story in the News Bulletin on the OSA webpage.

Annual Referee Conference

The stage is now set for "The Future is Here" conference on January 6. FIFA AR, Hector Vergara, has accepted our invitation to be the keynote speaker for the one-day event at the Soccer Centre in Vaughan. The lineup of presentors will also include York University coach and former national team player, Paul James. We are pleased with the strong response from the group of 60 invitees which is comprised of identified upgrading referees at district, regional and provincial levels.

District Referee Coordinator Workshop

Several offers to host the Spring DRC workshop have been received for which we are most grateful. The location of the event, slated for March 3, will be decided by the RDC at its next meeting on January 5.

Trainer Workshop

In advance of the recertification of the current assessor workforce, CSA director of refereeing, Joe Guest, conducted a trainer's workshop on December 2 at the Soccer Centre. Applications for recertification of current assessors are now being accepted with courses planned to commence in March.

Classification Review

Appeals arising from the annual classification review are now ready for consideration. Appellants will be notified following the RDC meeting on January 5.

Instructor Re-Certification

The re-training sessions for current referee instructors have been completed across the province.

New Instructors

The call for new instructor prospects, announced on November 2, is now closed. Applicants will be notified of the training courses which are planned for the new year.

New DRC

We welcome our newest colleague, Leon Tipovski. Leon, who needs little introduction, has taken over the DRC position for the South-West Regional S.A.

RDC Meetings

The RDC will hold its first meeting of the new year on Friday, January 5. Agenda items will include consideration of the new national referee policy package recently proposed by the CSA.

Seasons Greetings

As this is the final bulletin for 2006, I want to thank you for your support during the past twelve months and wish you every success in providing assistance to referees in the year ahead. The next bulletin will be issued in February.

Tom Doyle
Chair
Referee Development Committee