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## WMAGC turns into WMAC

Reorganization of the World Martial Arts Games Movement brings new possibilities



The 7<sup>th</sup> World Martial Arts Games has been a great success for the host – Mr. Harry Folladori – and the Movement WMAGC, as there participated over 250 national qualified Athletes from 16 Countries. The event was under the patronage of TAFISA, an I.O.C. recognized Multi Sport Organization. All Athletes were happy with great refereeing and a brilliant logistical organization. Within three days they participated in Reality Based Self Defense, Karate-Kumite, Traditional Jiu-Jitsu Kodokan Kata as new Demonstration Disciplines the first day. After a tremendous opening ceremony at the harbor of Bregenz the second day started with Forms, Breaking and Creative Self Defense. The third day finished this well organized event with the disciplines Point- and Continuous Sparring, Grappling, Grapple & Strike and Sports Ju-Jitsu.



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Mr. Chris Hemstock (GB)

Besides the event there was the World Martial Arts Games Committee World Congress, held in Hotel 5 Sternen in Wolfurt / AUT. As Mr. Ken Marchtaler (CAN) – stepped down from his position as the President of WMAGC to lead the TAFISA Martial Arts Commission from now on, it was necessary to do elections and to find a new format for this movement. All participating Countries first agreed with the new name World Martial Arts Committee (WMAC). Mr. Harry Folladori (AUT) was elected to be the new President of WMAC. Mr. Freddy Kleinschwaerzer (GER) was elected to Vice-President and Mr. Chris Hemstock (GB) will oversee the National Directors of the member Countries. He will be the new Chairman of the Board of Directors within WMAC.

The next event will take place in the Olympic Stadium of the City Richmond (CAN) at 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September 2014 and will be the begin of a new direction together with the TAFISA Martial Arts Commission as the future strong partner of WMAC Country

members.

More news about the future development and the chance for other Countries to join the WMAC will be released soon. One is for sure, this WMAC is strong and will grow with fantastic ideas and partners to offer more than ever for ALL Associations, Organizations and Federations to come together on this platform as “AMBASSADORS OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP”!

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