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## From the Editor

Dear friends,

Recently the WKC took part very successfully for the second time in the International Martial Art Games of the International Martial Art Games Committee (IMGC) in Tallinn, Estonia. Once more the WKC officials and competitors have shown their international standard of ethics along with the true spirit of budo in the presence of Sport Accord President and IOC member Mr. Hein Verbruggen as well as IOC member and IMGC President Prof. Dr. Chang Ung.

In only months the WKC will hold the 8<sup>th</sup> World Championships in Liberec, Czech Republic. The young organising team is very enthusiastically working with a new championship concept.

With regards the Championships we are all very curious what new surprises await us! Liberec is a town, which hosts many world events in winter sports. The stadium that will host the World Championships is a huge ice stadium and has been the venue for many other world-



class events. We are indebted to our Czech associates for this great opportunity to show off the WKC on another world stage. We hope that many of our members will take the opportunity to enjoy the Championships and the traditional Czech hospitality.

We have also the opportunity to be included with a karate championship in the 5<sup>th</sup> TAFISA Games in July 2012 in Šiauliai, Lithuania. These Games are under the patronage of the IOC, the UNESCO, the WHO and the Lithuanian government. The TAFISA itself is recognised by the IOC, the UNESCO and the WHO. The prestige for the WKC might be great if we decide to be part in these Games. The door is open so we must just step through!

We hope to see as many of you in Liberec. We wish all competitors and officials good preparations for the Championships and a safe journey to the Czech Republic.

Fritz Wendland  
Editor

## 4<sup>th</sup> International Martial Art Games

**Tallinn, Estonia**  
**24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> February 2011**

In April 2008 the WKC took part in the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Martial Art Games (IMG) of the International Martial Art Games Committee (IMGC). Once more karate had the second largest entry after Taekwondo. Several different martial arts were displayed with many from the Baltic states and a nearby large Russian Federation where many of these arts are practised. Every year the Estonian Martial Arts Union holds an Interna-

tional Open Tournament with include many different sports. Mikhail Kolvart the President of Estonian Martial Arts Union runs the local organisations and has great experience organising such events.

At these, 4<sup>th</sup> IMG over 1.500 martial artists from all parts of the world participated. Most budoka were in the taekwondo event because their European Championships had taken place only two days prior to the IMG. Many athletes stayed on to compete in this event. North Korea (a part of a divided country) had strong team.

In other martial arts, the Azeris (Azerbaijan) proved their enthusiasm for fighting sports and martial arts. They also competed as well very successfully in Karate.



Mr. Hein Verbruggen and Prof. Chang watching the karate event.

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Their young competitors were extremely fast and full of fighting spirit. From the karate teams the Italians (FIAM) took most of the medals followed by the Americans (AAU) and the Russians (KFR). Chief of tournament was Ms. Linda Donner (AAU) and Chief Referee Dr. Viatcheslav Timofeev (KFR). Mr. Joe Mirza and Dr. Fritz Wendland represented the WKC in the 6th IMGC Congress.



Eight referees and judges were present. From the KFR Dr. V. Timofeev, Y. Homenko, Ms. A. Morkovkina, from the AAU Ms. L. Donner, S. Robinson, from the FIAM R. Comi and from the GKC M. Grese and H. Schneider. The new judges integrated very well with the team of the experienced referees. By working all day with the senior Referees, they learnt much more than any theoretical course by being instructed and supported by qualified mentors.

The Presidential Board members Vice-President M. Nožička, Regional



President for America J. Mirza (standing), Vice-President R. Dietrich, Vice-President Dr. B. Gilardi (from left) oversaw the karate tournament during the Games and represented the WKC within the IMGC. A Board meeting and discussion was held and decisions on several items were decided upon which will be announced to all members in one of the next bulletins. M. Nožička and his colleague R. Musil also promoted the next World Championships in Liberec. IMGC President and IOC member Prof. Chang Ung also expressed his wish to attend the WKC World Championships in the Czech Republic.



WKC Senior Referee and President of the KFR Russia, Dr. Viatcheslav Timofeev with his successful competitors at the Games. Dr. Timofeev has been a referee with the WKC since the 1st World Championships in 1997 in Arezzo, Italy. He is the only WKC referee who has attended all WKC World Championships. For two years, he has unified many Russian federations within the KFR, which competed the first time at the European Championships in Belgrade 2010.



IMGC Secretary General, Mr. Ri Jong Gun, presents a special trophy to the most successful team in the karate event. He is with Italian competitors and the FIAM Technical Director Massimo di Luigi. Mr. Ri was elected at the 6<sup>th</sup> IMGC Congress as new Secretary General. He also intends to attend the next WKC World Championships in Liberec in May 2011.



*IMGC President and IOC member Prof. CHANG Ung addresses the Congress*

During the 6<sup>th</sup> IMGC Congress various items were brought forward and discussed. Several international martial arts associations applied for membership. Before being accepted the verification commission will go through their application and check their martial art background and their worldwide status before recommendation is made to the Executive Board. The final

decision lies with legislature of the next Congress. During the elections by secret ballot Prof. Leong Wai Ming and Dr. Fritz Wendland were elected unanimously as Vice-Presidents and Mr. Ri Jong Gun as Secretary General. Mr. Joe Mirza headed the election process with two more colleagues from other martial arts.

Two candidates applied to host the next IMG in 2013: Tashkent, Uzbekistan, and Moscow (with St. Petersburg as reserve), Russia.

Mr. Mikhail Kolvar, President of the Estonian Martial Arts Union and chairman of the 4th IMG Organising Committee reported on the forthcoming competition and activities. He was sincerely thanked by all delegates for his large contribution in organising the accommodation and transport over 1.500 competitors and hundreds of officials and supporters from all five continents and over fifty countries.



Mikhail Kolvar, Chairman Organising Committee, 4th IMG Tallinn

At the opening ceremony, many different martial arts as well as Estonian national folklore were displayed. The opening ceremony and the first day of the competitions were attended by IOC members Prof. Dr. Chang Ung and Mr. Hein Verbruggen, who is also the President of SportAccord, formerly the General Assembly of International Sports Federations (GAISF).



## Results

### Cad. Kata Ind. Female Shoto 16-17 y.

- 1 REINA Sonia FIAM-Italy

### Cad. Kata Ind. Female Wado 16-17 y.

- 1 KORHORN Judith WKH-Netherlands

### Cad. Kumite Ind. Female 16-17 y. +57 kg Sanbon

- 1 IOŠPA Isabel IMAN-Estonia
- 2 REINA Sonia FIAM-Italy

### Cad. Kata Ind. Male Shoto 14-15 y.

- 1 IVANOV Maxim KFR(WKC)-Russia
- 2 DAVYDOV Yuriy KFR(WKC)-Russia
- 3 MORKOVKIN Anatoly KFR(WKC)-Russia

### Cad. Kata Ind. Male Shoto 16-17 y.

- 1 IVANOV Victor KFR(WKC)-Russia
- 2 VASILYEV Mikhail KFR(WKC)-Russia
- 3 TIMOFEEV Aslan KFR(WKC)-Russia

### Cad. Kata Ind. Male Wado 16-17 y.

- 1 LINARI Leonardo FIAM-Italy

### Cad. Kumite Ind. Male 14-15 y. -55 kg Sanbon

- 1 KAMALLI Tural AZERIKAN-Azerbaijan
- 2 KAMALLI Vusal AZERIKAN-Azerbaijan
- 3 IVANOV Maxim KFR(WKC)-Russia
- 3 MORKOVKIN Anatoly KFR(WKC)-Russia

### Cad. Kumite Ind. Male 14-15 y. -60 kg Sanbon

- 1 JUMARTINS Roberts LKA-Latvia
- 2 HAJIYEV Vagif AZERIKAN-Azerbaijan
- 3 TSIBISOV Ilja IMAN-Estonia

### Cad. Kumite Ind. Male 14-15 y. Ippon

- 1 PHUMIPHAN Kittiporn GKC-Germany
- 2 THIEMANN Kevin GKC-Germany
- 3 SPRENGER Tom GKC-Germany

### Cad. Kumite Ind. Male 16-17 y. +65 kg Sanbon

- 1 TIMOFEEV Aslan KFR(WKC)-Russia
- 2 KIRSANOV Artem KFR(WKC)-Russia
- 3 VASILYEV Mikhail KFR(WKC)-Russia

### Cad. Kumite Ind. Male 16-17 y. -60 kg Sanbon

- 1 LINARI Leonardo FIAM-Italy
- 2 HOJJATOV Farid AZERIKAN-Azerbaijan

### Jun. Kata Ind. Female Shorin 18-20 y.

- 1 RAHAIM Mackenzie AAU-U.S.A.

### Jun. Kata Ind. Female Shoto 18-20 y.

- 1 OCAMPO Alexis AAU-U.S.A.

### Jun. Kumite Ind. Female 18-20 y. +60 kg Sanbon

- 1 RAHAIM Mackenzie AAU-U.S.A.
- 2 OCAMPO Alexis AAU-U.S.A.
- 3 POKRIŠTŠUK Roza IMAN-Estonia

### Sen. Kata Ind. Female Goju +18 y.

- 1 SCALBI Sara FIAM-Italy

### Sen. Kata Ind. Female Shorin +18 y.

- 1 RAHAIM Mackenzie AAU-U.S.A.

### Sen. Kata Ind. Female Shoto +18 y.

- 1 FEDI Maura FIAM-Italy
- 2 OCAMPO Alexis AAU-U.S.A.
- 3 SPITZER-COHEN Kate AAU-U.S.A.

### Sen. Kata Ind. Female Wado +40 y.

- 1 BANGMA Marjoke WKH-Netherlands

### Sen. Kumite Ind. Female +18 y. +60 kg Sanbon

- 1 RAHAIM Mackenzie AAU-U.S.A.
- 2 SCALBI Sara FIAM-Italy
- 3 SPITZER-COHEN Kate AAU-U.S.A.

### Sen. Kumite Ind. Female +18 y. -55 kg Sanbon

- 1 OCAMPO Alexis AAU-U.S.A.
- 2 SERGEEVA Nadezda KFR(WKC)-Russia
- 3 RUGE Elina LKA-Latvia

### Jun. Kata Ind. Male Goju 18-20 y.

- 1 DE ANGELIS Mirko FIAM-Italy

### Jun. Kata Ind. Male Shoto 18-20 y.

- 1 SEREBRYANNIKOV Mikhail KFR(WKC)-Russia
- 2 SHCHEPALOV Nikolay KFR(WKC)-Russia
- 3 MURATORI Massimiliano FIAM-Italy

### Jun. Kumite Ind. Male 18-20 y. -78 kg Sanbon

- 1 MUSAYEV Rufat AZERIKAN-Azerbaijan
- 2 DE ANGELIS Mirko FIAM-Italy

### Jun. Kumite Ind. Male 18-20 y. -68 kg Sanbon

- 1 SCANO Simone FIAM-Italy
- 2 MURATORI Massimiliano FIAM-Italy

### Sen. Kata Ind. Male Goju +18 y.

- 1 ISHIKAWA Hideki AAU-U.S.A.
- 2 DE ANGELIS Mirko FIAM-Italy

### Sen. Kata Ind. Male Shorin +18 y.

- 1 PFEFER Vladimir KFR(WKC)-Russia
- 2 FLINCHUM Morgan AAU-U.S.A.

### Sen. Kata Ind. Male Shoto +18 y.

- 1 SEREBRYANNIKOV Mikhail KFR(WKC)-Russia
- 2 OANDASAN Aaron AAU-U.S.A.
- 3 BIANCHI Christian FIAM-Italy

### Sen. Kata Ind. Male Wado +18 y.

- 1 ZANTVOORD Frank WKH-Netherlands

### Sen. Kata Ind. Male Goju +40 y.

- 1 GARMAEV Veniamin KKFR(WKC)-Russia

### Sen. Kata Ind. Male Wado +40 y.

- 1 DUJIN Maarten WKH-Netherlands

### Sen. Kumite Ind. Male +18 y. +78 kg Sanbon

- 1 BARBINI SAMBUCIONI Augusto FIAM-Italy
- 2 RIEKSTINS Kaspars LKA-Latvia

### Sen. Kumite Ind. Male +18 y. -68 kg Sanbon

- 1 MAGERRAMOV Amid IMAN-Estonia
- 2 ISHIKAWA Hideki AAU-U.S.A.
- 3 REITANO Dario FIAM-Italy
- 3 BIANCHI Christian FIAM-Italy

### Sen. Kumite Ind. Male +18 y. -78 kg Sanbon

- 1 GILARDI Ivan FIAM-Italy
- 2 FLINCHUM Morgan AAU-U.S.A.
- 3 MUSAYEV Rufat AZERIKAN-Azerbaijan
- 3 KOZEVNIKOV Vadim IMAN-Estonia

### Sen. Kumite Team Male +18 y. Sanbon

- 1 Team 1 FIAM-Italy
- 2 Team 1 AAU-U.S.A.
- 3 Team 1 AZERIKAN-Azerbaijan

## Medal Table

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
FIAM-Italy	10	5	4
AAU-U.S.A.	7	7	2
KFR (WKC)-Russia	7	5	5
WKH-Netherlands	4	0	0
AZERIKAN-Azerbaijan	2	3	2
IMAN-Estonia	2	0	3
LKA-Latvia	1	1	1
GKC-Germany	1	1	1

## 5<sup>th</sup> TAFISA Games 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> July Šiauliai, Lithuania



the main sport facilities and to discuss organisational and financial obligations with members of the Šiauliai organising committee as well as the TAFISA representative who were also in attendance on a preparatory visit in Šiauliai



Standing (from left): Gintaras Jasiūnas, head, department Physical Culture and Sport Šiauliai city, Kęstutis Petraitis, director 5<sup>th</sup> TAFISA Games 2012. Sitting (from left): Ms. Žydronė Stanienė, head, department International Relations Šiauliai city, Ms. Bae Dixon, TAFISA, Director, Business Development and Marketing, F. Wendland.

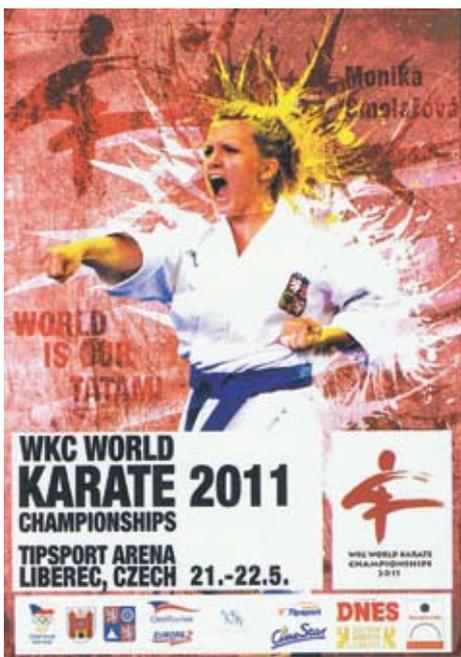
In 2010 the WKC was accepted as a member federation of the Trim and Sport for All Sports International Association (TAFISA). The TAFISA is recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). Every four years TAFISA holds the TAFISA Games and in 2008 they were organised in Busan, South Korea. In 2012 the city of Šiauliai, Lithuania, will host the 5<sup>th</sup> TAFISA Games from 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> July. Within these Games the WKC has the opportunity to hold an international karate tournament open for karateka worldwide.

Šiauliai is a city of sport and has organised many international events. This year the European Basketball finals will be executed the the huge and only four years old Šiauliai Arena which can accommodate over 5.000 spectators. There are many other convenient sport halls in the city and the neighbouring communities, which also will meet the requirements for a karate tournament. The WKC now will evaluate the possibilities of being included in the Games. A final decision will be taken during the 8<sup>th</sup> WKC World Championships in Liberec.

On 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011 F. Wendland on behalf of the WKC visited Šiauliai to see.

## 8<sup>th</sup> WKC Karate World Championships

**Liberec, Czech Republic**  
**20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2011**



The organisation and preparation for the 8<sup>th</sup> WKC Karate World Championships is nearly completed.

The organising committee is proud to announce that the Czech Olympic Committee, the Region of Liberec, the Member of Parliament for Liberec and the Lord Mayor of Liberec are fully supporting this important world event.

Many federations, supporters and media from around the world are expected to take part in Liberec.

### Official support



Mgr. Jan Korytar, Lord Mayor of Liberec, has taken over the patronage over the WKC World Karate Championships 2011, Liberec, Czech Republic. „I would not consider myself a proper mayor if I would not be delighted by the fact, that WKC World Karate Championships will be hosted by city of Liberec. I am even more pleased to be informed that Liberec is the very first city to host such important event in the history of czech karate. In a letter to the organizing Committee the Lord Mayor said. „I am sure that the city has a great deal to offer to our guests and that they will all bring home thoughts of an excellent sporting experience along with memories of the lovely days spent in Northern Czech,“ With this letter the Lord Mayor has increased the importance of the organizing committee to the Czech politician to fully support the WKC World Karate Championships 2011.



Mr. Stanislav Eichler, Governor of the Liberec region, expressed his full support for the WKC World Karate Championships and its organizing committee. The region

## 8<sup>th</sup> WKC Karate World Championships

of Liberec is one of the proud partners and is delighted to be part of the highest karate event ever held in Czech and in the region of Liberec.

Welcome by  
Mr. Petr Skokan, MP

Parliament of the  
Czech Republic  
Chamber of Deputies



Prague, February 16, 2011

Ladies and Gentlemen,

this May eyes of all karatekas and fans of martial art from all over the world will be focused on Liberec. This city in the north of the Czech Republic, with the population of 100.000 inhabitants will host the most important event of karate world the WKC World Championships. Competitors from different countries will come together to Liberec to compete with each other to win the title of the World Champion. The WKC World Karate Championship is also a great opportunity to exchange knowledge, skills but also to create new friendships and to have just a great time.

As Liberec already hosted several events of a global importance you can expect a very pleasant ambience, people who are willing to help and facilities of a real world class.

You are very welcome to come on May 20-22, 2011 to Liberec and to enjoy another great WKC World Karate Championship and to learn the hospitality of the city of Liberec and the Czech Republic.

Best regards,

Petr Skokan  
Member of Parliament Czech Republic

### Venue

TipSport Arena is one of the most modern multi-purpose venues in Europe. It has been hosting Czech and international events. TipSport Arena is a unique multi-purpose complex that is ideal for holding international sporting events, such as the Davis Cup, Euro Hockey Tour, national and international basketball leagues. The new arena has a seating capacity up to nine thousand spectators.

TipSport Arena will offer room for 7 fighting areas, staging area and warm up area. All separated and run independently. The Arena will also provide modern video cubes, facility for life broadcast and the show held at the finals. There will be plenty of seats available for competitors and their company, VIP sector for Presidents and restaurants to satisfy all requirements.

TipSport Arena for all the days of the competition will be connected with the official hotel by shuttle bus, departing and arriving every 15mins. The ride from hotel to arena and vice versa takes 10mins. The transfer will be free of charge for all competitors staying in the official hotel.

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Single room	1.091 CZK (approx € 45)
Double room	818 CZK (approx € 34)
Twin room	818 CZK (approx € 34)
Triple room	727 CZK (approx € 30)
Quad room	636 CZK (approx € 26)

Prices in Euros are only approximate the actual price in Euros depends on rate on your payment date. Prices listed above are valid only for rooms booked and paid before 30th April 2011



Hotel Babylon

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### Transfer

Coming by plane it is highly recommend to land at either Prague or Dresden airport (Germany). The organizing committee will set up a transfer from/to both listed airports. The price is 375 CZK (approx €15) per journey from Prague airport and 500 CZK (approx € 20) per journey from Dresden airport and the transfer can be booked online or booking form can be obtained from the website [www.karate2011.cz](http://www.karate2011.cz). For bigger squads (40 members and more) special prices apply.

### Visa

The Czech Republic is member to the Schengen community of countries. Countries in need of Visa to enter Schengen area are listed on the website [www.karate2011.cz](http://www.karate2011.cz). However the organizing committee will try to help as much as possible with VISA requests.

### Draft Program

Time	FRIDAY, 20 <sup>th</sup> MAY 2011	Place
09.00 am – 02.00 pm	<b>Seminar for all registered Coaches &amp; Referees</b> (Mandatory in Karate-Gi & WKC Referee Uniform)	Hotel Babylon
09.00 am – 02.00 pm	<b>Registration &amp; Weigh-In of Competitors</b>	Hotel Babylon
05.00 pm – 07.00 pm	<b>WKC Meeting</b>	Hotel Babylon
08.00 pm – 09.00 pm	<b>Opening Ceremony</b>	Hotel Babylon
	SATURDAY, 21 <sup>th</sup> MAY 2011	
09.00 am – 02.00 pm	Eliminations Kata Ind. all Kata Styles +18 y. (Female/Male) Eliminations Kata Ind. all Kata Styles +40 y. (Female/Male) Eliminations Kata Team all Kata Styles (Female/Male) Eliminations Kumite Team Ippon & Sanbon (Female/Male)	Tipsport Arena
03.00 pm – 05.00 pm	Finals Kata Ind. Goju, Shito, Shorin, Wado +18 y. (Female/Male) Finals Kata Ind. all Kata Styles +40 y. (Female/Male) Finals Kata Team Goju, Shito, Shorin, Wado +18 y. (Female/Male) Finals Kumite Team Ippon (Female/Male)	Tipsport Arena
06.00 pm – 08.00 pm Live TV-Broadcast	Finals Kata Ind. Shotokan +18 y. (Female/Male) Finals Kata Team Shotokan +18 y. (Female/Male) Finals Kumite Team Sanbon (Female/Male)	Tipsport Arena
	SUNDAY, 22 <sup>nd</sup> MAY 2011	
09.00 am – 02.00 pm	Eliminations Kumite Individual Ippon & Sanbon (Female/Male)	Tipsport Arena
03.00 pm – 05.00 pm	Finals Kumite Ind. Ippon & Sanbon (Female/Male)	Tipsport Arena
07.00 pm – 08.00 pm	<b>All Medal Ceremonies</b>	Hotel Babylon
08.00 pm	<b>Farewell Party</b>	Hotel Babylon

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