## **Preface**

On June 24th and 25th, 2011, the twelfth Interuniversity Sports Law Conference, which was also the second conference of The Hague Academy for International Sports Law (HISLAC II), took place in Erlangen. The conference was, therefore, particularly noteworthy as, along with "young sports lawyers", we were also able to attract very renowned experts from the worlds of academia and practice, both from Germany and further afield. This volume is comprised of the lectures delivered in Erlangen and is enriched by several additional papers that keep with its theme. Most of the papers relate to international or transnational topics and demonstrate one of the peculiarities of sports law: the frequent occurrence of similar problems worldwide and the need for unified rules and harmonized practices. The title, "Lex Sportiva", refers to this. All of the papers delivered at the conference will be published in English. In addition, many lectures that were originally delivered in German will be published in their original form.

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