



WORLD KARATE CONFEDERATION

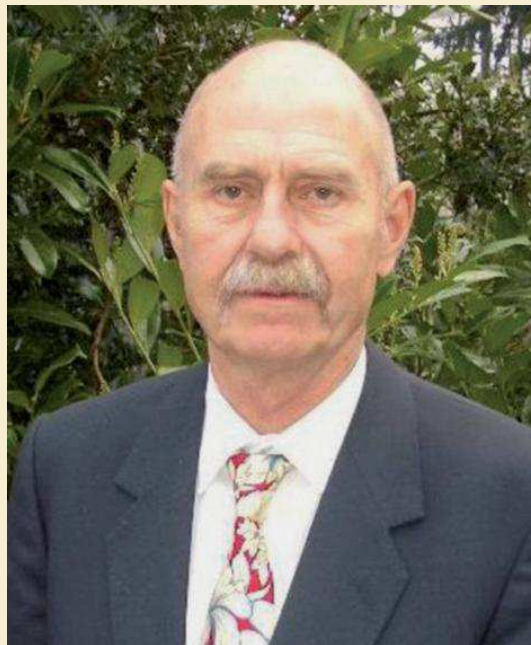
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Dear friends and Karateka,

The organising committee of the 9th WKC World Karate Championships and the 5th International Martial Art Games in Melbourne May 2013 is making rapid progress. Mr. Keith Geyer, WKC Regional President for Australia and Oceania and his team are doing great work to promote the Championships and the Games. Along With the karate competitors and officials many more martial artists from various other martial art federations will participate. All the different martial arts will conduct their own particular sport following their own rules. But all have one goal in common: the spirit and philosophy of budo.

We are very honoured and proud that one of the greatest living martial artists is taking the patronage of the Games: Grandmaster Stan Schmidt, 9th Dan karate. Master Schmidt is not only well known throughout the karate world but also in other martial arts. He has taught legions of karate students in all continents. Being a Shotokan karate practitioner he has also studied Goju Ryu, close combat and several self-defence systems with many grandmasters. In this regard he is much more than just a style specialist. We are happy to have him not only as patron of the WKC Karate World Championships but also as the patron of the 5th Interna-



tional Martial Art Games. With his experience of over 60 years in training martial arts he has agreed to give a special seminar prior to the Games.

The WKC will have its Elective Congress prior to the Championships. The elections for the Executive are held every four years. The actual Executive Committee (ExCom) has been elected in 2009 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA. The ExCom governs the WKC in between the Congresses.

The preparations for the 9th Open European Championships in June 2014 in Kasan, Russia and the 9th Junior & Cadet World Championships and World Cup for Children in October 2014 in Buenos Aires, Argentina are also well on the way.

We look forward to welcome many martial artists from all five continents in May 2013 in Melbourne.

Dr. Fritz Wendland
Editor

To all martial artists world wide

I have great pleasure in inviting you to Melbourne Australia to the 5th World Martial Arts Games in conjunction with the 9th WKC Karate Championships being held in Melbourne Australia from 9th to 12th May 2013.

This international event comprising up to 8 different martial arts disciplines and up to 1.500 competitors is being held in Australia for the first time.

The setting for the championships could not be better with Melbourne recognised twice as the world's most liveable city! The standard of competition is expected to be at the highest level and we are very proud and excited to be chosen to host this event.

Please take advantage of this magnificent opportunity to not only compete against your peers but enjoy the hospitality Australians and Australia are recognised for world wide.

With every best wish for a successful championship,

Yours Sincerely,

Stan Schmidt

Patron

5th International Martial Arts Games

9th WKC Karate World Championships

Founding member WKC



Stan Schmidt, Keith Geyer



5th INTERNATIONAL
MARTIAL ARTS GAMES
9-12 MAY 2013
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA



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Karate Alliance Australia



Australian Martial Arts Games Committee

Invitation

Dear Grandmasters, Masters, Presidents, Competitors,
Referees and Coaches,

On behalf of the organising committee, I take great pleasure in inviting you to the 5th International Martial Arts Games (IMG) and Congress to be held in Melbourne, Australia from 9th May to 12th May 2013.

The 5th International Martial Arts Games will be supported by the Victorian Government, the Melbourne City Council and the Karate Alliance of Australia.

We assure you that the 5th IMG Games will provide an important opportunity to all Martial Arts members to exchange their experiences and new ideas. We will do our best to make the 5th IMG Games a memorable event in your martial arts experience.

Yours Sincerely,

Keith Geyer

Head of Organising Committee

WKC Regional President of Australia & Oceania

President of KAA

Venue: State Netball Hockey Centre

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

All competitors should arrive in Melbourne no later than Tuesday 7th May 2013 for accreditations, payments and registrations.

The entry Fee for individual competitors – 50 Euros*
Entry fee for teams – 100 Euros*

What does entry fee includes:

1. IMG Games and WKC ID Card
 2. Transport from Airport to Official Hotels on arrival and official hotels to airport on departure
(only if flight details are provided in advance)
 3. Transfer from official hotels to stadium and return
 4. Free entrance to the stadium daily and opening ceremony
 5. Medical assistance for competitors during the competition
 6. Farewell party
- The Competition entry fee does not include accommodation or food.

* The WKC competitors will be refunded 15€ for each individual entry and 30 € for the team entries by the WKC.

Organising Committee:

Mr. Keith Geyer (President)
Karate Alliance Australia (KAA)
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Preliminary Schedule:

07 th May 2013	Arrival
08 th May 2013	Payment, registration and weigh-in 5th IMGC Congress Coaches meetings
09 th May 2013	Competitions/demonstrations, cultural events, award ceremonies, Opening ceremony
10 th May 2013	Competitions/demonstrations, cultural events, award ceremonies,
11 th May 2013	Competitions/demonstrations, cultural events, award ceremonies,
12 th May 2013	Competitions/demonstrations, cultural events, award ceremonies, Closing ceremony IMGC party
13 th May 2013	Private excursions / departure

Visa:

NOTE: All visitors to Australia will require a Visa.

It is the responsibility of every visitor to contact their nearest Australian Embassy for Visa applications. The time required for a Visa to be issued varies significantly from country to country and may take up to four months.

It is therefore imperative to commence this process immediately.

Please refer to the KAA website www.kaa.net.au for further assistance.



State Netball Hockey Centre

Accommodation:

The organising committee in Australia has appointed exclusively EXTRAGREEN Holidays to arrange accommodation and all transport.

EXTRAGREEN will select a number of options ranging from Backpackers, to single room, twin share, triple share and up to 4 people per room to cater for all budgets.

Selected hotels will also range from Backpackers to 3 and 4 star if desired.

All this information and all hotel bookings can be done on the EXTRAGREEN web site at: www.extragreen.com.au

Transportation Details:

Again EXTRAGREEN will coordinate all airport arrivals, departures and transport to and from the venue and official hotels.

PLEASE NOTE:

Competitors arriving by plane at Tullamarine Airport Melbourne should arrive no later than Tuesday 7th May and must confirm with the travel agent their schedule including arrival/ departure times and flight numbers no later than 1st March 2013 by email: roseyong@extragreen.net.au

Transportation to and from the official hotels and airport, and from the official hotels to the stadium and return will be arranged by the travel agent. Competitors who do not stay in the official hotels are responsible for their own transportation.

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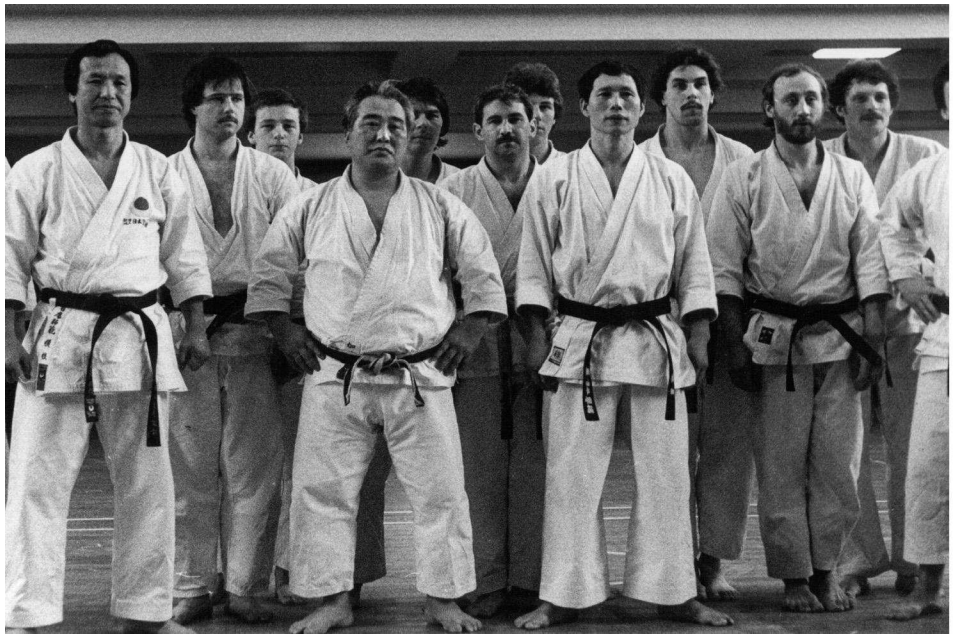
National Karate Federation many years of Training and Courses

The Past ten years have been very exciting for the National Karate Federation in Scotland I have organised many special courses and enjoyed many special karate masters attending our Special Karate Festival. Several instructors come to mind we had the World Famous Stan Schmidt and Sensei Hideo Ochi who were outstanding teaching the Competitors, Instructors Referees and Judges They headed up nine other world master teaching at the 2001 WKC world championships held in Aberdeen Scotland. Since 2001 we have invited many special Instructors and with the help of Dr Fritz Wendland who has visited the courses bringing many excellent instructors to teach.

Fritz was instrumental in bringing Eiki Kurishita a 9th Dan in Gojo Ryu karate. The course was very different but very interesting. I remember with the training having quite a painful central body after Kurishita put us through his basic and Gojo Kata very interesting but different. We had also the pleasure of having Ken Wittstock attend our course he came from South Africa to Germany then came over to Scotland to attend our course. He is also a very dedicated Karate man and taught many interesting and applications of bunkai as well as many funny stories and tricks at our celebration party after the course this was another memorable course.

Over the years good friend from Norway Alf Rony Fagerland has attended our NKF course with his NKF Norway Squad. When I had a course in Norway with Alf Rony I was introduced to his karate friend Sensei Paul Kee from Sweden. Paul is an excellent Kata practitioner and has over 15 titles in Scandinavia. Between us we discuss the best way forward for our members, which is very helpful when you participate at WKC events. We also had Thomas Schulze 5th Dan, Julian Chees 5th Dan both Germany and Toni La Pietra 5th Dan from Italy. They are very fine Karateka and we really enjoyed training with them all. It is fantastic when you have not seen someone for a considerable time and they think and practice the same as you exactly. It's incredible like telepathy.

In the Past the Golden years of Shotokan I have trained with Master Keinosuke Enoeda the Shotokan Tiger. He came to Aberdeen to our club for 30 years. I also competed and trained at the then National courses. I look back with fond memories especially when I punched him on the body in a display on Scottish TV and ended up being kicked through the set of the studio. I also remember he was like a Tiger happy when fed but dangerous when hungry!! We had a very special Course with

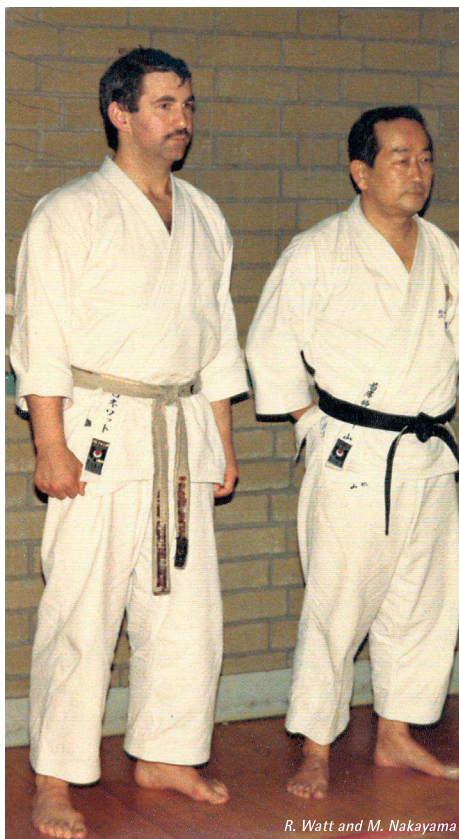


Masters course 1988 with Kase, Shirai, Enoeda (R. Watt centre)

Sensei Masatoshi Nakayama in 1984. I think in the UK I was the only one to have Nakayama for a Private course in the UK. I have a Nakayama clock that Nakayama gave Fritz at the course in Germany. Fritz kindly gave it to me. It is one of my special Karate possessions along with a presentation Black belt Enoeda gave me on passing 2nd Dan with his name on it. Now totally white and in shreds, which I wore for over 30 years training and competing.

Along with Enoeda we had Sensei Hiroshi Shirai, Sensei Taiji Kase both exceptional karate

men. I toured Norway with Kase and remember on my return I could not fasten my shirtsleeves because of the very severe blocking he used to dish out. I also remember being punched by Kase in the front of my body and the next morning I had black bruising on my back. Sensei Shirai also came to my courses many times. For me is one of the most beautiful karate exponents and his syllabus is outstanding. I have a private DVD training with him which we made with his permission this is also so another treasure. Sensei Kazunori Tsuyama accompanied with Master Omura also taught in Aberdeen. I had a special makiwara I used for punching, Tsuyama broke it with one kick. The Golden Years of Karate!



R. Watt and M. Nakayama

The Karate Festival will be held 8th -9th June 2013 and we look forward to another exciting festival. We have a Squad from France, Germany and Norway along with their instructors Alain Verbeeck 6th Dan a senior student of Sensei Kase in France, Paul Kee 7th Dan Sweden, Alf Ronny Fagerland 5th Dan NKF Norway.

Special guests will include Sensei Kase's daughter Sachiko Kase who wishes to meet her father's former student in Scotland. Also attending will be Mr Tarahara the Consul General of Japan and Lord Charles Bruce of Fife and Elgin, whose ancestors signed an agreement with Japan in 1860 and took the Marbles from the Parthenon in Greece for safekeeping. The Elgin marbles are now in the British Museum.

We are looking forward to an exciting Festival and International match in June 2013.

Ronnie Watt OBE ORS 8th Dan WKC

Spanish Karate Master 10th time in Japan

The Spanish Karate master Salvador Herraiz, has been a 7th Dan in Wado Ryu from 2009 and has been a WKC member for many years. He has just recently made his tenth trip to Japan to meet several Karate masters.

Master Herraiz travelled to Japan with a few of his Karate students and spending the first week in Tokyo to meet Karate grandmasters like Goshi Yamaguchi, the son of the Goju legend Gogen Yamaguchi, after his father head of Japan Goju-Kai. He also took the opportunity to visit Hirokazu Kanazawa, 10th Dan Shotokan. Master Kanazawa is known as one of the most outstanding fighters in his early years and for 60 years he has been teaching excellent technique worldwide. Originally an ex-JKA Instructor he founded his own world body Shotokan Karate International Federation (SKIF) over 30 years ago. Kanazawa has influenced generations of karateka through



Goshi Yamaguchi



H. Kanazawa with S. Herraiz

During this time S. Herraiz visited the old masters from the Keio University Karate club, a few of them direct students of Gichin Funakoshi, for example Mashimo, Kase, Iwamoto. He also had the opportunity to meet the first WUKO World Champion 1970 Koji Wada. At the end of this visit he dropped in to see again the Wado Ryu Honbu Dojo of the late Hironori Ohtsuka-Sensei where Herraiz trained 25 years ago.

After this the Spanish karate group travelled to Okinawa to see the masters Masahiro Nakamoto (Bunbukan dojo), Minoru Higa (Kyudokan dojo Shorin Ryu), Eikou Miyazato (Goju Ryu, Kobudo and Okinawan dance show),

Tetsuhiro Hokama (10th Dan Goju Ryu), Zempo Shimabujuro (10th Dan Seibukan), Fusei Kise (10th Dan Kenshinkan), Isamu Arakaki (10th Dan Rengo Kai organization) and Meitetsu Yagi, 10th Dan Meibukan dojo Goju Ryu). Finally S. Herraiz, together with Spain based Master Ryoichi Onaga, 8th Dan, visited Master Yoshio Hichiya (10th Dan Goju Ryu).

Without question Master Herraiz is one of the most productive authors on traditional karate in the world. He has met, interviewed, and trained with so many international karate masters from the main styles Goju, Shoto, Wado, Shorin and Shito during his career of over 40 years.

Throughout the world with his charisma, technique, and unique approach to karate. S. Herraiz met Kanazawa-Sensei for the first time at a karate course in Madrid in 1981. Later he pleasure to meet him again at one of the courses and tournaments held by the late Master Osamu Ozawa in Las Vegas.

When in Tokyo he also visited Mr. Takashi Sasakawa and Mr. Shigeo Kurihara (top officials of the Japan Karate Federation JKF). Mr. Sasakawa, son of the late Ryoichi Sasakawa and Founding President of the old World Union of Karate-do Organisations in 1970. Ryoichi Sasakawa had a great appreciation for the work of the Spanish master Herraiz and what he had done for traditional karate, with his numerous books and articles in martial arts magazines. Herraiz has known Takashi Sasakawa for many years now and met his father Ryoichi in 1988 when he made a second visit to Japan.



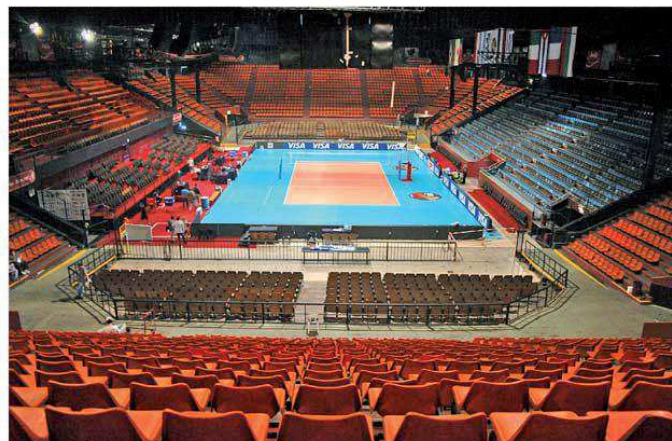
Lucky master Herraiz

9th WKC World Championships for Juniors & Cadets and World Cup for Children

The venue will be the city of Buenos Aires, the Municipal Exhibition Centre in the heart of the city. The date would be 10th to 12th October 2014.



Nestor Parreño



Indoor Stadium Buenos Aires

The President of the hosting federation Union Argentina de Karate UAK Nestor Parreño celebrated his 40th anniversary practicing karate this November. Nestor is still competing in the Senior category of Kata at world level. Congratulations!

The WKC Executive Committee would like to wish all members and friends of our Confederation a Happy and Successful New Year. May everybody stay fit, healthy, and safe through the constant practice of Karate-do!

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