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We received this press release from the President of the new founded curling association in Serbia and Montenegro, and we wish them the best of luck and success:

"This was an exciting and historical week for curling in Serbia and Montenegro.

First news is that on Tuesday the 22nd February 2005. around 2:15 PM Belgrade time (1:15 GMT) **National Curling Association of Serbia and Montenegro (NCASM) was unanimously accepted as full member of the Olympic Committee of Serbia and Montenegro during its General Assembly.**

On the 18th of February we had a first official training with the five members of the Bulgarian Curling Association including Lubomir Velinov the general secretary of BCA.

They have brought all the equipment and stones to Belgrade.

The first stone in the history of sports in Serbia and Montenegro was pushed by my self (Marko Stojanovic) around 5:30 PM Belgrade time, the second one by Miodrag Kastratovic, general secretary of the NCASM.

There where 30 people training including sportsmen in wheelchairs from Serbia and Bulgaria.

We have organized an international promotional friendly match between Serbia and Montenegro and Bulgaria on Saturday the 19th of February 2005 at noon Belgrade time. The first stones where pushed by wheelchair curlers of Serbia and Montenegro and Bulgaria, Sinisa Milenkovic (SCG), Zeljko Cirkovic (SCG) and Ivan Sopov (BUL).

After them me and Miodrag Kastratovic have done the same.

HE the Ambassador of Bulgaria in SCG has opened the event.

The media coverage was incredible. All the national and satellite media in Serbia and Montenegro have covered the event and now everybody in Serbia and Montenegro knows what curling is. In our team we had a lot of celebrities.

In few days we will have our site with photos and videos for you to see. We are all very excited. We are now officially applying for full membership in the WCF and ECF (We are provisional members of the ECF since 7th of December 2004.)."

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