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To all  
WKC member federations

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Dear Mr. President,

We hope that you, your families and all your members enjoyed a good and peaceful festive season. May this year bring happiness and success to you all.

A new federation has joined the WKC recently, it is the

***Gruppo Wadokai Italiano*** GWI,

President is Mr. *Remo Periginelli*

We would like to welcome our new member and wish them and all their karateka a great success within our confederation.

There are only a little more than four months to go until we will celebrate our next great event, the first time in the United States:

**7<sup>th</sup> WKC World Championships**  
**Ft. Lauderdale, Florida**  
**10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

We will have two more opportunities for our members to participate in a high quality and prestigious tournaments at the same place just after the World Championships:

**WKC Pan-American Open Championships**  
**Ft. Lauderdale, Florida**  
**14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

and the

**AAU Nationals**  
**Ft. Lauderdale, Florida**  
**17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

For the World Championships and the Pan-American Open the WKC competition rules will apply, for the AAU Nationals the AAU rules. In one of our next bulletins we will publish the AAU rules which will be used at that tournament. We will also inform you soon on all details concerning the three championships.

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There will also be a **two day technical seminar** with **top** Japanese, American and Okinawan **masters** who will teach **karate** and **kobudo**. These seminars are open to all WKC members.

**Important:** Please check the recent change of immigration procedures of the United States. Contact your nearest US consulate or embassy in order to get the visa rules which apply to your specific country.

Sincerely yours



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