

The European Football Pool

This institution, currently comprising 21 European toto companies, held its delegates' assembly in Tel Aviv last April.



European Football Pool President Lennart Johansson with Arie Zief, Chairman of the Israel Sports Betting Board and host of the EFP delegates' assembly.

The first round of the 1996 UEFA Intertoto Cup kicks off on June 22. The new season has gained in importance for three reasons: the team Girondins de Bordeaux demonstrated that it is possible to make it all the way from the UEFA Intertoto Cup to the UEFA Cup finals; admission of three rather than two UEFA Intertoto Cup teams to the first main UEFA Cup round; and the participation of three new countries in the UEFA Intertoto Cup, Italy, Russia and Spain.

Because requests to Europe's toto companies for financial support of national sports, particularly soccer, are on the rise, Intertoto has commissioned a thoroughly researched documentation of such contributions. This is the reason for an upcoming survey of such contributions and their origins. The results will foster greater understanding between toto companies and national sports organizations. They will also further cement the entirely positive relations with UEFA.