



World Karate Confederation

To all
WKC member federations

Marko Nicovic
President

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Dear Mr. President,

The 7th WKC European Championships have been completed successfully in Belgrade, Serbia, on 4th – 6th June 2010. We were very much honoured by the presence of IOC member Prof. Dr. CHANG Ung, Serbian NOC Vice-President Mr. Ivan Todorov, Mr. Velizar Djerić (member of the Presidency of the Serbian Olympic Committee and President of the "Serbian Sports for All Association") as well as the Executive Board members of the IMG. All guests were very much impressed by the quality of the tournament. The Mayor of Belgrade, Dr. Dragan Vukanić, gave a reception for the officials in the city hall.

The results of the tournament are on our webpage. We have attached the printed paper version to this bulletin which will be mailed by post to our member federations. Unfortunately again some federations applied too late for the visa or did not bring the required information or documents to the Serbian embassies.

7th WKC Junior & Cadet World Championships and World Cup for Children

That is why we strongly recommend that all federations wishing to take part at the ***7th WKC Junior & Cadet World Championships and World Cup for Children*** 22nd – 24th October 2010 in Caorle (between Trieste and Venezia), Italy, to contact their nearest Italian embassy very soon, in order to obtain the visa for Italy. Also we would like to remind our members to book their accommodation and local transport (airports Venezia, Treviso or Trieste) early with the local organizer:

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The hotel information is published on the WKC webpage www.wkc-org.net under the button “Calendar” of the navigation line.

4th International Martial Art Games

The next important event for karate will be the 4th *International Martial Art Games (IMG)* of the *International Martial Art Games Committee (IMGC)* 24th -27th February 2011 in Tallinn, Estonia. The WKC is a member of the IMGC. Karate is on the program beside of several other martial arts such as Taekwondo and Muay-thai. For karate the WKC rules will apply. Tallinn is the *European Capital of Culture 2011* and the 4th IMG are supported by the Estonian government and the city of Tallinn.

All karate competitors from the age of 14 years and above (Cadets, Juniors and Seniors) are encouraged to take part in the 4th IMG. Details will be given in one of our next bulletins. Please mark the date 24th -27th February 2011 in your competition calendar. For further information please go to the webpage of the Tallinn Organizing Committee www.games2011.org

Outstanding award for Ronnie Watt:

Ronnie Watt, Director for Shotokan of the WKC has received the *Order of the Rising Sun with Gold and Silver rays*. The Emperor of Japan and the Japanese government gave him the award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the promotion of the martial art of karate, nationally and internationally, for more than 45 years. The Order is given very seldom to foreigners. The last non-Japanese who received the award was *Clint Eastwood* for his film *Letters from Iwo Jima*.

The WKC is very proud of Ronnie Watt and congratulates him to his award. It is an honour for all of us to have him with us in our confederation.

We wish you a pleasant holiday season.

With best regards

Marko Nicović
President

