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## WORLD KARATE CONFEDERATION

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To all  
WKC member federations

28<sup>th</sup> January 2008

### Bulletin 1/2008

Dear Mr. President,

The WKC Executive Committee has made very important decisions to improve the further technical development and the attractiveness of the WKC:

#### **Kobudo:**

The WKC offers **Kobudo** as a new discipline at the Championships starting the **first time** at the 6<sup>th</sup> *European Championships in June 2008 in Banja Luka*. There will be different categories for *male* and *female* competitors. For details see the WKC webpage under *Rules*.

#### **Age Categories**

From now on there will be the following age categories:

**Children:** 8 – 13 years

**Cadets:** 14 – 17 years

**Juniors:** 18 – 20 years

Details on the different Kata und Kumite categories will be published in a short time on the WKC webpage under *Rules*.

We welcome our new member federations:

**National Karate Federation Australia, NKF-AUS**

President: Mr. Ian Ellis

**Seishinkai Association of Montenegro, SAM**

President: Mr. Dragoslav Vujicić

We remind all our members that the

**3<sup>rd</sup> International Martial Art Games Bangkok 12<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> April 2008** are well under way. We encourage you to participate at this prestigious tournament, which will be attended by several IOC members. The WKC rules will apply. The Games are open for all karateka with a minimum age of 18 years. In the **individual kumite** and **kata** categories there is **no limitation** of entries! In the **team** events **one team per federation** is allowed. Those federations, which have not yet announced their participation and wish to do so should immediately contact the WKC Office (the latest by the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2008). Deadline for the registration of the participants by name and category will be the **29<sup>th</sup> February 2008!**

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We will give further information to the federations, which have already registered for the Bangkok Games at the beginning of February, after we have taken part in a technical meeting of the *Bangkok International Martial Art Games* (BIMAG) Organising Committee.

For our **European** member federations:

All details, including hotels and hotel prices, about the **6<sup>th</sup> European Championships in Banja Luka**, 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> June 2008, are listed now on the WKC webpage.

Please find attached to this bulletin an invoice for your federation for the annual affiliation fee.

Sincerely yours

WKC Office