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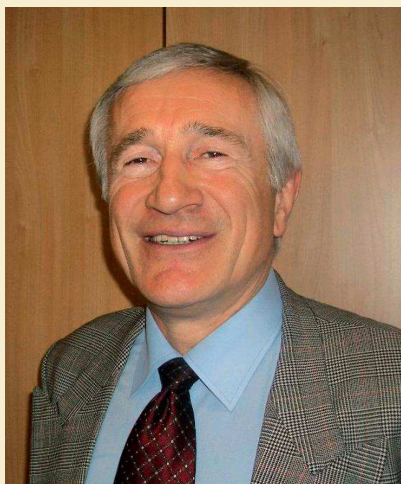
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From the President

Dear friends,

Our major event – the 8th WKC World Cup for Children, the 8th WKC World Championships for Juniors & Cadets and the Open WKC World Championships for Seniors took place from 5th to 8th July 2012 in Šiauliai, Lithuania under the umbrella of the 5th TAFISA World Sport for All Games.

For the first time karate was included in this very prestigious and large sport for all world event. Thousands of sportsmen from around the world occupied Šiauliai, the regional capital and the local organizers had the most demanding task to manage this huge event. On behalf of the WKC, I wish to express my gratitude to the Organizing Committee for their hard work, dedication and great hospitality. This was the first time ever that we organized all three tournaments at the same time, which resulted in a total of 950 competitors from 28 federations and 23 countries taking part with the largest participants at the 5th TAFISA World Games.



The WKC Executive Committee again would like to thank all federations for taking part and attending the World Championships in Šiauliai, as well as their athletes, coaches, referees and officials who have contributed to the success of this event. We were particularly impressed by some large entries from new federations coming from the Baltic area, as well as from Russia, Ukraine, Italy, Scotland, Ireland, etc. and we especially appreciate the participation of teams who have come from far away like Argentina and Australia.

With a large amount of optimism we are looking forward to the next future major event in the Wkc calendar – the World Championships for Seniors, which is to take place in May next year in Melbourne, Australia. We believe that we have an excellent host in –The Karate Alliance Australia, KAA, led by Mr. Keith Geyer, a great karateka and experienced organizer. Everyone in the WKC is very excited by the fact that for the first time a large championships will take place

in the Australian continent.

Yours Sincerely,

Marko Nicović
President

5th TAFISA Sport for All Games 2012 in Šiauliai, Lithuania

8th WKC World Cup for Children, 8th WKC Cadet & Junior World Championships, Open WKC World Championships

The 5th TAFISA Sport for All Games 2012 in Šiauliai, Lithuania, have been a great success for the local organisers of the city of Šiauliai as well as for the TAFISA. The six days event gathered nearly 9.000 participants from 62 countries out of which 1.300 karate practitioners (more than 950 competitors, 90 coaches, 70 referees and judges and many officials) took part. The three karate tournaments held by the WKC under the roof of the TAFISA were organised in the big Tennis Hall of the city. The warming-up area with the gathering points for the fighters were separated from the six tatamis.

All competitors, referees, and coaches as well the organising committee had to put up with the extreme and

unusual heat during the tournaments. The temperatures rose up to 40° outside in the shade. In the stadium it may have been even warmer as there was no air-conditioning. Despite this major inconvenience, most of the participants took it in good spirit.

The three tournaments (8th World Cup for Children on Thursday, 5th July afternoon and Friday morning, the 8th Cadet & Junior World Championships on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, Open WKC World Championships on Saturday afternoon and on Sunday) ran very smoothly. Three federations contributed to a few minor problems because of the behaviour of their coaches and presidents. They without success tried to blackmail the WKC Organising Committee. These people have never taken part in a WKC event before, did not know our rules, and did not behave as karateka. We sincerely hope that these six respon-



No problems for M. Penna, R. Dietrich, K. Geyer



M. Saldukas, R. Dietrich, Th. Ufert

sible people will make a good example to their students and know as well our rules.

One can truly say that the referees and judges were highly qualified and the chiefs of the six tatamis supported their umpires in their work. The chiefs of the tatamis helped the new judges and the other judges and referees of their respective panel by really encouraging them in their work. With the judges and referees, the WKC can see optimistically a great future. The WKC Vice-President *Martin Nožička* coordinated and supervised the referees and judges of the six tatamis and *Ronnie Watt* and *Keith Geyer* assessed the chiefs of tatamis. In the future, it is imperative that the referees avoid completely any contact in the children kumite competitions. Any kind of collusion with a competitor is strictly forbidden and will be penalised if this infringement has taken place. This ruling will be upheld especially where children are concerned without exception.

Most of the coaches, with very few exceptions, did a great job as well as showing respect to the referees who had some difficult scoring decisions to make. Several new coaches did not study sufficiently the WKC contest rules and as a result did not understand several decisions made by the referees. As a result, several stupid uninformed inquiries were put forward and in one case, a protest should have been rejected immediately because of any lack of thought or reason behind it.

The behaviour of all the contestants taking part was exemplary.

The participating competitors, referees, coaches, and officials of the WKC acted as excellent karate ambassadors

for the TAFISA family of Sport and the Šiauliai organisers and citizens.

The teams with the longest journey came from Argentina and Australia. We would like to give them a mention along with their presidents *Nestor Parreño* (UAK Argentina) and *Keith Geyer* (KAA Australia) who organised the trip and raised the funds to finance it. We would also like to welcome a large team from the LSKF Lithuania participating for the first time in a WKC tournament.

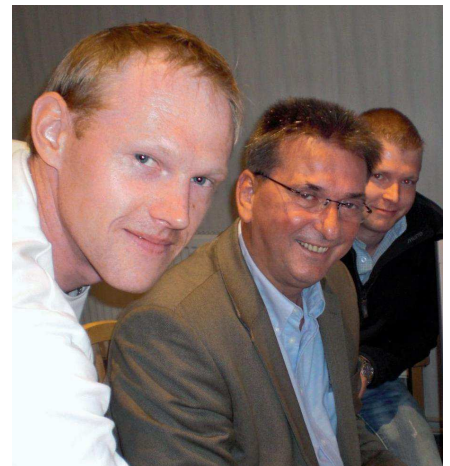
We had some problems with the local transport, accommodation, and meals at the stadium organised by the local TAFISA organising committee of the city of Šiauliai. It was certainly not easy to accommodate nearly 9.000 sportsmen and women from around the world in a city of only 120.000 inhabitants. We are delighted to say all contestants reached the venue in time, no one failed to enter their fight or kata events, and all the winners received their medals.

The federations with the largest entries in the 8th World Cup for Children were the KFR Russia with 128, the LKA Latvia with 44 and the LSKF Lithuania with 41 and the IAKWR Ireland with 31, in the 8th Cadet & Junior World Championships the KFR Russia with 69, the LSKF Lithuania with 30, the SKU Serbia with 26, and the FIAM Italy with 23.

In the Open World Championships for Seniors the KFR Russia had the largest entry as well with 69, the LSKF Lithuania with 30 followed by the SKU Serbia with 26 and the FIAM Italy with 23 competitors.

The following members of the local organising committee contributed a lot to the outcome and success of our three Championships: *Mr. Keštutis Pe-*

traitis, General Director of the 5th TAFISA Games, *Mr. Mindaugas Bezaras* as chief organiser of the whole karate event, *Mr. Romualdas Montvidas* as chief of the organisation in the Tennis Court, *Mr. Arunas Paškevičius* as his deputy and head of all helpers in the hall, *Mr. Mindaugas Saldukas* as the technical expert for all technical equipments, *Mr. Pranas Tučkas* as the head of the Tennis Court and *Ms. Laima Navickiene* who translated perfectly in Lithuanian, Russian and English. We thank them and the whole team of helpers very much for their great work!



M. Saldukas, R. Dietrich, Th. Ufert

Vice-President *Roland Dietrich*, with the support of the members of the WKC Organising Committee *Thomas Ufert* and *Marcello Penna*, ran the whole championships in cooperation with the above mentioned Lithuanian team. Vice-President *Dott. Bruno Gilarđi* organised all medal ceremonies, which ran very efficiently and smoothly. *R. Dietrich* designed a fast working computer system for the ceremonies showing the flags of the first winners and playing the national anthem of the gold medallist.

Open WKC World Championships for Seniors

Results

Kata Ind. Female Goju +18 y.

- 1 BOSNYAKOVA Barbora SKB-Czech Republic
- 2 IASTREBOVA Ganna USKA-Ukraine
- 3 KAPSHAN Bogdanna KFR-WKC-Russia

Kata Ind. Female Shoto +18 y.

- 1 FEDI Maura FIAM-Italy
- 2 BRAGANTE Alice FIAM-Italy
- 3 PASINI Jessica FIAM-Italy

Kata Ind. Female Wado +18 y.

- 1 PICCIONI Agnese FIAM-Italy
- 2 SHEEHAN Louise IKAWR-Ireland
- 3 NI FHADAIN Andrea IKAWR-Ireland

Kata Ind. Female Wado +40 y.

- 1 VELLETTA Isabella FIAM-Italy
- 2 STREICH Elke GKC-Germany
- 3 BURKE Jacinta Nolan IKAWR-Ireland

Kumite Ind. Female +18 y. -55 kg Sanbon

- 1 SAVIC Jovana SKU-Serbia
- 2 SIDYCH Marina KFR-WKC-Russia
- 3 GABUR Ioana RFMA-Romania
- 3 DE CILLIS Silvia FIAM-Italy

Kumite Ind. Female +18 y. -60 kg Sanbon

- 1 ZHUKOVA TATIANA KFR-WKC-Russia
- 2 FENNELLY Holly IKAWR-Ireland
- 3 PICCIONI Agnese FIAM-Italy

Kumite Ind. Female +18 y. +65 kg Sanbon

- 1 BURKE Jacinta Nolan IKAWR-Ireland
- 2 GILLESPIE Katherine UKC-Northern Ireland
- 3 NI FHADAIN Andrea IKAWR-Ireland
- 3 SHEEHAN Louise IKAWR-Ireland

Kumite Ind. Female +18 y. Ippon

- 1 IASTREBOVA Ganna USKA-Ukraine
- 2 JANUSKAITE Jurgita LSKF-Lithuania
- 3 KONDIC Dragana SKU-Serbia
- 3 MOISYEVAYA Natalya UKF-Ukraine

Kata Ind. Male Goju +18 y.

- 1 BORODIN Igor KFR-WKC-Russia
- 2 CAYRE Javier UAK-Argentina
- 3 GONCHARENKO Evgeniy KFR-WKC-Russia

Kata Ind. Male Shito +18 y.

- 1 BABOSHKIN Roman KFR-WKC-Russia
- 2 GARMAEV Veniamin KFR-WKC-Russia

Kata Ind. Male Shoto +18 y.

- 1 TESAREK Jakub SKB-Czech Republic
- 2 MACRI Matteo FIAM-Italy
- 3 EREMENKO DMITRY KFR-WKC-Russia

Kata Ind. Male Wado +18 y.

- 1 BREGOLI Yuri FIAM-Italy
- 2 CANTO Flavien FIAM-Italy
- 3 KHACHATRYAN ARTEM KFR-WKC-Russia

Kata Ind. Male Shito +40 y.

- 1 GARMAEV Veniamin KFR-WKC-Russia
- 2 ZELICH Claudio UAK-Argentina
- 3 GENDRIKSON Alexander KFR-WKC-Russia

Kata Ind. Male Shoto +40 y.

- 1 VOLK-KARACHEVSKII Eduard KFR-WKC-Russia
- 2 NAGEL Adrian RFMA-Romania
- 3 SIZOV Sergey KFR-WKC-Russia

Kata Ind. Male Wado +40 y.

- 1 COLANGELO Cesare FIAM-Italy



Kumite Teams Sanbon

- 2 AMOND Noel IKAWR-Ireland
- 3 PICCIONI Luigi FIAM-Italy

Kumite Ind. Male +18 y. -68 kg Sanbon

- 1 JOVANOVIĆ Dejan SKU-Serbia
- 2 MACRI Matteo FIAM-Italy
- 3 CORBETT Stephen UKC-Northern Ireland
- 3 BALICEVAC Adem SKU-Serbia

Kumite Ind. Male +18 y. -78 kg Sanbon

- 1 SIMIC Veljko SKU-Serbia
- 2 MUSAYEV Rufat AKC-AZ-Azerbaijan
- 3 BABOSHKIN Roman KFR-WKC-Russia
- 3 ZELINKA Peter SFKBU-Slovakia

Kumite Ind. Male +18 y. +78 kg Sanbon

- 1 EYNALOV Mehman AKC-AZ-Azerbaijan
- 2 ZILINSKAS Tomas LSKF-Lithuania
- 3 PETROV Sergey KFR-WKC-Russia
- 3 DJUROVIC Aleksandar SKU-Serbia

Kumite Ind. Male +18 y. Ippon

- 1 GUDKOV DMITRIY KFR-WKC-Russia
- 2 GAYNULLIN Rinat USKO-Russia
- 3 KESMINAS Rolandas LSKF-Lithuania
- 3 IELANSKYI Kostiantyn USKA-Ukraine

Kata Team Female Goju +18 y.

- 1 Team 1 KFR-WKC-Russia

Kata Team Female Shoto +18 y.

- 1 Team 1 FIAM-Italy
- 2 Team 1 LSKF-Lithuania
- 3 Team 1 USKO-Russia

Kata Team Female Wado +18 y.

- 1 Team 1 FIAM-Italy

Kumite Team Female Ippon +18 y.

- 1 Team 1 USKA-Ukraine
- 2 Team 1 LSKF-Lithuania
- 3 Team 1 IKAWR-Ireland

Kata Team Male Goju +18 y.

- 1 Team 1 KFR-WKC-Russia

Kata Team Male Shito +18 y.

- 1 Team 1 UAK-Argentina

Kata Team Male Shoto +18 y.

- 1 Team 1 FIAM-Italy
- 2 Team 1 USKO-Russia
- 3 Team 1 AKC-T-Austria

Kata Team Male Wado +18 y.

- 1 Team 1 FIAM-Italy
- 2 Team 1 KFR-WKC-Russia

Kumite Team Male Ippon +18 y.

- 1 Team 1 SKU-Serbia
- 2 Team 1 USKO-Russia
- 3 Team 1 USKA-Ukraine
- 3 Team 1 AKC-AZ-Azerbaijan

Kumite Team Male Sanbon +18 y.

- 1 Team 2 SKU-Serbia
- 2 Team 1 AKC-AZ-Azerbaijan
- 3 Team 1 RFMA-Romania
- 3 Team 1 KFR-WKC-Russia

Medal Table

Gold Silver Bronze

1	Federazione Italiana Arti Marziali	9	4	4
2	Karate Federation of Russia (WKC)	8	3	9
3	Serbian Karate Union	5	0	3
4	Ukrainian Shotokan Karate - Do Association	2	1	2
5	Shi KonBudokai Czech Republic	2	0	0
6	Irish Karate Association Wado-Ryu	1	3	5
7	Azerbaijan Karate Confederation	1	2	1
8	Union Argentina de Karate	1	2	0
9	Lithuanian Shotokan Karate Federation	0	4	1
10	Union of Shotokan Karate-do Org. of Russia	0	3	1
11	Romania Federation of Martial Arts	0	1	2
12	Ulster Karate Council	0	1	1
13	German Karate Confederation	0	1	0
14	Ukrainian Karate-Do Federation	0	0	1
15	Austria Karate Confederation - Traditional	0	0	1
16	Slov.Federacia Karate a BojovychUmeni	0	0	1



Beautiful mae-geri, but blocked

8th WKC World Championships for Juniors & Cadets

Results

Cad. Kata Ind. Female Shoto 14-15 y.

- 1 PARREÑO Micaela UAK-Argentina
- 2 SHVETSOVA Valeria KFR-WKC-Russia
- 3 EPEIKINA Marina USKO-Russia

Cad. Kata Ind. Female Wado 14-15 y.

- 1 O'DONOGH Rachael INWKF-Ireland
- 2 GORDEEVA Daria KFR-WKC-Russia
- 3 O'DONOGH Shannon INWKF-Ireland

Cad. Kata Ind. Female Shoto 16-17 y.

- 1 CARPENTIERO Eleonora FIAM-Italy
- 2 PLAKSINA ANGELINA KFR-WKC-Russia
- 3 WALPOLE Melissa KAA-Australia

Cad. Kata Ind. Female Wado 16-17 y.

- 1 MAKIC Jovana SKU-Serbia
- 2 KEOGH Maria IKAWR-Ireland
- 3 DUDKA Anastasia KFR-WKC-Russia

Cad. Kumite Ind. Female 14-15 y. -50 kg Sanbon

- 1 PAVLOVA Aleksa LKA-Latvia
- 2 VOLKOVA Elizaveta KFR-WKC-Russia
- 3 PARREÑO Micaela UAK-Argentina
- 3 RUDOKAITE Ligita LSKF-Lithuania

Cad. Kumite Ind. Female 14-15 y. -55 kg Sanbon

- 1 OMELKINA Anastasia KFR-WKC-Russia
- 2 SYMULOVA Elena KFR-WKC-Russia
- 3 ELMERE Evija LKA-Latvia
- 3 FERRARO Noemi FIAM-Italy

Cad. Kumite Ind. Female 14-15 y. +55 kg Sanbon

- 1 KRATKA Michaela SKB-Czech Republic
- 2 SAMOSHKINA Stefanija LKA-Latvia
- 3 VIRBUKAITE Donata LSKF-Lithuania
- 3 GURINA Anastasia UKF-Ukraine

Cad. Kumite Ind. Female 14-15 y. Ippon

- 1 BORODICAITE Ugne LSKF-Lithuania
- 2 SMITH Shayla KAA-Australia
- 3 MAKEEVA Mariya USKO-Russia
- 3 SABAREZOVIC Selma SKU-Serbia

Cad. Kumite Ind. Female 16-17 y. -52 kg Sanbon

- 1 CARPENTIERO Eleonora FIAM-Italy
- 2 POPOVICI Mariana RFMA-Romania
- 3 HATAMCOVA Ramona LKA-Latvia
- 3 PRIKAZA Liene LKA-Latvia

Cad. Kumite Ind. Female 16-17 y. +57 kg Sanbon

- 1 PLAKSINA ANGELINA KFR-WKC-Russia
- 2 PEJIC Marija SKU-Serbia
- 3 KALIEVA Karina KFR-WKC-Russia
- 3 ANTONEAC Dana RFMA-Romania

Cad. Kumite Ind. Female 16-17 y. Ippon

- 1 DAUPARAITE Bernadeta LSKF-Lithuania
- 2 RIZAEVA Natalia USKO-Russia
- 3 VASIC Milina SKU-Serbia
- 3 WALPOLE Melissa KAA-Australia

Cad. Kata Ind. Male Shoto 14-15 y.

- 1 PAVLOV NIKITA KFR-WKC-Russia
- 2 BAKHTIN ALEKSANDR KFR-WKC-Russia
- 3 GIANNACCINI Daniel FIAM-Italy

Cad. Kata Ind. Male Wado 14-15 y.

- 1 ASCONE Fabrizio FIAM-Italy
- 2 SANTARELLI Raoul Tito FIAM-Italy
- 3 CHERNOV NIKITA KFR-WKC-Russia

Cad. Kata Ind. Male Shoto 16-17 y.

- 1 MANGANO Luca FIAM-Italy
- 2 STEMLER Robert RFMA-Romania
- 3 ZVONAREV ANDREY KFR-WKC-Russia

Cad. Kata Ind. Male Wado 16-17 y.

- 1 ABAIMOV ALEKSANDR KFR-WKC-Russia
- 2 KOZITCYN EGOR KFR-WKC-Russia
- 3 LINARI Leonardo FIAM-Italy

Cad. Kumite Ind. Male 14-15 y. -55 kg Sanbon

- 1 FADEEV Igor KFR-WKC-Russia
- 2 NIKOLAJEV Vladimir LKA-Latvia
- 3 CHELMIJAH Eoghan IKAWR-Ireland
- 3 DEMENTEV Ivan KFR-WKC-Russia

Cad. Kumite Ind. Male 14-15 y. -60 kg Sanbon

- 1 O'NEILL Tom UKC-Northern Ireland
- 2 SEMENOV Maksim KFR-WKC-Russia
- 3 JANKOVICS Arturs LKA-Latvia
- 3 ANTONOV Victor KFR-WKC-Russia

Cad. Kumite Ind. Male 14-15 y. +60 kg Sanbon

- 1 GLASOV STANISLAV KFR-WKC-Russia
- 2 SANTARELLI Raoul Tito FIAM-Italy
- 3 RIGON Riccardo FIAM-Italy
- 3 FUREY Jonathan IKAWR-Ireland

Cad. Kumite Ind. Male 14-15 y. Ippon

- 1 PODBUTSKYY Anton UKF-Ukraine
- 2 GOCHADZE Giorgi GSKC-Georgia
- 3 ZELICH Ivan UAK-Argentina

3 JANONIS Mantas LSKF-Lithuania

Cad. Kumite Ind. Male 16-17 y. -60 kg Sanbon

- 1 KOSTILEVS Radijs LKA-Latvia
- 2 PATSALO Vladyslav UKF-Ukraine
- 3 ABAIMOV ALEKSANDR KFR-WKC-Russia
- 3 LINARI Leonardo FIAM-Italy

Cad. Kumite Ind. Male 16-17 y. -65 kg Sanbon

- 1 TSIGEMAN Pavel LKA-Latvia
- 2 VALIONIS Dovydas LSKF-Lithuania
- 3 JURMARTINS Roberts LKA-Latvia
- 3 SERGEYEV Valery LKA-Latvia

Cad. Kumite Ind. Male 16-17 y. +65 kg Sanbon

- 1 FUREY Mark IKAWR-Ireland
- 2 BODROV Dmitry LKA-Latvia
- 3 ANTIPOV Vasilii KFR-WKC-Russia
- 3 ZVONAREV ANDREY KFR-WKC-Russia

Cad. Kumite Ind. Male 16-17 y. Ippon

- 1 BUNIUS Armandas LSKF-Lithuania
- 2 KUVYKAS Modestas LSKF-Lithuania
- 3 VALUJAVICIUS Aurimas LSKF-Lithuania
- 3 ZUKAUSKAS Julius LSKF-Lithuania

Jun. Kata Ind. Female Shoto 18-20 y.

- 1 VLAS Roxana RFMA-Romania
- 2 BRUNO Valentina FIAM-Italy
- 3 SMOLAROVA Monika SKB-Czech Republic

Jun. Kata Ind. Female Wado 18-20 y.

- 1 SANTARELLI Desiree FIAM-Italy
- 2 COLACCHI Valentina FIAM-Italy
- 3 FUREY Danielle IKAWR-Ireland

Jun. Kumite Ind. Female 18-20 y. -55 kg Sanbon

- 1 GRIGORYEVA Liudmila KFR-WKC-Russia
- 2 LISAUKAITE Agne LSKF-Lithuania
- 3 URBUTITE OLGA KFR-WKC-Russia

Jun. Kumite Ind. Female 18-20 y. -60 kg Sanbon

- 1 SANTARELLI Desiree FIAM-Italy
- 2 MATUZAITA Austeja LSKF-Lithuania
- 3 COLACCHI Valentina FIAM-Italy
- 3 CATTANI Clizia FIAM-Italy

Jun. Kumite Ind. Female 18-20 y. Ippon

- 1 CLARKE Katie KAA-Australia
- 2 CALDER Lisa NKF-Scotland
- 3 BECKER Emily KAA-Australia

Jun. Kata Ind. Male Shoto 18-20 y.

- 1 ZYMANAS Dovydas LKA-Lithuania
- 2 VOTYAKOV MAKSIM USKO-Russia
- 3 SEREBRIANNIKOV Mikhail KFR-WKC-Russia

Jun. Kata Ind. Male Wado 18-20 y.

- 1 DE ANGELIS Mirko FIAM-Italy
- 2 DEL PROPOSTO Lorenzo FIAM-Italy
- 3 MURPHY Gregg IKAWR-Ireland

Jun. Kumite Ind. Male 18-20 y. -68 kg Sanbon

- 1 SCANO Simone FIAM-Italy
- 2 GONCHARENKO Alexander UKF-Ukraine
- 3 DALZELL Joseph UKC-Northern Ireland



Happy Australian Coach L. van den Berg and KAA Champions

3 ROMAKHOV PAVEL KFR-WKC-Russia

Jun. Kumite Ind. Male 18-20 y. -78 kg Sanbon

- 1 MUSAYEV Rufat AKC-AZ-Azerbaijan
- 2 MARKOVIC Dusan SKU-Serbia
- 3 VANAGAS Mindaugas LSKF-Lithuania
- 3 IVANOV Nikolay KFR-WKC-Russia

Jun. Kumite Ind. Male 18-20 y. +78 kg Sanbon

- 1 FUCIU Andrei RFMA-Romania
- 2 RYZHKOV KIRILL KFR-WKC-Russia
- 3 MURPHY Gregg IKAWR-Ireland
- 3 KOSTIN ALEKSANDR KFR-WKC-Russia

Jun. Kumite Ind. Male 18-20 y. Ippon

- 1 JURGILAITIS Remigijus LSKF-Lithuania
- 2 ARDINAVICIUS Justas LSKF-Lithuania
- 3 DOBROVOLSKAS Audrius LSKF-Lithuania
- 3 HOERNBERGER Chris-Uwe GKC-Germany

Jun. Kata Team Female Shoto 18-20 y.

- 1 Team 1 USKO-Russia
- 2 Team 1 KAA-Australia

Jun. Kumite Team Female Ippon 18-20 y.

- 1 Team 1 KAA-Australia
- 2 Team 1 LSKF-Lithuania

Jun. Kata Team Male Shoto 18-20 y.

- 1 Team 1 FIAM-Italy
- 2 Team 1 USKO-Russia

Jun. Kata Team Male Wado 18-20 y.

- 1 Team 1 IKAWR-Ireland
- 2 Team 1 LSKF-Lithuania

Jun. Kumite Team Male Ippon 18-20 y.

- 1 Team 1 KAA-Australia
- 2 Team 1 SKU-Serbia
- 3 Team 1 LSKF-Lithuania
- 3 Team 2 KFR-WKC-Russia



Lithuanian Champions with President Bartkevicius

Medal Table

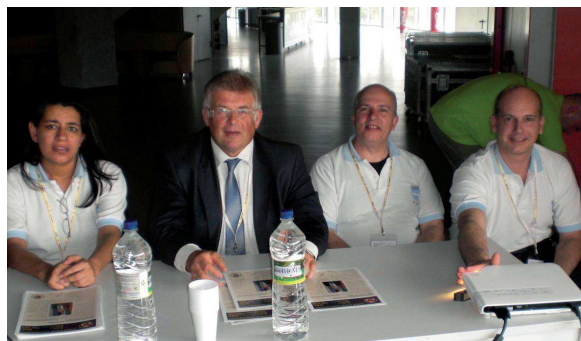
	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1 Federazione Italiana Arti Marziali	9	5	7
2 Karate Federation of Russia (WKC)	7	9	16
3 Lithuanian Shotokan Karate Federation	5	7	7
4 Latvian Karate Association	3	3	6
5 Karate Alliance Australia	2	3	3
6 Serbian Karate Union	2	2	2
7 Romania Federation of Martial Arts	2	2	1
8 Irish Karate Association Wado-Ryu	2	1	5
9 Union of Shotokan Karate-do Org. of Russia	1	3	2
10 Ukrainian Karate-Do Federation	1	2	1
11 Union Argentina de Karate	1	0	2
12 Shi KonBudokai Czech Republic	1	0	1
13 Ulster Karate Council	1	0	1
14 Irish National Wado Kai Federation	1	0	1
15 Azerbaijan Karate Confederation	1	0	0
16 Lithuanian Karate Association	1	0	0
17 National Karate Federation of Scotland	0	1	0
18 Georgian Shotokan Karate-do Confederation	0	1	0
19 German Karate Confederation	0	0	1

The results and the medal table of the 8th World Cup for Children are listed on the WKC webpage www.wkc-org.net



Perfect Mae-geri - Point!

WKC Meeting in Šiauliai, Lithuania, 4th July 2012



Press conference with TAFISA Games Director K. Petraitis and UAK delegates

On occasion of the 5th TAFISA Games and the related WKC tournaments a Meeting of the Presidential Board with the Presidents of the WKC member federations was held. The Executive Committee (ExCom) gave a report on the activities since the last World Championships in Liberec, Czech Republic, in May 2011 until now. Members of the ExCom had meetings with sport leaders of other international organisations such as TAFISA, IMGCS and SportAccord (ex-GAISF). They also visited possible future venues of WKC Championships e.g. Melbourne.

It was noted that due to the undisciplined behaviour of the coaches of some federations during the personal registration and weigh-in as well as too many changes of competitors in various categories the Meeting unanimously agreed to the following: From the next Championships that there will be no more changes in the registration forms after the deadline for the registration. Once a competitor is registered in a specific

discipline and category, including weight category, he/she cannot change the category anymore. If a competitor has not the correct weight during the weigh-in he/she will definitely be deleted from participation. The coaches are responsible that his competitors keep to the proper weight of their chosen category. The participants will have the chance to check their weight one day prior to the official weigh-in on the scales used at the official weigh-in.

The President of the German Karate Confederation (GKC), Roland Dietrich, offered to host an Open WKC European Cup for Children, Cadets, Juniors and Seniors in late 2012/early 2013 in the city of Schwerin at the Baltic Sea, 120 km east of Hamburg. It can be reached by fast train in one hour from the airport of Hamburg.

The President of the Karate Federation of Russia (KFR), Dr. Viatcheslav Timofeev, applied to host the 9th European Championships in the city of Kazan, Russia, in June 2014.

The President of the Union Argentina de Karate (UAK), Nestor Parreño, applied to host the 9th WKC Cadet and Junior Championships and the World Cup for Children in Argentina.

All propositions were warmly welcomed and supported by the delegates of the Meeting.

Dan examination

From 4th Dan and higher Dan grades WKC members can pass a practical test for their aspired grade. In Šiauliai one karateka applied to get the 5th Dan. Kostiantyn Ielanskyi from the USKA, Ukraine, passed his practical examination for the 5th Dan (Godan) degree in Shotokan. He made completed a very good examination and later the same day he won the silver medal in Kumite Shobu Ippon at the Open World Championships. His instructor from childhood until today is Mr. Serguei Shapran, President of the USKA. The examiners were Ronnie Watt, 8th Dan and Director for Shotokan in the WKC, Keith Geyer, 7th Dan Shotokan and Regional President for Australia/Oceania and WKC President Marko Nicović. We congratulate Kostiantyn on both successes.



At the Šiauliai Arena

9th WKC Karate World Championships

Open World Cup for Children, Cadets and Juniors Combined with the 5th International Martial Arts Games Melbourne, Australia 9th to 12th May 2013

The Karate Alliance Australia (KAA) under the leadership of its President Keith Geyer is going to host the 9th WKC World Championships in May 2013 in Melbourne, Australia. Melbourne is the capital of the state of Victoria and has about 3,5 million inhabitants. Melbourne's international airport is served by many airlines and is also linked to many world capitals by direct flights. From the airports of Sydney, Perth and Adelaide, the three main big cities of Australia, many daily flights come in and out of Melbourne airport.

The International Martial Art Games Committee (IMGC) of which the WKC is a member federation is holding its

5th International Martial Art Games (IMG) in Melbourne in connection with the WKC. Apart from the 9th WKC World Championships there will be other Martial Art Championships under the roof of the IMGC. The WKC participated already at the 3rd IMG in Bangkok, Thailand, 2008 and the 4th IMG in Tallinn, Estonia, in February 2011. There will be Taekwondo, Muay Thai, Pankration and other Martial Arts Championships at the IMG. A delegation from the IMGC headquarters already visited Melbourne and checked the possible venues and hotels with our Australian friend Keith Geyer who is also the Regional President of the WKC for Australia and Oceania. The IMGC representatives were very



Melbourne City

satisfied with the stadiums and the local amenities.

For the first time the WKC is having a Championships on the 5th Continent. It will give karate in this major continent a large world stage.

From the host of the 9th WKC Karate World Championships

In May 2013 the Karate Alliance of Australia will host the 9th WKC World Karate Championships together with the 5th IMGC Games, in Melbourne, Australia.

We would like to invite you all to beautiful Australia to take part in this event. This is a great opportunity to exchange knowledge, skills, to create new friendships and to have a wonderful time.

Melbourne is the capital city of Victoria and is located on the South Eastern edge of Australia. It is renowned for its vibrant city cultural life, sporting events such as the Australian Open and F1 Grand Prix. It is a melting pot of cultures which is reflected in its cutting edge dining scene. It boasts world class

museums, art galleries and parklands. Melbourne is a buzz with things to do and see.

We look forward to welcoming visitors from many different countries and we will endeavour to put on an enjoyable and memorable event.

The venue for the championships is the State Hockey and Netball Stadium, a Modern multipurpose sports hall, which is ideal for holding martial arts competitions. It is close to the city centre and many of Melbourne's tourist attractions.

The official championship website will be live by the end of August with more information's relating to the championships and hotels.



Indoor Stadium

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