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From the President



Dear friends,

First of all I wish to express on behalf of the WKC ExCom and myself the best wishes of prosperity, good health and success in the year 2019 to all of you!

As you already know, our big 2019 event - 13th World Championships for Cadets, Juniors and Seniors and World Cup for Children will take place from 15th to 17th November 2019 in Serbia, City of Požarevac, 80 km away from the capital city.

The majority of participating countries do need entry visas, but please check the visa regime on time and if it is necessary for your country, do not hesitate to contact the hosting federation: SKU (Serbian Karate Union) office:

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You should check visa regime for entering Serbia on the official web site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:
<http://www.mfa.gov.rs/en/consular-affairs/entry-serbia/visa-regime>

Very soon you will receive more detailed information about the Championships, with accommodation facilities, maps, photos and usual helpful tips.

In the meantime, during and after Resita event, the ExCom wants to give some suggestions to the member federations for the sake of better cooperation and benefit of the Wkc and all our members:

1. Member federations are recommended and encouraged to use the Wkc logo as their own or beside their logo in the official documents, head letters, etc. It is not just allowed, but very much appreciated and welcome to advertise the WKC, by using its logo and putting it on your diplomas, certificates, medals, posters. Some federations have even added the "WKC" to the official federation's name.
2. Member federations are recommended to organise regional Wkc events. We are glad that many federations have hosted some very successful regional tournaments and we consider this as a possibility to enrich the offer of events in your calendar of events, as well as a wonderful opportunity to meet more than once a year on the international level!
3. All federations are kindly asked to send us the information on their calendars of events whenever they intend to organize an international tournament. Please try to send the information with poster and program in time, so the potential participants would have enough time to prepare and make their travel plans. We will put all available information on the web site and distribute invitation in our publications

Sincerely yours

Marko Nicović
President
World Karate Confederation
Marko Nicovic



THE MEMORY OF FRANCESCA FRATE

by Dr. Bruno Gilardi
WKC Vice President



It's been three months since Francesca left us and I still find very difficult to talk and write about her. The grief and the sense of emptiness are so great that it seems impossible to me that it really happened. The only way I can remember her is to write about her as if she were still with us.

She started practicing karate at the age of 7, without interruptions, as long as she could. Her commitment has always been total: as an athlete, as a teacher, as a Federal Director (General Secretary of the Italian Martial Arts Federation, FIAM).

As an athlete she has won numerous Italian Championships and achieved important goals also at international level. Her sense of duty and belonging to the Federation led her to give up her competitive career prematurely, about 15 years ago, to be able to dedicate herself completely to the management of federal activity, prompted by the former FIAM presidency.

The results obtained by FIAM, both nationally and internationally, are also and above all the result of her self-sacrifice, ability and enthusiasm. Her contribution, although fundamental, has always been given with discretion and spirit of service, often leaving to others the merit of what has been achieved.

I would like to mention, among the many initiatives conceived, organized and completed by Francesca, the trip to the WKC Championship of Novo Mesto in 2008, where, thanks to her organizational capacity, FIAM brought to the competition about 150 children, in addition to the athletes in agonistic age.

Her activity as a Master in her club has allowed to shape and train athletes who today achieve results in all the international competitions of the WKC.

Whenever I think of karate, or practice karate, or meet karate friends, Francesca is always there, an inseparable part of the lives of all of us who had privilege of knowing her.



TRIP TO NORTH KOREA

By Dr. Viacheslav Timofeev
WKC Vice President

As you know, the Karate Federation of Russia version of the WKC is a member of the IMGC. At the invitation of the IMGC Executive Committee to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of the first president of the IMGC and ITF General CHOI HOMG HI from November 8 to 13, 2018, I visited North Korea. At this celebration, I met the WKC founder Dr. Fritz Wendland, who also came at the invitation of the IMGC management.

As part of the celebration, a meeting of the IMGC Executive Council was held, where it was decided that the 8th Martial Arts Games within the IMGC would be held from December 1 to 7, 2019 in the capital of Nepal, in the city of Kathmandu. Greece, the Philippines, Uzbekistan and Russia were recognized as candidates for the 9th Martial Arts Games as part of the IMGC in 2021.

As part of the celebration, I held working meetings with the IMGC President with Professor RI YOUNG SON with the IMGC Secretary General KIM MEN GYN and with the members of the IMGC Executive Council: ARTHUS ARBOLEDA from the Philippines, RON ENG KHOR from Australia and with representatives from IMGC from countries such as: Czech Republic - MAREK LAZOR, Nepal - RAI KUMAR RHAPA, Sweden - STEFAN PETERSSENS, Bangladesh - MUKTAR HUSSAIN.

He told them about the activities of the WKC. Invited karate players of various styles from different federations, associations and clubs to participate in the IMGC games in 2019 in the city of Kathmandu, Nepal.



ACTIVITIES OF THE WKC MEMBERS

The autumn months were a very busy period, rich in international events organized by our members. All events were a great success, and we just want to mention some of them:

The traditional "3 countries tournament" took place on 29th September in Chianciano Terme, Italy with participation of the senior male kumite teams of the Northern Ireland, Serbia and Italy. Once again FIAM has proved to be a great organizer of this traditional event!



All-Russian tournament in Togliatti held on 27th-30th October 2018 with presence of Mr. Farkhat ZHALMURZIN (Kazakhstan) Vice President (left) and Dr. Viacheslav Timofeev, Vice President/ Executive Chairman



EKA (English Karate Alliance) organized the most successful event - EKA National on October the 21st 2018 in Barnsley, UK



SKA (Scottish Karate Alliance) organized WKC SCOTTISH INTERNATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018 "20th SKA Ayrshire Open" on November the 4th 2018.



SKU (Serbian Karate Union) hosted the 1st Open WKC Balkan Cup on 11th November in the City of Požarevac where the next WKC world event will take place (15th - 17th November 2019)



From November 28 to November 29, 2018, St. Petersburg hosted the Open international karate tournament "Pulse of the Neva". More than 500 participants participated in this competition. 4 countries:

1. Oyama Indian Karate Federation - India
2. Latvian Karate Association - Latvia
3. Shotokan Karate Federation of Kazakhstan - Kazakhstan
4. WKC Karate Federation of Russia - Russia

This was the stage of preparation for the World Championship to be held in Serbia in Požarevac and to the international imgc competition that will be held in Nepal.



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