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## WORLD KARATE CONFEDERATION

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To all  
WKC member federations

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Dear Mr. President,

The WKC has made a massive step forward at International Level

The General Assembly of *The Association for International Sport for All (TAFISA)* unanimously approved the **WKC** as a **full member**. Provisory membership was already granted by the TAFISA Executive Board in April 2010. The General Assembly was part of the 22<sup>nd</sup> TAFISA Congress from 10 to 14 November 2011 in Antalya, Turkey.

Through the TAFISA the WKC is now part of a big family of National Olympic Committees, National Sport Federations and several Scientific Associations. In addition to this the WKC will directly benefit from the recognition of the TAFISA by the *International Olympic Committee (IOC)*, the UNESCO and the *World Health Organization (WHO)*. What is very significant: the IOC signed an agreement of cooperation with the TAFISA. The IOC from now will sponsor TAFISA as many other International Federations are. The IOC has selected TAFISA delegates as members of the IOC Commission "Sport for All".

Under the roof of the **5<sup>th</sup> TAFISA Games**, which is now under the **patronage of the IOC** the WKC intend to hold three tournaments:

*Open WKC World Championships,  
8<sup>th</sup> Junior & Cadet World Championships  
World Cup for Children  
5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> July 2012  
Šiauliai, Lithuania*

This will be the first time that we have ever been able to compete through TAFISA under the patronage of the IOC.

More than 6.000 sportsmen and sportswomen from all continents are expected to take part in many different sports. One major point we have to fulfil the special requirements concerning the registration dates:

All participants requiring a Schengen **visa** have to submit the necessary data to the organiser by the **1<sup>st</sup> March 2012**

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All participating competitors and officials have to register for accreditation no later than the **15<sup>th</sup> May 2012** with the Šiauliai organiser.

All participants can only stay in the accommodations which are offered by the organiser as there are no other possibilities because all rooms are already rented by the organiser.

There are four levels of accommodation:

**10 Euro per person per day** including Games accreditation and accommodation in halls with one's own sleeping bag. No food or free transportation will be offered. This might be a choice for participants with own transport (car or bus).

**30 Euro per person per day** including accreditation, full board (three meals a day), accommodation in guest houses, hostels, private homes, free transport in the city of Šiauliai.

**45 Euro per person per day** as above but lodging in \*\* hotels

**75 Euro per person per day** as above but lodging in \*\*\* hotels

The federations which book a package tour through their travel agency should note that there are no other rooms available in Šiauliai or neighbouring towns or villages than those offered by the organiser. They must advise their travel agency to book the accommodation through the Šiauliai organiser.

The participation fees for the WKC have to be paid as usual to the WKC at the tournament registration.

More details will be given to you in our next publications (bulletins, newsletters, on the webpage).

Our Russian federation *Karate Federation of Russia* KFR is co-organiser of a very big open tournament 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> April 2012 in *St. Petersburg, Russia*. The WKC rules will apply in the WKC section of the tournament. Please see [www.imac-olymp.com](http://www.imac-olymp.com) and contact Dr. Viatcheslav Timofeev, e-mail [fkchr@pochta.ru](mailto:fkchr@pochta.ru) if you are interested to take part.

Sincerely yours

WKC Executive Committee

