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From the President



To all
WKC member federations

Dear Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the WKC Executive Committee and the Serbian Karate Union I would like to welcome you to the 1st WKC Open International Children & Cadets and Juniors Cup in Subotica, Serbia, which will take place on 14th and 15th November 2009.

The city of Subotica was chosen for numerous reasons: its excellent location, right in the heart of Europe, easily accessible from all directions, located on the very border with Hungary, for its long karate tradition, with over 20 karate clubs that cooperate and coexist, for its hospitable and friendly inhabitants, the spectacular beauty and rich history. There is a large arena at the sport centre with space for 12 tatamis and seating capacity for 4.000 spectators, which allows us to hold the championships in two competition days.

I am sure you all will enjoy the outstanding hospitality of this elegant city which is 2 – 2, 5 hours away from two big European cities (about 200 km) both the Serbian capital Belgrade and Hungarian capital Budapest.

The WKC leadership made the decision to organize this event because of the lack of the official tournaments catering for the largest age groups practicing Karate and also in order to attract more karate members to join the WKC. Therefore it is open to all people of good will, federations, clubs, groups and individuals. We are sure that this event will be a great success for the WKC and an opportunity for thousands of young people not just from Europe, but also from all over the world to meet in a friendly atmosphere.

Let us work together in the spirit of karate-do.

See you all in Subotica!

Marko Nicović
WKC & SKU President



From the Editor



Dear friends,

As more and more youngsters take up our martial art karate as their favourite physical exercise the WKC Executive Board has taken this in to account. With this in mind, we wish to give them another opportunity to meet for an international event with in the two year allocated for their event. The Serbian federation SKU have been so kind through their member club "Enpi" and have arranged another world tournament this autumn in Subotica, a city near to the Hungarian border, one a half hour away from the international airports of Belgrade and Budapest. This makes it easy for everybody to reach this place without difficulty. We intend to make this event a permanent one organised in autumn every odd year.

The 7th World Championships in June 2009 in Ft. Lauderdale proved the technical advancement made by our confederation with the support and engagement of the national instructors and the stability of our rules since the foundation of the WKC thirteen years ago. The American athletes proved to be of a very high standard again and took the lead in the medal score. Of course, they had an advantage as they had the largest entry and they competed in their homeland. The critics of some participants of the championships have to consider that every host is trying its best and that every country has different opportunities. In addition, the most important aspect is that only a very few World Championships of any sport are organised in the United States. With the result, the American athletes always have to travel a long way in order to participate in our events. This is why we are very grateful to the karate section of the AAU and its chairman, Mr. Joe Mirza, who committed themselves to all this work.

On 13th August this year, the IOC Executive Board voted on the additional sports to be included in the 2016 Olympic Games. Karate, presented by the WKF leadership since 1994, failed for the fifth time. Rugby by the Executive Board to be presented to the 121st IOC session which will meet on occasion of the IOC Congress in Copenhagen in October. The session (the assembly of the 106 individual members of the IOC) will make the final decision on these two sports whether they will be included in the 2016 Games. Karate may reapply again in 2013 for the 2020 Games.

Karate may or may not become an Olympic sport – But be reassured the WKC will proceed forward as a traditional martial art.

Dr. Fritz Wendland
Editor

Subotica Town



The community of Subotica is situated in the far north of Backa, at the border to Hungary. It is a very important crossroad of motorways and railroads. It is placed on the international motorway E-75 and important railroad route that connects the Balkans with North and West Europe.

Today, Subotica is the second biggest town in Vojvodina region. Being a settlement back in the XVI century, Subotica experienced a particularly intensive development in the XIX century. Today, Subotica is a great industrial and agricultural centre and is the most important town in the entire northern part of Vojvodina. The town with its surroundings represents one of the most attractive and interesting locations for tourists.



Subotica is a town has a great number of religious artefacts and what really stand out are the monumental Catholic cathedral and the Jewish synagogue, which are the biggest in Vojvodina. The entire city nucleus has great character with beautiful architecture, built in gothic, baroque, secession, neoclassicism styles that put Subotica among the most beautiful towns in the Pannonian area.

The complex of Palic Lake is located close to the city. The lake is famous touristic destination with plenty of footpaths, the zoo, old hotels, restaurants and different sports terrains.

Draft Program

FRIDAY, 13 th November 2009		
09.00 16.00	SEMINAR FOR ALL REFEREES & COACHES (Mandatory)	Sports Hall "Dudova suma"
09.00 18.00	REGISTRATION & WEIGH-IN OF COMPETITORS	
16.00	WKC MEETING	Hotel "Patria"
19.00	RECEPTION	City Hall
SATURDAY, 14 th November 2009		
08.00	ELIMINATIONS ALL CHILDRENS' CATEGORIES INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM & JUNIOR KATA & KUMITE TEAMS	
18.00	OPENING CEREMONY	
19.00	FINALS	
SATURDAY, 14 th November 2009		
08.00	ELIMINATIONS ALL CADETS AND JUNIOR CATEGORIES INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM	
17.00	FINALS	
21.00	FAREWELL PARTY	

HOTELS & RATES (in Euro / per person & per day)

room type and service	single bb / hb	double bb / hb	triple bb / hb
hotel "Patria"	70 / 75	35 / 40	30 / 35
hotel "Galeria"	55 / 65	35 / 45	-
hotel "Alexander"	30 / 35	25 / 30	-
hostel "Incognito"	-	-	15 / 20
Youth hostels	-	-	12 / 15

bb – bed & breakfast
hb – half board (breakfast & dinner)

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- All hotels are located in the city center; walking distance to the Sport center is 10 – 20 minutes.
- Transfers to the Sport center will be provided free of charge throughout the Championships days (14th & 15th November 2009).
- Youth hostels can only provide rooms with 3, 4 or 5 beds, most of them with private baths. Meeting point is the info desk (for all participants coming by bus or car) in the hotel »Patria« the local organizing staff will assist and lead you to your accommodation on arrival.

The organizer is able to arrange additional accommodation in the nearby resort of Palic Lake in smaller hotels and/or hostels in case a large number of participants require extra accommodation. The contracted hotels and hostels listed above have a total capacity of around about 1200 beds. Please send your booking forms as soon as possible as it will be the rule "first come – first served"!

All bookings only through the local organizer *Serbian Karate Union*

Other Information

CHAMPIONSHIPS VENUE

The Championships will be held at Sport Center "Dudova suma" in Subotica. There is a superb arena with a space for 12 tatamis, and a seat capacity for about 4000 spectators.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Valid passports are required from foreign citizens entering Serbia. Please, take care that entry visas are obligatory with certain countries! You can get the information on the visas from the Serbian Embassies and Consulates, which are situated in almost all capital cities. All information can be found on the web page:

www.mfa.gov.yu (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) see under "consular affairs" – "visas regime"

Serbian entry visa will not be requested for the great number of countries. In case an entry visa is required the organizer should be contacted immediately for further assistance.

FAREWELL PARTY

Farewell Party will be held after the competition on Sunday, 15th November 2009, at 9 PM. It will be free of charge, arranged by the host federation!

INSCRIPTION FORMS

The inscription forms should be sent by e-mail to the WKC Secretariat office: wkc.office@gmx.net not later than 10th November 2009. Please, see www.wkc-org.net for competition rules.

AIRPORT FARES

Local organizer will arrange bus / minibus transportation from and to Belgrade or Budapest airports for all participants requesting transport. Return fare per person is 35 euro for both airports. The hotel and airport transportation booking form should be sent in a written form to the above mentioned contact numbers or e-mail address!

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

For any further information concerning the local organization, please contact the Local Organizing Committee of the hosting federation

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7th World Championships

12th-13th June 2009 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, USA

The American federation Amateur Athletic Union AAU hosted the 7th edition of the WKC World Championships. Due to the tight US visa regulations, several Asian member federations did not get a required entry visa; this was a major negative point against the event. Another set back was the international financial and economic crisis, which affected the budgets of many federations and as a result they had to cut down their number of participants or even refrained from travelling to the competition venue.

The organisation of the tournament itself was smooth and tight. On the other hand, the expectations of the participating athletes and officials were not fulfilled. There were no advertisements for the tournament, and no spectators attended the event. This was especially disheartening for the guests who came from far away. The technical level of these Championships were very high and perhaps the best in the history of the WKC so far.

The Technical Director of the Italian federation FIAM, Mr. Massimo Di Luigi said: "We are very satisfied with the overall karate quality within the WKC; spirit, technique, behaviour of both competitor and coaches is very high. Regarding kumite in particular, we think that the one used by the WKC in competitions is very similar to the spirit of traditional (i.e. martial art) karate, especially compared to one practiced elsewhere, which is basically only a combat sport, quite far from the karate spirit we uphold."

The Chief Coach of the Serbian federation SKU, Mr. Milorad Copic, states: "The quality of both kata and kumite competition was of a very high level. We saw many excellent competitors male and female and they showed great skill especially in shotokan kata. The behaviour of competitors was of the highest standards seen." However, "The quality of refereeing spoiled this good impression as many of the referee's demonstrated very poor decision making. It was clear there were obviously not enough referees at the championships and therefore everyone had a heavy workload. In the future there should be a much stricter selection and many referees will not be appointed and given a licence."

German Chief Coach of the DJKB federation, Mr. Thomas Schulze, an ex WKC World Champion in kumite says: "The Ippon karate was good and exciting. The fights were hard but fair. Even in the elimination rounds, the karate standard was good. Unfortunately, only a few women participated in Ippon Shobu. The Argentinian fighter (JAK) Marina Regules was very good and tough. After a hard hit in the face, she went down but she stood up, did not complain, and continued the fight. She deserved the gold medal. Kumite +40 does not make much sense because the competitors usually are no more in the active fighting process. They just return after years of abstinence. In kata it is different, there are other aspects of karate. Kumite +40 years of age should not be on the programme. In Sanbon kumite, the points were awarded too easily. Following our rules, the criteria for an Ippon or a Waza-ari are the same. The Ippon referees were also used as Sanbon judges and adapted the same scheme. – Overall the behaviour in general of all participants has improved."

Of course, some people always blame the referees for their decisions. Usually the winning party never complains. There has been a considerable improvement in the quality of the refereeing but fundamentally, the WKC can only work with referees whom the member federations send to our courses and tournaments. In addition, one may ask the referees about the ability of some coaches or competitors then one might hear another side of the story.

Altogether, we had a good championship and the best competitors took the medals as usual.

7th WKC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR SENIORS

12.06.2009 -13.06.2009 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, U.S.A

Finalist	Federation-Country
Kata Ind. +18 y. Female Goju-Ryu	
1 MALÍKOVÁ Linda	SFKBU-Slovakia
2 BUCHTOVÁ Barbora	SFKBU-Slovakia
Kata Ind. +18 y. Female Kobudo-Long	
1 TILLERY Nauja	AAU-U.S.A.
2 GANANCE Kristy	US-KS-U.S.A.
3 BUCHTOVÁ Barbora	SFKBU-Slovakia
Kata Ind. +18 y. Female Kobudo-Short	
1 TILLERY Nauja	AAU-U.S.A.
2 MALÍKOVÁ Linda	SFKBU-Slovakia
3 BUCHTOVÁ Barbora	SFKBU-Slovakia
Kata Ind. +18 y. Female Shito-Ryu	
1 PALUMBO Arianna	FIK-Italy
2 UCCELLINI Irene	FIAM-Italy
Kata Ind. +18 y. Female Shorin-Ryu	
1 TILLERY Nauja	AAU-U.S.A.
Kata Ind. +18 y. Female Shotokan	
1 HUNDERTMARK Christin	DJKB-Germany
2 TSEMELES Joana	DJKB-Germany
3 LAKIĆ Snežana	KSRS-Rep_Srpske
Kata Ind. +18 y. Female Wado-Ryu	
1 COTICHINI Francesca	FIAM-Italy
2 CAULI Eleonora	FIAM-Italy
3 BRILLI Marta	FIAM-Italy
Kata Ind. +18 y. Male Goju-Ryu	
1 KOCŠIS Ľudovít	SFKBU-Slovakia
2 KAYSER Tomáš	SFKBU-Slovakia
3 MCGEE Billy	AAU-U.S.A.
Kata Ind. +18 y. Male Kobudo-Long	
1 ABDULLAH Brandon	AAU-U.S.A.
2 NISHIME Jason	AAU-U.S.A.
3 PRITCHETT David	US-KS-U.S.A.
Kata Ind. +18 y. Male Kobudo-Short	
1 PRITCHETT David	US-KS-U.S.A.
2 MCGEE Billy	AAU-U.S.A.
3 KAYSER Tomáš	SFKBU-Slovakia
Kata Ind. +18 y. Male Shito-Ryu	
1 ZONCADA Alessio	FIAM-Italy
2 BERGAMASCHI Lorenzo	FIAM-Italy
3 REITHMEIER Robert	AAU-U.S.A.
Kata Ind. +18 y. Male Shorin-Ryu	
1 NISHIME Jason	AAU-U.S.A.
2 KANE Patrick	AAU-U.S.A.
3 FLINCHUM Morgan	AAU-U.S.A.
Kata Ind. +18 y. Male Shotokan	
1 TESAREK Jakub	SKB-Czech_Rep
2 PILMAN Jindrich	SKB-Czech_Rep
3 SEMINO Federico	FIAM-Italy
Kata Ind. +18 y. Male Wado-Ryu	
1 MARTINI Marco	FIAM-Italy
2 NOZICKA Martin	SKB-Czech_Rep
3 MUSIL Robert	SKB-Czech_Rep
Kata Ind. +40 y. Female Kobudo-Long	
1 BENNETT Jennifer	AAU-U.S.A.
2 FRALEY Janet	AAU-U.S.A.
3 BUCHWEITZ Colleen	AAU-U.S.A.
Kata Ind. +40 y. Female Kobudo-Short	
1 BENNETT Jennifer	AAU-U.S.A.
2 FRALEY Janet	AAU-U.S.A.

Kata Ind. +40 y. Female Shorin-Ryu		
1	FRALEY Janet	AAU-U.S.A.
2	ITAGAKI Aya	AAU-U.S.A.
Kata Ind. +40 y. Female Shotokan		
1	LEBEDUN Kelly	AAU-U.S.A.
2	STAUROWSKY Belinda	AAU-U.S.A.
3	BUCHWEITZ Colleen	AAU-U.S.A.
Kata Ind. +40 y. Female Wado-Ryu		
1	BURKE Jacinta	INWKF-Ireland
2	CONDON Colette	INWKF-Ireland
Kata Ind. +40 y. Male Goju-Ryu		
1	DINARDO Edward	AAU-U.S.A.
Kata Ind. +40 y. Male Kobudo-Long		
1	DINARDO Edward	AAU-U.S.A.
2	STEIN Douglas	AAU-U.S.A.
Kata Ind. +40 y. Male Kobudo-Short		
1	STEIN Douglas	AAU-U.S.A.
2	DINARDO Edward	AAU-U.S.A.
Kata Ind. +40 y. Male Shito-Ryu		
1	BARCALA Hector Luis	UAK-Argentina
Kata Ind. +40 y. Male Shotokan		
1	CHEES Julian	DJKB-Germany
2	GATARIĆ Siniša	KSRS-Rep_Srpske
3	BAKMAZ Zoran	KSRS-Rep_Srpske
Kata Ind. +40 y. Male Wado-Ryu		
1	PICCIONI Luigi	FIAM-Italy
Kata Team +18 y. Female Shotokan		
1		DJKB-Germany
2		KSRS-Rep_Srpske
3		AAU-U.S.A.
Kata Team +18 y. Female Wado-Ryu		
1		FIAM-Italy
2		INWKF-Ireland
Kata Team +18 y. Male Shito-Ryu		
1		FIAM-Italy
2		UAK-Argentina
Kata Team +18 y. Male Shotokan		
1		DJKB-Germany
2		KAA-Australia
3		US-KS-U.S.A.
Kata Team +18 y. Male Wado-Ryu		
1		SKB-Czech_Rep
Kumite Ind. +18 y. Female +60 Kg		
1	MIRDINJA Maja	KSRS-Rep_Srpske
2	ČERNÁ Mária	SFKBU-Slovakia
3	DRNDAREVIC Danica	SKU-Serbia
3	MILIĆ Jelena	KSRS-Rep_Srpske
Kumite Ind. +18 y. Female -55 Kg		
1	MARGETIC Ivana	SKU-Serbia
2	DRAPIĆ Dragica	KSRS-Rep_Srpske
3	CECCHINI Carlotta	FIK-Italy
Kumite Ind. +18 y. Female -60 Kg		
1	FERGUSON Elizabeth	AAU-U.S.A.
2	WEST Ashley	AAU-U.S.A.
3	KING Ashley	AAU-U.S.A.
3	NORRGARD Rebecca	KAA-Australia
Kumite Ind. +18 y. Female Ippon		
1	REGULES Marina Anahi	UAK-Argentina
2	HERBERT Irene	DJKB-Germany
3	LAKIĆ Snežana	KSRS-Rep_Srpske
3	TSESMELES Joana	DJKB-Germany
Kumite Ind. +18 y. Male +78 Kg		
1	TUCEK Jan	SKB-Czech_Rep
2	DŽIDA Siniša	KSRS-Rep_Srpske
3	ĆULUM Mladen	KSRS-Rep_Srpske
3	BARBINI SAMBUCIONI Augu	FIAM-Italy

Kumite Ind. +18 y. Male -68 Kg		
1	REITANO Dario	FIAM-Italy
2	OKUZONO Hidenori	MKDF-Japan
3	MURA Maurizio	FIK-Italy
3	PERIC Milan	SKU-Serbia
Kumite Ind. +18 y. Male -78 Kg		
1	LEONTIJEVIC Aleksandar	SKU-Serbia
2	SIMIC Veljko	SKU-Serbia
3	GILARDI Ivan	FIAM-Italy
3	VALENTÍK Tomáš	SFKBU-Slovakia
Kumite Ind. +18 y. Male Ippon		
1	WALSLEBEN Stephan	DJKB-Germany
2	PLOSKIĆ Mladen	KSRS-Rep_Srpske
3	MAIER Steffen	DJKB-Germany
3	ŠKRBO Draženko	KSRS-Rep_Srpske
Kumite Ind. +40 y. Female +60 Kg		
1	STAUROWSKY Belinda	AAU-U.S.A.
2	BURKE Jacinta	INWKF-Ireland
3	BUCHWEITZ Colleen	AAU-U.S.A.
3	BENNETT Jennifer	AAU-U.S.A.
Kumite Ind. +40 y. Male +78 Kg		
1	DINARDO Edward	AAU-U.S.A.
2	ABDULMUMIN Em	AAU-U.S.A.
Kumite Ind. +40 y. Male -78 Kg		
1	PICCIONI Luigi	FIAM-Italy
Kumite Ind. +40 y. Male Ippon		
1	GATARIĆ Siniša	KSRS-Rep_Srpske
2	VAN DEN BERG Lutie	KAA-Australia
Kumite Team +18 y. Female Ippon		
1		DJKB-Germany
2		KSRS-Rep_Srpske
Kumite Team +18 y. Female Sanbon		
1		SKU-Serbia
2		SKB-Czech_Rep
3		KSRS-Rep_Srpske
3		KAA-Australia
Kumite Team +18 y. Male Ippon		
1		DJKB-Germany
2		AAU-U.S.A.
3		UAK-Argentina
3		KSRS-Rep_Srpske
Kumite Team +18 y. Male Sanbon		
1		FIK-Italy
2		SKU-Serbia
3		US-KS-U.S.A.
3		AAU-U.S.A.

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Nr.	Federation-Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1	AAU-U.S.A.	15	12	10
2	FIAM-Italy	8	3	4
3	DJKB-Germany	7	2	2
4	SKB-Czech_Rep	3	3	1
5	SKU-Serbia	3	2	2
6	KSRS-Rep_Srpske	2	6	8
7	SFKBU-Slovakia	2	4	4
8	UAK-Argentina	2	1	1
9	FIK-Italy	2	0	2
10	INWKF-Ireland	1	3	0
11	US-KS-U.S.A.	1	1	3
12	KAA-Australia	0	2	2
13	MKDF-Japan	0	1	0

4th WKC Congress

The 4th WKC Congress took part on 11th June 2009 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, on occasion of the 7th World Championships. The congress being held every four years and is composed of the presidents of the member federations and the founding members. Its task is to decide on the major questions related to karate and the policy of the WKC as well as elects the Executive Committee and the auditors for the next four years. The reports by the Executive Committee members and the auditors of the past working period as well as the budget for the coming year were approved unanimously by the Congress delegates. The main point of the agenda was the election of the Executive Committee.

From the previous Executive Committee two members did not run again for election: the Vice-Presidents Ilya Gouliev (Russia) and Joe Mirza (USA). Both have been active members since the foundation of the WKC and have contributed considerably to the development of our federation. All attending the congress expressed their sincere gratitude to these karate pioneers.



New Executive Committee & Joe Mirza

The new Executive Committee is composed of Marko Nicović (President, re-elected), Roland Dietrich (Vice-President, Germany, re-elected), Ladislav Klementis (Vice-President, Slovakia), Bruno Gilardi (Vice-President, Italy), Martin Nožička (Vice-President, Czech Republic). The congress elected for Auditors: Rudolf Rammer (Austria, re-elected), Robert Musil (Czech Republic).

The Congress unanimously amended the statutes including the Founding President as a permanent member of the Executive Committee.

The SKB (Czech Republic) presented their bid for the 8th World Championships 2011 in Liberec, the FIK (Italy) for the 7th Junior and Cadet World Championships and World Cup for Children 2010 in Caorle, the SKU (Serbia) for the 7th European Championships 2010 in Novi Beograd. As well, the SKU proposed to hold every two years an Open International WKC Cup for Juniors, Cadets and Children in the city of Subotica starting in November 2009. All bids for the proposed events were unanimously approved.

President Nicović thanked the hosting federation AAU for its hospitality and the organisation of the Congress and the World Championships and wished all delegates and competitors and officials a pleasant stay in Florida as well as the best of success to all competitors.

Spanish karate team in Japan and Okinawa



Herraiz doing Tanto Dori

Sensei Salvador Herraiz, Instructor of the Hombu Dojo of the Organizacion Espanola de Karate Wado Ryu (OEKWR) in Guadalajara, Spain, was leader at the 5th cultural trip to Japan and Okinawa in August.2009.

Ten karate students visited dojos and masters like Morio Higaonna, Seiko Itokazu, Kyohiko Higa, Tetsuhiro Hokama, Takehiro Konishi, Kensei Taba and Masahiro Nakamoto, all 10th Dan. Of course the Spanish Hombu Dojo also visited the main historical karate places like Shuri Castle, Naminoue, Tomari caves, Nishihara Karate Museum, Bunbukan Kobudo museum, etc...

Salvador Herraiz was awarded 7th Dan in Karate from the Spanish Karate Organisation and the Okinawan Kenshin Kai, after a voluntary practical exam about Tanto Dori (techniques against knife) under Tetsuhiro Hokama Sensei, 10th Dan, who gave his congratulations to Spanish karate master after conferring with his colleague Kensei Taba (10th Dan Shorin Ryu). The now new Kyoshi Herraiz is 47 years old and has been training for 35 years. He was awarded 1st Dan in 1981 and 6th Dan in 2000. Master Herraiz works for the development of the WKC through his work as an author of books and martial arts magazines in Spain. His works are translated into five different languages and are distributed through more than 15 countries.



OEKWR team at Shuri Castle

10th Anniversary Celebration of the Foundation of the International Martial Art Games Committee (IMG)



Prof. Chang & WKC delegation

On September 2nd 1999 the International Martial Art Games Committee IMG was founded in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on the initiative of the late General Choi Hong Hi who created Taekwon-do. The WKC joined the IMG in 2007. Last year the 3rd International Martial Art Games were held in Bangkok, Thailand, with the participation of the WKC.

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the foundation of the IMG an Executive Board meeting, an International Martial Artists Forum, a publications exhibition, as well as demonstrations of different martial arts were organised in Pyongyang, DPR Korea.

The WKC participated at the celebration activities. Founding President Dr Fritz Wendland represented the WKC at the meetings and receptions. Two young karateka from Germany demonstrated the art of karate in front of over 2.000 spectators giving a spell binding display of the martial arts practised by the WKC. The WKC made a very good impression on the officials and



Torch light ceremony

spectators for the second time the first being held at the 3rd International Martial Art Games in Bangkok.

Prof. Dr. CHANG Ung is the president of the IMG. Prof. Chang is a member of the International Olympic Committee since 1996 and a member of the commissions Sport for all (since 1997) and International Relations (since 2005). Prof. Chang is also the president of the International Taekwon-do Federation (ITF).

The 4th International Martial Art Games will be in February 2011 in Tallin, the capital of Estonia. Tallin has been chosen Cultural City of Europe for the year 2011.

Layton does it again with the biography of Ronnie Watt 8th Dan

Watt has finally been exposed as being what many 'in the know' have believed for years. His anecdotal and physical evidence is expertly analysed and confirmed by one of karate's most prominent researchers and biographers, Dr Clive Layton. Those of us who grew up in Scottish karate have always appreciated that Watt has become not simply one of the most senior Shotokan stylists in the world today with a pedigree well beyond reproach, but that he is also an individual who has lived and breathed the art, at the highest of levels.



*Watt and the Aberdeen
Lord Provost*

Layton's portrayal of the subject's personal history in particular and Scottish karate in general, is precise and factual, painting a picture which covers the highs and lows in a manner that offers no offence. The book and the manner in which it is accurately presented, encapsulates the personality of Watt as a true karate master and a man whose whole life has been built on ethics, honesty and integrity and a very obvious passion for Shotokan karate.

Like Layton's previous works, this is a must read for all serious Shotokan karateka, at whatever level and whatever depth of interest. It offers an intriguing insight into karate's colourful past in Scotland from a man who was at its heart. Watt is simply a karateka who has not only done it all, but he has done it with and against the best. I couldn't put it down, a definite one for the library.

Dr George Carruthers
Chairman Japan Shotokan Karate Association (Great Britain)
Chairman International Shotokan-ryu Karate-do Shihankai

More details on the book: www.rwatt8thdan.com

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