

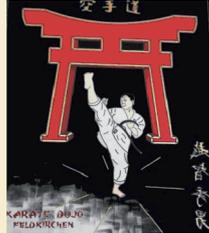


# WORLD KARATE CONFEDERATION

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## International Open WKC Championships for Cadets, Juniors and Seniors Individual and Club teams (18 years and above)



Feldkirchen-Westerham (near Munich) Germany 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2014



*Ilse Aigner*

"Grüß Gott", dear friends of the sport of Karate – Ossu 押忍!

I am delighted to address you at the WKC tournament and say a few words in my home community of Feldkirchen. Karate is one of the best-known introduced sports in Germany, which originated in Japan

There are rules in life as well as in politics. One rule says that karate begins and ends with respect. Everyone for all his or her life should follow this rule.

Especially working with the young people this is very important because children and youngsters learn to respect rules and boundaries.

Another rule is to try constantly new ways, which I know very well from my political life, without change we would only stagnate.

Karate is a martial art, which addresses the body and the mind.

Behind the sport, success lies in the disciplined training of many years in which the trainers and the athletes have invested all their time and energy. At tournaments such as these, participants from around the world can be admired and the results of all their hard work seen.

My special thanks for organising this event go to the Karate Dojo of the TV Feldkirchen1903 e.V. and also the great number of volunteers.

I wish all participants, helpers, and spectators a successful Championship with outstanding and memorable competitions.

Yours

Ilse Aigner, MdL

Minister of Economy, Media, Energy and Technology

State of Bavaria



*Bernhard Schweiger*

Dear spectators, friends of karate sport, and guests

Karate takes a great deal of time and effort in order to master the requirements of this martial art. It also requires work and sacrifice to acquire the physical fitness and mental power to master the fighting techniques of this ancient art. Our karate section of the TV Feldkirchen is a living example of this dedication. Karateka have concentration, condition, speed and this type of training is especially beneficial for young people.

The karate section of the TV Feldkirchen has already organised a very successful German Karate



Championships in 2012 and I am convinced that the motivated team around Norbert Dank will succeed in organising and delivering a World Championships.

I welcome all participants from all over the World and I am especially

proud that Feldkirchen has been chosen to host the International Open WKC Championships. We look forward to exciting competitions in a friendly atmosphere under the Japanese motto: "The highest aim of karate is neither victory

nor defeat but the perfection of character."

Yours in sport

Bernhard Schweiger

Mayor

Community Feldkirchen-Westerham



## International Open WKC Championships for Cadets, Juniors and Seniors

### Draft Program



Feldkirchen-Westerham (near Munich) Germany 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2014

#### FRIDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2014

2 pm to 6 pm	Registration & Weigh-in for Competitors	Sporthall*)
2 pm to 7 pm	Referee & Coach Seminar (mandatory for all registered Coaches, Judges & Referees (Mandatory in Karate-Gi & WKC Referee Uniform	Sporthall
7 pm to ...	WKC Dan Grading (Applications by Email to the WKC Office	Sporthall

#### SATURDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2014

9 am to ...	Eliminations all Cadets Categories	Sporthall
9 am to ...	Eliminations all Junior Individual & Team Categories	Sporthall
	Finals all Cadets Categories	Sporthall
	Finals Juniors Individual & Team Categories	Sporthall

#### SUNDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2014

9 am to ...	Finals Junior Individual & Team Categories	Sporthall
9 am to ...	Eliminations all Senior Individual & Team Categories	Sporthall
	Finals all Seniors Individual & Team Categories	Sporthall
	Finals Juniors Individual & Team Categories	Sporthall

\*) Sporthall, Adress: „Mangfall-Halle, Karl-Weigl-Platz 4, 83620 Feldkirchen“. Walking distance from the train station Feldkirchen-Westerham

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Any News and Information on the tournament may be found on the WKC webpage ([www.wkc-org.net](http://www.wkc-org.net))

## Accommodation

The competition will take place at 83620 Feldkirchen-Westerham, on the countryside, 35 km in the southeast of München, in the direction to the city of Rosenheim, near the towns of Holzkirchen, Miesbach and Bad Aibling. Please do not mix up with Feldkirchen, a suburb of München 10 km in München's east!

Find easily accommodation in the major hotels through booking portals, like your national sites, international sites or German sites.

## München (Munich)

München is some 35 km away from the location of competition, Feldkirchen-Westerham. If you stay at München, you can go to the competition by car via the autobahn A8 or by railway.

For accommodation in München, please refer to the major booking portals.

<http://www.muenchen.de/uebernachten.html>

Tourist information:

<http://www.muenchen.de/themen/tourismus.html>

Detailed information on the accommodation may be found on the WKC webpage

[www.wkc-org.net](http://www.wkc-org.net)

## Information on the Referee/Coach Course and Tournament

### Referee/Coach Course

All applicants, judges, referees and senior referees have to bring a karate-gi to the course as well as their referee uniform (grey trouser, navy blue blazer, WKC necktie and whistle).

All participants have to know the WKC competition rules. A written test on the rules has to be passed by participants of the course.

The coaches have to bring their karate-gi for the course and their tracksuit for the competition. They have to know the basic rules of the WKC. A written test on the basic rules is required.

The competition rules and the questions for the test may be found on the WKC webpage [www.wkc-org.net](http://www.wkc-org.net) under the button "Technical" > "Event Rules". Those referees and coaches who do not understand English very well should have the rules translated in their language.

### Competitors

The competitors must wear the karate-gi as stated in the competition rules. No badges may be worn other than that of their federation/club.

The mitts must have WKC standard (only plain white) as well as the gum shields (either white or colourless).

The coaches are responsible that their competitors wear the correct uniform and equipment and behave as expected in the spirit of karate-do.

### Registration

Only the coach/manager of the team and one interpreter will be admitted to the registration room. They have to bring the passports or ID from the whole squad.

Only the competitors in the Shobu Sanbon category must come to the registration for the weigh-in. For all other competitors the presentation of the passport or ID by the coach during the registration is sufficient.

### Tournament

Only the competitors whose category is on display and their official coach are admitted to the tatamis. Only a coach who has participated at the coach seminar and has fulfilled all requirements is recognised as an official coach.

No bottles, shoes, tracksuits are allowed at the tatami. The coaches are responsible for the correct behaviour and equipment of their competitors.

## Sigulda Open 2013

On the initiative of the Latvian Karate Association (LKA) with president Vladislav Fetkulin the International Karate Tournament „SIGULDA OPEN 2013“ was held on 19th and 20th October 2013 in the Latvian town of Sigulda (50 km north-east of the capital Riga).

One hundred and fifty athletes from three countries - Latvia, Lithuania, and Russia- participated and displayed very proficient kumite and kata techniques. 2013 Kumite World Champion Dr. Alman Timofeev headed the Russian delegation and acted as Chief Referee.

As this tournament was so successful the LKA intend to repeat it again on a yearly basis.



## Vidoje Andric - memorial tournament

The senior national teams of the Serbian Karate Union and the Karate Savez Republike Srpske had friendly tournament on 13th October 2013 in Višegrad (Republika Srpska). Excellent karate was demonstrated and the spectators had a very positive impression of the real karate.



## 1st Pan American Cup for Children and Pan American Championships for Cadets, Juniors, Seniors, and Veterans (12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2013)

The National University of La Matanza hosted the 1st Pan American Championships of the Pan American Karate Confederation (PKC). In its imposing stadium,



eight national associations from seven countries took part in the tournament. 256 athletes and 17 teams competed for the medals and trophies. The PKC founded in 2011 united the American karate federations under an umbrella organisation with a democratic



structure based on the principles of equality and respect.

At the PKC Congress the next venue was scheduled for 2014 at the end of July in Sao Paulo or Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Competitors from 15 countries are expected to take part in this event.

Nestor Parreño  
President PKC

## X International Shotokan karate tournament "Tiger Way"

The Lithuanian Shotokan Karate Federation (LSKF) with President Kazimieras Bartkevicius has organized the 10th International tournament "Tiger Way" on 9th November 2013. Over 400 competitors from 26 karate organisations (out of 7 countries), 60 referees and 50 coaches participated at this event.

In October the President of

Lithuania (also a black belt in karate), Mme Dalė Grybauskaitė awarded the best Lithuanian sportsmen, who won medals in European and World Championships. At same time sport leaders and coaches were honored by the President. One of them was LSKF President Mr. K. Bartkevicius. Congratulations!



## 23rd TAFISA Congress, Enschede, Netherlands, 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Vice-President Roland Dietrich and Founding President Dr. Fritz Wendland attended the 23rd TAFISA Congress on behalf of the WKC. Mr. Joe Mirza also attended the Congress on behalf of the AAU, USA, which was accepted as a new national member federation for sport for all.

Lectures by well-known university professors and sport scientists were held on the development of sport for all, the change of physical fitness and health in modern society.

One topic was the lack of physical

The Congress is very keen to find ways to get the new generation to take healthier food and more physical exercise. In order to promote a healthier life style and not only to sit and listen or discuss at lectures, the Congress organised a walk over 10 km through the city of Enschede, the surrounding suburbs and the university campus.

The first Martial Arts Workshop was held prior to the official opening of the Congress. Unfortunately, only two international federations (WKC and WJF) and four national federations out of 35 TAFISA martial art federations were present.



activities especially in young people who spend at the present many hours per day watching TV, playing computer games and searching the internet. It is expected that this generation of young people will die five years earlier because of lack of physical activity and poor nutrition. We experience this phenomenon in the industrialised countries and see the outcome in our children who start karate. Fifty years ago, the youth had no TV, computer, or smart phones and spent most of their time in outdoor games. They were fit and healthy more than young people today.

The TAFISA has accepted many national martial art federations, which obviously only seek the umbrella of the TAFISA but do not actively participate in the sport for all movement. Karate is a classical sport for all with no age, sex, or social restriction. Nearly 95 to 98% of all karate practitioners at this present time do not participate in competition but only train at a club.

The General Assembly as part of the Congress program elected the new Board of Directors for a period of four years. The new President is Prof. Dr. Juho Chang from South

Korea. General Secretary Wolfgang Baumann was re-elected.

The 6th TAFISA Games will take place from 6th to 12th October 2016 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The WKC has the possibility of organising its World Championships within these Games as we did in 2012 in Siauliai, Lithuania at the 5th TAFISA Games.



Another opportunity for the WKC to hold an event is the 1st TAFISA Europe Sport for All Games 2018 in the province of Fryslân, Netherlands. The European Union is financially supporting the TAFISA along with the IOC.



## 6<sup>th</sup> Polish Open 2014

The Sport Association of Funakoshi Shotokan Karate (SAFSK) is organising the 6th Polish Open Championships on 22nd and 23rd February 2013 in the Sport Hall of Karpacz, Konstytucji 3-go Maja 48A street.

This tournament is especially designed for Children. The age groups and categories are on the WKC webpage [www.wkc-org.net](http://www.wkc-org.net) under the button "Members" and then "Member Activities".

For information contact the SAFSK by e-mail: [fska.info@gmail.com](mailto:fska.info@gmail.com)

## All India Karate-Do & Kobudo Championships 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> December 2013

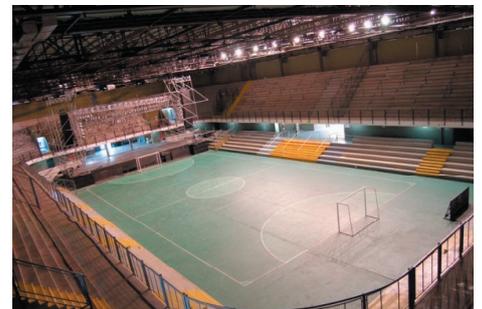


The WKC member federation All India Karate-Do and Kobudo Promotion Federation under the presidency of Dr. Rethinam Swakky is organising the National Indian Karate & Kobudo Championships on 27th and 28th December 2013 in Chennai. For more details please contact the organiser under [aikkpf@gmail.com](mailto:aikkpf@gmail.com) or Telephone 94440-52122 and 98410-96942

## 9th WKC European Championships 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2014 in Cheboksary, Chouvashian Republic, Russia



## 9th WKC Junior & Cadet World Championships 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> October 2014 in Buenos Aires, Argentina



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