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CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION

The registration for the Championships opens on 15th October 2026 and the deadline is 15th of November 2026. This gives you enough time of about one full month to register your participants.

The registration link once the registration opens will be: <https://sportssorter.com/competitii/125>

All those who attended the last event in Timisoara are familiar with the registration program, but in case you need some help, please check the attached file with registration tutorial. For further help contact our registration officer Andrei Tripa Ioan, email: tripa.ioan.andrei@gmail.com

Rules: check the WKC rulebook on the official website:

<https://wkc-org.net/storage/documents/technical/event-rules/2026/8-wkc-event-rules.pdf>

All categories that will be on the program are listed in the attached file "Belgrade categories".

We wish all competitors good preparations for the forthcoming event and hope to meet everybody in good health and spirit in Belgrade!

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Date	When	What	Where
27th November, Friday	09.00 – 18.00	REGISTRATION	Sport Hall – Press Center, ground floor
27th November, Friday	16.00 – 18.00	REFEREE/COACH SEMINAR	Sport Hall – 1st Floor
27th November, Friday	18.00	WKC CONGRESS	Sport Hall – Press Centre, ground floor
28th November, Saturday	09.00 – 20.00	CHAMPIONSHIPS – All Children Categories and all kata teams for all age groups!	Sport Hall
29th November, Sunday	08.00 – 20.00	CHAMPIONSHIPS – All 14 + Categories and kumite teams 14+	Sport Hall

WKC ELECTIONS

Candidates for 2026

4 VICE PRESIDENTS TO BE ELECTED AMONG 6 CANDIDATES



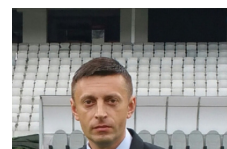
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FOR PRESIDENT



Néstor Parreño
FOR VICE PRESIDENT



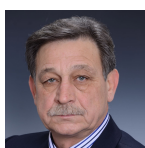
Massimo Di Luigi
FOR VICE PRESIDENT



Marian Meşinschi
FOR VICE PRESIDENT



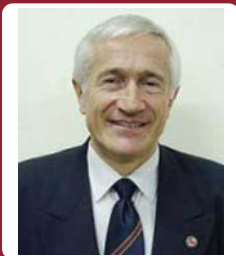
Pete Lindley
FOR VICE PRESIDENT



Čedomir Sazdovski
FOR VICE PRESIDENT



Silviu Chirilă
FOR VICE PRESIDENT



CANDIDACY FOR WKC PRESIDENT

M. Sci. Marko NICOVIC

Candidate profile

Attorney at law, Belgrade, Serbia

Member of Main Board of the Bar Association of Belgrade

Date of Birth: 10th of May 1946, Kolasin, Montenegro, Yugoslavia

Education:

- Graduated Law University of Belgrade, Serbia
- Master of Arts in International Public Law

Occupation:

- 1993 – until today Attorney at law (private law office founder)
- 1993 – until today member of the Yugoslav, Serbian Bar Association
- practice in criminal law

Experience:

- 1977 – 1993 within the Belgrade City Police
- 1977 – 1983 High Inspector in Homicide Division
- 1983 – 1988 Head chief of Narcotic squad
- 1988 – 1990 Head chief of Criminal Investigation Division
- 1990 – 1991 Adviser for Special Police operations of the Minister for Interior
- 1991 – 1993 Deputy chief of Belgrade police
- 1985 graduated DEA International police academy in Federal Law enforcement Training Centre, Glynco, Georgia, USA
- 1996 – 2001 member of board of directors International Narcotic Enforcement Officer Association
- 2005 – until today board director member International Narcotic Enforcement Officer Association
- 1989 - until today – member of the International Association Chiefs of Police (Alexandria, USA)
- member of the International Bodyguard and Security Services Association (IBSSA).

- 2001 – 2004 Vice President INEOA

- 2004-2005 INEOA (International Narcotic Enforcement Officer Association) President

Skills:

- black belt holder 7 Dan in the JKF (Japan Karate Federation – Wado-kai) and 8 Dan in the WKF (World Karate Federation) and black belt 3 Dan in judo.
- 1969 – 1973 member of the Karate National team of Yugoslavia
- 1993 – 1998 President of the Yugoslav Karate Federation
- 1998 – until today president of the Serbian karate Union
- 2005 – until today President of the World Karate Confederation

Honors:

- 1985 Award Medal for the contribution in state security from the President of Yugoslavia
- 1994 Special Award for the contribution in karate development in the world from the Japanese Prime Minister Ryotaro Hashimoto
- 1994 honor plaque of the city of Osaka
- 1994 – 1999 member of the Presidential board of the National Olympic Committee
- numerous awards of various national police forces and agencies: DEA, German Police BKA, Italian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, Austrian police, etc.

Karate

I have been active in sports for the past 55 years (I started practicing karate in Paris in 1966). I was the member of the national senior team from 1969 to 1973 and at that time won national and international medals. Since its foundation in 1998, I occupy the position of the President of the Serbian Karate Union. I wrote three books about karate.



CANDIDACY FOR WKC VICE PRESIDENT

Professor Néstor Parreño

Candidate profile

Objective

Curricular information

Technical in Telecommunications (Huerco Engineer Private Institute)

National Karate Coach (National Institute of Sport)

Bachelor of Sports Science (Salvador's University)

Languages: Spanish / English

Web pages of my property www.uak-karate.org

www.pkc-karate.org www.iskc-argentina.org

www.iaku-karate.org Experience

- 1972–2021 (49 years) TRADITIONAL and SPORTY KARATE Argentina
- National and International competitor
- Since 1972 to 1983.
- National Selections since 1976 to 1983.
- Argentine, National and Metropolitan champion.
- Pan-American Champion 1980.
- South American Champion 1981.
- 5th World Place Czech Republic 2011.
- 9th Place Lithuania World Open 2012.
- 12th World Place Australia 2013.

National and International instructor

- Graduate in 1981

National Coach

- Awarded by the National Institute of Sports since 1997
- International coach awarded by the WKC from the year 2000
- National Head of Coaches of UAK since the year 2009

National Referee

- Awarded since 1975

International Referee

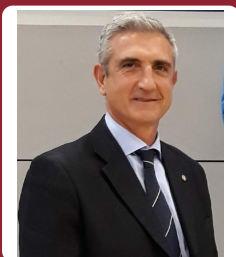
- Awarded since 1989 (South American Referee)
- Maximum category awarded (Pan-American, Continental and Mundial Referee)

National and International Sports Leader:

- President of the Metropolitan Karate Association since 1990 to 1993
- Pro-secretary of acts of the Metropolitan Sports Confederation year 1990/93.
- President of the Argentine Karate Union (UAK) since 2000 to the present
- World Vice-President of the World Karate Confederation based in Brisago / Switzerland, from the year 2001/2005, governing body of Karate at the international level
- Chairman (Executive World Director) of the Spanish and Portuguese speaking countries of the WKC since 2001 to 2005.
- Vice-president and Chairman of the Pan-American Shotokan Karate Association (founding member of PASKA) since 2003 to 2006
- President of the Shotokan Karate Association of the Argentinian Republic.
- Member of the World Shotokan Karate Association since 2003 to 2010
- Vice-president of the Argentine League of Karate Clubs year 2004
- Founder of the WUKO and Vice-president 2nd years 2005/2006
- Regional President for South America WKC years 2009/2010
- National Director and Head of Style of the World Shotokan Karate Federation of Argentina (WSKF-Argentina) since 2016.
- President and Founder of the Pan-American Karate Confederation years 2011/2021.
- Founding President ISKC and ISKCA International Shotokan Karate Confederation and International Shotokan Karate Confederation of Argentina
- President of the South America WKC World Karate Confederation 2015/2021.
- Founding President of the IAKU 2018/2021 International Amateur Karate Union
- Advisory Member of the Board of the World Karate Master Federation WKMF and World Shotokan Evaluation Board

Awards received:

- 2000 Two plates country revelation and best delegation -
- 2005 Painting of the Embassy of the Kingdom of Lebanon –
- 2008 Martial Karate Spirit of the Year Award.
- 2009 Merit diploma for the development of the Social Karate program, of the Volunteer Firefighters of La Boca Italian Society -
- 2011 Recognition of the trajectory of UAK Mundial by WKC in Czech Republic.
- 2018 International Master Recognition Dish Bangladesh ShitoRyu Karate Federation.
- 2019 Honorary Member of the Dominican PKC.
- 2019 Plate Honorable President PKC Bangladesh ShitoRyu Karate Federation. Plate 40 ° ta. Anniversary as Karate Teacher at Boca Juniors Athletic Club.



CANDIDACY FOR WKC VICE PRESIDENT

Massimo Di Luigi

Candidate profile

Date of birth: 29th January 1958

Place of birth: Rome - Italy

Qualification: Master of Karate black belt 7th dan

Background:

First approach with martial arts is with Judo at the age of 9 under the guidance of his father Aldo Di Luigi (Master of Judo, black belt 6th Dan and international referee for Judo and Karate).

After several achievements at national level competitions (3 times silver and 3 time bronze medalist at the Judo Italian Championship) he is selected for the Junior Judo National Team and in 1975 he competes at the Junior Judo European Championship.

In 1972 while practicing Judo he also starts with Karate and begins his competitor career by achieving good results at national level tournaments until he wins 2 silver medals at the Karate Italian Championship and also selected for the Karate Italian National Team in 1977 and competes at the Junior European Karate Championship.

In the same year he joins the athlete military team "Fiamme Gialle" of the Guardia di Finanza corp and also competes at the Senior Karate European Championship and at the WUKO World Karate Championship in Tokyo.

Key Accomplishments as international athlete 1974-1985:

- Silver medalist at WUKO World Karate Championship - Taipei 1982.
- 2 times European Karate Champion (Rome 1971 UEK-WUKO and Dublin 1984 EAKF)
- Bronze medalist at WUKO Karate World Championship – Maastricht 1984
- Bronze medalist at WUKO Karate World Games – London 1985
- 4 times Silver medalist at European Karate Championship – Helsinki 1979 UEK, Rome 1982 WADOKAI (individual and team), Gothenburg 1984 UEK.
- 5 times Bronze medalist at European Karate Championship – Paris 1977 UEK, Leon (ESP) UEK individual and team, Rome WADOKAI 1979 team, Oslo UEK 1983
- 2 times Bronze medalist at Internationals of France (competition for 8 top world athletes)
- 6 times Italian Champion
- classified in several other international competitions

Key roles as Manager:

- Manager and coach of the athlete military team "Fiamme Gialle" (1984 – 90)
- Manager and coach of the Italian National Karate team FILPJK (1986 – 92)

Massimo Di Luigi | continued

- Selected as a member of the European Technical Commission ECU
- Manager and coach of the Italian National Karate team FESIK (2001 – 04)
- President of KUSHINKAI Italia 1992-98
- President of Martial Arts sector of CSAIN 1992-98
- President of Martial Arts Commission of CSI 1999-2006
- Vice President of FIAM 2008 – 2018
- President of FIAM from 2018

Other skills and achievements:

- University degree in sport and exercise sciences in 1995
- Professor for Sport at schools
- Self defense teacher at Special Forces teams at Guardia di Finanza corp.
- Self defense teacher at Guardia di Finanza corp Officers Academy.
- Deep knowledge of Karate traditional schools and Japanese martial arts in general developed through several trips and intense and extensive training boot camps held in Japan across two decades (1978-1999).



CANDIDACY FOR WKC VICE PRESIDENT

Prof. Eng. MARIAN MEȘINSCHI

Candidate profile

DATE OF BIRTH: 02.07.1976. PLACE OF BIRTH: ANINA-ROMANIA

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ROMANIA PHONE MOBIL: 0040729850188

NATIONALITY: ROMANIAN

PROFESSION: MANAGER

EDUCATION:

UNIVERSITY DEGREE IN ENGINEERING

UNIVERSITY DEGREE IN PSYCHO-PEDAGOGY

PRESENTLY:

PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION SPORT STAR ANINA

WKC SENIOR REFEREE

*CHIEF OF ORGANIZING COMMITTEE -11thWKC OPEN EUROPEAN CUP

PRESIDENT OF OTGANIZING COMMITTEE 13th WKC OPEN EUROPEAN CUP

RANK: 3rd DAN SHOTOKAN 3rd DAN WADORYU



CANDIDACY FOR WKC VICE PRESIDENT

Pete Lindley

Candidate profile

To the WKC Executive Committee and Member Federations

Subject: Re-application for the Position of WKC Vice President

Pete Lindley | continued

D.O.B. 20.12.59. Profession: Senior Inspector (Engineering - Japanese Company from 1992). Vice President of the World Karate Confederation (WKC). President of the English Karate Alliance (EKA). Chief Instructor of TaiKai Karate Association. Rank: 7th Dan Wado-Ryu.

Please accept this letter as my formal application to re-apply for the position of Vice President of the World Karate Confederation (WKC). It has been an honour to serve this organisation, and I am eager to continue our collective work in driving the WKC forward as a leading global World body.

My life has been defined by a lifelong dedication to the martial arts. I have been training in karate for almost 54 years and hold the rank of 7th Dan Black Belt in Wado-Ryu karate. In addition to my personal training, I serve as the President of the English Karate Alliance (EKA), which has given me extensive experience in sports governance, leadership, and international collaboration.

During my current tenure as Vice President, I have worked closely and productively alongside our President and fellow Vice Presidents; together we have successfully implemented initiatives to modernise the WKC, transforming it into a highly professional and formidable world body. A recent highlight of my leadership was in 2024, when myself and the EKA organising committee hosted the highly successful WKC World Championships in Sheffield, England. This event demonstrated our capacity to deliver world-class tournaments and further elevated the reputation of the WKC on the global stage.

If re-elected, I promise to bring the same passion, experience, and stability to the Executive Committee. My primary goals for the upcoming term include:

- Continued Modernisation: of our structures to keep pace with modern sports standards.
- Global Growth: Supporting the expansion of the WKC into new territories while strengthening existing member federations.
- Event Excellence: Applying the lessons learned from the 2024 World Championships to help future host nations deliver exceptional events.

Thank you for considering my re-application and for your ongoing trust. I look forward to the possibility of continuing to serve the WKC family.

Yours respectfully, Pete Lindley. President, English Karate Alliance. 7th Dan Wado-Ryu. Current WKC Vice President.



CANDIDACY FOR WKC VICE PRESIDENT

Prof. Dr. Čedomir Sazdovski

Candidate profile

Date of birth: 27th December 1952

Place of birth: Probishtip, Republika Makedonija-Yugoslavija.

9-th KUDAN WADO RYU KARATE - DO

First International WKF and WKC Karate referee from Macedonia

Technical associate at the Karate Federation of Macedonia (1980–1986);

Period from 1995 to 2005:

First Specialist in Martial Arts (Karate specialization) in the Republic of Macedonia

Master of Science in the field of Karate

Doctor of Science in the field of Karate

Professor at the Faculty of Physical Education in Skopje (1986–2014)

Member of Parliament in the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia for two terms: 2014–2016 and 2016–2020

Prof. Dr. Čedomir Sazdovski | continued

Retired since August 2020, but very much dedicated to senior and veteran karate for which he often organizes tournaments and demonstrations popularizing karate for all ages

Became the first international karate referee from Macedonia within the global WUKO/WKF in 1998;

Became the first international karate referee from Macedonia within the World Karate Confederation (WKC) in 2000.

Sazdovski is a pioneer of Karate-do in Macedonia; his journey to mastery, his competitive achievements, and his dedication as an organizer and promoter of Karate-do—as well as the sport itself and its values—have been well known in Macedonian Karate-do as well as around the region.

Rise in the sport and competitive achievements

As a coach, Čedomir is dedicated to passing on his knowledge and skills to new generations, helping them develop their abilities and become successful competitors.

Čedomir Sazdovski is one of the region's most respected karate masters and promoters, known for his dedication, expertise, and enthusiasm.

His commitment extends beyond training sessions. Sazdovski frequently organizes seminars, workshops, and competitions, bringing together martial arts enthusiasts and promoting the values inherent in karate: peace, respect, and self-control. Through his work, he succeeded in popularizing karate and raising awareness of its importance for a healthy lifestyle and personal development, particularly among young people.

His work as a coach and instructor has left a profound mark on the development of the art of Karate-do and the sport of karate in Macedonia and beyond. He imparts his knowledge to his students with great passion and patience, fostering a spirit of sportsmanship and respect for opponents while teaching ethics, discipline, and inner strength. Many of his students have gone on to become national, European, and world champions, as well as successful coaches and promoters of the sport.



CANDIDACY FOR WKC VICE PRESIDENT

Silviu Chirilă

Candidate profile

Candidate for the position of WKC Vice President.

Personal information

Chirilă Silviu-Eugen; Timișoara, Timiș County, Romania; born 22 November 1987 in Arad, Romania; Romanian nationality.

Contact

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Karate rank

6 Dan Black Belt, Fudokan Karate.

Current roles

Karate instructor at Viper Karate Club Timișoara; branch leader of 10 clubs in Romania; police agent with the Romanian Police, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Timiș County Police.

Sport experience

29 years in karate and 2 years in kickboxing.

Additional information

Married, with one child.

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