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## From the Editor



Newsletter Editor  
– *Rada Stopić*, Secretary  
to the Presidential Office

The World Karate Confederation had a very exciting period in recent times with many activities taking place throughout our membership.

In this newsletter we hope to bring some of the activities to your attention.

**Dr. Fritz Wendland**, the Founding President, spiritus movens and creator of the WKC has announced his retirement as he is getting on in life and wants to spend more time with his family and has had some inconvenient health issues and therefore as of next January he will not be involved in our activities. Needless to say that he will be greatly missed by all his fellow co-workers, all karatekas who highly appreciate his hard work and enthusiasm, his indelible mark and contribution for almost two decades. Anyway, Dr. Fritz Wendland will be conducting the forthcoming 3rd WKC Open South East Asian and Oceania Karate Championships, to be held from 25th to 27th of December 2015 in Chennai, India in order to help local organizers – All India Karate-do & Kobudo Promotion Foundation (AIKKPF) and we wish all participants a very successful event!



*Dr. Fritz Wendland,  
speaking at the  
opening ceremony  
in Riga*

**The WKC ExCom Meeting** took place on 7th November 2015 in Belgrade, attended by President Marko Nicović, Vice-Presidents Dr. Viacheslav Timofeev, Dr. Bru-

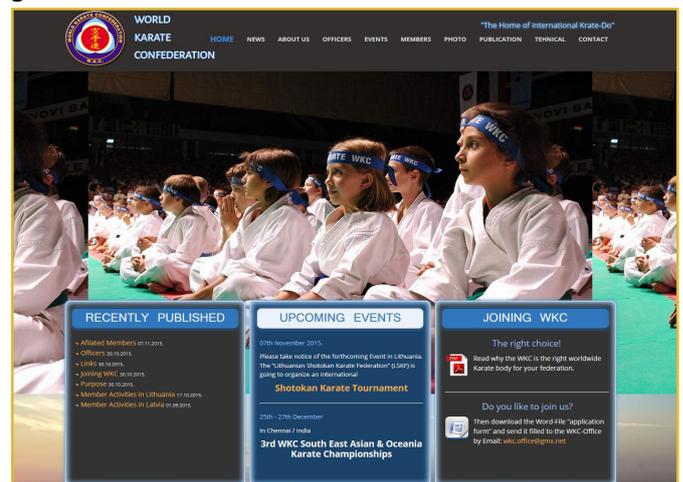


*From the left: Dr. Bruno Gilardi, President Marko Nicović, Roland Dietrich, Dr. Viacheslav Timofeev and Terry Boyle*

no Gilardi, Roland Dietrich as well as Mr. Terry Boyle. The ExCom has discussed various matters such as:

- **The procedure of the legal registration** of the WKC, in order to replace the current registration in Germany. This legal task is already in progress so we are looking forward to completing this procedure very soon.

- **New WKC website** will be available very soon. It will be improved in design, modern, dynamic and practical. The internet address will remain the same: [www.wkc-org.net](http://www.wkc-org.net). We hope to receive your comments and suggestions once the new site is on the internet, and we



also hope to receive your full cooperation as far as the news and articles are concerned.

**- The European Championships 2016** So far two federations have offered to host the event: Ulster Karate Council (UKC) from Northern Ireland and Federazione Italiana Arti Marziali (FIAM) from Italy. The UKC has proposed to run the Championships from 17th to 19th November 2016 in Queens University PE Centre in Belfast and FIAM will be able to give precise date and terms of organization in December after checking schedules and availabilities with the Sport Centre in Caorle. Whatever decision will be made, WKC is proud to have full support of the long standing members in this very important issue, since we all know that the organization of big international events requires hard work and substantial resources.

**- Registration program and event management program** WKC will use worldwide known "Sportdata Event Technology" software for the the future events. All member federation will be instructed soon how to make registration through the Sportdata.

**- 6th TAFISA World Games** will take place from 6th to 12th October 2016 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The TAFISA Organization has offered to their members to participate in the games. (The WKC has participated at the last TAFISA Games in 2012 in Siauliai/Lithuania with a huge number of competitors).

The 6<sup>th</sup> TAFISA  
World Sport  
for All Games



Jakarta  
2016 Indonesia

24th TAFISA World Congress took place from 14th – 18th October 2015, Budapest, Hungary and Dr. Fritz Wendland and Roland Dietrich attended the Congress on behalf of the WKC.

The WKC should decide before the end of January 2016 whether to organize its Championships under the roof of TAFISA and should also pay the participation fee, otherwise the fee will be doubled if failed to make a decision and payment on time. The Organizing Committee of the Games has offered very good facilities for the Championships and accommodation packages at very convenient rates.

Therefore we kindly ask all member federations to inform us on their intentions to participate in next TAFISA Games VERY SOON!

The 1st European TAFISA Games 2018 will be held in August 2018 in the province of Fryslân in the Netherlands. Also the organizers of the 1st European TAFISA Games welcome the participation of the WKC with a karate tournament.

## News from Scotland

### 全国空手道連盟

**Ronald Stewart Watt Esq.  
OBE, ORS, KHT.  
8th Dan WKC, 8th Dan ISKS.**

The National Karate Federation Scotland, Kumite Championships 8th Nov 2015 held in Aberdeen Scotland at Cults Academy Sports Centre were a great success. The clubs had been preparing hard for the event that inspired over 200 people from both Shotokan and Wado to take part.

We were very lucky to have Lady Bruce in attendance as a special guest and she was very pleased to be given the honour of presenting the medals and trophies to the winners.

The day before the competition a referee seminar was held, instructed by Chris Davidson, our own WKC referee and chaired by Ronnie Watt. Senior members of the NKF squad and executive committee took part and became fully qualified NKF officials for NKF com-

petitions. The club would like to thank them for their hard work and for their assistance in running the competition so efficiently on the following day.



**Lady Bruce with NKF Scotland members**

Back on the day when they first entered Ronnie's dojo, many of the competitors never imagined they'd become karate champions. The years of hard training have begun to pay off, transforming some of the most unlikely people into confident athletes who have now begun to realise the benefit of years of hard training. Karate never fails to inspire those of a

certain character and will surprise the humblest of people.

Our Aberdeen club is very proud to have run such a successful tournament off its own back with no funding other than the entry fee which helped cover the cost of medals and trophies and hall hire. This success is yet another testament to the hard work put in by the members under the expert eye of Ronnie Watt (8th Dan) OBE ORS who would like to thank the NKF members for their continued dedication to training real karate.



# 3rd WKC Open South East Asian & Oceania Karate Championships



Promoted by  
WORLD KARATE CONFEDERATION  
Organised by  
ALL INDIA KARATE-DO & KOBUDO PROMOTION FOUNDATION

Venue : J.J. Basket Ball Indoor Stadium, Kilpauk Garden, Chennai

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To  
Sensei/Shihan/Renshi/Kyoshi \_\_\_\_\_

Dear All,

Greetings to you,

You may be aware of the 3rd Open WKC South-East Asian & Oceania Karate Championships scheduled during 25 - 27 December 2015 at J.J. Basketball Indoor Stadium, Kilpauk, Chennai, India.

We, the All India Karate-Do & Kobudo Promotion Foundation (AIKKPF) are privileged to organise the 3rd Open WKC South-East Asian & Oceania Karate Championships in Chennai.

We would like you all to make your presence felt in the championships by your active participation. The very success of the programme with its events lies in your co-operation.

Please do not hesitate to communicate to us for any clarification from our end as organizers.

with regards,

Kyoshi Dr.S.Rethinam,  
The President - AIKKPF

## Rules & Regulations

- WKC Rules will be followed.
- The Competitors must wear a White Unmarked Karate Gi without piping or strips. (Only the National Emblem or Flag may be worn). No Foot Pads, Wrapped Bandages, Braces or any Metallic objects may be worn.
- All the Participants must be reported in time at the venue for the Tournament.
- The Tournament Director reserves the right to combine or cancel any group of events when appropriate. Decision of the Referee Panel will be final. No one may protest a judgement to the members of the Refereeing Panel. If anyone does so, they will be disqualified from the entire Tournament.
- Alcoholic drinks, Smoking, Chewing Tobacco, Drugs are strictly prohibited at the venue of the Tournament.
- Participants must bring their own Gloves for Karate Event & weapon for Kobudo Event.
- Toe Nails & Finger Nails must be trimmed short.
- Groin guard is mandatory in the Kumite Events.
- Any types of eyewear are not allowed.
- Proof of Age must be provided. The Exact (completed) age on the day of competition will be calculated.
- For any stipulation not stated in this chapter, modifications and alterations are subject to the approval of the Tournament Director & Referee Panel.

## Accommodation

Boarding & Lodging will be at your own cost. Outside of Chennai Participants who are in need of accommodation are requested to contact Organising Committee for the guidance of Accommodation.

## Important

- All India Karate-Do & Kobudo Promotion Foundation/ World Karate Confederation/Organisers/ Tournament Director/ Organising Committee/ Technical Committee/ Referee Panel etc. do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that we are not responsible for any sort of Injury/ Accident/ Fracture/ Damage is caused either mentally or physically or both or which leaves to serious stages during the course of participation in the Tournament. But however first aid will be provided at the Tournament Venue.
- This Tournament is exclusively for Karate practitioners.

## Deadline for Registration

- The Last date for Registration of Tournament & Weigh - in for Kumite Participants will be 25th December 2015. Late Entries after the deadline will not be encouraged.
- Once Registered, there will be No Refund at any Circumstances.

## Programme Schedule

25th December 2015 (8.30 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.)

- Referee Seminar for all Judges & Referees with Exam.
- Technical Course for all Coaches
- WKC Dan Gradings
- Registration of all Competitors and Officials
- Weight-in of all Kumite Competitors.

26th December 2015

8.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. - Competition

27th December 2015

8.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. - Competition

## Fee Details

- 20 Euros per Individual Category
- 50 Euros per Team Category
- 30 Euros for Technical Seminar (Judges, Referees & Coaches) & Examination Only

## Details of Categories

- The Competitors must be at the exact age (Completed age) of their group on the day of competition (No exceptions)
- All Kata must be from the official WKC kata list : Rules of Karate Competition Part D, Article 9, Appendix IV
- Categories : 1. Children - 8 to 13 Years, 2. Cadets - 14 to 17 Years, 3. Juniors - 18 to 20 Years, 4. Seniors - 18+
- Unlimited Entries for all Categories
- Kata Style Categories of an age class with less than 3 registered competitors will be merge together to a "Mixed Style Category".
- Kumite Categories of an age class with less than 4 registered competitors can be merge together. (Light weight starters being put in to higher weight category with the largest number of competitors)
- Children Category (8-13 Years) will be separate in two categories as Upto Green Belt & Blue to Blackbelt.

## Categories

WKC EVENTS : 1. Children (8-13 Years) - Male & Female

### KATA

#### Upto Green

(Participants can repeat the same Kata in all rounds)

1st Round : Shitei  
2nd Round : Shitei or Sentei  
Final : Shitei or Sentei  
1. 8-9 years  
2. 10 -11 years  
3. 12-13 years

#### Blue to Black

1st Round : Shitei  
2nd Round : Sentei  
Final : Any Kata (Except Gojushihō-dai, Gojushihō-sho and Unsu in Shotokan)  
1. 8-9 years  
2. 10 -11 years  
3. 12-13 years

### KUMITE

- 8-9 years (Fighting time : 1 minute)  
**Shobu Sanbon**  
Weight Categories:  
Male : -34, -39, +39 Kgs.  
Female : -32, -37, +37 Kgs.
- 10-11 years (Fighting time : 1 minute 30 Seconds)  
**Shobu Sanbon**  
Weight Categories:  
Male : -40, -45, +45 Kgs.  
Female : -35, -40, +40 Kgs.
- 12-13 years (Fighting time : 2 Minutes)  
**Shobu Sanbon**  
Weight Categories:  
Male : -50, -55, +55 Kgs.  
Female : -45, -50, +50 Kgs.

## 2. Cadets (14-17 Years) - Male & Female

### KATA

- 14-15 years
  - 16-17 years
- 1st Round : Shitei, 2nd Round : Sentei,  
Final : Tokui

### KUMITE

- 14-15 years  
**Shobu Sanbon (Fighting time : 3 minutes)**  
Weight Categories:  
Male : -55, -60, +60 Kgs.  
Female : -50, -55, +55 Kgs.
- 16-17 years  
**Shobu Sanbon (Fighting time : 3 minutes)**  
Weight Categories:  
Male : -60, -65, +65 Kgs.  
Female : -52, -57, +57 Kgs.

## 3. Juniors (18 - 20 Years) - Male & Female

### Individual

1st Round : Shitei, 2nd Round : Sentei,  
Final : Tokui

### Team

(Only One competitor with the minimum age of 15 years may be used)  
1st Round : Shitei, 2nd Round : Sentei,  
Final : Tokui

### KUMITE

**Shobu Sanbon (Fighting time : 3 minutes)**  
Weight Categories:  
Male : -68, -78, +78 Kgs.  
Female : -55, -60, +60 Kgs.

### Team

**Shobu Sanbon (Fighting time : 3 minutes)**

3 competitors in one team (+1 reserve)

## 4. Seniors (18 Years +) - Male & Female

### Individual

1st Round : Shitei, 2nd Round : Sentei,  
Final : Tokui

### Team

1st Round : Shitei, 2nd Round : Sentei,  
Final : Tokui

### KUMITE

**Shobu Sanbon (Fighting time : 3 minutes)**  
Weight Categories:  
Male : -68, -78, +78 Kgs.  
Female : -55, -60, +60 Kgs.

### Team

**Shobu Sanbon (Fighting time : 3 minutes)**

3 competitors in one team (+1 reserve)

## Seniors (40 Years +) - Male & Female

### Individual Kata

1st Round : Shitei, 2nd Round : Sentei, Final : Tokui

## AIKKPF EVENTS :

### 1. Children (6 - 7 Years) - Male & Female

#### KATA

1st Round : Shitei  
2nd Round : Shitei or Sentei  
Final : Shitei or Sentei

#### KUMITE

**Shobu Sanbon (Fighting time : 1 minute)**  
Weight Categories:  
Male : -20, -25, +25 Kgs.  
Female : -20, -25, +25 Kgs.

## 2. Kobudo - Male & Female

### COLOUR BELT (in Kobudo)

- | BO               | SAI              |
|------------------|------------------|
| 1. Upto 14 Yrs.  | 1. Upto 18 Yrs.  |
| 2. 15 to 18 Yrs. | 2. Above 18 Yrs. |
| 3. Above 18 Yrs. |                  |

### BLACK BELT (in Kobudo)

- | BO                          | SAI                         | Tonfa                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Upto 18 Yrs.             | 1. Upto 18 Yrs.             | 1. Upto 18 Yrs.             |
| 2. Above 18 Yrs.            | 2. Above 18 Yrs.            | 2. Above 18 Yrs.            |
| 3. Veterans (Above 40 Yrs.) | 3. Veterans (Above 40 Yrs.) | 3. Veterans (Above 40 Yrs.) |

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## Information from our members

### Argentina

1º Juegos de la Araucanía de Karate 2015 Bariloche

**KARATE**

Sabado 21 de noviembre 2015.  
Escuela 295 ubicada en  
Calle 2 de agosto y  
Padre Genghini

Entrada un articulo escolar que sera  
Donado a dicha escuela  
Informe  
Email: acekarate@hotmail.com.ar



### Serbia



The Serbian Karate Union (SKU) Elective Congress took place on 13th September 2015 in Belgrade. The new leadership consists of: Mr Marko Nicović – President, Srećko Obradović (the well known sports jopurnalist) – Vice-President and ExCom members: Miodrag Nikolić, Prof. Nusret Sejfić and Mihailo Mikić.

### Latvia



#### „Baltic Open 2015”

Organized by the Latvian Karate Association (LKA)  
21-22 of November 2015 at 09:00 Grostonas Street 6b, Riga

please find all tournament details at:

<http://www.wkc-org.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Baltic-open-2015-ENG.pdf>

### Scotland



Ronnie Watt's National Karate Federation WKC have just returned from Berk, France where an international open competition was held on the 25th of October 2015. The competition was hosted by French instructor Alain Verbeek (6th Dan). Alain's club trains in the doctrines of Alain's late instructor, Taiji Kase (9th Dan). Kase is a widely respected Japanese Karate legend.

Our Aberdeen based NKF team did exceptionally well during the competition returning with 4 international medals against some stiff competition which included 1 Gold and 1 Silver.

-Nissara Kirk taking both Gold and 2 Bronze and John McInnes taking a Silver.

There were 200 competitors in all so Ronnie and his squad can hold their heads high.

A special training course was held the day before the competition. Participants in the course enjoyed 6 hours of karate training the day before the competition from 4 different karate masters. Participants travelled from around Europe to reach Berck for this rare opportunity with competitors from Germany, Austria, Scotland, France and many from Brittany. Shihan Ronnie Watt (8th Dan) from Aberdeen focused on speed technique to score points in kumite. Sensei Alain Verbeek (6th dan) demonstrated Kase-ha sparring tactics, using various knife hand attacks in response to an attacker. Sensei Christian Le Romancer (Brittany) demonstrated bunkai and emphasised the importance of Kime (power, focus).

Sensei Dieter Langer (3rd Dan) from Germany demonstrated the structures behind the kata and the importance of form over strength.

Also present was the wife and daughter of Taiji Kase. They will soon publish a much anticipated book detailing the life and legend that was Taiji Kase.

Kase was also a frequent visitor to Aberdeen and a close friend of Ronnie Watt.

Alain Verbeek has studied Karate for over 45 years and in this time Ronnie and Alain have become great friends. At the end of the festival and competition Alain was surprised to receive a Samurai SHOGUN award for his service to karate and promotion of friendship between Scotland and France. The award was given after the closing ceremony of the competition in front of many guests and VIP's including Chieko Kase (wife) and Sachiko Kase (daughter), the Mayor of Berk and the ambassador of Japan in France, Yoichi Suzuki.

The Auld Alliance is still strong. The NKF would like to thank the French families that hosted the NKF squad and for showing them such great hospitality.

After the tournament Ronnie and his NKF squad were invited to the Berck town hall to be treated to a special civic reception hosted by the Mayor of Berck, a senior MP and other VIPs from the area. Ronnie was presented with a medal by the Mayor of Berk for promoting friendship and culture between France and Scotland through Karate. Ronnie was also presented with a very special gift, from the people of Inverness, France. This was an unexploded world war one shell, encased in a special hand made box. It had been fired into the area where the Scottish soldiers had fought, many giving their lives to fight for the freedom of France in the Great War, 1915. Ronnie said he was "deeply moved" by this special gift.

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