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WORLD KARATE CONFEDERATION

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To all
WKC member federations

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Dear Mr. President,

Only six months to go until we will meet in Melbourne, Australia, for the 9th WKC World Championships and the 5th WKC Congress. We will celebrate these two major events in cooperation with the 5th International Martial Art Games (IMG) of the International Martial Art Games Committee (IMGC).

After the 7th World Championships in 2009 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, USA, now for the second time we are organising these prestigious Championships in a far away continent. Our member federation *Karate Alliance Australia* (KAA) is a very loyal supporter of the WKC for many years now. Headed by Keith Geyer (President) the senior members of the (KKA) have a good record of accomplishment in organising and running large tournaments.

Under the roof of the IMGC and the 5th IMG several other martial arts will hold their tournaments and championships. Altogether there will be many hundreds of competitors and supporter from all over the world. Several Executive Board members of the IMGC have already checked the venue in Melbourne and found the organisers as well as the local conditions very satisfactory. The WKC has also visited Melbourne and had very positive negotiations with the Board of the KAA.

In order to promote karate more in the Oceania region we will open the 9th World Championships also for Juniors and Cadets. In addition, there will be an Open World Cup for Children. The WKC categories and rules (Will be the same as this year in July in Lithuania at the Open World Championships and the 8th Junior& Cadet World Championships and the World Cup for Children) will also apply in Melbourne.

Please promote these tournaments within your federation and make your budget well in advance, as the flight prices from Europe, America, and Africa to Australia are higher than within Europe. In the past, our Australian friends had to bear high travel costs and always participated with big teams in our events in Europe and America. Now it is our turn.

For necessary information and details, please check the webpage of the 9th WKC World Championships and 5th IMG:

www.kaa.net.au

Those federations which need a visa for entering Australia should check the conditions with the nearest Australian diplomatic representative in their country. The Australian organiser will try to help you when needed. Help is only possible if you contact the KAA well in advance with the list of all team members containing their family and first names as well as the dates of birth and passport number. Late applications may not be accepted by the Australian embassies or consulates. Three months prior to the Championships your team should be completed with valid passports.

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We wish you good preparations for the forthcoming world event.



Sincerely yours

WKC Executive Committee

