



Palace of Monaco,
September 21st, 2009.

Dear Tracy,

I am delighted that you have been chosen to be one of the inductees this year to the World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame. Please accept my sincere congratulations on this outstanding achievement.

It is not common to see the kind of dedication, enthusiasm, spirit, and compassion that you have displayed not only toward your sport of Modern Pentathlon, but in the world of sport in general and its relevance in Humanitarian endeavours.

You have understood so well the importance of the values that sport teach us : tolerance, courage, respect, understanding, friendship, peace, and how we can apply them in our daily lives well beyond the field of play, and in our collective efforts to have sport be an effective instrument for social cohesion, positive change in peoples lives and yes ultimately peace. I will never forget your time and commitment to help a small group of people led by Joël Bouzou and myself to help a new organization in its infancy : Peace and Sport now a recognized and respected organization dedicated to these values.

Tracy, I think you may remember Nelson Mandela's now famous words at the Laureus Sport Awards in Monaco a little over ten years ago : "Sports has the power to change the world". With the hard work, passion and energy of people like you it might some day at least help make this world a better place.

Again Tracy my heartfelt congratulations for this well deserved recognition.

with best personal regards

Ms. Tracy MATTES
