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From the Editor

Dear friends,  
in this Newsletter we bring some final information about the 13th World Championships for Cadet, Junior and Senior and World Cup for Children.

First of all, we are glad that such a big number of federations and nations will take part in the event, so we are proud to announce that nearly 800 participants from 28 federations from 19 countries will take part.

The Organizing Committee has done their best to provide all facilities according to the highest standards.

We hope that you will spend a fantastic karate weekend 15/17th November 2019 in our country and we wish all participants good luck and enjoyable journey!

See you all in Belgrade!

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## PROGRAM

Friday, 15th November 09.00 – 18.00	REGISTRATION	Hotel Serbia Str. Ustanička 127
Friday, 15th November 10.00 – 18.00	COACH AND REFEREE SEMINAR	Hotel Serbia
Friday, 15th November 10.00 – 15.00	DAN GRADING	Hotel Serbia
Friday, 15th November 18.00	WKC PRESIDENTIAL MEETING	Hotel Serbia
Saturday 16th November 08.00 – 20.00	All children 8-13 yrs. kata and kumite individual and teams; cadets, juniors and seniors kata individual and teams; 40 + individual kata	Sport Hall Banjica
Saturday 16th November 16.00	<b>OPENING CEREMONY</b>	Sport Hall Banjica
Sunday 17th November 08.00 – 18.00	All cadet, junior and senior kumite individual and teams	Sport Hall Banjica

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IS PROVIDED ON CHAMPIONSHIPS DAYS – SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Departure from hotel (both days) : 7.15 AM / Departure from the sport hall – upon the end of the competition (both days)

You don't have to worry about meals because breakfast starts at 6.30 AM and dinner is served until 11 PM!



## ENTRY FEES

All federations should pay entry fees directly by bank transfer early next week using the enclosed transfer instructions. This greatly facilitates registration. Payment can also be taken in cash when registering. Annual membership fees of 350 euros for existing members are also due. There is no fee for a new member.

Please find payment instructions attached to this Newsletter!

# GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE EVENT

## 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.



Left - Referee Commission:  
Mr. Luca Proietti (Italy),  
Mr. Alman Timofeev (Russia) and  
Mr. Radomir Prosic (Serbia)

Bellow - WKC ID cards will be available for sale at the Championships



Note: Please find the referee test attached and also on the WKC official web site!

# WHAT TO SEE WHILE IN BELGRADE

While in Belgrade, we strongly recommend you, if any chance, to take a half day off and visit some beautiful sights:

## Temple of Saint Sava

The Church of Saint Sava, literal translation into English: "The Temple of Saint Sava") is a Serbian Orthodox church located on the Vračar plateau in Belgrade. It is one of the largest Eastern Orthodox church buildings and ranks among the largest church buildings in the world.

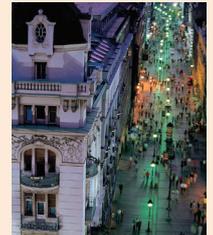
The church is dedicated to Saint Sava, the founder of the Serbian Orthodox Church and an important figure in medieval Serbia. It is built on the Vračar plateau, on the location where his remains were burned in 1595 by Ottoman Grand Vizier Sinan Pasha.



## Knez Mihailova Street

Properly Kneza Mihaila, English: Prince Michael Street, is the main pedestrian and shopping zone in Belgrade, and is protected by law as one of the oldest and most valuable landmarks of the city. Named after Mihailo Obrenović III, Prince of Serbia, it features a number of buildings and mansions built during the late 1870s.

One kilometer long Knez Mihailova Street was in 1979 included on the list of Spatial Cultural-Historical Units of Great Importance, and as such is protected by the Republic of Serbia.



## Kalemegdan Park and Fortress

The Belgrade fortress, built on a white ridge above the confluence of two big rivers – Danube and Sava, destroyed and rebuilt over and over for 16 centuries, still stands as the symbol of Serbia's capital.

The Belgrade fortress was built during a long period of time from the 2nd to the 18th century. Destroyed and rebuilt numerous times, the fortress has become the symbol of the city that keeps raising and growing.

The Belgrade Zoo is also located in Kalemegdan park. Founded in 1936, it is considered to be one of the oldest public zoos in southeastern Europe. Nevertheless, it's the biggest zoo in the country and most visited tourist attraction in Belgrade. The zoo covers an area of 7 hectares (17 acres) and holds about

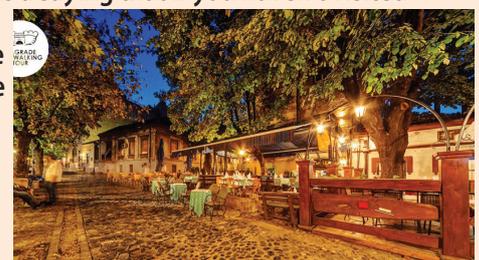
1,700 animals representing more than 150 different wild and exotic species of animals as well as domestic and indigenous ones.



## Skadarlija

Skadarlija is one of the places that you shouldn't miss on your Belgrade tour. There is a saying that if you haven't visited

Skadarlija you haven't truly experienced Belgrade. Skadarlija is a vintage street in the capital of Serbia. It is located in the Belgrade municipality of Stari Grad (Old town) and generally considered the main bohemian quarter of Belgrade, similar to Paris' Montmartre.



All these spots you can visit taking the local bus no 31 directly outside the hotel "Srbija".

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