



## **World Martial Arts Committee**

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### **WMAC - World Martial Arts Games 2019** in Varazdin (Croatia), 13.-15.09.2019

Last weekend 13.-15-09-19 the annual WORLD GAMES of the WMAC took place in Varazdin / Croatia. The location was the ARENA VARAZDIN an event hall of superlatives. Organized by the Croatian Team 300 with Hrvoje Kisoni who did a great job.

Nearly 20 nations came to Croatia with over 600 starters from 4 continents. Very exotic were the athletes from Peru & Nepal who are rarely to be found at tournaments. Most of the starters came from Germany, Austria and Italy. Unfortunately, 3 nations have been sent back to the airport - despite a valid visa.

The days of the event starts at Friday = Weighing and Opening Ceremonies, Saturday = All Fighting Disciplines and Sunday = All Traditional Disciplines. The organization of the WMAC ORG team with Daniela Klopfer & Claudia Semmerneegg was again extremely efficient and punctual so that in addition to the tournament enough time could be used for sightseeing or city tours.

As "STARGAST" WMAC President Harald Folladori welcomed - the K1 legend Ernesto (Mr.Perfekt) HOOST from Holland. Of course, our athletes also took part in the seminar with him.

#### The opening "DAY 1"

Croatian guard, laser show, Samurais with Sword Show and the famous Croatian orchestra put the General Probe of a Opera extra for the opening on Friday ... what a mega feeling - sound and acoustics. Opening by the board of WMAC and Ernest Hoost with party and coming together !

#### The competitions "DAY 2"

At the same time on 4 Areas (and ring) all kickboxing competitions as well as karate, grappling, MMA and sport JJ were held on Saturday. In the Matsports - countries as Germany, Austria, Italy, Hungary but also Scotland, America and Croatia emerged as very strong. In the ring there were Peru, Croatia, Czech Republic and Austria clearly dominated. In the Karate Kumite, the Slovaks, Austria and Germany had everything clearly in their hands and thus secured these countries already some gold medals already on the first day of competition

#### The competitions "DAY 3"

The last day had come and so the forms and Selfdefensedivisions came to the Areas. Here the Italians came out clearly, followed closely by Germany - Slovakia and Austria as well. But nations like USA ,England and Nepal were very well represented here and show the hole world that also the Forms can be a big show. Fair battles and exchanges were commonplace. Since 2016, we also have a Handicap classes which is always well occupied.

The mood in the teams was very good - fun and success in a great environment with top prizes like belts for all champions and even swords.

In the club ranking, our Austrian athletes from the KSU Black Dragon Bregenz made the first place of over 60 clubs ! In the Nations Ranking Germany could win ahead of Austria and Italy, Hungary and Croatia with represent her countries very well.

We congratulate all Nations, coaches - the hole teams and the athletes!

See you next year at the GAMES in Salzburg / AUSTRIA



With best Regards,

*Harald Folladori*  
**WMAC-President**

