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## Cristiano Ronaldo: "I want to continue having fun at Real Madrid"



The Portuguese striker received one of the Globe Soccer awards in the Dubai International Sports Conference

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**Cristiano Ronaldo received one of the Golden Soccer awards in the Dubai International Sports Conference. Cristiano will re squad on Thursday to start preparing for the 3 January Copa del Rey clash with Malaga at the Bernabeu.**

"I'm happy at Real Madrid. I want to remain at the club. I'm enjoying myself and I want to continue having fun at Real Madrid. The league is the best in the world because it allows every player to showcase his quality and skills."

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## Invitado Real

Ronaldo ha viajado a Dubai invitado por el jeque Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum, el Príncipe del Emirato y el presidente del Consejo de Deportes.



## Junto a Del Piero

Del Piero (a la izquierda de la imagen) acompaña a Cristiano durante este ciclo de conferencias. La leyenda de la Juve también goza de gran predicamento en Dubai.

**Fútbol Cristiano, en Dubai**

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## Ronaldo, ponente

El jugador del Real Madrid participará durante dos días en distintas charlas sobre distintos aspectos relacionados con el mundo del deporte profesional.



## Cristiano, en Dubai

Expectación en el aterrizaje de Cristiano Ronaldo en Dubai, donde el jugador del Madrid ha participado en una conferencia junto a Alessandro del Piero.

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El presidente del Barcelona, Sandro Rosell, ha pedido a la UEFA que cambie la normativa por la que los clubes deben pagar las comisiones de los agentes de los futbolistas, diciendo que el sistema actual, en el que los jugadores no asumen los gastos de sus representantes no tiene sentido.

"Siempre me he preguntado por qué, cuando un agente está representando a un jugador y va a negociar su contrato con el club, ¿por qué tiene que pagar el club las cuotas del agente?", apuntó Rosell este miércoles en una conferencia de fútbol que se está celebrando en Dubái.

Por este motivo, el presidente culé pide a la UEFA que cambie la normativa. "Cuando está defendiendo a la otra parte y lo que quiere es que la otra parte se lleve el máximo posible, al final tienes que pagar la comisión del agente, y eso no tiene sentido. Es algo que le pediría a la UEFA que cambiara en su normativa", señaló.

Las transferencias son un gran negocio y las comisiones de los agentes pueden alcanzar varios millones de euros. El sistema ha sido muy criticado y la FIFA anunció planes en septiembre orientados a que haya una mayor transparencia en los acuerdos de los jugadores y limitar la cantidad que los agentes pueden ganar con las transferencias.

Pese a que mantener esos agentes es responsabilidad de la FIFA, Gianni Infantino, secretario general de la UEFA, coincidió con la posición de Rosell. "Estoy de acuerdo en quién debe pagar al agente, el jugador al que representa el agente. Parece bastante obvio. Si vas a la peluquería, no mandas a tu jefe a que pague la factura", apuntó Infantino.

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## Ronaldo se reparte entre los delfines y la solidaridad

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"Una magnífica experiencia. Es increíble cómo los delfines conectan con nosotros". Con esas palabras resumía Cristiano Ronaldo en su Facebook la emoción de nadar junto a cetáceos en las aguas del Océano Índico. El delantero del Real Madrid disfrutó de unas paradisíacas vacaciones junto a su novia, la modelo rusa Irina Shayk, en las islas Maldivas, pero, antes de embarcarse de vuelta a Madrid, hizo una escala en Dubái. Allí, la Conferencia Internacional de los Deportes le entregó el reconocimiento al mejor futbolista del año y el portugués aprovechó para gozar de la ostentación del país junto a su chica.

No todo fueron lujos. Ronaldo visitó el miércoles un centro de niños autistas y firmó decenas de autógrafos y camisetas de sus pequeños seguidores.



Cristiano Ronaldo, nadando entre delfines durante su visita a Dubái.- GTRES

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## 'Los clubs no deben pagar las comisiones de los agentes'

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El presidente del F.C. Barcelona, **Sandro Rosell**, ha pedido a la UEFA que cambie las normas sobre la obligación de los clubs de pagar los honorarios de los agentes de los futbolistas, diciendo que el actual sistema en el que los jugadores no aportan el dinero de su propia representación no tiene sentido. "Yo siempre me he preguntado ¿Por qué cuando un agente está representando a un jugador y va a un club a negociar su contrato, tiene el club que pagar el salario del representante?", dijo Rosell en una conferencia sobre fútbol en Dubai.



Sandro Rosell | Efe

"Cuando el representante defiende a una parte (el jugador), lo que quiere es conseguir el máximo para esa parte y, al final, el club tiene que pagar la comisión a ese representante, no tiene sentido. Es algo que voy a pedir a la UEFA que cambie". Los traspasos son grandes negocios multimillonarios y los porcentajes para los representantes pueden alcanzar los millones de dólares.

El sistema ha recibido muchas críticas, pero la FIFA, el órgano dirigente del fútbol mundial, ha anunciado planes para septiembre y apuntó a una apertura de los acuerdos para una mayor transparencia y para limitar las cantidades que los agentes pueden sacar de los traspasos.

A pesar de que los representantes son responsabilidad de la FIFA, **Gianni Infantino**, Secretario General del órgano dirigente de la UEFA en Europa, mostró cierta coincidencia con la posición de Rosell. "Yo también estoy de acuerdo en quién tiene que pagar al representante, el jugador que usa al representante", comentó Infantino. "Parece algo muy obvio. Si vas a cortarte el pelo, no mandas a tu jefe a pagar la factura", añadió.

El presidente del club catalán ha mostrado anteriormente su preocupación por los problemas económicos del fútbol, en aquella ocasión se refirió a una **reducción del número de clubs** en la liga española para poder mejorar y hacer más competitiva la liga.

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## DUBAI

# Cristiano: "Aprendí en la Premier, pero no me iré"

Participó junto con Del Piero en la sexta Conferencia Internacional de Deportes del Consejo de Dubai y, en contraposición con Mourinho, reveló que Inglaterra no está en su futuro.



Del Piero, que lleva unos días en Dubai, que ha recibido un premio por su trayectoria en la Juventus.

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"No pienso en el futuro, estoy disfrutando del momento", ha dicho Cristiano Ronaldo, quien ha sido galardonado como el mejor jugador del año, en la tercera edición de los Globe Soccer, la fiesta del fútbol de Dubai.

Cristiano Ronaldo ha apuntado que no piensa en dejar el equipo blanco, que vive el presente y que la Liga española es la mejor competición doméstica del mundo: "En el Manchester aprendí a jugar, sobre todo aprendí disciplina táctica, pero la Liga española es la mejor del mundo, ya que se basa en las habilidades de los jugadores y en las técnicas. No voy a irme del Madrid. Quiero seguir divirtiéndome aquí". Dos días antes, José Mourinho había dicho a la BBC que su futuro sí estaba en la Premier.

Antes, el delantero del Real Madrid ha participado, tras su multitudinaria llegada, en la sexta Conferencia Internacional de Deportes del Consejo de Dubai. Allí ha coincidido con Alessandro Del Piero, que lleva unos días en Dubai, que ha recibido un premio por su trayectoria en la Juventus.

Globe Soccer Awards

**Crisitano Ronaldo e Pinto da Costa premiados**

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Os dois portugueses foram distinguidos no Dubai nos Globe Soccer Awards, que também elegeu Jorge Mendes como o agente FIFA do ano

O internacional português Cristiano Ronaldo foi esta quarta-feira distinguido por ter sido o futebolista com maior número de golos obtidos através de bis e *hat-tricks* nos Globe Soccer Awards, no Dubai.

"Estou feliz no Real Madrid. Quero continuar neste clube no futuro. Desfruto deste momento e quero continuar a

me divertir no Real Madrid", disse Cristiano Ronaldo, adiantando que na Liga inglesa aprendeu as regras básicas do mundo do futebol, tais como a disciplina.

O presidente do FC Porto, Pinto da Costa, foi igualmente premiado, tendo sido distinguido com o prémio carreira, no dia em que completa 74 anos.

Pinto da Costa, que lidera o FC Porto desde 1982, é o presidente de clube com mais títulos a nível mundial, reunindo 55 troféus. Sob a sua gestão, os "dragões" conquistaram a Taça dos Campeões europeus duas vezes e a Taça UEFA outras tantas, além de terem ganho o campeonato nacional em 18 ocasiões e a Taça de Portugal em 12.

O italiano Alessandro Del Piero recebeu um prémio carreira por toda uma trajetória no mundo do futebol.

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## Cristiano Ronaldo recibe 3 premios en Dubai

Mejor jugador, máximo goleador y futbolista más mediático



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Cristiano Ronaldo regresa de vacaciones con 3 premios más, los recibidos ayer en Dubai, los Globe Soccer, que reconocieron al portugués como mejor jugador del año, máximo goleador y como el futbolista más mediático del mundo. Rodeado de túnicas típicas de los países del Golfo Pérsico, el jugador del Real Madrid recibió los galardones con placer, "un honor" para él, además de visitar a un grupo de niños autistas como parte de su actividad solidaria con Save The Children, la parte más importante de la cena, según reconoció el propio delantero.

Cristiano ha pasado las vacaciones navideñas en las islas Maldivas, junto a su novia, la modelo rusa Irina Shayk. De hecho, el portugués se ha fotografiado nadando con delfines, una imagen que ha compartido con sus seguidores en las redes sociales. La última parada de la estrella madridista antes de la vuelta al cole ha sido su estancia en el Golfo Pérsico, 24 horas en Dubai, que parece el título de un largometraje.

El Consejo de Deportes de Dubai ha organizado una conferencia internacional del deporte, y han logrado la presencia de Cristiano Ronaldo y Alessandro del Piero, ambos galardonados, Fabio Capello y Sandro Rosell, entre otros, en una jornada que ha estado presidida por la copa del mundo ganada por España y por la Champions y la Intercontinental traídas desde la ciudad condal por el F.C. Barcelona.



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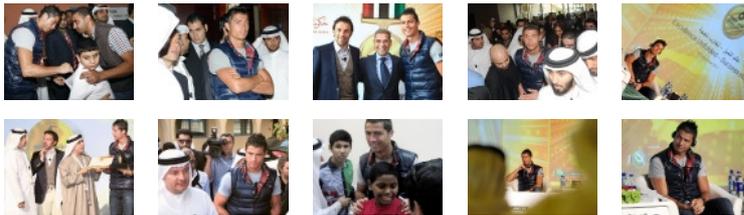


**Cristiano Ronaldo was scheduled to attend the Globe Soccer International Award at a dinner Gala on Wednesday night. But before the award, he held a press conference along with Del Piero.**

On the conference, Ronaldo spoke about his plan to retire in another 6 years, although right now he's not too concern about the future. He also spoke about his time in Manchester United, and said that he still enjoy being with Real Madrid, and wants

to keep it that way.

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## Real Madrid | Otro reconocimiento para el portugués

### "Aprendí en Inglaterra, pero no me iré del Madrid"

**El jugador portugués ha pasado dos días en Dubai antes de regresar hoy a los entrenamientos con el Madrid. Ayer participó junto a Del Piero en la Conferencia Internacional de Deportes y fue galardonado con un nuevo premio que reconoce su excelente año, el Globe Soccer.**



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Cristiano fue galardonado ayer como el mejor futbolista del año, el máximo goleador (el que más dobles y hat-trick ha hecho) y el más mediático en la tercera edición de los Globe Soccer, encuadrados en la Conferencia Internacional de Deportes de Dubai. Acompañado por Del Piero, de la Juve, que fue premiado por su trayectoria, el portugués reafirmó, una vez más, su deseo de seguir muchos años en el conjunto blanco: "Estoy muy feliz y quiero quedarme. Si hablo con franqueza, nunca he pensado en dejar el Madrid".

A diferencia de Mourinho ("Soy feliz aquí, pero mi pasión es Inglaterra", afirmó el a la BBC el pasado lunes), Cristiano aseguró que su futuro viste de madridista, aunque también valoró su paso por el Manchester United: "Aprendí las reglas básicas del fútbol en Inglaterra, sobre todo, la disciplina, pero no me iré del Madrid". Además, el 7 blanco hizo un ejercicio de reivindicación de la Liga española: "Es la mejor del mundo, ya que se basa en las habilidades de los jugadores. Es la de mayor nivel técnico".

#### **Premio.**

Los Globe Soccer es una conferencia anual que otorga diferentes premios a la gestión deportiva (Gil Marín lo ganó en 2010), a los mejores representantes del mundo (Jorge Mendes, agente de Cristiano y Mourinho, fue premiado por segundo año consecutivo) y, en esta edición, también ha habido un apartado para los futbolistas. Cristiano aseguró que todo lo que está recibiendo es fruto del trabajo: "Trato de darlo todo. Los seis últimos años han sido muy buenos y espero seguir así. El fútbol es mi vida, quiero seguir disfrutando del momento".

## MENDES, RONALDO ET PD COSTA HONORÉS À DUBAÏ

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**CR7, SON AGENT JORGE MENDES ET LE PRÉSIDENT DU FC PORTO, PINTO DA COSTA, ON REÇU UN « GLOBE SOCCER AWARD. »**

Mercredi soir, le Portugal était présent en grand à Dubaï. Loin de la crise, un trio guesh a été distingué lors des Globe Soccer Awards. Le gala annuel a vu Pinto da Costa se remettre un prix pour sa carrière. Le président du FC Porto qui fêtait ses 74 ans. A la tête des Dragons depuis 30 ans, PdC a notamment cité les noms de Hulk, James et Iturbe comme exemples et s'est félicité d'être le patron du club « *ayant conquis le plus de titres au XXIème siècle.* »

Dans la catégorie "Best Multiplescorer of the Year" (meilleur multiple buteur de l'année), c'est Cristiano Ronaldo qui a été récompensé. Ses nombreux doublés et triplés inscrits en 2011 ont fait sensation. Il a aussi été distingué comme le "Best Greater Media Attraction of the Year." Tout est dans l'intitulé. Le joueur du Real s'est dit « *heureux à Madrid* ». Et s'il estime que la Liga espagnole « *est la meilleure du monde* », il n'a pas oublié son passage en Angleterre : « *En six ans à Manchester United j'ai appris les bases du football et, surtout, la discipline.* »

Et comme l'année dernière, son représentant, Jorge Mendes, a reçu le prix du meilleur agent de l'année par ses pairs.



## Rosell seeking new pastures to counter billionaire owners

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Speaking at the 6th Dubai International Sports conference yesterday, FC Barcelona's president Sandro Rosell said UEFA's proposed financial fair play regulations are needed to keep billionaire-funded clubs in check, and provide a level playing field for other clubs that are run as an association with an elected head.

*"It's crucial that we implement these financial fair play rules throughout the clubs. If you look at the world of football, players and agents, they are richer every year. The same with the national federations, UEFA, FIFA, but the clubs, they are becoming poorer."*

*"Something is wrong here. In Spain, our clubs are associations. We have elections. The new [UEFA] rules have to keep in mind there are two different types of clubs – associations and companies."*

Singling out the Abramovic-financed Chelsea 'company' as a prime example, Rosell said the Russian billionaire "can decide to put €1,000, €2,000, €5,000 million into Chelsea, but that's not fair to Barcelona and Real Madrid that can't increase their capital whenever they want."

Asked then if he's also against investments from the oil-rich region, Rosell said: *"It's more than welcome, so long as the owners and sponsors know the rules and limitations of European football."*

*"Someone buying a club and putting a lot of their own money in before leaving after just a few years won't help football. It will harm it."*

Obviously aware the argument will be rendered void if the said investment is for the long run, Rosell further added, *"If an owner spends without limit over five to ten years then they will become the best club in the world. But by this happening what happens to the other clubs? They feel pressure to keep level and increase their expenses."*

*"I say 'yes' to Middle Eastern investment, but with transparent rules not to put pressure on the other clubs. With investors who have long-term not short-term plans. We welcome it provided it follows the rules of UEFA."*

Highlighting FC Barcelona's plan to counter these kinds of financing while still playing within the UEFA regulations, Rosell said the club is seeking to expand its appeal into new and emerging markets.

*"For our income we must look at the likes of China, India, Japan and Korea. Through our website we are trying to get one Euro per Chinese person per year. That would mean €1.6 billion per year for us."*

*"Of course we will never get that amount, but it's a start. The stadium is generating a nice income. We are receiving 1.5 million visitors a year in our stadium, museum and shop. Our shop is the biggest selling Nike shop in the world. We can't do any better. The stadium is sold out so we cannot increase [our revenue] there. So the only way is through new technologies, mainly the Internet. It is the future, and the way to go is the Chinese market."*

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## Cristiano Ronaldo premiado no Dubai (veja as fotos)

Internacional português diz que a liga espanhola «é a melhor do mundo»

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Cristiano Ronaldo no Dubai (Reuters/Ahmed Jadallah) :Cristiano Ronaldo no Dubai (Reuters/Ahmed Jadallah)

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Cristiano Ronaldo diz que foi no Manchester United e na liga inglesa que evoluiu como jogador, mas não tem dúvidas em apontar a liga espanhola como «a melhor do mundo». O internacional português falou, ao lado de Del Piero, à margem do «Globe Soccer Awards», congresso de futebol que está a decorrer no Dubai e que lhe atribuiu mais um galardão relativo ao seu desempenho goleador em 2011.

### **José Mourinho: «Inglaterra é a minha paixão»**

«Em seis anos no Manchester United aprendi os elementos básicos do futebol, sobretudo no que diz respeito à disciplina», destacou o internacional português que, ao contrário de José Mourinho, não tem em perspectiva um regresso à Liga Premier. «Não penso no futuro, quero apenas desfrutar o momento», comentou.

E o momento passa por jogar na «melhor liga do mundo». «Permite a todos os jogadores mostrar a sua técnica e as duas habilidades», destacou ainda.

Cristiano Ronaldo foi, entretanto, distinguido pela «Globe Soccer Awards» como jogador do Mundo com mais golos marcados através de bis e «hat-tricks», enquanto Del Piero também recebeu um prémio de carreira pela sua trajectória na Juventus.

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# Cristiano Ronaldo é premiado no Dubai e anuncia fim de carreira



Cristiano Ronaldo e Irina Shayk - Globe Soccer Awards Foto: Lusa

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Cristiano Ronaldo foi distinguido na cerimónia dos Globe Soccer Awards, que decorreu na noite de quarta-feira (28) no Dubai.

Cristiano Ronaldo foi premiado por ter sido o futebolista com maior número de golos obtidos através de bis e «hat-tricks».

O jogador fez-se acompanhar pela namorada, Irina Shayk, com quem tem estado a passar umas férias de Natal de sonho, primeiro nas Maldivas, agora no Dubai.

No discurso de agradecimento, o jogador surpreendeu todos ao anunciar que está a pensar retirar-se do futebol em 2017, aos 32 anos.

«Estou feliz no Real Madrid. Quero continuar neste clube no futuro. Desfruto deste momento e quero continuar a me divertir no Real Madrid», disse Cristiano Ronaldo, adiantando que na primeira Liga inglesa aprendeu as regras básicas do mundo do futebol, tais como a disciplina.

No facebook, Cristiano publicou uma foto ao lado do seu agente, Jorge Mendes, chamando a atenção para o facto deste ter sido também premiado pelo segundo ano consecutivo «melhor agente do ano».

«Foi ótimo receber este prémio no Dubai e poder ajudar a organização Save The Children», escreveu.

O presidente do FC Porto, Pinto da Costa, foi igualmente premiado, tendo sido distinguido com o prémio carreira, no dia em que completou 74 anos.

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### Pinto da Costa distinguido com prémio carreira no Dubai



Pinto da Costa recebe prémio carreira - Globe Soccer Awards Foto: Lusa

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O presidente do FC Porto, Jorge Nuno Pinto da Costa, foi distinguido com o prémio carreira nos Globe Soccer Awards, no Dubai, precisamente no dia em que completava 74 anos.

Na gala, que decorreu ao ar livre, no Armani Pavillion, junto à Burj Khalifa, a torre mais alta do mundo, foi também premiado Cristiano Ronaldo.

Pinto da Costa, que lidera o FC Porto desde 1982, é o presidente de clube com mais títulos a nível mundial, reunindo 55 troféus. Sob a sua gestão, os «dragões» conquistaram a Taça dos Campeões europeus duas vezes e a Taça UEFA outras tantas, além de terem ganho o campeonato nacional em 18 ocasiões e a Taça de Portugal em 12.

O prémio foi entregue pelo treinador italiano Fabio Capello, seleccionador de Inglaterra.

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## Rosell critica en Dubai la fórmula en los traspasos

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**Sandro Rosell participó ayer en la VI edición de la Conferencia Internacional de Deportes que se celebra en Dubai, donde pasa el fin de año**



Sandro Rosell en Dubai

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En esta aparición, el presidente azulgrana hizo una reflexión en la fórmula de traspasos: “Siempre me he preguntado por qué cuando un agente representa a un jugador y va a negociar su contrato con el club, ¿por qué tiene que pagar el club las cuotas del agente?”.

Y pidió a la UEFA que cambie la normativa: “Cuando está defendiendo a la otra parte y lo que quiere es que la otra parte se lleve el máximo posible al final, tienes que pagar su comisión. Eso no tiene sentido. Es algo que le pido a la UEFA que cambie en su normativa”, dijo.

Por otra parte, también recalcó la importancia de las nuevas tecnologías para seguir aumentando los ingresos de un club. Señaló que “mientras se equilibran los gastos, las nuevas tecnologías en los mercados asiáticos son el único camino para seguir adelante”.

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## Pinto da Costa distinguido com prémio carreira

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**O presidente do FC Porto, Jorge Nuno Pinto da Costa, foi hoje distinguido com o prémio carreira nos Globe Soccer Awards, no Dubai, no dia em que completa 74 anos.**

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O prémio foi entregue pelo treinador italiano Fabio Capello, seleccionador de Inglaterra, numa gala que decorreu ao ar livre, no Armani Pavillion, junto à Burj Khalifa, a torre mais alta do mundo.

O júri foi composto por Adriano Galliani (Milan), Augusto César Lendoiro (Deportivo Corunha), Demetrio Albertini (Federação Italiana), Enrico Bondoni (Global Soccer), Fabio Capello, Giovanni Branchini (agente FIFA), Luís Figo (Inter Milão), Mohamed Kamali (DubaiSports), Rob Jensen (Associação Europeia de Agentes) e Umberto Gandini (Associação Europeia de Clubes).

O FC Porto estava também nomeado também para o prémio de melhor clube do ano, juntamente com Barcelona e Borussia Dortmund, mas o galardão acabou por ir para os catalães, campeões de Espanha, da Europa e do Mundo.

Pinto da Costa referiu no Dubai que "os grandes da Europa olham para o FC Porto reconhecendo-lhe qualidades", falando à margem dos Globe Soccer Awards.



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## JORGE MENDES AND CRISTIANO RONALDO HONOURED



Jorge Mendes and Cristiano Ronaldo were honoured last Wednesday, in Dubai, during the annual presentation of the Globe Soccer awards. The Real Madrid player won the "Best Multiplescorer of the Year" and "Greatest Media Attraction of the Year" trophies, while Gestifute's owner, for the second consecutive year, won the prize for Best Agent in the World, as a result of the votes collected from the other agents recognised by FIFA and the European Club Association (ECA).

**"I am happy at Real Madrid, I want to stay with this club in the future, enjoy this moment and continue to have fun at Real Madrid"**, said the Portuguese player, who shared his joy at the moment with Jorge Mendes, his representative: a successful pair over the years. A year ago Jorge Mendes had been recognised as 2010's best businessman, marking a career that has reached admirable levels. Another Portuguese was acknowledged in the ceremony last Wednesday: Pinto da Costa, President of FC Porto, won the Career Award (coincidentally on the day of his 74th birthday). He is the President who has won the most titles in the world - no less than 55 trophies.



## Limelight on Ronaldo but Del Piero takes centre stage in Dubai

[Gary Meenaghan](#)

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DUBAI // There are not many footballers who come close to upstaging [Cristiano Ronaldo](#). The Real Madrid winger waltzed into the Globe Soccer Conference yesterday to take part in a forum and with him arrived a maelstrom of mayhem.

Yet as the first day of the two-day event closed, it was Ronaldo's onstage partner, the decorated Italian Alessandro Del Piero, who roused rounds of applause.

Del Piero, the 37-year-old Juventus midfielder, charmed the room with his passionate tales and uninhibited answers, while Ronaldo, in contrast, spoke briefly and with reservations.

When the Italian World Cup winner said Ronaldo was "part of the new generation of stars", he likely was not referring to the increasingly prevalent habit of modern footballers refusing to be drawn on controversial subjects.

The theme of the afternoon was "Success Stories" and there is no doubting both players fit the category. Such is the popularity of Ronaldo that when he arrived at the Intercontinental Hotel in Festival City, he was greeted by a swollen throng of delegates, media, random fans and general camera-wielding onlookers.

The 2008 World Player of the Year was then shuffled - shell-shocked and surrounded by a phalanx of paparazzi - into a nearby room while a minor crush occurred as the crowd attempted to gain access. Eventually, the police were required to reclaim calm.

A young boy wrapped in a Real Madrid flag was denied entry and appeared close to tears.

Shortly after midday, when Ronaldo and Del Piero took the stage, both men looked more at ease.

Answering questions from a master of ceremonies, the two players spoke about their careers and their potential futures in the game. Del Piero said he has no intention of retiring any time soon (cue cheers), while Ronaldo said "maybe in six years I will decide to finish".

Ronaldo, La Liga's leading goalscorer, revealed he has visited Dubai five times, but when the subject of the [UAE Pro League](#) was broached, it was again Del Piero who impressed the audience with his enthusiastic insight into the Emirates' domestic game.

"The last match I watched was Al Ain versus Al Jazira," said Juventus's all-time leading scorer.

"I arrived at the airport a few days back and watched this great match, which Al Ain won 3-1. Then I heard about this famous derby - Zenga versus Maradona - which ended up 2-2. From that moment I was very determined to follow your soccer."

The Italian said he stays abreast of the league from afar courtesy of his close friendship with Fabio Cannavaro, the former Italy captain and now technical consultant at [Al Ahli](#). "I know more than you expect, don't worry," he said with a smile, before sidestepping the inevitable question of whether he would consider following in his compatriot's footsteps.

When Ronaldo was asked what his biggest fear in football was, even before the former Manchester United midfielder got a chance to answer, a thunderous, rebel voice from the back of the hall shouted "Barca!"

The Portuguese ignored it.

"I don't fear anything," Ronaldo, whose representative Jorge Mendez was awarded Best Agent of the Year at the Globe Soccer Awards in Dubai last year, said.

"In this game we have to face things in a courageous way. The reality of football is not a sporting war; it is a fair game and I don't fear anything in football."

Like Lionel Messi, Barcelona's Argentine midfielder who is arguably Ronaldo's only competition for the title of best player in the world, the Portuguese knows that if he is to be truly classed among the all-time greats, he must shine on the world stage. Yesterday, under the spotlights, the famous golden World Cup trophy twinkled.

"It is very important to me, although I must say I did not even notice the cup when I first arrived," Ronaldo said. "I have many years to win different titles, but the most important thing is just to win - this is part of my character, my culture and my life as a player."

As the conference closed, but before both men disappeared through a side exit, Del Piero wished Ronaldo "the best success, including this little yellow trophy".

The crowd applauded the Italian's sincerity. As delegates headed home, an Arab male was seen walking through the conference hall with a large autograph scribbled across his crisp white khandoura in black permanent marker.

It was Del Piero's.

Ronaldo was nowhere to be seen.

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### UAE clubs urged to emulate Porto

Place emphasis on developing players and coaches to sell for a profit, Da Costa says

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Jorge Pinto Da Costa

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Dubai: Porto Chairman Jorge Nuno Pinto Da Costa has held his club up as an example to UAE teams, when it comes to developing and selling players for profit in order to remain sustainable business models.

Speaking at the Sixth Dubai International Sports Conference this week, Da Costa accredited his "genuine mine for the discovery of new talents" as the reason why his side had been so successful on and off the pitch despite a budget of less than €100 million (Dh478.71 million) per year.

Having discovered and developed the likes of Victor Baia, Deco, Ricardo Carvalho, Jose Bosingwa and Raul Meireles as well as coaches, Jose Mourinho and Andre Villas Boas, Da Costa urged others to put similar emphasis on in-house development.

His thoughts came after Uefa general secretary Gianni Infantino's revelation that 56 per cent of 700 European clubs run at a loss despite combined revenues increasing to €12-13 billion.

### **Worrying trend**

Sixty four per cent of these revenues were going on transfer fees and wages marking a worrying trend of clubs spending beyond their means. Because of this Uefa is introducing financial fairplay rules capping losses at €45 million. Within this new enforced

budgeting Infantino advised against clubs ignoring youth development and infrastructure.

Although tapping alternative revenue streams were discussed to overturn the downward spiral, Da Costa was adamant that youth development was a club's bread and butter.

"We are a contradiction. Porto is one of the first leading clubs to win European trophies without the budgets or incomes of other European clubs. Income is four times less than that of Barcelona. Every year we sell players but keep excellent results on the pitch. That's because of our grassroots development. We are still relying on the youth and young players trained in our club to maintain levels of excellence."

Gines Melendz Sotos director of the Royal Spanish Football Federation coach training centre added to this: "We haven't only invested in player development but coaching too in a collaboration between clubs and the Royal Spanish Football Federation, which has had a positive impact on the national team. In our 2008 and 2010 European and World Cup winning squads only one [Brazilian-born Marcos Senna] was trained outside Spain. The rest all came from local clubs."

## CRISTIANO RONALDO. Le joueur du Real Madrid élu meilleur joueur de l'année 2011 !

Propulsé le Vendredi 30 décembre 2011 par [guilhem](#).

**REAL MADRID** – Après avoir pris des vacances bien méritées aux Maldives ou **Cristiano Ronaldo** a nagé avec des dauphins accompagné de sa fiancée la sublime Irina Shayk, le joueur du Real Madrid s'est rendu dans les Emirats Arabes pour recevoir le prix **Globe Soccer Award 2011 récompensant le meilleur joueur de l'année 2011**.

Cristiano Ronaldo, joueur portugais de 26 ans s'est donc rendu à **Dubai** pour recevoir le prix Globe Soccer Award et aller à la rencontre d'enfants autistes et dédicacer des maillots et des ballons p ses premiers fans ! Cristiano Ronaldo était invité par le **Cheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed** (prince héritier et président du Conseil des Sports) pour assister à la sixième **conférence internationale sur le sport**. Ronaldo a également reçu un prix pour son nombre de buts incroyables en Liga avec le Real Madrid de son coach Jose Mourinho.

Voici la vidéo de **Cristiano Ronaldo recevant le prix du meilleur joueur de l'année 2011 à Dubaï** :



Invité sur scène pour recevoir son prix, Ronaldo s'est d'ailleurs empressé de remercier le public mais également de souligner l'importance de sa participation à l'opération **Save The Children**, qui met aux enchères des maillots dédicacés des plus grandes stars de la planète football pour les enfants défavorisés.

**CR7** s'est montré très détendu et très fier de présenter ses 2 nouveaux trophées à ses plus fidèles supporters. Son agent Jorge Mendes a également reçu le prix d'agent de sportif de l'année. Pas sûr que ces deux prix aient autant de valeur pour le portugais que le Ballon d'Or, promis à son rival du **FC Barcelone Lionel Messi**.

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## Capello criticises Germany for fielding players of Turkish origin

But Defends Welbeck's case as different due to his dual citizenship

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Fabio Capello, manager of the England team, was one of the speakers on clubs' investments in players during the sixth Dubai International Sports Conference.

Dubai: England manager Fabio Capello raised eyebrows at the Dubai International Sports conference here yesterday, criticising Germany for fielding players of Turkish origin, but stating Danny Welbeck's England role was okay despite his dual citizenship with Ghana.

Calling on Uefa to end the 'theft of talent' which goes on between national teams, Capello expressed a gripe with talent scouts raiding other countries' youth systems, giving players passports and fielding them for their national team instead.

But, in using the example of Germany who, along with Switzerland, fielded players of Turkish origin at the last World Cup, the England manager's argument that Welbeck's case was different because he was born and brought up in England and attached to an English club began to seriously lose steam.

Serdar Tasci and Mesut Ozil of Germany and Hakan Yakin, Gokhan Inler and Eren Derdiyok were also born and brought up and attached to clubs in Germany and Switzerland. Like Welbeck, they had never played or trained under youth systems from the country of their other passport.

### **New rules urged**

Capello said: "A line needs to be drawn. Richer clubs are talent-scouting and stealing players by bidding higher and not thinking about the consequences for those countries. These players are acquiring new passports. Germany [and Switzerland] had five of Turkish origin who opted to represent them and we all know what happened [England lost 4-1 to Germany in the 2010 World Cup quarter-finals].

"Problems need to be addressed. Decisions need to be made. Players can be bought, especially when they come from poorer backgrounds, where their families need the financial resources.

"I do not accept that, having trained as a player, a different team can pop by and steal the player from me. Uefa should pass new rules allowing people to reap the seed that's been sown [in their country] instead of having talents leave when they receive a major offer.

"I've spoken to Michel Platini [Uefa President] and he's resolute. In future, clubs will be forbidden to steal players from abroad at a very young age.

## Personal decision

"The rest of the German national team players were born in Germany or have never played for the national team of their origin. But with those other five players Turkey could have performed much better.

"Sixty per cent of the Italian league is Italian, whereas in England only 33 per cent are English. But this is just globalisation.

"Ghanaian journalists have asked me why I selected Danny Welbeck to play for England because now he cannot represent Ghana. But this isn't true. He was already at Manchester United. Before the selection I called his father and asked if I could select the boy.

"The father took time before agreeing to the selection. It was a personal decision, I spoke to the family and they were fine with their son playing for England. It's a decision. He was born and brought up in England."

Fifa rules already forbid the transfer of under 18-year-olds from country to country in a bid to stop players from poor countries being groomed by rich foreign clubs and given foreign passports. Capello's point to enforce this was sound, but his examples on the other hand were questionable.

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## Rosell for long-term investment

Barcelona chairman welcomes contribution from the Middle East on certain terms

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Sandro Rosell, Jorge Pinto da Costa, FC Porto Chairman, Gianni Infantino, Giovanni Branchini, President of Italian Agents Association, and Kevin Roberts, moderator, on the panel during the 6th Dubai International Sports conference held at the Intercontinental Hotel on Wednesday.

Dubai: Middle Eastern investors are welcome at European clubs, provided their presence is long-term, respectful of rules and not to the detriment of surrounding teams, said Barcelona chairman Sandro Rosell at the sixth Dubai International Sports Conference yesterday.

The debate was over Uefa's proposed financial fair play regulations, which will only continue to license and include clubs in the future based on their ability to stay within certain guidelines of sustainability.

Margins of "acceptable deviation" beyond breaking even would be capped at €45 million (Dh215.93 million) losses reduced over time to €30 million. But Manchester City recently posted annual losses for 2010 of over €230 million.

Initially intended as a model for regional clubs to aspire to, discussion quickly swayed to the growing number of European clubs funded by Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) backers, such as Malaga, Racing Santander, Getafe, Paris Saint Germain and Manchester City.

## Rules

Uefa secretary-general Gianni Infantino had earlier revealed, when discussing new rules aimed at clubs having to break even and repay their debts, that 56 per cent of Europe's 700 teams made an annual loss despite combined revenue streams increasing to €12-13 billion.

He also revealed that 64 per cent of each club's revenue is, on average, spent on wages and transfer fees. He said the new guidelines set for 2013 implementation weren't designed to hold clubs back but ensure the long-term health of the game.

Rosell said: "It's crucial we implement these financial fairplay rules throughout clubs. A club not paying another club shouldn't play against them and win — that's not fair. We see players, agents and federations get richer every year but the clubs get poorer."

The Barcelona chief also said that some differentiation had to be made in the rules for clubs run as associations with elected heads, like Barcelona, and clubs run as a company with outright authority like Chelsea.

"Abramovich can put £739 million into Chelsea, but that's not fair for an association that can't increase its capital whenever it wants."

Asked then about Middle Eastern investment, Rosell said: "It's more than welcome, so long as owners and sponsors know the rules and limitations of European football.

"Someone buying a club and putting a lot of their own money in before leaving after just a few years won't help football, it will harm it.

"If an owner spends without limit over five to ten years then they will become the best club in the world. But by this happening what happens to the other clubs? They feel pressure to keep level and increase their expenses.

"I say 'yes' to Middle Eastern investment, but with transparent rules not to put pressure on the other clubs. With investors who have long-term not short-term plans. We welcome it provided it follows the rules of Uefa."

## Cristiano Ronaldo



# Cristiano Ronaldo : Meilleur joueur de l'année lors des Globe Soccer Award à Dubaï

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Hier soir, Cristiano Ronaldo était à Dubaï pour participer à une conférence internationale sur le sport. A cette occasion, il a reçu le prix du meilleur joueur de l'année lors de la cérémonie des Globe Soccer Award.

[Cristiano Ronaldo, qui était en vacances aux Maldives avec Irina Shayk](#), a l'air de passer ses fêtes de fin d'année bien au chaud. Alors que la saison reprendra du service lors du premier week-end de janvier, CR7 est allé poser ses valises à Dubaï, invité par le **Cheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed** (prince héritier et président du Conseil des Sports) pour assister à la sixième **conférence internationale sur le sport**. Accompagné de sa compagne **Irina Shayk**, Cristiano Ronaldo est venu débattre sur le thème : « *Les sociétés de football... Tendances actuelles et futures* ». Un thème propre au Qatar tant ce pays commence à investir massivement d'argent dans le sport, et surtout dans le football (PSG, Mondial 2022). CR7 représentait le football des années 2000 tandis que l'ancienne star de la Juventus Turin, **Alessandro Del Piero** était venu représenter le football des années 90.

Alors que cette conférence continue jusqu'à demain, les qataris en ont profité pour organiser une cérémonie de récompense intitulée les **Globe Soccer Award**. Bien entendu, en tant qu'invité de prestige, **Cristiano Ronaldo** s'est vu remettre le trophée du **meilleur joueur de l'année** tandis que l'autre invité de marque, Del Piero, a été récompensé pour l'ensemble de sa carrière. Au passage, l'agent de CR7, **Jorge Mendes**, a également eu le trophée du meilleur agent de l'année. En tout cas, voilà une année qui finit en beauté pour [Cristiano Ronaldo après la qualification du Portugal pour l'Euro 2012](#)



## Cristiano Ronaldo: Après les Maldives, les vacances à Dubaï...

le 28 décembre 2011 par [Nicolas Benardeau](#)



Cristiano Ronaldo en conférence sur le sport

Pendant les vacances de Noël, **Cristiano Ronaldo, le joueur du Real Madrid**, est partout sauf sur les terrains de football... Après avoir nagé avec des dauphins aux Maldives et [dormi dans un 5 étoiles](#) avec sa compagne Irina Shayk, **CR7** se rend à Dubaï. Une destination tout aussi chic, mais cette fois-ci beaucoup plus sérieuse et business. Cristiano Ronaldo assiste à la sixième conférence internationale du sport qui se déroule du mercredi 28 au vendredi 30 décembre 2011. Accompagné de l'emblématique joueur de la Juventus de Turin, Alessandro Del Piero, les deux hommes ont été amenés à commenter leur expérience et leur réussite professionnelle autour du thème : "Les sociétés de football ... Tendances actuelles et futures."

### **Cristiano Ronaldo et Del Piero sont les invités de marques du prince héritier**

Il faut dire que les deux protagonistes représentent parfaitement le football des années 90 pour l'Italien et celui des années 2000 pour le Portugais. **Cristiano Ronaldo** et Alessandro Del Piero ont été invités par le Cheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed, prince héritier de Dubaï et président du Conseil des sports. Plusieurs dirigeants de club vont d'ailleurs se succéder pendant 48h pour parler de leurs expériences personnelles. Avant les deux joueurs du Real et de la Juve, c'est

le président du FC Barcelone Sandro Rosell qui a ouvert la cérémonie en mettant en avant le plan d'affaires du club Catalan.

### **Les plus grands dirigeants des clubs européens sont également attendus du côté de Dubaï**

Le sélectionneur anglais Fabio Capello, des dirigeants d'Arsenal, de Manchester United et du FC Porto sont également invités à dialoguer sur l'économie et le business dans le football moderne. Le prince héritier a alors déclaré à ce sujet : "Pour le développement sportif dans la région et dans le monde en général, nous avons décidé d'organiser une conférence internationale de sport avec des experts mondiaux et des spécialistes."

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# UEFA'S FINANCIAL FAIR PLAY RULES VITAL FOR FOOTBALL, SAYS BARCELONA PRESIDENT SANDRO ROSELL

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*Head honcho: Rosell is an advocate of the financial fair play rules which he believes will level the competitive playing field.*

Barcelona president Sandro Rosell spoke of "taking care of the (UEFA) financial fair play rules" that are currently being implemented over a three-year period up to 2013, at the Intercontinental Hotel in Festival City on Wednesday.

The rules state that clubs cannot spend more than their accumulated revenue on player transfers and wages, something that the current world and European champions have not adhered to in recent seasons, having posted a loss for the past two fiscal years.

Clubs that do not adhere to the new regulations risk being excluded from UEFA competitions - including the Champions League - but Rosell welcomed the changes, saying they were vital for the future sustainability of European football.

"If you look at the world of football, players and agents, every year they are richer. Same with the national federations, UEFA, FIFA, but the clubs are more poor," said Rosell at the Dubai International Sports Conference.

“Something is wrong. The first thing is to put in place the fair play rules. It is not fair when one club does not pay another club, and can then play against this club and win. In Spain, our clubs are associations. We have elections. The new rules have to keep in mind there are two different types of clubs - associations and companies.”

Rosell hit out at the effect Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich has had on the game since his high-profile takeover of English Premier League giants Chelsea in 2003. “Chelsea for instance, if Mr Abramovich decides to put €1,000, €2,000, €5,000 million (Dh23.76bn) into Chelsea, it is not fair compared to Barcelona and Real Madrid. We cannot increase our capital,” he said.

Rosell said Barcelona would target Asian markets in a bid to increase future club revenue. “For our income we must look at the likes of China, India, Japan and Korea. Through our website we try to get one Euro per Chinese person per year. That would be €1.6b (Dh7.60b) per year for us.

“Of course we will never get that amount, but it’s a start. The (Camp Nou) stadium is a nice income, we have 1.5 million visitors per year, in our stadium, museum and shop. Our shop is the biggest selling Nike shop in the world. We can’t do any better. The stadium is sold out so we cannot increase there. So the only way is through new technologies, mainly the Internet. It is the future, and the way to go is the Chinese market.”

UEFA general secretary Gianni Infantino shared the stage with Rosell, and revealed why the new rules are essential to the future health of the game.

“Football is becoming a big economy. You cannot spend more than you generate. This should be a simple concept, but it is not always the case. Fifty-six per cent of all clubs make losses every year, some significant. There is a strong correlation between player spending and sporting success.

“We decided some years ago that action was needed, and so financial fair play was born. We want to introduce more discipline and rationality in football club finances.”

## Arsenal's revenues triple after new stadium

By Wilfred Pereira

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DUBAI: The move from Highbury to the Emirates Stadium has tripled the revenues for the English football club, Arsenal.

This was disclosed by Charles Allen, Head of Marketing at Arsenal, during his 'Business Talk' at the 6th Dubai International Sports Conference titled "Football Companies ... Current and Future Trends".

The two-day international conference, held under the patronage of Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and chairman of the Dubai Sports Council, concluded at Festival City, Dubai, on Thursday.

"The commercial revenue is very important for the success of the club," said Allen. "Sports has not changed much but the pursuit of success has changed phenomenally. The success on the pitch plays an important role in generating revenues and the trick is to stick to this formula," he said.

The increase of salaries to the Manchester City players has not only attracted star players to the club but also has brought success and is likely to culminate in securing titles for the club, Allen added.

Allen said that the move to the new Emirates Stadium from the Highbury Stadium has not only generated more revenues but also increased the number of fans to their existing 130 millions fans worldwide.

Arsenal reportedly had an increase of 73 per cent in profits, touching £61 million last year. "Now we have a new move called Arsenalisation to generate more revenues to the club," Allen quipped.

The Highbury stadium could accommodate only 35,000 fans but the Emirates Stadium can house 60,000 fans the participants were told.

Allen said they have made several changes at the Emirates Stadium to attract fans and in turn increase the revenues for the club.

"We wanted make our fans feel at home so we decided to get them first out of their home, turn them away from pubs, from fast food joints and from luxury dining. So we have a Diamond Club with 180 members, a refurbished bar, a box which gives them the feeling of feeling at home. We want fans to linger longer at the Emirates.

On Wednesday Barcelona president Sandro Rosell said they are targeting the Chinese market to generate revenues for the Spanish club. Rosell told the participants that they are aiming to get one euro from one Chinese fan.

Recalling Rosell's strategy, Allen said they were targeting 50 pence from one Arsenal fan. We are using the facebook, twitter, the internet to increase fans and now we have 200,000 Facebook fans.

"We also invite fans to send their banners to the stadium when they are unable to attend the matches. During a pre-match announcement, we had 4,000 banners request within 24 hours. All these help us generate more revenues to the club," Allen informed.

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## Capello calls on Platini to act after swipe at Germans for 'stealing talent'

By [Matt Barlow](#)

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Fabio Capello has taken a swipe at Germany for adopting players of Turkish origin and called upon football's rulers to end the drain of talent from poorer countries.

Capello is still haunted by England's 4-1 defeat at the hands of the Germans in last summer's World Cup and raised the issue of citizenship when he addressed the Dubai International Sport conference.

'A line needs to be drawn,' said the Italian. 'Richer clubs are talent-scouting and stealing players by bidding higher and not thinking about the consequences for those countries.'



Capello's complaint: Germany's midfielder Mesut Ozil is of Turkish descent

'These players are acquiring new passports. Germany had five of Turkish origin who opted to represent them and we all know what happened.'

Germany's squad for the 2010 World Cup final in South Africa contained 11 players who could have qualified for other countries. Capello claims Turkey would have been far stronger with the 'five' who opted to represent Germany but his facts are muddled. Two players of Turkish descent were in Joachim Low's squad — Mesut Ozil and Serdar Tasci — and both were born in Germany.

Miroslav Klose and Lukas Podolski, who both scored against England in Bloemfontein, were born in Poland. Podolski moved to Germany aged two and Klose aged seven.

The crux of Capello's complaint is about young players bought by rich clubs, lured from poor countries and nationalised, and he expects UEFA president Michel Platini to tackle the issue.



**Plea: England manager Fabio Capello was speaking in Dubai**

'Decisions need to be made,' said Capello. 'Players can be bought, especially when they come from poorer backgrounds. I do not accept that, having trained a player, a different team can steal the player from me. UEFA should pass rules allowing people to reap the seed that's been sown instead of having talents leave when they receive a major offer.'

'I've spoken to Michel Platini and he is resolute. Clubs will be forbidden to steal young players from abroad.'

Capello denied England had stolen Danny Welbeck, who qualified for Ghana, saying: 'He was born and brought up in England. I spoke to his family and they were fine.'

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## Portugueses premiados no Dubai

Cristiano Ronaldo, Jorge Mendes e Jorge Nuno Pinto da Costa foram distinguidos durante os Globe Soccer Awards.



Pinto da Costa, Cristiano Ronaldo e Jorge Mendes

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O futebolista **Cristiano Ronaldo**, o empresário **Jorge Mendes** e **Pinto da Costa** estiveram em destaque na entrega de prémios do futebol que decorreu esta quarta-feira, dia 28, no Dubai.

Nesta gala, Ronaldo contou a presença da namorada, a manequim russa **Irina Shayk**. Também o presidente do Futebol Clube do Porto, distinguido pela sua carreira no dia em que completou 74 anos, teve a seu lado a namorada, **Fernanda Miranda**.

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## Cristiano Ronaldo's Football Magic in Dubai

By [Ahlan! Live Reporter](#)

• Tuesday, 27 December 2011

**The top international footballer is in the city for the third edition of Globe Soccer**



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Cristiano Ronaldo

Football fans, this one's for you! Legendary sportsman Cristiano Ronaldo is bringing his magic straight to Dubai and you can get in on it! Cristiano is in the city to participate in the third edition of Globe Soccer (28 December to 29 December), and he's also going to take time out to meet fans!

The Real Madrid star has a packed schedule while he's here – he's going to share his experiences at Globe Soccer, an annual meet of top clubs, leagues, federations and other institutions involved in the international transfer market. He will also be honoured at the Globe Soccer official Audi Gala Dinner, receiving the Best Player Award of the Year Award. Plus, he's going to visit the Dubai Autism Centre on 28 December for a special interaction with the students there.

That's not all! The Portuguese player is also part of the Champions for Children charity auction planned by Globe Soccer in association with Save The Children, Red Crescent and Dubai Autism Centre to contribute to the battle against infant mortality. Cristiano and several other A-list footballers including Lionel Messi, Francesco Totti and Wayne Rooney have signed their most treasured shirts to promote the auction.

The shirts will be displayed at The Dubai Mall in the run-up to the auction, and Cristiano will visit the mall on 27 December to sign 10 of them for fans. See you there!

**INFO:** Audi Football Night Gala Dinner. 28 December 2011. Armani Hotel. Tickets Dhs5,000 each. Cristiano Ronaldo will visit The Dubai Mall on 27 December 2011 at 5pm, and the Dubai Autism Centre on 28 December 2011 at 2pm. For more information visit [www.globesoccer.com](http://www.globesoccer.com).



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## Sandro Rosell ve las nuevas tecnologías en Asia como "el único camino para aumentar ingresos"

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El presidente del FC Barcelona ha explicado en Dubái que "mientras se equilibran los gastos, las nuevas tecnologías en los mercados asiáticos son el único camino para seguir adelante"

El presidente del FC Barcelona **Sandro Rosell** apuntó que las nuevas tecnologías en Asia "son el único camino para seguir aumentando los ingresos". En la [VI edición de la Conferencia Internacional de los Deportes](#) que se celebra este miércoles y jueves en Dubái, el máximo mandatario azulgrana argumentó que "mientras se equilibran los gastos, las nuevas tecnologías en los mercados asiáticos son el único camino para seguir adelante".

Recordemos que el FC Barcelona ha hecho una clara apuesta por la expansión digital que le ha permitido llegar a acuerdos con **Google+** o con **Tencent WEIBO**, principal empresa proveedora de contenidos de Internet en China.

Desde Dubái, Rosell ha explicado que los éxitos deportivos del equipo de Guardiola han significado que la presencia del Barça en el mundo haya crecido y prueba de ello son los 180.000 socios que tiene el Club.

### Apuesta por el Juego Limpio financiero

Otro de los temas que ha tratado Sandro Rosell a la Conferencia Internacional de los Deportes es la puesta en marcha del Juego Limpio financiero emprendida por la UEFA y que es vital para el mundo del fútbol europeo. "Algo falla. El primero es aplicar las reglas del Juego Limpio financiero. No es razonable que un club no pague a otro y este último juegue y encima te gane". Rosell ha explicado el ejemplo del FC Barcelona, donde hay elecciones en las que participan los socios, mientras que el Chelsea un propietario tiene vía libre para invertir e incrementar el capital de la entidad.

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## Sandro Rosell apuesta por las nuevas tecnologías

**Sandro Rosell, presidente del FC Barcelona, dijo en Dubai en el transcurso de la VI edición de la Conferencia Internacional de los Deportes, que las nuevas tecnologías en Asia, "son el único camino para seguir aumentando los ingresos"**



Sandro Rosell participó en una conferencia en Dubai

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"Mientras se equilibran los gastos, las nuevas tecnologías en los mercados asiáticos son el único camino para seguir adelante", subrayó Rosell, quien anunció un nuevo acuerdo en China con una página web que le reportaría nuevos ingresos al FC Barcelona.

Rosell explicó que gracias a la racha de títulos conquistados recientemente la presencia del FC Barcelona en todo el mundo es cada día más grande y prueba de ello son los 180.000 socios que tiene el club azulgrana en este momento.

El presidente del FC Barcelona definió a su club como "el club de los niños" que admiran desde cualquier parte del mundo al cuadro azulgrana.



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Jorge Nuno Pinto da Costa foi esta quarta-feira, dia em que celebra 74 anos, distinguido com o prémio carreira nos Globe Soccer Awards, no Dubai.

Pinto da Costa é o presidente mais titulado da história do futebol mundial, com 55 troféus, entre os quais sete internacionais.

O prémio foi entregue por Fabio Capello, seleccionador de Inglaterra, na gala que decorreu ao ar livre, no Armani Pavillion, junto a Burj Khalifa, a torre mais alta do mundo.

O júri foi composto por Adriano Galliani (Milan), Augusto César Lendoiro (Deportivo Corunha),

Demetrio Albertini (Federação Italiana); Enrico Bendoni (Global Soccer), Fabio Capello, Giovanni Branchini (agente FIFA), Luis Figo (Inter Milão), Mohamed Kamali (DubaiSports), Rob Jensen (Associação Europeia de Agentes), Umberto Gandini (Associação Europeia de Clubes).

O FC Porto estava nomeado também para o prémio de melhor clube do ano, juntamente com Barcelona e Borussia Dortmund, mas o galardão acabou por ir para os catalães.



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## Rosell pide que el futbolista pague la comisión del agente

**"Me pregunto por qué cuando un agente que representa a un jugador viene a negociar su contrato con el club tiene que ser éste el que pague sus honorarios", dijo en Dubai.**



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El presidente del Barcelona, **Sandro Rosell**, ha pedido a la **UEFA** un cambio en las normas relativas a las comisiones que los agentes cobran de los traspasos. Rosell dijo que el sistema actual, en el que los jugadores no pagan esas comisiones a sus representantes no tiene sentido.

"Siempre me he preguntado **por qué cuando un agente que representa a un jugador viene a negociar su contrato con el club tiene que ser éste el que pague sus honorarios**", dijo Rosell en una conferencia sobre fútbol que tuvo lugar hoy en Dubai.

"El agente está defendiendo a la otra parte y lo que quiere es obtener el máximo para el futbolista pero, al final, nosotros tenemos que pagarle la comisión, y **eso no tiene sentido**. Yo le pediría a la UEFA que cambie esta norma", añadió

El sistema ha sido objeto de muchas críticas y la **FIFA** anunció el pasado mes de septiembre planes para dar **exigir mayor transparencia en las negociaciones** de los traspasos y una limitación de las cantidades a las que los agentes tienen derecho.

**Gianni Infantino**, secretario general de UEFA, explicó que la cuestión es competencia de la FIFA, pero se mostró de acuerdo con Rosell: **"Estoy de acuerdo en que quien tiene que pagar al agente es el jugador**. Esto parece bastante obvio. Si usted va a la peluquería, no le exige al peluquero que pague la factura".



## Capello calls for action over stealing talent

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**Tighter rules should be introduced by FIFA to stop European clubs from "stealing" talented young players from other countries, England manager Fabio Capello said on Thursday.**

The Italian said the globalisation of football meant clubs were filling their youth teams with players sourced from all over the world, often to the detriment of their long-term development.

"A line needs to be drawn," Capello told a football conference in Dubai.

"Clubs are talent-scouting all over the world and are stealing young players. FIFA should pass new rules. I've spoken to [UEFA President Michel] Platini and in the future clubs will be forbidden to steal players when they are very young."

FIFA does have a statute, Rule 19, banning the international transfer of players under 18, but one aspect of it allows transfers to take place if the player's parents move to the country in which the new club is located for reasons not linked to football.

A rule banning under-16 transfers exists as far as European Union transfers are concerned, but this is often flouted through other exceptions.

Top European clubs have long been accused of using financial muscle to harvest the best young players from abroad with English clubs and the likes of Real Madrid and Barcelona in Spain, often cited as doing so.

Ironically, one of the most famous examples of the practice saw Cesc Fabregas leave Barcelona for Arsenal in 2003, at the age of 16, with the Catalan club complaining that the English club had poached him from their academy.

Fabregas returned to the Nou Camp this year for an initial fee of 29 million euros, a significantly larger sum than Arsenal paid originally to prise him away.

But there have been many other examples and the Italian said the rewards being offered to young players by the richest clubs to sign with them were often too good to turn down.

"These clubs are offering players and their families a lot of financial support. If the family is poor and it will contribute to the family, they will be happy to move abroad," he said.

Capello, 65, has vast experience of how the transfer system affects young players having coached at Real Madrid, AC Milan, AS Roma and Juventus before taking over as England manager in 2008.

He is leaving the position after next year's European Championships.

# Rosell-Cristiano, cita con morbo en Dubai

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El presidente azulgrana coincidió con el delantero madridista en una conferencia

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Sandro Rosell, presidente del FC Barcelona, sigue aportando nuevas propuestas para intentar que el fútbol se ajuste a las circunstancias económicas actuales, pueda ser un negocio rentable y no deje por el camino a infinidad de clubs en ley concursal como ha sucedido este último año en España.

Si anteriormente propuso que la Liga se reduzca a 16 equipos, se amplíe la participación de equipos en la Champions o que las selecciones paguen a los clubs por la cesión de sus jugadores, Rosell, que ayer participó en la sexta edición de la Conferencia Internacional del Deporte Internacional en Dubai, apuntó esta vez hacia los agentes de los jugadores y las comisiones que perciben. "Siempre me he preguntado por qué, cuando un agente está representando a un jugador y va a negociar su contrato con el club, ¿por qué tiene que pagar el club las cuotas del agente?", apuntó Rosell. Por este motivo, el presidente azulgrana redamó a la UEFA un cambio de normativa. "Cuando está defendiendo a la otra parte y lo que quiere es que la otra parte se lleve el máximo posible, al final tienes que pagar la comisión del agente, y eso no tiene sentido. Es algo que le pediría a la UEFA, que cambiara en su normativa", comentó.

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Pese a participar en conferencias diferentes, Rosell llegó a coincidir con Cristiano Ronaldo, con quien se saludó. Por otro lado, y teniendo en cuenta que los deportes clásicos ya están más que explotados, Rosell considera que para intentar aumentar los ingresos hay que echar mano de las nuevas tecnologías en Asia. "Mientras se equilibran los gastos, las nuevas tecnologías en los mercados asiáticos son el único camino para seguir adelante", dijo Rosell.

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Capello criticises German recruitment policy

## German FA upset with Capello

December 30, 2011

The German Football Association has been left seething at Fabio Capello's criticism over their recruitment policy.



*GettyImages*Fabio Capello: Leading England to Euro 2012.

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Speaking in Dubai on Thursday, Capello said rules should be brought in that prevented clubs "stealing" youngsters from another country, which in turn tips the balance on the international stage.

Capello used the example of Germany, who took 11 players to the last World Cup who had dual eligibility, including star man Mesut Ozil and defender Serdar Tasci, both of Turkish origin. They helped Germany beat England 4-1 in Bloemfontein, a scar which has not healed with Capello and continues to fester heading towards Euro 2012.

Although the DFB are not interested in making a public statement on Capello's comments, it is known they are not happy and privately have questioned the Italian for getting his facts wrong.

In the case of Ozil, a third generation Turk, he was born in Germany and represented the country at all youth age groups, in much the same way as Manchester United's Danny Welbeck - who has opted for a career with England despite being eligible for Ghana through his parentage.

The DFB are not alone in drawing a parallel between the two cases, even though Capello has insisted there was a difference and he consulted with Welbeck's parents before handing the 21-year-old his competitive debut in Montenegro, which ended any chance of him representing Ghana. And Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger cannot see a problem with big countries selecting the best eligible players.

"You cannot reproach a country for using players who are not German or English for generations," he said.

At least there is a blood link to Turkey for Ozil and Ghana for Welbeck, unlike former Chelsea midfielder Deco, who was able to represent Portugal purely on residency grounds, after leaving his native Brazil as a 20-year-old in 1993.

"It wasn't in my interests to see Deco play for the national team. Now Pepe is the same," said Chelsea manager Andre Villas-Boas. "There must be an historical relationship, and family relationship, rather than just a player who has played in a country for some time to get Portuguese citizenship."

The spat has overshadowed a general point about major European clubs trawling the globe searching for players of promise, most of whom do not make it. Yet, according to Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini, if anything the matter has improved since he started out on his successful playing career three decades ago.

"What is a young player?" he said. "I left home when I was 13 because I wanted to play football. I had to leave my parents and my family and I was alone. It was not easy and it is not easy now for people in that situation."

"However, now you have the possibility to move to another city, or another country, and your parents, or someone from your family, can come with you. That is very important."

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## Capello calls for end to player 'theft'

December 30, 2011

By *ESPNSoccernet staff*

England boss [Fabio Capello](#) has called upon football's governing bodies to bring an end to the "theft of talent" that goes on between national teams.



*GettyImages*Fabio Capello took over as England manager in 2008

Capello used an international sports conference in Dubai to also question Germany's use of players with Turkish origin at last year's World Cup. England's 4-1 defeat to the Germans in Bloemfontein remains a major stain on his otherwise impressive managerial CV.

The Three Lions were completely undone by a squad that contained 11 players who had an opportunity to represent another country, including star man Mesut Ozil, plus [Miroslav Klose](#) and [Lukas Podolski](#), who both scored in the rout.

Turkey, though, did not qualify for the finals in South Africa but defender [Serdar Tasci](#) also chose to play for Germany, whilst Hakan Yakin, Gokhan Inler and [Eren Derdiyok](#) represented Switzerland.

"A line needs to be drawn," Capello said. "Richer clubs are talent-scouting and stealing players by bidding higher and not thinking about the consequences for those countries.

"These players are acquiring new passports. Germany had five of Turkish origin who opted to represent them and we all know what happened.

"Problems need to be addressed. Decisions need to be made. Players can be bought, especially when they come from poorer backgrounds, where their families need the financial resources.

"I do not accept that, having trained as a player, a different team can pop by and steal the player from me. UEFA should pass new rules allowing people to reap the seed that's been sown instead of having talents leave when they receive a major offer.

"I've spoken to [UEFA president] Michel Platini and he's resolute. In future, clubs will be forbidden to steal players from abroad at a very young age."

Capello denied the accusation of double standards given he has capped Manchester United striker [Danny Welbeck](#), much to the frustration of Ghana, who were hopeful of persuading the 21-year-old Mancunian to represent the country of his parents' origin.

"Ghanaian journalists have asked me why I selected Danny Welbeck to play for England because now he cannot represent Ghana," said Capello.

"But this isn't true. He was already at Manchester United. Before the selection I called his father and asked if I could select the boy.

"The father took time before agreeing to the selection. It was a personal decision, I spoke to the family and they were fine with their son playing for England. He was born and brought up in England.

"The rest of the German national team players were born in Germany or have never played for the national team of their origin. But with those other five players Turkey could have performed much better."

Ozil, however, was born in Germany and, as with Welbeck and England, represented Germany, not Turkey, at various youth levels.

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## Football legend Cristiano Ronaldo to meet fans in Dubai

By [Elizabeth Broomhall](#)

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Football legend Cristiano Ronaldo will be in Dubai Mall next week to raise funds for international charity Save the Children.

The Real Madrid player, who will also be participating in this year's Dubai Sports Council's (DSC) Sixth Dubai International Sports Conference, will meet fans in the mall on December 27, and sign 10 charity t-shirts for winners of a Dubai Mall competition.

He will also be a speaker at the Save the Children gala dinner on December 28 being held at the Armani hotel in association with the third Globe Soccer event, where game shirts donated by the world's top 10 footballers will be auctioned off in a bid to raise additional funds for the children.

"We are hoping to highlight the role of sports in changing children's lives and the commitment of those players to make a difference towards those children," the charity's director of Gulf partnerships told Arabian Business.

"The proceeds from the auction will be going towards a global campaign called Every One which targets unnecessary deaths of children under five."

The ultimate objective of the campaign is to achieve millennium goal number four, she said, which involves reducing infant mortality by two-thirds by 2015.

Other players who have donated their shirts for auction include Wayne Rooney, Alessandro Del Piero, Frank Lampard, Lionel Messi and Francesco Totti.

Ronaldo, the former Manchester United striker who is just 26 years old was awarded the title of FIFA world player of the year in 2008, has a huge fan base in the UAE and is one of the best-known professionals in football.

His participation in this year's International Sports Conference and Globe Soccer events are hoped to boost professionalism at UAE clubs and attract a wealth of attention from local fans.

It is also expected that Ronaldo, who moved from Manchester United to Real Madrid in 2009 for a price of €101 million (AED495.9 million), will share his experiences with the region and give tips on how to be successful in the industry.

His last visit to the emirate was in 2007, when he tried out some of Dubai's top tourist adventures.

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## Juve legend Del Piero confirms for Dubai

Italian great joins Ronaldo for the two-day conference

By Staff

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Juventus' Alessandro Del Piero reacts after missing a goal opportunity during the Serie A match against Novara at the Juventus Stadium in Turin on Sunday. (AFP)

Italian legend Alessandro Del Piero is the latest high-profile footballer who has confirmed his presence for the Dubai Sports Council (DSC)-organised 6th Dubai International Sports Conference to be held on December 28-29.

"To have a player of the stature of Del Piero with us for two full days is a dream for every delegate attending the conference," said Mohammad Al Kamali, Member, DSC Executive Office and Chairman of the Professionalism and Development Committee.

Titled 'Football Companies...Current and Future Trends', the sixth edition of this popular sports forum has already lined up an attractive field of speakers with Portuguese star Cristiano Ronaldo being among the last to confirm his attendance.

"Ronaldo has shown why he is the most valued striker in the world after scoring yet another hat-trick in their 6-2 win against Sevilla over the weekend. And to have Del Piero joining the Portuguese star in sharing their experiences on their lives as a professional is every footballer's dream," Al Kamali said.

Del Piero, who last month celebrated his 37th birthday, is considered one of the greatest living footballers named on FIFA 100, a list of the 125 greatest living footballers selected by the legendary Pele as part of the world governing body's centenary celebrations.

The captain of Juventus, was also voted in the list of best European players for the past 50 years in the UEFA Golden Jubilee Poll.

But perhaps what sets Del Piero apart is his gentlemanly conduct on and off the field, an aspect that has not gone unnoticed as he has been presented with at least three awards in Italy for gentlemanly conduct along with the 'Golden Foot' award which pertains to personality and playing ability.

"Del Piero is definitely a valuable addition to our list of speakers," Al Kamali said.

The DSC has been working tirelessly to confirm a list of some of the top personalities in the world of football who will attend the two-day conference to debate the current and future trends in the sport.

Among those who will be attending are FC Barcelona President Sandro Rosell, FC Porto Chairman Pinto da Costa, Arsenal FC's Chief Commercial Officer Tom Fox, ex-Chelsea CEO Peter Kenyon, AS Roma's General Manager Franco Baldini and players' agent Giovanni Branchini, in his capacity as Vice-President of the European Players' Union.

The annual conference, to be held under the patronage of Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammad bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman, DSC, is one of the blue ribbon events organised by the DSC in an attempt to further hasten the process of professionalism among clubs in Dubai.

The organisational process for the conference was launched earlier this year with Mattar Al Tayer, Deputy Chairman, DSC, issuing a resolution to form the Organising Committee for the Conference headed by Mohammed Al Kamali along with Dr. Khalid Ali bin Zayed, the Head of Special Sports Committee, as Deputy Chairman of the Committee and Dr. Aisha Bu Sumait as Conference Director.

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## Ronaldo and Del Piero to kick-off Dubai Sports Confab

Football stars to share experiences of their successful careers

By Staff

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Cristiano Ronaldo will be one of the key speakers at the sixth Dubai International Sports Conference. (FILE)

Real Madrid star Cristiano Ronaldo and Italian legend Alessandro Del Piero will be the keynote speakers at the sixth Dubai International Sports Conference which will be held on Wednesday and Thursday at the Intercontinental Hotel of Festival City in Dubai.

Held under the patronage of Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of the Dubai Sports Council, the two-day event will discuss topics related to 'Football Companies ... Current and Future Trends'.

Ronaldo and Del Piero are slated to speak at 12.15pm on their successful career on Wednesday.

A former World Player of the Year, Portuguese striker Ronaldo had a successful stint at Premier League champions Manchester United before moving to Spain.

Del Piero, A World Cup winner in 2006, is still going strong for Juventus at age 37.

England manager Fabio Capello also returns to the conference to discuss about clubs investments in players during the final session on Thursday.

The tournament will kick-off with a view from the top by Barcelona president Sandro Rosell who will talk about their business plan.

FC Porto chairman Jorge Pinto Da Costa will lecture on how to manage financial resources, UEFA secretary-general on financial fair play and Giovanni Branchini on role of players' agents.

Dr Ahmed Al Sharif, secretary general of DSC will speak about the future vision for football companies in Dubai, chairman of Al Wasl board Marwan bin Bayat on their company role model while the vice-president of the UAE Pro League committee will discuss the challenges faced by UAE clubs.

Charles Allen, head of marketing of Arsenal and Guy-Laurent Epstein, marketing manager of UEFA will give the business talk on to open proceedings on Thursday.

Peter Kenyon, former CEO of Manchester United and Chelsea, and Ali Al

Ahmed, chief corporate communications officer Etisalat will discuss about investing in partnerships.

This will be followed by a session on evolution of football.

Sheikh Hamdan welcoming the participants, said: "DSC has earlier started mobilizing the sports sector to join the field of professionalism as an inevitable consequence for sports development in the area and the world in general. Accordingly, we have decided to organize an international sports conference to be joined by world experts and specialists to show experiences and meet sports sector's members in UAE / provide visions and tackle means to enhance local sports corporations such as: UAE Football Association and clubs, attain administrative development to manage sports corporations, decide successful plans and strategies to promote the level of professionalism in UAE and the general area."

Mater Al Tayer, the Deputy Chairman of DSC stated: "We have put Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed's directives as a method of work to base the Council's strategy. Thanks to the great support of Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed, Dubai International Sports Conference has attracted eminent speakers and participants, acquired distinctive status and enriched UAE's sports sector."

The Fifa World Cup and Uefa's Europa and Champions League trophies will be on show at the conference.

Dr Aisha Bu Sumait, the conference director, said: "We are keen to bring and show those cups during the conference's programmes to reflect the hard work and diligence exerted by winning clubs and national teams.

"Today we will show the Fifa World Cup for the second time along with the other two prestigious European cups — the Uefa European Champions League and Europa League Cup."

Each of the three cups will be shown on a separate platform during the launch of the conference. The cups will then be shown in a special section of the conference's exhibition. It is the first time the three titles have been shown together in one place. The trophies are currently held by Spain, Barcelona and Porto.



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## RONALDO AND DEL PIERO IN DUBAI FOR SOCCER CONFERENCE THIS WEEK

*Dec 24, 2011*

Real Madrid star  
Cristiano Ronaldo to  
attend Dubai Sports  
Conference later this  
month

Barcelona president  
Sandro Rosell to join  
Fabio Capello at Dubai  
Sports Conference



*Star attraction: Real Madrid superstar Ronaldo will meet fans at Dubai Mall.*

Cristiano Ronaldo and Alessandro Del Piero will be among footballing world's who's who at the two-day 6th Dubai Sports Conference from December 28-29, which is being organised by the Dubai Sports Council.

Real Madrid striker Ronaldo and Italy's former World Cup player Del Piero of Juventus are scheduled to attend the official Audi Gala Dinner on December 28 where they will receive special awards - the Best Player of the Year and Career Award respectively.

Other category of awards to be presented on the night will be: FIFA Agent of the Year (the candidates are Mendez, the winner of the last edition, Raiola, Simonian, Vagner and Sokuta) and the Team of the Year (Barcelona, Porto and Real Madrid).

A host of other former and current footballing world's celebrities will be in attendance at the conference, including the secretary general of UEFA, Gianni Infantino, the president of FC Barcelona, Sandro Rosell, the chairmen of Porto, Pinto da Costa, the directors of Arsenal and the former directors of Manchester United and Chelsea.

Moreover, the event promises to be special with the imminent arrival of teams such as AC Milan, Juventus and Paris Saint-Germain, which is expected to transform Dubai into the real capital of world soccer for at least 10 days.

Headlined under Globe Soccer, the programme is based around issues linked to international transfer policy and financial fair play.

This year's event will incorporate two innovations: Together with Save The Children, Red Crescent and Dubai Autism Centre, Globe Soccer has organised a charity auction of signed t-shirts by Messi, Ronaldo, Ibrahimovic, Del Piero, Totti, Ronaldo De Lima, Lampard, Casillas, Nani, Rooney, and Lavezzi. The proceeds will go towards combating infant mortality. Ronaldo will promote the auction at Dubai Mall on December 27 at 5pm.

Also, football's most important trophies - the FIFA World Cup from champions Spain, the Club World Cup from champions Barcelona together with the Champions League trophy and the Europa League trophy – will be on display during the auction.

To take part in the gala dinner e-mail [auction@globesoccer.com](mailto:auction@globesoccer.com).



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## BARCELONA PRESIDENT SANDRO ROSELL TO JOIN FABIO CAPELLO AT DUBAI SPORTS CONFERENCE

Dec 04, 2011



Star attraction: Barcelona supremo Rosell will be in Dubai offering his insight.

FC Barcelona president Sandro Rosell and England manager Fabio Capello will lead an array of sports luminaries at the Dubai Sports Council-organised 6th Dubai International Sports Conference to be held on December 28-29.

Titled 'Football Companies...Current and Future Trends', the sixth edition of this sports forum will see a host of guests from the world of football discuss various ways and means to make successful entities of football clubs.

Rosell and Capello will be joined at the two-day conference by FC Porto chairman Pinto da Costa, Arsenal's chief commercial officer Tom Fox, former Chelsea and Manchester United chief executive Peter Kenyon.

Capello's former long-time assistant Franco Baldini, now general manager of AS Roma, and famed players' agent Giovanni Branchini, who is also Vice-President of the European Players' Union, will also be in attendance.

The aim of the annual conference is to act as a guiding light to benefit Pro Leagues clubs in hastening the process of professionalism in the UAE.

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# JUVENTUS LEGEND ALESSANDRO DEL PIERO REFUSES TO RULE OUT MOVE TO UAE

Dec 28, 2011



*Del Boy: Del Piero has hinted at possibly bringing the curtain down on his glittering career in the UAE.*

Juventus legend Alessandro Del Piero has revealed he keeps a close eye on proceedings in the UAE Pro League - and refused to rule out a move here once his Serie A days are numbered.

Citing Al Ain's superb 3-1 win over Al Jazira last week, the 37-year-old said his old friend and

current global brand ambassador and Technical Consultant of Al Ahli, Fabio Cannavaro, had been feeding him information on local affairs.

"The last UAE game I saw was Al Ain v Al Jazira. I watched this great match at the airport, and Al Ain won," said Del Piero at the Dubai International Sports Conference on Wednesday.

"Then I heard about this famous derby, Zenga v Maradona, and it ended 2-2. So I have been determined to follow the local football in the last few days. I have friends who live here like Cannavaro and get information from him, I know more about UAE football than you expect.

“Cannavaro is a monopoly here as far as Italy is concerned so I’d have to talk to him to see if I could come in future. I have no preference for what I do when I finish my career. At the moment I’m focused on football.”

The darling of Turin did, however, state that his blood will always flow black and white. “Emotions played the lions share of the reasons why I have stayed with Juventus all my career. Football is about responsibilities and duties, and as professionals we have to retain that. If you lose a match, regardless of how much money you make, you will be sad. Emotions are key for me.”

Del Piero, who has won five Serie titles and the World Cup, was philosophical as to why his career has withstood the test of time. “I have always had the same willingness and passion to play. I have had the luck of having healthy legs, and my passion is growing instead of declining. I know in ten years I won’t be playing anymore, but that moment hasn’t arrived yet.

“Each and every one of us has a path in life and can become No1 regardless of what they do. I had talent as a gift from mother nature, that is undeniable. But I worked hard at it with passion and devotion and will continue to do so. I’d love to play on for a few more years.”

**A BOLAPT**

Pinto da Costa celebra aniversário no Dubai  
Por **Redacção**

O presidente do FC Porto comemora esta quarta-feira 74 anos, encontrando-se no Dubai, onde é um dos oradores no Globe Soccer Awards.

Pinto da Costa comemorar assim longe de casa mas em contrapartida junto de gente ilustríssima ligada ao futebol. O presidente do FC Porto é hoje uma das vozes de prestígio do Globe Soccer Awards, evento que decorre até amanhã no Dubai.

O líder dos dragões estará na mesa de honra deste megacongresso ao lado de Sandro Rosell (presidente do Barcelona), Gianni Infantino (secretário-geral da UEFA) e Giovanni Branchini (empresário italiano) e vai dissertar sobre os novos desafios que se colocam ao futebol em tempos de rigor financeiro.

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## Capello calls for action over stealing young talent

Thursday, 29 December 2011



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By REUTERS  
DUBAI

Tighter rules should be introduced by FIFA to stop European clubs from “stealing” talented young players from other countries, England manager Fabio Capello said on Thursday.

The Italian said the globalization of football meant clubs were filling their youth teams with players sourced from all over the world, often to the detriment of their long-term development.

“A line needs to be drawn,” Capello told a football conference in Dubai.

“Clubs are talent-scouting all over the world and are stealing young players. FIFA should pass new rules. I’ve spoken to (UEFA president Michel) Platini and in the future clubs will be forbidden to steal players when they are very young.”

FIFA does have a statute, Rule 19, banning the international transfer of players under 18, but one aspect of it allows transfers to take place if the player’s parents move to the country in which the new club is located for reasons not linked to football.

A rule banning under-16 transfers exists as far as European Union transfers are concerned, but this is often flouted through other exceptions.

Top European clubs have long been accused of using financial muscle to harvest the best young players from abroad with English clubs and the likes of Real Madrid and Barcelona in Spain, often cited as doing so.

Ironically, one of the most famous examples of the practice saw Cesc Fabregas leave Barcelona for Arsenal in 2003, at the age of 16, with the Catalan club complaining that the English club had poached him from their academy.

Fabregas returned to the Nou Camp this year for an initial fee of 29 million euros (\$37.54 million), a significantly larger sum than Arsenal paid originally to prize him away.

But there have been many other examples and the Italian said the rewards being offered to young players by the richest clubs to sign with them were often too good to turn down.

“These clubs are offering players and their families a lot of financial support. If the family is poor and it will contribute to the family, they will be happy to move abroad,” he said.

Capello, 65, has vast experience of how the transfer system affects young players having coached at Real Madrid, AC Milan, AS Roma and Juventus before taking over as England manager in 2008. He is leaving the position after next year’s European Championship.

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## Football

### Sandro Rosell: Footballers should foot bill

With the likes of Ronaldo and Rooney earning thousands of dollars a week is it time they paid their own agents' fees.

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Barca president Sandro Rosell (L) would like to sign players like Fabregas without paying his agent too  
[GALLO/GETTY]

Barcelona president Sandro Rosell has called on UEFA to change the rules on clubs having to pay agents' fees, saying the current system where players do not cough up for their own representation does not make sense.

"I have always asked myself why, when an agent is representing a player and he comes to negotiate his contract with the club, why is the club paying the agency fees?" Rosell said at a soccer conference in Dubai on Wednesday.

"When he is defending the other party and what he wants is to get the maximum number for the other party and, at the end, you have to pay the commission to the agent, it doesn't make sense. This is something I would ask UEFA to change as a rule."

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## UEFA not ruling out Turkish match-fixing sanctions



Dubai: UEFA has not ruled out excluding clubs caught up in the Turkish match-fixing scandal from future European competitions, general secretary Gianni Infantino said on Wednesday.

"There are no plans in this respect but there are rules that we are applying in the same way to all clubs," Infantino said on the sidelines of a football conference in Dubai.

"It seems to be only domestic matches, where it's under the jurisdiction of the national association to take the necessary measures. We are discussing with the Turkish football association and, if necessary, we will certainly not hesitate to take necessary measures," he added.

Fenerbahce were stopped from participating in this season's Champions League by the Turkish Football Federation after allegations of match-fixing, which include the Istanbul-based club's 4-3 victory over Sivasspor which won the league championship on the final day of last season, first surfaced.

Indictments were issued earlier this month by a Turkish court against 93 officials and players, including the chairman of Fenerbahce, for match-fixing in a case which has sent shockwaves through the country.

The process has been complicated by the passage this month of a law in Turkey which reduces the maximum prison sentence for match-fixing to three years from 12 years.

Infantino would not be drawn on the move but urged all sides to tackle the problem.

"On the criminal side, there we urge all governments to act very firmly because we are dealing with criminal organisations so it's a serious matter," Infantino said.

"On the other side, we urge the federations to adopt a zero tolerance policy and to take the necessary measures against those who are involved in match-fixing."

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# Desporto

FC Porto

## Pinto da Costa distinguido com o prémio carreira nos Globe Soccer Awards

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Pinto da Costa

O FC Porto estava nomeado para o prémio de Melhor Clube do Ano, juntamente com Barcelona e Borussia Dortmund, mas o galardão foi atribuído aos campeões europeus.

A distinção foi entregue ao presidente do FC Porto por Fabio Capello, seleccionador de Inglaterra, na gala que decorreu no Armani Pavillion, no Dubai.

O júri que atribuiu o galardão a Pinto da Costa era composto por Adriano Galliani (AC Milan), Augusto César Lendoiro (Deportivo Corunha), Demetrio Albertini (Federação Italiana); Enrico Bondoni (Global Soccer), Fabio Capello (seleccionador inglês), Giovanni Branchini (agente FIFA), Luís Figo (dirigente do Inter Milão), Mohamed Kamali (DubaiSports), Rob Jensen (Associação Europeia de Agentes) e Umberto Gandini (Associação Europeia de Clubes).

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## Rosell: UEFA must act on agents' fees

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"That seems quite obvious as well. If you go to the hairdressers, you don't send your employer to pay the bill," he added.

# Anti-Germany comments expose England's Fabio Capello as a bitter hypocrite

**The manager's words in Dubai were inaccurate and revealed his envy over the Three Lions' ignominious 2010 World Cup exit at the hands of Joachim Low's side**

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## COMMENT

By Clark Whitney | German Football Editor

Fabio Capello has, in the past, been heavily criticised for failing to understand the culture of the nation he manages, so it was almost inevitable that, when commenting on a foreign nation, the England coach would make a monumental gaffe.

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Sure enough, Capello did just that on Friday. Whilst speaking at the Dubai International Sports Conference, he criticised Germany for utilising players of mixed background at the 2010 World Cup.

“These players are acquiring new passports,” he said. “Germany had five of Turkish origin who opted to represent them and we all know what happened.”

Capello's comments on Germany were not the primary focus of his discussion, which included a legitimate criticism of European club football culture. He understandably voiced concern for a system which allows for the poaching of young, talented players by wealthy clubs that can offer incentives for financially-disadvantaged families.

The result of such procedure has monetary value for such households, but comes with the less-savoury effects of dissociating youngsters from their native cultures and maintaining the gap between the “haves” and the “have-nots” in club football. But for Capello to criticise Germany was foolhardy, and smacked of envy and a painfully myopic worldview.

To begin with, Germany's World Cup squad included two, not five, players of Turkish descent: Mesut Ozil and Serdar Tasci. There were others of mixed origin, Dennis Aogo, Jerome Boateng, Mario Gomez, and Sami Khedira, but like the Real Madrid and Stuttgart stars, these players were all born in Germany, not poached from modest Nigerian, Ghanaian, Spanish, and Tunisian clubs during their youth.

Granted, there were indeed some Germany internationals born on foreign soil, including Miroslav Klose, Lukas Podolski, Marko Marin, Piotr Trochowski and Cacau. But Klose is an ethnic German, and Podolski offered himself to Poland and was rejected before finalising his international affiliation. Nor was Marin poached by a wealthy club; his family fled war-torn Yugoslavia when Marko was just two years old.

Within his own statements, Capello not only opens the door for criticism, but unwittingly identifies his own hypocrisy in the case of capping Manchester-born Danny Welbeck, whose parents were both born in Ghana. The manager defends his decision to select the 21-year-old by citing the player's residence in Manchester and claiming parental permission. How, then, is it wrong for a player like Mesut Ozil, who was born in Gelsenkirchen to ethnic Turkish parents and lived his entire life in Germany, to represent his homeland? The Welbeck and Ozil situations are in direct parallel, and, in revealing his double standard, Capello has been hoist by his own petard.

Not that the above should bear any consequence on the legitimacy of a player's national affiliation. When Capello spoke of German footballers of Turkish 'origin', players of ethnic Turkish background, his words came from an antiquated perspective. The 'origin' of these players is Gelsenkirchen, Esslingen, or otherwise. They were raised in German society and, most importantly, trained in Bundesliga academies. Their culture may be mixed, a reality that ought to be celebrated, but their origin is undeniably German. Only their ancestors' origin, be it parents, grandparents, or even further down the family tree, can be considered to be Turkish.

The ultimate irony is that Capello, born in San Canzian d'Isonzo, Italy, never had any professional ties to the UK before he gladly accepted the FA's £6 million-per-year offer to fill the vacant role of manager. For such a wage, he'd do better to hold his tongue rather than shame

the people of England as he did on Friday.

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## UEFA ready to take further action on Turkish clubs if necessary, warns Gianni Infantino

**The general secretary insists the European football governing body will not hesitate to impose additional sanctions on clubs in Turkey if they are found guilty of match-fixing**

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By Livio Caferoglu



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Gianni Infantino has warned Turkish clubs that further expulsions from UEFA's competitions are not out of the question, as the match-fixing scandal continues to rumble on in the country.

During a press conference in Dubai on Wednesday, the general secretary asserted that despite the organization not currently pursuing plans to do so, they may still choose to inflict such penalties if clubs in Turkey are found guilty of rigging football matches.

"There are no plans in this respect but there are rules that we are applying in the same way to all clubs," insisted Infantino.

"It seems to be only domestic matches where it's under the jurisdiction of the national association to take the necessary measures.

"We are discussing with the Turkish football association and, if necessary, we will certainly not hesitate to take necessary measures."

Turkish champion Fenerbahce was ejected from the Champions League prior to the beginning of

the season, while a total of 93 officials and players, including Fener chairman Aziz Yildirim, have been named as suspects.

However, the passing of a law in Turkey which has seen the maximum prison sentence for match-fixing reduced from 12 years to only three has complicated matters, but Infantino has called on the authorities to ensure that appropriate punishments are handed out.

"On the criminal side, there we urge all governments to act very firmly because we are dealing with criminal organizations so it's a serious matter," Infantino continued.

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## Barcelona president Sandro Rosell wants players to pay agents' fees

**The 47-year-old finds the current system nonsensical and has received some backing from UEFA general secretary Gianni Infantino.**

Dec 29, 2011 11:37:00 AM

By Mark Doyle



Sandro Rosell - Barcelona

Barcelona president Sandro Rosell believes it is players and not clubs that should be responsible for paying agents' fees during transfer negotiations.

Rosell finds the current system farcical and is calling on [UEFA](#) to intervene.

"I have always asked myself why, when an agent is representing a player and he comes to negotiate his contract with the club, is the club paying the agency fees?" Rosell said at a conference in Dubai. "When he is defending the other party and what he wants is to get the maximum number for the other party and, at the end you have to pay the commission to the agent, it doesn't make sense.

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"This is something I would ask UEFA to change as a rule."

UEFA general secretary Gianni Infantino was quick to point out that FIFA is responsible for the control of agents but he did concede that Rosell had made a valid point.

"I also agree on who has to pay the agent - the player who uses the agent," he admitted. "That seems quite obvious as well. If you go to the hairdressers, you don't send your employer to pay the bill."

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## Barcelona's Sandro Rossell asks UEFA for agents' fee reforms

Wednesday, 28 December 2011

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By David Gold



**December 28 - Barcelona President Sandro Rosell wants UEFA to reform agents' fees and says that players should themselves cover such costs.**

Speaking in Dubai, Rosell said: "I have always asked myself, when an agent is representing a player and he comes to negotiate his contract with the club, why is the club paying the agency fees?"

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Agents have long been criticised for taking money out of the sport.

Europe's top teams spend millions each year in agents' fees, making them an increasingly significant part of club balance sheets.

FIFA is keen to limit the earnings agents can take from transfers, having originally outlined plans to tackle the issue last year.

They hope to restrict the amount an agent can make to three per cent of a transfer fee.

UEFA general secretary Gianni Infantino said that he agreed with Rosell that players, rather than clubs, should be paying agents: "If you go to the hairdressers, you don't send your employer to pay the bill."

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## Capello hits out at player 'theft'

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Fabio Capello has questioned Germany's use of players with Turkish origin at last summer's World Cup and called upon football's rulers to end the "theft of talent" that goes on between national teams.

England's 4-1 defeat to the Germans in Bloemfontein remains a major stain on his otherwise impressive managerial CV as the Three Lions were completely undone by a squad that contained 11 players who had an opportunity to represent another country, including star man Mesut Ozil, plus Miroslav Klose and Lukas Podolski.

And, speaking at the Dubai International Sports conference on Thursday, the England coach made his feelings plain in a wider debate about concerns over the development of young players. "A line needs to be drawn," he said, in comments reported in Dubai.

He added: "Richer clubs are talent-scouting and stealing players by bidding higher and not thinking about the consequences for those countries. These players are acquiring new passports. Germany had five of Turkish origin who opted to represent them and we all know what happened.

"Problems need to be addressed. Decisions need to be made. Players can be bought, especially when they come from poorer backgrounds, where their families need the financial resources. I do not accept that, having trained as a player, a different team can pop by and steal the player from me.

"UEFA should pass new rules allowing people to reap the seed that's been sown instead of having talents leave when they receive a major offer. I've spoken to (UEFA president) Michel Platini and he's resolute. In future, clubs will be forbidden to steal players from abroad at a very young age."

Capello accepted an invitation to speak at the prestigious event, which Cristiano Ronaldo has also attended, as an individual and was not accompanied by any member of the Football Association staff.

He denied the accusation of double standards given he has capped Manchester United striker Danny Welbeck, much to the frustration of Ghana, who were hopeful of persuading the 21-year-old Mancunian to represent the country of his parents' origin.

Capello said: "Before the selection I called his father and asked if I could select the boy. The father took time before agreeing to the selection. It was a personal decision, I spoke to the family and they were fine with their son playing for England. He was born and brought up in England."

However, it appears Capello has not done his homework properly. Ozil was born in Germany and, as with Welbeck and England, represented Germany, not Turkey, at various youth levels.



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## It doesn't make sense! Barca president Rosell hits out at UEFA policy on agents

By [Sportsmail Reporter](#)

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Barcelona president Sandro Rosell has slammed UEFA's ruling on clubs having to pay agents fees.

Players do not foot the bill for their own representation under the current system, and Rosell says 'it doesn't make sense.'

'I have always asked myself why, when an agent is representing a player and he comes to negotiate his contract with the club, why is the club paying the agency fees?' He said at a football conference in Dubai on Wednesday.



**Damning: Sandro Rosell slammed UEFA's policy on agents**

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## Pinto da Costa recebe prémio carreira

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Na gala Globe Soccer Awards a decorrer no Dubai, Pinto da Costa, presidente do F. C. Porto, recebeu o prémio carreira, sucedendo ao dirigente do Milan Adriano Galliani.

foto Ricardo Júnior/Global Imagens



No dia em que comemora 74 anos, Pinto da Costa recebeu uma prenda muito especial e foi distinguido na gala Globe Soccer Awards, no Dubai, ao receber o prémio carreira pelo contributo ao longo de 29 anos de presidência do F. C. Porto. O galardão foi entregue por Fabio Capello, treinador italiano e actual seleccionador de Inglaterra.

O F. C. Porto também estava nomeado para o prémio de clube com melhores resultados desportivos e mais proveitos em transferências, mas perdeu o troféu para o Barcelona, campeão europeu e espanhol, numa nomeação na qual também faziam parte os alemães do Borussia Dortmund.