

To all WKC member federations

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Dear Mr. President,

Time is running quickly. Please note the special requirements of the local organizer in Siauliai concerning the registration deadline for the WKC Championships as part of the 5th TAFISA Games in Siauliai, Lithuania:

All participants requiring a Schengen visa have to submit the necessary data to the local organizer in Siauliai by the 01st March 2012 by the following Link: <u>http://www.siauliai2012.lt/championships.html</u>

All participating competitors and officials have to register for accrediation no later than 15th May 2012 also by the above Link.

We really understand that for several of our member federations this is rather earlier than usual. While on the other hand you have to understand these requirements have to be met as we are not the only sport taking part in Lithuania. The administration of about 6.000 participants of the various sports is a huge task. As usual, Karate practitioners should show a willingness to support and help the local organising committee.

Please check the following webpage <u>http://www.siauliai2012.lt/championships.html</u> for the Games registration and the accommodation booking. If you bring supporters then they have to book their accommodation also through the Lithuanian OC by the above mentioned Link.

The usual registration for the karate tournament will be done by our WKC office (Vice-President Mr. R. Dietrich) in the usual way. The WKC registration forms are still online on our webpage (webpage message from 15th January 2012).

For the categories, styles and age groups please see our webpage under the button "Categories".

Recently the following federations joined the WKC:

New Member:

- Federacion Brasilera de Karate, FBK-Brazil; President: Mr. Marcio Fuscaldo

- Gima-Ha Shoto-Ryu Karate-do Association Germany, GSK-Germany; President: Mr. Martin Kroeckel

- Lithuanian Shotokan Karate Federation, LSKF-Lithuania; President: Mr. Kazimieras Bartkevicius

We would also like to inform you that the 9th WKC World Championships will be organised in Melbourne, Australia in March 2013 by the Karate Alliance of Australia KAA. The President of the KAA and also Regional President for Oceania, Mr. Keith Geyer, and his team will do their best to make this event in "down under" another great success for the WKC. Our founding member and world known Shotokan expert, Master Stan Schmidt, has already confirmed to teach at the seminar prior to the Championships. As Australia is far away to all other continents we advise all our members to plan their budget as early as possible for next year keeping in mind the air transport costs. The WKC is in negotiations with the International Martial Art Games Committee IMGC to have the 5th International Martial Art Games IMG together in Melbourne.

The WKC already participated at the 3rd and 4th IMG in Bangkok and Tallinn respectively. More details on the 2013 World Championships will be given to you in our next publications.

We give you once again our new bank details in the attachment. Those of you who want to transfer the annual membership fees of 350 Euro by bank are welcome to do so. Please give as reference the abbreviation of your federation's name, the year and the country, for instance for the German Karate Confederation mention *GKC 2012, Germany* or for the Serbian Karate Union refer *SKU 2012, Serbia.* Federations not transferring the membership fees by bank will be charged at the registration of the next championships.

We hope to see as many members of your federation in Lithuania.

Sincerely yours

WKC Executice Committee





WKC WORLD KARATE CONFEDERATION

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