

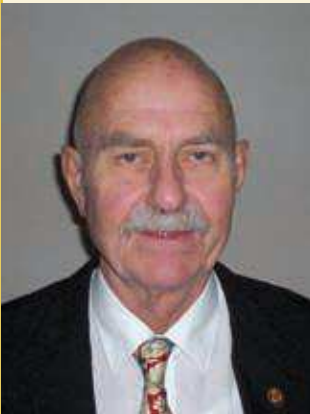


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From the Editor



A major step forward has been taken by the WKC: Our confederation has been accepted as a full member of The Association International Sports for All (TAFISA) by the 22nd TAFISA Congress in Antalya, Turkey. This is fantastic news for the WKC which is now a member of an international body which is recognised by the International Olympic Committee IOC, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

The WKC is preparing for the participation at the 5th TAFISA Games in Šiauliai, Lithuania in July 2012. This will be a huge opportunity for all karateka worldwide. More than 5.000 sports men and women from various sports are expected at the Games. Karate will be one of the main sports in this event. We can be proud to be a member of the TAFISA and especially with the IOC giving its patronage to the Games. After a short period of inactivity, many new federations have now joined the WKC. The karate of the WKC, which follows the principles of the tradition of the founding masters of the early 20th century, keeps this tradition. The WKC is one of the few multi-style federations, which did not change its rules and aims since its foundation in 1996. We expect several new federations take this opportunity and participate at the TAFISA Games.

The value of karate, especially for young people, was recently recognised by Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II. when she awarded the title of „Officer of the British Empire“ (OBE) to our Director for Shotokan and President of the Scottish National Karate Federation (NKF), Ronald Watt. Congratulations for this outstanding achievement. Already in 2010 the Japanese Emperor had awarded the „Order of the Rising Sun“ to Ronnie Watt for his life long work for karate and the understanding between the Scottish and Japanese nations.



HM The Queen congratulates R. Watt to his OBE

Fritz Wendland
Editor

TAFISA World Congress 2011

WKC membership approved by TAFISA General Assembly

Great international success for the World Karate Confederation

The General Assembly of The Association for International Sport for All (TAFISA) unanimously approved the WKC as a full member. Provisory membership was already granted by the TAFISA Executive Board in April 2010. The General Assembly was part of the 22nd TAFISA Congress from 10 to 14 November 2011 in Antalya, Turkey.

Through the TAFISA the WKC is now part of a big family of National Olympic Committees, National Sport Federations and several Scientific Associations. In addition to this the WKC benefits from the recognition of the TAFISA by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the UNESCO and the World Health Organization (WHO). What is even more important: the IOC signed an agreement of cooperation with the TAFISA. The IOC from now will sponsor TAFISA as many other International Federations are.

IOC Executive Member Mr. Sam Ramsamy along with the Special Advisor to the UN Secretary General, Mr. Wilfried Lemke and UNESCO Chief of Youth, Sport and Physical Education, Mme Golda El-Khoury, gave speeches and participated at the 4 day TAFISA Congress. They all supported TAFISA and all its members to continue in their work to spread Sport for All including karate in the World.



Sam Ramsamy,
IOC Executive Board member



Wilfried Lemke, Special Advisor
to the UN Secretary General



Golda El-Khoury, UNESCO

5th TAFISA Games 5th – 11th July 2012

The WKC will organise an Open Karate World Championships for Seniors, Juniors & Cadets and a World Cup for Children under the roof of the TAFISA in July 2012 in Šiauliai, Lithuania. The TAFISA Games are under the patronage of the IOC.

IOC President Dr. Jacques Rogge:

„On behalf of the Olympic Movement, I am delighted to convey my greetings for the 5th TAFISA World Sport for All Games, under the patronage of the IOC. The IOC recognises the value of Sport for All as a major contributor to physical, mental and social health. We encourage the preservation, promotion, and participation in traditional games and sports as a means of maintaining our strong and varied sports cultures across the globe.“



The karate tournament, organised and supervised by the WKC with the WKC rules will take place from 5th to 8th July in the Tennis Hall of Šiauliai city. The hall has space for 6 tatamis, a warming-up room, space for spectators and a cafeteria. The Hall is situated in the city centre and can easily be reached. The Championships are open for all karateka who accept the WKC rules for this event.

Under the roof of the **5th TAFISA Games** which are under the **patronage of the IOC** the WKC will hold three tournaments:



Šiauliai Chief Organisers G. Jasiunas, K. Petraitis, Ms. Z. Staniene with WKC officials

**Open WKC World Championships,
8th Junior & Cadet World Championships
World Cup for Children
5th to 8th July 2012
Šiauliai, Lithuania**

This will be the first time that we have ever been able to compete through TAFISA under the patronage of the IOC.

More than 6.000 sportsmen and sportswomen from all continents are expected to take part in many different sports. One major point we have to fulfil is the special requirements concerning the registration dates:

All participants requiring a Schengen visa have to submit the necessary data to the organiser by the **1st March 2012**

All participating competitors and officials have to register for accreditation no later than the **15th May 2012** with the Šiauliai organiser.

All participants can only stay in the accommodations, which are offered by the organiser, as there are no other possibilities because all rooms are already rented by the organiser.

There are four levels of accommodation:

- 10 Euro per person per day including Games accreditation and accommodation in halls with one's own sleeping bag. No food or free transportation will be offered. This might be a choice for participants with own transport (car or bus).
- 30 Euro per person per day including accreditation, full board (three meals a day), accommodation in guest houses, hostels, private homes, free transport in the city of Šiauliai.
- 45 Euro per person per day as above but lodging in **hotels
- 75 Euro per day per person as above but lodging in ***hotels

The federations which book a package tour through their travel agency should note that there are no other rooms available in Šiauliai or neighbouring towns or villages than those offered by the organiser. They must advise their travel agency to book the accommodation through the Šiauliai organiser.

The participation fees for the WKC have to be paid as normal to the WKC at the tournament registration.

More details will be given in our next publications (bulletins, newsletters, on the webpage).



Šiauliai mascot

IMGC Board Meeting Pyongyang

Mr. Hein Verbruggen, SportAccord President and IOC Member, met several International Martial Art Games Committee (IMGC) Executive Board members when he attended the 17th ITF Taekwondo World Championships in Pyongyang. He had been invited by IOC member, ITF and IMGC President Prof. Dr. Chang Ung as a guest of honour. On this occasion Mr. Verbruggen and the IMGC Executive Board had a joint meeting on 9th September 2011. Several points of mutual interest were discussed. Mr. Verbruggen explained the structure and aims of the SportAccord (the former General Assembly of International Sports Federations GAISF/AGFIS). It was agreed to stay in close contact and to exchange information on the activities of both organisations. It was



SportAccord President H. Verbruggen (center) with the IMGC EB

the third time that Mr. Verbruggen visited a tournament hosted by the IMGC. He attended the 3rd International Martial Art Games of the IMGC in Bangkok in 2008,

the 4th IMG in Tallinn in February 2011 and now the ITF World Championships. The ITF is a member federation of the IMGC. The WKC joined the IMGC in 2007.

Terry Boyle – 35 years of Karate

Recently Terry Boyle, President of the Ulster Karate Council (UKC), celebrated his 35th Anniversary of karate practise. He started his career in 1976 in Derry and five years later he formed with Gavan Duffy his own association, the Ulster Karate Association and joined the British All Styles Karate Association. In August 1985 he was awarded 1st Dan. After five years of karate he started refereeing while still being a kumite competitor. In kumite, he won the Northern Ireland Individual Senior title 7 times and won the Irish 3 times. After finishing his active career as a competitor, he concentrated on refereeing and tries since then to improve the standard of the umpires. He represented

Northern Ireland Karate on the board of the Martial Arts Commission in London and sat on the Board of the British Karate Federation. Over the years, he has hosted in Belfast the Grand Slam Tournament, which included Teams from England, Scotland, Wales, N Ireland, France and Rep of Ireland and also hosted the teams of USA which included Joe Mirza as a competitor and the USSR under Ilya Gouliev just a week before its break-up. Terry has been with the WKC since the 1st European Championships in 1998 in Bratislava when he and his team joined the WKC the first time. During his 35 years of karate he has trained with many worldwide known



Terry Boyle as a young black belt



R. Dietrich, T. Boyle, W. Otto, G. Duffy

British karateka like Eugene Codrington, Ticky Donovan, Hamish Adams, Vic Charles and, of course, Wayne Otto. One of Terry's most prominent teachers has been the famous Tatsuo Suzuki, the outstanding Wado Ryu karate pioneer in Europe who passed away only this year. On occasion of his anniversary the UKC organised a gala evening with many illustrious guests and friends of 35 years. Out of these friends, the most prominent was Wayne Otto, OBE, and Gavan Duffy, his friend from over 30 years. WKC Vice-President Roland Dietrich attended the anniversary bringing with him the congratulations of the WKC and presented Terry Boyle with a 6th Dan Diploma awarded from the WKC Executive Committee.

News from the Serbian Karate Union

The Karate Club „Novi Beograd“ recently celebrated its 43rd foundation anniversary, since it has started in 1968. The club of WKC and SKU President Marko Nicovic' is one of the „pioneer“ clubs in ex-Yugoslavia, thousands of karateka have passed through this club, which boasts some outstanding members in the past, such as former prime minister Djindjic', many university professors and well known personalities from the business, cultural, political and artistic field. Marko Nicovic' was a national squad member in the late 1960ies and early 1970ies years. The photo shows the actual leadership of the dojo (standing) and the young top fighters of the club.

The SKU organised a national referee seminar in the city of Arandjelovac in September. The aim is to get more new national referees. The SKU is encouraging senior competitors to qualify for referee in order to get more experience in national tournaments. The next step will be international level.

The „Serbian Open“ tournament took place in the town of Smederevo on 2nd October 2011 with 9 new clubs joining the federation. The National Cup was held in Arilje on 22nd October.



WKC Senior Referees L. Donner, Dr. V. Timofeev, D. Drndarević, M. Pinner, R. Comi



Leadership and top athletes Karate Club Novi Beograd



New licensed SKU referees



Young Champions at a recent SKU tournament

The **AAU Karate** is going to organise an international open WKC tournament. All karateka are encouraged to take part in this event, especially those from Pan-America.

USA WKC Invitational Championships for Juniors and Seniors
19th - 22nd April 2012, Chicago, Illinois, USA
Venue: College of Lake County in Grayslake Illinois
Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Lake Zurich
For more information contact: aausakarate@aol.com

The **Karate Federation of Russia KFR** is co-organiser of a very big open tournament **27th to 29th April 2012** in St. Petersburg, Russia. The WKC rules will apply in the WKC section of the tournament. Please see www.imac-olymp.com and contact Dr. Viatcheslav Timofeev, e-mail: fkchr@pochta.ru, if you are interested to take part.

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