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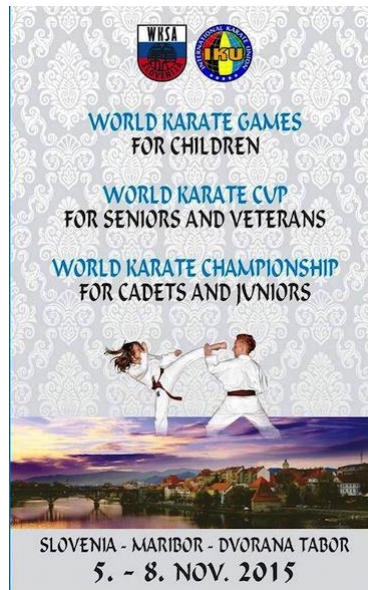
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As you are well aware the United European Karate-Do Federation (UEKF) is now structured and the headquarters is firmly located in Venice, Italy under the able leadership of Danielle Lazzarini Sensei, currently general secretary of the International Karate Union (IKU), a unity organization under the UWKF and host of the IKU Children World Cup and the World Cadet and Junior World Championships, Pre World event under the auspices of the UWKF, to be held in Malabor, Slovenia on 5 to 8 November 2015,

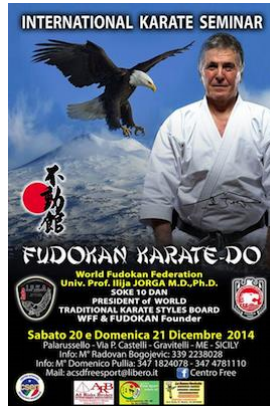


all National organisations wishing to participate must contact the IKU (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100008295810927&fref=ts>) or UWKF (<https://www.facebook.com/UWKf.org>) for more information. The President of the UEKF is Serban Valeca a very respected personality from Poland who is a nuclear scientist with a long association with karate in Europe, he is from Poland and has a great deal of knowledge, he comes from the World Fudokan Federation, another unity organization under the UWKF, created by the legendary karate-ka and medical doctors Ilja and Vladimar Jorga who have a long history in traditional karate and were under the tutelage of Nishiyama Sensei, President and founder of the international Traditional Karate Federation (ITKF) and they are very respected in World Karate circles, the organization is presided by Sensei Rajeev Sinha also a student of Nishiyama Sensei a previous director of ITKF, one of last remaining Joint Working Commission (JWC) member, appointed by World Union of Karate Organisation (WUKO) and the International Traditional Karate Federation (ITKF) together with endorsement from the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the World Karate Promotion Foundation (WKPF)

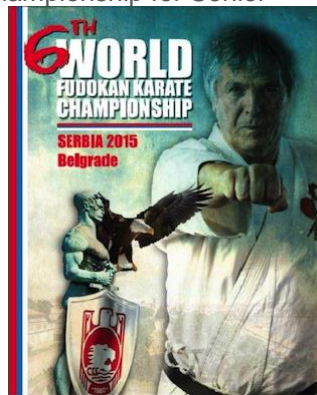


to unite karate world-wide and then seek Olympic recognition, then acceptance and eventually inclusion into the Olympic Games, for all karate and all competition formats, this is now what the United World Karate Federation will achieve after the World Karate Federation (WKF) has failed to achieve in three attempts with the IOC. We are encouraged that they are trying again and we are excited that the World fraternity in expecting the best for our sport for 2020 Olympics in Japan, but we are not impressed by the way karate is being developed it is looking more like Taekwondo and is losing the essence of what karate-do is and where it is going.

The WFF



will hosted the Pre World Senior Championship for Senior



for all formats of karate and the 5 recognised styles in Belgrade from the 3 to 5 December 2015, for more information contact Sensei Alexandar Simic on email: simokaratedo@gmail.com, or <https://www.facebook.com/pages/World-Fudokan-Federation/428081090602377?fref=ts> we urge all member to get ready for a Global Karate Convention to be held during during the Pre World Senior Karate Championship, a detailed program will be sent out in the next month newsletter. See Pre World Championship event info here: <http://www.fudokaninfo.com/6th-world-fudokan-karate-do-championship>,

UNITED WORLD KARATE FEDERATION (UWKF)

The United World Karate-Do Federation is an organization created in Japan in 1992 by Sosai Chodoin Daikaku as the United World Karate-do Association, a prominent business-person and a lover and promoter of Japanese Budo and especially Karate-Do, Sosai is known in Japan as the “fixer” as he is sought after for resolving the karate problems that other don’t want too or don’t know how to resolve. see his TV interviews on <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Daikaku-Chodoin/270782749665917?fref=ts>,



Sosai passion is to see World Karate-do united and developed throughout the world for world peace and prosperity through the serious study of Japanese Budo and especially karate-do, this is why he created the Imoto Kaigi (founders organization), where the students of the founders of styles i.e. Shotokan, Goju Ryu, Shito Ryu, Wado Ryu and Kyokushinkai/ Full Contact, these students of masters who have contributed immensely towards developing karate World-wide and they are regarded as **intangible treasures** in Japan for their unselfish and tireless effort spreading karate-do throughout the world, Today responsible to spreading karate to millions of people throughout the world. They have travelled for over 50 years teaching and spreading karate in every continent and every country, now in the late 70's. 80's or 90's they cannot travel anymore due to age and health reason decided to contribute through the UWKF. The Imoto Kaigi is made up of Sosai Chodoin as President, Hirokazu Kanazawa (in his 80;s) heading up the Shotokan group, Goju Ryu headed by the legendary Morio Higaonna (in his late 70's).

We are sad to announce our Wado head Toru Arakawa Arakawa sensei who was amongst the original three instructors who presented Wadokai karate during a tour of Europe in April 1964. He took over from Wakabayashi sensei as the Secretary General of Wadokai at the end of 1962, continuing in the role until 1979 and in doing so became the longest serving Secretary General.



He has played a leading part in the Japan Karate Federation (JKF). In 1982 he modelled the kata for the first JKF Shitei kata book (standardised approach of eight kata, two from Shotokanryu, Gojuryu, Shitoryu and Wadoryu). His role as a Director in JKF has seen him travel all over the world to well over 50 countries teaching authentic karate, has unfortunately passed away on the 21 June 2015 (1932-2014) and we send our deepest and sincere condolences to his family and thousands of students world-wide, Arakawa Sensei was on the WKF technical commission for many years and was partly responsible for the standardisation of kata in WKF and improvement in the safety and refereeing of karate-do. He will be greatly missed by all karate-ka, a humble man

with great karate ability and manner, UWKF will be announcing his replacement after the required mourning period according to Budo customs.

Shito Ryu is headed by Kenei Mabuni,



the son of the founder of Shito Ryu, who is currently 97 years old, born on 13 February 1918 and still teaching karate-do, what dedication and an example to all of us.

Full Contact is headed by Masayasu Sugihara of the Byajuren Ryu which has as its base Shorinji Kempo and a direct student of Doshin So founder of this style and one of the most proficient practitioners of Full Contact karate.

These 5 styles will contest the kata championships with each style taking part in their style kata competition until the finals, in all 5 styles, then the top three from each style will contest the ultimate kata championship to declare the ultimate champ.

UWKF Championships and development will also include three kumite competition: Traditional, General and Contact karate kumite in one organization and one venue and one World competition from children up to Masters (6 years to 70 years) in different World competitions for the different world events i.e. World United Children Karate Championships, World Womens Karate Championships, World United Seniors, Veterans and Masters Championships, World United Club Championships. UWKF will only admit one United National Karate Federation per country which admits all styles and all kumite formats, we don't interfere with your personal style organization and we allow our members to take part in all formats and with all organization. We don't believe in restricting karate-ka and any karate-ka who is a member of UWKF is allowed to participate in ANY Championship in any organisation, in any country, we don't believe in calling anyone **dissident** as karate-ka are brothers and sisters in a universal physical language - KARATE.

History of Karate-do from 1990 to 2015



We have read the “new” created history of the unification of karate and the WKF Presidents role in this historic and defining moment in karate’s history, it is really not good human etiquette, when

someone wants to rewrite history to make himself prominent and deletes the efforts of all other who shouldered the burden towards this road of giving dignity to World karate. You can see from the photos in this article there is no Antonio Espinos in these photo, that is because he was not there during the historic signing of the Osaka declaration, it was this historic meeting between two Presidents Delcourt (deceased) from WUKO and Nishiyama (deceased) from ITKF, together with their chosen representative Imtiaz Abdulla (active), Taikichi Mano (deceased) from WUKO.WKF and Rajeev Sinha (active) and Michel Crowe (retired) from ITKF, who were entrusted to get karate unified and accepted by the IOC again in 1995, thus the formation of the **Joint Working Commission (JWC)**, when karate presented its best chance to be readmitted (Karate was removed from the IOC in 1988, due to no unity between the WUKO and the ITKF) into the IOC, as the World Karate Federation (WKF), actually speaking WKF is a merger of the WUKO and ITKF, organizations governing General Karate (WUKO) called K karate in the IOC statutes and Traditional Karate called T karate under the same statutes, so the WKF is a unification of traditional and general karate, but this is far from the truth. In 1994 in Kota Kinabalu, Imtiaz Abdulla was voted with absolute majority at the WUKO/ WUKO Congress as WUKO/WKF Vice President for Traditional karate and Antonio Espinos was voted unanimously as General Vice President so they had the same equal status in the WKF/WUKO. Previously, in 1989 the IOC drafted a set of statutes, drafted by its legal commission under the leadership of Keba Mbaye (Head of IOC Legal Commission) from Senegal, called the Principles of the 101st Session decision which the IOC resolved that only in unification can karate be admitted into the Olympic Movement, as a provisional member then, as a full recognition sport and then as a candidate to be included in future Olympic Games, for Karate Unification both side had to fulfil certain fundamental issues before recognition will be given back to karate, for its inclusion in the Olympics. A clearly spelt out process of how and what needs to be achieved was presented to karate and then it was all systems go.

Sosai Kunio Tatsuno then appeared on the scene in 1994 as a very charismatic personality that was once a karate-ka and had just taken the sokeship of Seishinkai, a respected organization created by Shogo Kuniba who was a colleague of Mr. Ryoichi Sasagawa (non karate-ka) the founding president of the JKF, who was a prominent political and business figure in Japan, Tatsino was asked by Mr. Jacques Delcourt to assist in the unification of karate with the ITKF and Nishiyama in particular, Tatsuno needed this as he wanted to clean up his past image and saw this as an opportunity to redeem himself in Japan and make a name for himself in the world of Karate. Unfortunately he was naive and inexperienced and required much advised and schooling on matters of world karate politics, he then entrusted the advised of Imtiaz Abdulla and both gentlemen travelled throughout the world lobbying IOC members and karate leaders to give karate a chance of one day getting KARATE TO THE OLYMPICS. Little did they realise that this not what European Karate under the leadership of Delcourt and Espinos wanted, they wanted total power and at all cost without unification. They used this occasion, Tatsuno’s resources and this effort to get the IOC to return the provisional recognition, and when this was achieved the true objectives of what their intention was, was revealed, dirty politics, money and greed was the

agenda. In 1998 a gruelling election was held in Brazil where the incumbent President Delcourt decided to retire, due to an investigation in France about embezzlement of funds from the French Karate Federation and the contestation for President was between Antonio Espinos, Giuseppe Peliccone, and Imtiaz Abdulla this represented the group that wanted unity (Imtiaz Abdulla) and those that opposed unity (Antonio Espinos), it was a very clear position that the elections in Brazil were rigged from the start, the votes were loaded on the Espinos side, and candidates were paid for voting for Espinos, it was amazing that many countries that were not members were immediately given membership and allowed to vote. The voting audit committee was led by Jacques Delcourt and his cronies thus ensuring a win by all cost. This resulted in Espinos purging all those that were a threat to him and the road is littered with corpses of this targeted and ruthless agenda of removing all records and all memory of anyone who was part of the unification or had anything to do with it. Thus today we read a history that is distorted and written to propagate a theory that it was Espinos and ONLY Espinos that got karate to the Olympic road. This is far from the truth.

For nearly 25 years, Imtiaz Abdulla and Rajeev Sinha, have been a part of the unification process where they relentlessly worked to unify world karate, but were always betrayed and sinister forces and methods used to derail this noble and important process for ALL karate in the world. As responsible and dignified persons with world repute and experience they decided after giving karate 20 years of getting Karate to the Olympics which failed, to recommit themselves together with Sosai Chodoin the person that sponsored Mr. Kunio Tatsuno, and encouraged him to fight and push for karate's acceptance into the Olympic movement, their efforts were successful but high-jacketed by the Delcourt and Espinos camp, it becomes our responsibility to bring the truth before the next generation and to create a new clean structure to get karate unified, developed and presented for a pure and professional acceptance into the future Olympic Games with everyone from ALL karate formats competing just like Judo has managed to achieve.

With the historic signing of the WKF-ITKF Joint Statement led by Hidetaka Nishiyama (Chairman, ITKF) and Mr. Jacques Delcourt President of WUKO.WKF) at a duly constituted meeting in Osaka, Japan in 1996 for the unification of karate into one federation administering all karate, the JWC (Joint Working Committee) was established with Mr. Kunio Tatsuno as its convener and Mr. Mr. Imtiaz Abdulla (WKF Vice President), Mr. Takaichi Mano (WKF General Secretary), Mr. Rajeev Sinha, ITKF Director) and Mr. J. Michael Crowe (ITKF General Secretary) as JWC Members. This JWC was recognised by the IOC and given the task of unification of world karate.

But there is a question as to why did Karate fail to make it to Olympics despite hard work of JWC who worked unanimously under the principles of 101st session document of the IOC?

Watch this space for more in next months newsletter.



Press conference



negotiation of Agreement



OSAKA Declaration 1996

Leadership and Structure of UWKF



Wheel and Spoke strategy



The Leadership of United World Karate Federation is divided up into a hub and 5 spokes formation of management. The Hub is the world Executive Committee made up of the honorary President and Imoto Kaigi head - Sosai Daikaku Chodoin, Executive Chairman - Imtiaz Abdulla, Executive Director -Rajeev Sinha, General Secretary Europe - Danielle Lazzarini, General Secretary Africa - Dr. Jack Mbom, General Secretary South America to be announced in September 2015 after South America meeting in Brazil, General Secretary North America to be announced at th end August 2015, after the meeting in USA, Asia General Secretary to be announced in September after Asia meeting in India. Style Technical Head Dr. Ilja Jorga and head of of United World Shotokan Federation, incorporation all other styles for Kata Competition Commission, Spartacco Bertoletti Head of Media and Public Relations founder Sportivo Martial Arts magazine, Florentine Marisniscu Head of Culture and Karate History Commission, Referees Commission Head for all kumite formats to be appointed in September 2015

Each continental with have a President who will be responsible to represent that respective continental at the UWKF and will be designated as Vice President of UWKF, the continental union will be divided further into 5 regions North, South, East and West and a Central region, which

shall have a manageable number of countries which shall make up the continental union, each with its own hub and spoke structure. All this must be completed by December 2015.

The 1st UWKF World Championship will be held in a city that will be announced after the consultation of the Imoto Kaigo, The World Executive Committee and the Continental Union in July or August 2016, the preferred venue for this event is Okinawa, the birth place of karate, thus returning to our roots but this will only be decided in December 2015. Until next month keep uniting and developing karate for the next generation we owe this as a minimum to all karate-ka and all formats under one organization the United World Karate Federation. our saying is: **“On Ko Chi Shin” Ro search the Old , is to understand the New**

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