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WORLD KARATE CONFEDERATION

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2nd World Cup for Children & Juniors 27th - 29th October 2000 Valencia-Sedavi, Spain

As usual a referee and coach seminar took place prior to the World Cup. Many Spanish officials attended the course for the first time. At this World Cup WKC introduced the style Kyokushin as a special event in the kata section because two member federations from Spain practise this style: the hosting federation *Federacion Española Unificada de Artes Marciales FEUAM* and the *Asociacion Catalana de Karate Kyokushinkai ACKK*. WKC wanted to give the children and juniors of these federation the opportunity to participate in this international tournament.

The development of WKC can be seen by the number of participants in comparison to the 1st World Cup two years ago in Locarno. This time we had the doubling: 483 individuals with 550 entries (some juniors did kata *and* kumite) from 25 federations coming from 17 different countries. We only do mention the federations coming from other continents than Europe. One of them was the *Unión Argentina de Karate UAK*, the first time ever an organization from South America to attend a WKC championship. The athletes from Argentina did very well at the World Cup. From the African continent South Africa was represented with two new associations with strong and successful teams: *All Styles Karate South Africa ASK-SA* and *South African Shotokan Karate Academy SASKA*. The *South Africa Karate Alliance SAKA* already participated at the 2nd WKC World Championships last year in Bochum. From Taiwan came the team of the *Chinese Taipei Karate Confederation CTKC*. The United States were represented with a strong team from the *Amateur Athletic Union AAU*.

At the opening ceremony the youngsters from the *All Styles Karate South Africa ASK-SA* gave a phantasic folcloric show containing dances and songs from the various people living in that big country. Besides of this show several martial artists demonstrated their skill, especially a Capoeira group. The Valencia area was represented with traditional dancs and music.

The tournament hall was part of a very big sports complex offering different facilities. The weather was fine and warm, so the great number of kids could enjoy the open air and play outside during the breaks.

His Royal Highness Prince Adan Czartoryski Borbon attended the World Cup as special guest of honour. *Prince Adan* himself practises *Shito Ryu* karate. His teacher was Master *Yasunari Ishimi*, technical advisor for *Shito Ryu* to WKC. *Prince Adan* is a cousin of *His Majesty King Juan Carlos I*. At the closing ceremony the WKC flag was given from Mr. *Angel Duato*, president of FEUAM and host of this World Cup, to the hosts of the next World Championships in 2001 in Aberdeen. The flag was taken by Mr. *Ronals Watt*, president of the *National Karate Federation NKF* of Scotland, and Mr. *John Reynolds*, councillor of the city of Aberdeen.