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WORLD KARATE CONFEDERATION

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To all
WKC member federations

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Dear Mr. President,

The 5th TAFISA Games from 5th to 8th July 2012 in Šiauliai, Lithuania, have been a great success for the WKC with nearly 1.000 participating karate competitors, 70 referees and judges and 80 coaches. The WKC had organised the 8th World Championships for Juniors & Cadets and the 8th World Cup for Children as well as an Open WKC World Championships for Seniors under the roof of the TAFISA (Trim and Fit Sport for All Association). The TAFISA is a multi-sport organisation which is recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the World Health Organisation (WHO) of the UN and the UNESCO. Out of the 9.000 athletes from many different sports karate had the largest entry. The WKC has again proven its international standard and strength within the world of sports.

We are now looking forward for the next big tournament, the 9th WKC World Championships 9th to 12th May 2013 in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. Apart from the World Championships there will be an Open World Championships for Juniors and Cadets and a World Cup for Children. The WKC wants to give as many karateka as possible the opportunity to join a big tournament on the 5th Continent. All federations should prepare right now their budget for the long trip to Australia.

The WKC World Championships will be combined with the 5th International Martial Art Games (IMG) of the International Martial Art Games Committee (IMGC) of which the WKC is also a leading member federation. There will be several other sports under the roof of the 5th IMG of the IMGC in Melbourne such as Taekwon-do (traditional, non-contact Korean martial art), Pankration (the old Greek martial art practised already in the ancient Olympic Games), Muay Thai, and several more martial arts. Our Australian member federation *Karate Alliance of Australia* (KAA) will organise the WKC Championships and the 5th IMG under the leadership of *Keith Geyer*, KAA President and WKC Regional President for Australia and Oceania.

Recently a Bulgarian karate federation joined the WKC:

Bulgarian National Karate Organization (BNKO), the President is Mr. Stoil Mihaylov
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We welcome our new member federation in our family.

Sincerely yours

WKC Executive Committee

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THE WKC IS MEMBER OF:  **TAFISA**
THE ASSOCIATION OF FOOTBALL FEDERATIONS

TAFISA IS RECOGNISED BY:

 INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE	 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
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