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To all WKC member federations

The President Marko Nicović

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Dear Mr. President,

It is only one month until we have our next special event for the young karate people in our organisation:

1st Open International WKC Cup for Juniors, Cadets & Children 14th – 15th November 2009-10-08 Subotica Serbia

Please hurry to book the hotel or hostel rooms for your participants and also the local transport from Budapest or Belgrade airport (if needed). Subotica is situated near to the Serbian-Hungarian border and can be reached very easily by both car or train.

For all hotel and transport, bookings please contact the Serbian Karate Union Ms. Rada Stopić

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We are expecting a large number of participants from many countries and federations. The karate club "Enpi" from Subotica have already organised several international tournaments. Last year more than 1.500 competitors participated in their open cup.

On Friday 13th November 2009 an international seminar for referees and coaches has been arranged. It is mandatory for all official referees and coaches to take part who wish to take part in the tournament.

Recently another federation from Trinidad and Tobago joined the WKC:

Shotokan Karate of Trinidad and Tobago President is Mr. Brian Chin Leung

We welcome our new member federation and wish their athletes the best of success in our confederation.

As you are already aware, the World Karate Federation WKF failed for the fifth time to get karate into the Olympic program for the year 2016. Instead, the Executive Board of the IOC proposed two other sports: Rugby and Golf. The Session (full assembly of all IOC members) will vote finally on these two sports whether they might be included in the 2016 Games in Rio de Janeiro. Up to 2020 there will be no opportunity for karate to be on the Olympic program and perhaps it *never will*!

Recently a delegation of the WKC attended the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the foundation of the *International Martial Art Games Committee* IMGC in Pyongyang DPR Korea. It has been a great success for the karate of the WKC.

The next International Martial Art Games of the IMGC will be organised in February 2011 in Tallin, the capital of Estonia. Karate is on the program and all our members may participate. We will inform you in due time about all details.

Sincerely yours

Marko Nicović President

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