

adidas EUROCAMP Announces 2012 Dates and New Directors

Tenth Annual Official NBA Pre-Draft Camp Held June 10-12 in Treviso, Italy

PORTLAND, Ore. (Feb. 14, 2012) – adidas today announced dates and new directors for the tenth annual adidas EUROCAMP that will showcase the best international basketball players in the only officially sanctioned NBA pre-draft camp outside of the United States. Held in Treviso, Italy June 10-12, the three-day camp brings the best draft eligible players together with former and current NBA coaches and players.

This year, adidas EUROCAMP added Houston Rockets director of scouting Artūras Karnišovas as the new camp director and Minnesota Timberwolves assistant coach Bill Bayno as the new coaching director.

"We're thrilled to add Artūras and Bill and their decades of rich experience in international basketball to our program," said Chris Grancio, adidas global head of Basketball Sports Marketing. "Their involvement with EUROCAMP will have a tremendous effect on the talent level of participants and their development in Treviso this summer."

As a player, Karnišovas followed four standout years at Seton Hall University with a fifteen year European professional career which included five championships and the FIBA European Player of the Year award in 1996. He also helped lead Lithuania to two Olympic bronze medals. Since his playing days, Karnišovas has held positions with the NBA and has been director of scouting for the Houston Rockets since 2008.

Bayno brings over 25 years of successful coaching experience to adidas EUROCAMP. After an All-American collegiate playing career, Bayno served as an assistant under legendary coaches Larry Brown (Kansas University) and John Calipari (University of Massachusetts) before his first head coaching position, where he led UNLV to four conference championships. Bayno joined the Portland Trail Blazers as an assistant coach in 2006 after serving two years on their scouting staff. He joined the Minnesota Timberwolves prior to this season.

The adidas EUROCAMP roster is expected to be finalized in May, and former participants from the camp include four first round picks from the 2011 NBA Draft as well as current NBA standouts Serge Ibaka (Oklahoma City Thunder), Danilo Gallinari (Denver Nuggets) and Nicolas Batum (Portland Trail Blazers).



Former adidas EUROCAMP participants include 56 first and second round NBA Draft picks. Eighteen former EUROCAMP participants currently hold NBA contracts and 61 currently play in Euroleague Basketball.

adidas EUROCAMP will be held at La Ghirada Sports Complex - "SportCity" in Treviso, Italy.

For more and media credentials please visit www.adidaseurocamp.com or http://news.adidas.com/us/basketball.

About adidas Basketball

adidas has been providing innovative products for the world's best athletes for more than 60 years, from past legends to today's superstars, such as Derrick Rose, Dwight Howard, Candace Parker, Tim Duncan and Chauncey Billups. On April 11, 2006 adidas and the National Basketball Association signed an 11-year global merchandising partnership making the adidas brand the official uniform and apparel provider for the NBA, the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) and the NBA Development League (D-League) beginning with the 2006-07 NBA season.

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