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# From the President of the Organizing **Committee "Belgrade 2022"**

Dear friends,

I am very honored to be given once again a very responsible and demanding task, the organization of the most important WKC event in 2022 - 14th WKC **World Championships** for Cadets, Juniors and Seniors and World Cup for Children. The event will take place in Belgrade, Serbia on 11th - 12th June 2022. Our experienced



team will do our best to organize the Championships up to the highest standards. The competition will take place in the sport complex Sumice (pronunciation: Shumitse, meaning: woods) in the central city area. The most convenient fact is that nearby hotel "Serbia", only 200 meters from the sport hall, offers accommodation for 600 people and this makes a "perfect match" - a unique offer for various sport events. This is why both hotel and sport hall are highly appreciated and popular for domestic and international events and are usually booked even years in advance. On behalf of the Organizing Committee I wish to invite all members to come to Belgrade, a beautiful city at the crossroads of the East and West, easily reached from all parts of the world. June is usually a lovely month with great weather and I hope you will take an extra day for the sightseeing. I wish you all warm welcome! Aleksandar Makić





#### PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Friday, 10th June 10 AM - 6 PM - Sport Hall Registration

Friday, 10th June 10 AM – 6 PM - Hotel Srbija

**Technical seminar** 

Friday, 10th June 6.30 PM - Hotel Srbija

**WKC Meeting** 

Saturday, 11th June 8 AM – 8 PM - Sport Hall

**Competitions** 

Saturday, 11th June – 4 PM - Sport Hall

**Opening Ceremony** 

Sunday, 12th June 8 AM – 6 PM - Sport Hall

**Competitions** 

Please note that this is just a preliminary schedule! Final program will be published upon the closure of the registration, once we have known the registration figures.



**THE REGISTRATION** for the 14th World Championships for Cadets, Juniors and Seniors and World Cup for Children will be open until 1st of June.

We will soon give all instructions and registration link!

# **DAN GRADING EXAM**

The Dan grading exam will take place on Friday, June the 10th. The program for each style has been published on our website. The President of the member federation must download and email the Dan Grade Examination Application form (attached) and send it to <a href="wkc.markonicovic@gmail.com">wkc.markonicovic@gmail.com</a> by 1st June 2022 forwarding the relevant examination fee.

# **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP**

We attach the invoice for the annual membership for 2022 for those federations who wish to settle it through bank transfer

The same payment instructions apply for settling entry fees for the event.

#### **VISA REGIME:**

Serbia has a non-visa regime with a great number of countries. A special advantage of this is that a visa is not required for the Russian Federation, all EU countries, South America, and since last year for India.

Before making your travel plans, please check whether you need an entry visa. You will find accurate information on the visa regime on the official web site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

https://www.mfa.gov.rs/en/citizens/travel-serbia/visa-regime

If you need an entry visa, do not hesitate to contact the SKU office:

Email: <a href="mailto:srpskakarateunija@gmail.com">srpskakarateunija@gmail.com</a>

Phone: (381) (0) 11 234 11 68

(381) (0) 65 234 11 68 – mobile no

who will be glad to assist and send you the invitation letter. But you must do this quickly and in good time. It is important that your federation supplies full information on your list of participants:

- Name and family name
- · Date of birth
- Passport number
- Position in team

#### ABOUT THE CITY...

Belgrade (Serbian: Београд, Beograd ) is the capital and the largest city of Serbia, and has a population of around 2 million. It is situated in South-Eastern Europe, on the Balkan Peninsula, at the confluence of the Sava and Danube rivers. It is one of the oldest cities in Europe and since the ancient times has been an important strategic point for traffic, an intersection of the roads of Eastern and Western Europe.

Belgrade is the capital of Serbian culture, education, science and economy. As a result of its long history, Belgrade has for centuries been home to many nationalities. The official language is Serbian, while visitors from abroad can use English to communicate.





Belgrade is the fourth largest city in South-eastern Europe, after Istanbul, Athens and Bucharest. Its name in Serbian translates to "White city".

It was first inhabited by the Thracio-Dacian tribe of Singi who would give the name to the city after a fortress was founded in 3rd century BC by the Celts who named it Singidunum. It was awarded city rights by the Romans before it was permanently settled by Slavic tribes named "White Serbs" from the 7th century onwards. As a strategic location, the city was battled over in 115 wars and razed to the ground 44 times since

the ancient period by countless armies of the East and West. In medieval times, it was in the possession of Byzantine, Frankish, Bulgarian, Hungarian and Serbian rulers. In 1521 Belgrade was conquered by the Ottomans and became the principal city of Ottoman Europe and among the largest European cities.



Frequently passing from Ottoman to Austrian rule which saw destruction of most of the city, the status of Serbian capital would be regained only in 1841, after the Serbian revolution. Northern Belgrade, though, remained a Habsburg outpost until the breakup of Austria-Hungary in 1918. The united city then became the capital of several incarnations of Yugoslavia, up to 2006, when Serbia became an independent state again.

#### **HOTEL ACCOMODATION...**



The official event hotel is hotel "Serbia" and everything is centralized in it!

Hotel Rooms: 310, total no. of beds: 650.

The local Orgnizing Committee has decided to recommend all participants a very convenient and comfortable hotel – "Srbija" ("Serbia") because they can accommodate large number or even all of our participants!



Address: Ustanicka str. 127 c, Belgrade.

Situated within an 18-floor tower next to a picture sque wooded park in a quiet and pleasant area of Belgrade,

Hotel Srbija houses 2 luxurious top floor restaurants with breathtaking city views, serving a rich breakfast buffet, that is available for lunch and dinner.

The advantage of this hotel that we can organize many events in it, such as technical seminars and various meetings. Furthermore, the hotel has given us the most convenient rates and we truly recommend everyone to book in here.

Each room has a bathroom, air conditioning, TV and mini bar. Hotel has an aperitif bar, con-

ference room, beauty salon, business club, internet cafe, exchange office and a rent-a-car. Hotel Srbija is located in part of Belgrade so called Sumice very close to the biggest highway in the country. It is 4 km far away from centre of Belgrade and 20 km away from the airport. Wireless internet free of charge is available in the entire hotel and there is a private free parking area for hotel guests.

# **HOTEL RATES...**

# in Euro / per person / per day

type of room	BB	HB
standard single room	45 €	55€
Single room with queen size bed	55€	65€
twin room	35€	45€
triple room	32 €	42 €

# BB – bed & breakfast HB – half board (breakfast & dinner)



Note:in case your team wants a different hotel, we will be glad to assist and help you find the accommodation that you wish, so please be free to give us your idea and we will recommend the accommodation that matches your needs.

**HOTEL BOOKING FORM** - please find the attached file and fill it in.

# **AIRPORT TRANSFER**

We can arrange airport transfer (bus / minibus / car - depending on number of passengers) from and to Belgrade airport for all participants travelling by air. Return fare per person is 20 euro.

# **LOCAL TRANSPORTATION**

Since the Sport hall Šumice only 200 m away from the hotel there is no need for the local transport, it is 5 minutes away walking distance if you stay at Hotel Serbia!

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