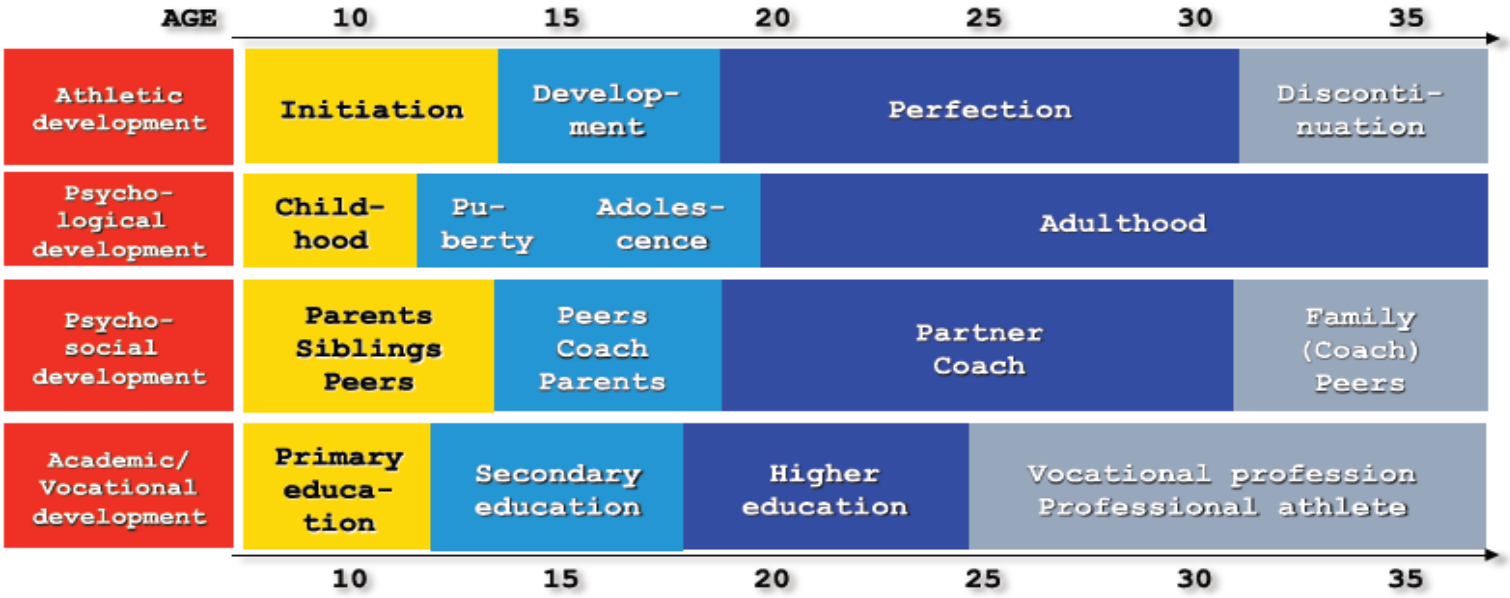
HUNGARIAN MODEL

The combination of study and sport in Hungary from education perspective

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Lifespan model



Wylleman & Lavallee (2004)

Vrije Universiteit Brussel - P Wylleman 2011

OVERVIEW

1. General Education
2. Transfer to Higher Education
3. Transfer to Job Market

Two transfers (Re: Patrick Glannon, Adecco):

1. FROM compulsory, general education – TO studies
2. FROM higher/VET studies – TO job market

Evaluation: in Hungary

1. General Education is athlete friendly, but organised programme needs to be introduced
2. Transfer 1 - quite successful (traditions)
3. Transfer 2 – less focus (need for enhancement)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION IS THE FUNDAMENT OF SPORT

- 1777 Compulsory general education – PE is recommended, 50% of schools did have
- 1868 PE becomes compulsory for age 6-14
- 1883 PE becomes compulsory for age 14-18

Physical education and sport is well established in schools and when a pupil becomes a high level athlete, other teachers are supportive.

HUNGARIAN UNIVERSITY OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Law No. 53 in 1921 to Establish TF
- Count Kuno Klebelsberg

  Minister of Education and Culture

  Answer to Trianon PeaceTreaty – 1920
- Established in 1925 as 3rd PE School in Europe after Germany and Romania



GENERAL EDUCATION
COMBINATION OF GENERAL STUDIES AND SPORT

- 55 public schools with accredited sports profile, financially supported by Government
- 20 public schools with accredited sports profile, with no financial support from Government, only local

  They operate in a network with local sport clubs, sports federations, the National Sport Institute (scientific and medical background, other institutions)

- 18 sport schools run by local government (sport schools with no educational function)

HIGH-SCHOOL LEVEL

- According to the stereotype people have about sport schools, 10 high schools have modified school day in order to promote the twice a daily practice
- Football academies are a special kind (19)

HIGHER EDUCATION - TRANSFER 1

- Statement: education and obtaining a degree was always important for people working in sports (see presentation of Dr. Sós)
- Important: number of students/graduates multiplied. Today 60% of age group 18-25 years in HE
- 20 years ago only 10%!!! It was really difficult to get in, but elite athletes did gained a HE degree
- The combination of the above - historical facts leads us to the situation, that Hungary has focused on transfer 1.

TRANSFER TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Hungarian Olympic Committee took the lead:

- Early start (Cooperation agreements 1995, 2001)
- Official start at national level 2002 (May 10, HOC Board meeting)
- Strong will and support from sport leaders (top-down development)

See the presentation of Dr. Nagy

SEMMELWEIS UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF PE AND SPORT SCIENCES (TF)SUPPORTS THE OLYMPIC CAREER PATH PROGRAMME

- Hosts the management of the Program
- Provides the offices
- Programme director *Prof. Csaba Istvánfi* is Rector Emeritus of the University and is paid by the University
- Programme co-ordinator *Krisztina Vajda, M.Sc.* covers the smallest „units” of the programme: individualised treatment, when necessary – key to the success – athlete as a whole receives attention and support

TRANSFER 2 – JOB MARKET

Transfer 2 begins at the Career Office of each university.

New concept

HEIs are responsible for their graduates – career guidance services and tracking system – quality assurance system and accreditation (every 5 years).

Good practice: two examples

1. AXA – Hungarian Sports Confederation
2. Adecco – HOC, April 29, 2005

   Report:20 athletes received advising,career building consultation, and supported in international or Hungarian job placement

HUNGARIAN SPORTS CONFEDERATION AND AXA

- Since 2005 – financial and insurance services
- No. of athletes involved:
  - 30-35 stayed,
  - more started / completed / left
- Training for job (free of charge)
- Financial advisors (sales)
- Performance is measurable and comparable (special group)
- (Ex-)atheletes form a group, makes it possible to measure and evaluate
- High productivity (triple, 5x)
- Promotion, building and advancing a career is REALLY possible: some are already in higher level management.

FUTURE CONCEPTS

- 2011: Revision of National Sport Strategy and Sports Law Dual Career is included.
- Key national sports federations included the objective of establishing dual career programmes into their strategic plans.
- Revision of National Core Curriculum is on agenda.
- EU Guidelines and selected good practices will be useful in further development of the Hungarian system in Dual Career.
- Because the results of A2B EU Project Questionnaire showed that athletes who answered claimed that they were lacking the support for managing sport and work in parallel in Hungary (Transfer 2).

TRANSFER 1 - ATHLETES STUDYING AT SEMMELWEIS

Currently 11+ Gold Medalist of 40+ Olympians



Katalin **Kovács**
Kayak-Canoe
Athens and Beijing
And
31-times
World Champion

Antal **Kovács**
Judo, Barcelona

István **Kovács**
Boxing, Atlanta

Ágnes **Kovács**
Swimming, Sydney

OLYMPIC MEDAL RANKING – SUMMER GAMES

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
USA	942	736	640	2318
URS	395	319	296	1010
GBR	216	272	256	744
FRA	212	226	259	697
GER	202	229	250	681
ITA	203	169	179	551
SWE	143	165	181	489
HUN	160	145	164	469
AUS	131	140	168	439
GDR	153	129	127	409

Source: Sport Reference LLC

All coaches of the medallists graduated at TF
89/160 Gold medallists graduated at TF