

Regrettably it has taken till now to get to the stage where we are on the edge of having a single workable system for worldwide use, which is modelled on the Chinese Wushu Association Duan Wei System.

However before launching a system we need to take into account what our Members consider they want from such a system. Attending the seminar will be an opportunity to discuss and play an active part in expressing what you consider should be taken into consideration. The seminar will:-

- Explain why we need to introduce a single worldwide system of grading.
- Show what is proposed.
- Allow you to give your opinions and suggestions about the proposed system.
- Explain and discuss how it can be introduced.
- Who will be involved in introducing it?

The head of the Chinese Duan Wei System Prof Kang Gewu and Mr. Raymond Smith will present the Seminar with support from other presenters all welcome you to attend. We offer two place per federation, however if you have a greater need to send more people please inform us, it may be possible to offer extra places if all spaces are not filled by other federations taking their quota of seats.

The actual seminar is free to attend. You simply have to cover your travel and accommodation costs of attending in the official hotels. Please come and take an active part in preparing the future of our wushu.

I sincerely hope you will be able to send a delegate to attend to express your federation's point of view.

## **IWUF Youth Coaches Course**

You also have received the information relating the IWUF Youth Coaches course also in Antalya, Turkey. This course will be held from October 30<sup>th</sup> until November 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Mediterranean Wushu Championships**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Mediterranean Wushu Championships (adults and juniors) and Congress will be hold in Antalya, Turkey from November 3<sup>th</sup> until November 8<sup>th</sup>. The 1<sup>st</sup> Mediterranean Wushu Federation's Congress will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be the creation of the MWF and the elections of the MWF management committee. This will be the launch of Wushu getting the steps to go for inclusion for the future Mediterranean Games.

These three events, WGS, Youth Coaching Course and 1<sup>st</sup> Mediterranean Championships will be hosted in a synchronous way to maximise the time available.

Looking forward to meeting you at these events and occasions.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary General EWuF

- Kendo: Yoshimitsu Takeyasu  
President of the International Kendo Federation (FIK); still practicing Kendo at least three times as week, 90 year old Mr. Takeyasu is an iconic symbol of the 'life-time Kendo'
- Kickboxing: Don Wilson  
79 professional matches won in Fullcontact Kickboxing; Several world titles in various weight-classes; movie-actor and commentator for various martial art sports in the US
- Sambo: Fedor Emelyanenko  
Sambo champion; among the most famous current heavy-weight martial Arts fighters in the world
- Sumo: Davaagiin Batbayar  
First Mongolian Wrestler to reach sumo's top makuuchi division
- Taekwondo: Jeoung Jun Ho  
Actor; Grand Prix at the 28th Golden Camera Awards 2005
- Wrestling: Rulon Gardner  
Gold medallist in Greco-Roman style the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney; Bronze medallist in the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens; Winner of several awards such as "US Olympic Athlete of the Year"
- Wushu: Jet Li and Jacky Chan  
Famous movie stars known to the whole world

For this 1<sup>st</sup> edition “Dong Dong” the mascot was created and represented the “Year of the Tiger”, a very symbolic year for the Chinese culture but also for the Martial Artists. In the mascot you also could find many aspects of the Chinese legacy, as the “Tiger” and “Drum”. In ancient China, people called brave soldiers as “Tigers”. Drum is the Chinese traditional percussion instrument. In ancient time, it is widely used in battlefield. The function of it is to encourage troop morale and set the atmosphere. Dong Dong clothing refers to the famous drum feature of the Shang Dynasty.

The Wushu Competition of Combat Games was held on August 28-29 at the Olympic Center Gymnasium in Beijing (same Olympic site as 2007 and 2008). 63 athletes from 19 countries and regions participated in the taolu and sanda competition. The athletes from China, Indonesia, Iran, Hong Kong, Macau and Russia won the 13 gold medals (8 Taolu and 5 Sanda). Mr. Hein Verbruggen, President of Sportaccord, Mr. Christophe Dubi, IOC Sports Director, Mr. Ron Froehlich, President of the International World Games Association, Mr. Jan Fransoo, President of ARISF and some officials of other sports federations watched the wushu competition with great interest. 11 IWUF Executive Committee members attended the event and awarded the medals to the medalists.

A full debriefing will be done prior the end of this year and then we will focus on the next edition, probably 2013 in another continent. Why not Europe!

## **IWUF World Grading System seminar**

As you will know from the IWUF information you have received, we will hold an "IWUF World Grading System seminar" between 30 October and 2 November 2010 in Antalya, Turkey.

I have received some replies asking for more details about what the purpose of the seminar is. In brief let me give you a quick explanation about the seminar.

It all started 10 years ago when it was suggested that the IWUF should have a world grading system for wushu.

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“Dear EWuF Members,

I hope that all of you had a very good holiday period.

## **African Wushu Federation:**

During the 10<sup>th</sup> World Wushu Championships in Toronto the IWUF had some meetings with the African continent in order to solve the issue relating a legal Congress. The IWUF President appointed Mr. Wang Xiaolin and Mr. Patrick Van Campenhout to be involved with the organisation of meetings for a solution in this matter. Last July Mr. Bekir Hocaoglu, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President was attending the African Wushu Federation Congress in Tripoli. 19 of the 25 member countries were attending this Congress. Also 2 lawyers were present to witness the legality of the Congress. The outcome was that Mr. Bashir El Ardawi was elected as the new President of the AFWF. The Congress took place in a very good atmosphere and Mr. Hocaoglu witnessed an acceptance of the new AFWF constitution and the collaboration between Europe and Africa will be intensified soon. The 1<sup>st</sup> African Youth Wushu Championships will be next month from October 6<sup>th</sup> until October 11<sup>th</sup> in Tripoli, Libya. The EWuF will be present to support this first event from the AFWF.

## **Combat Games 2010 Beijing:**

During the holidays as you know the 1<sup>st</sup> historical Combat Games took place in Beijing from August 28<sup>th</sup> to September 5<sup>th</sup>. The 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Games became a very big success! From a blank piece of paper 3 years ago and many meetings and inspection visits the Combat Games finally took shape into 13 disciplines, Aikido, Boxing, Judo, Ju-Jitsu, Karate, Kendo, KickBoxing, Muay Thai, Sambo, Sumo, Taekwondo, Wrestling and last but not least WUSHU!

The Members of the Combat Games Committee are, Chairman Mr. Antonio Espinos, Deputy Chairman George Yerolimpos and Deputy Chairman Mr. Patrick Van Campenhout.

The format was the best 80 athletes from World Championships selection criteria for each International Federation. Some 1200 athletes and 800 officials attended this 1<sup>st</sup> edition. The new way was that every accredited athlete and official could attend the other disciplines in order to have a better understanding with other Martial Arts or Combat Sports. The Competition period was 8 days and 13 competitions have been successfully finalised. It was a big challenge for organizing this in the best way and we succeeded!! Three Olympic venues were used for this purpose and a University site for the training area with full Olympic equipment standards. The whole set up was on Olympic level relating infrastructure, logistics, catering, hotels etc... The Opening ceremony was held in the “Olympic Green”, the Olympic indoor stadium. It was a spectacular show with marching in of the 13 disciplines and the 13 Ambassadors were very enthusiastic about the whole set up. The 13 Ambassadors were:

- Aikido: Lydia la Rivière-Zijdel  
Several titles in various martial arts; International Consultant on Gender, Disability and Sport Self-defence teacher for disabled persons; 2009 Dutch Coalition on Disability and Development Award
- Judo: Robert Van de Walle  
Olympic Champion at the 1980 Olympic Games; first Judoka to ever compete at five Olympic Games; several times silver and bronze World Championship medalist
- Karate: Tsugo Sakumoto  
Three times Kata- world champion