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FROM PRESIDENT

The name WUKO is arousing awe around the world. This entity was born to rescue Karate and to develop friendships among those affiliated with it and to do so while maintaining a high technical level and good relations among the peoples of all five continents.



For all of us who, together, created the WUKO, we are happy to see almost one hundred international entities join us, all with the sole purpose of making karate the best it can be, characterized by respect for all human beings, while honoring its different styles.

From the very beginning, we outlined goals and objectives, and we are fulfilling them with great success and

with the active participation of all affiliated members.

This year we have realized the following events:

Open Oceania: February of 2006, in Palmstorn North New Zealand

Open European: June of 2006, in St. Polten - Austria.

Pan-american: August of 2006, in Iguassu Falls - Brazil.

The next continental event will be the Asian Open, while will be held in November, in the city of Vishakahapatnam, India. It will certainly be a great success under the direction of WUKO.

Our biggest event this year will take place in Cluj Napoca, Romania. It will be the World Championships for Children, Cadets and Juniors. We expect more than 1000 competitors in this event. In this event, we expect to meet all affiliated members of WUKO. For the first time we will have a World Championship that will include the participation of children, ages 6 to 14, in Shiai Kumite. The Organizing Commission will provide the head and torso protectors for the participants of this age group. By doing so, we will be assuring the physical integrity of every child so that none of them will return home injured in any manner.

The name WUKO is a registered trademark in the competent International Brands and Patents organizations. We invite you to join us in another great celebration of World Karate.

Osvaldo Messias de Oliveira
WUKO President.

HONORARY PRESIDENT

We want to remark a declaration recently made to a magazine by Carlo Henke, WUKO Honorary President:

"We have refounded a glorious organization, which was abandoned for political reasons and forgotten too early. Our intention is not to enter into competition with the WKF, the sole federation officially recognised by the IOC, International Olympic Committee. We are going our



way, which is really different from the one of the WKF. If necessary for the common good, we will be surely ready, with equal duties and equal dignity, to meet and to decide on a collective strategy. The new WUKO intends to gather in its range all those who practice a historical, a cultural and an educational karate as well as a sporting and a competitive one. Without ties nor constraints: who chose to adhere can practice also in other organizations. Our goal is not to proceed damaging other

federations, but to muster up the best strengths of who doesn't support the historical values of karate and of who beyond the traditional practice searches a competitive opportunity through the sporting match. We want to create an organization at the service of the great idea to win one day, all together, that Olympic recognition, which today seems so unrealistic and far

. This aim could be reached only exalting the values of honesty in relations, of loyalty and of mutual cooperation". Composed words, which prove the wish to unite and not to divide.

Carlo Henke
Honorary President



WUKO World Karate Championships for Children, Cadets and Juniors

Cluj Napoca, Romania

20th to 22th October 2006

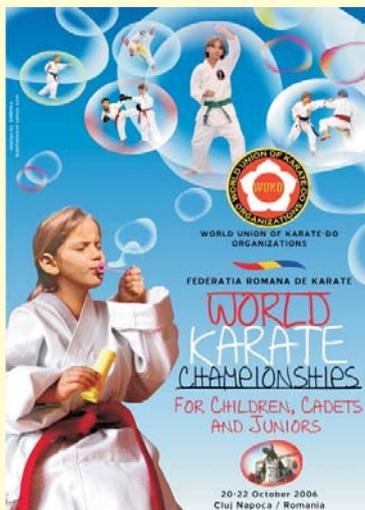
Hosting: Dr. Liviu Crisan

Federatia Romana de Karate

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WUKO - WORLD KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR CHILDREN, CADETS AND JUNIORS Cluj Napoca, Romania - 20-22 October 2006



The Inscription Form for "World Karate Children, Cadets and Juniors" in Cluj Napoca - Romania on October 2006 are in our site. Please, send the inscriptions of your competitors, officials, referees and coaches in this official form.

Don't forget to write: Name, Weight, Date of birth, Category, Belt Color, Kata number and Kumite number. All instructions are in our website www.wuko-karate.org - Click on Rules of Competition, Kata List and Categories.

You can send the inscription form from now until **October 9 th** by email to o.messias@wuko-karate.org with a copy to l.crisan@wuko-karate.org

On **October 18th or 19th** in Cluj Napoca - Romania you will pay the fees and may include more competitors for the event.

Remember:

The number of participants will be free on the categories from 6 to 14 years old.

On the Categories **INDIVIDUAL** from 15 years up you must inscript only 4 competitors per category.

On the Categories **TEAM** you must inscript only 1 Team per category (Kata or Kumite).

Flag and Anthem: All participant Federations have to bring 2 national flags (150 x 200 cm) and the national anthem on CD, to the registration room.

Referees: All countries must bring at least one Referee and will be compulsory for all Referees to participate in the Referee Seminar on the 18th and 19th of October. They must bring their Karate-Gi in the afternoon.

Coaches: All coaches must participate in the Referee Seminar.

Technical Seminar: We will have very good **Seminars: Wado Ryu, Goju Ryu, Shito Ryu and Shotokan** for all interesting and It will be compulsory for ALL Referees.

Hotels: The official Hotel will be the **BELVEDERE HOTEL**. Check the list of the Hotels in our site.

We would like to ask all Federations which are willing to participate to make the hotel reservations at the following e-mail address: accommodation.cluj@gmail.com.

Important info: The official staff will arrange free transportation from the Cluj-Napoca Airport to these hotels and from them to the Sports Hall only if the hotel reservations are made through this e-mail address.

WELCOME TO CLUJ NAPOCA

Cluj Napoca City, capital of Transylvania is prepared to meet you in October for the big WUKO festival of Karate. The host of the event, Federatia Romana de Karate, is preparing all is necessary for you to have a wonderful stay in our city with a history of more than 2000 years. All the important institutions, Lord Mayor of Cluj, Dr. Emil Boc, is fully involved in the preparation of event, one of the most important for our city in 2006. The official hotels and restaurants are advised to offer you traditional meals and drinks as well as you could fully taste from Romanian specific traditions.

Accord Travel Company, our partner for the organization of the championship, will offer you the best possibilities to visit Cluj Napoca sites and surroundings if you will like to find more of the heart of Transylvania. Every delegation will have a hostess that will assist you in your language for all your request that you will have in Cluj Napoca. Don't forget to prepare yourselves for the big Farewell Party in one of the biggest discotheque in Romania. ...And don't worry we have talked with Dracula too...He will eat before you come, so you will meet him only like a friend of Karate. So don't miss this opportunity and meet all five continents karate-ka at Cluj Napoca in the WUKO World Championship 2006.



Dr. Liviu CRISAN, Dr. Emil BOC - Lord Mayor of Cluj Napoca and our Senior Referee, Sever CUCU. Lord Mayor of Cluj is hanging the folder of the Championships.

WUKO - Pan-American Karate Championships

Iguassu Falls - Brazil - 4th to 6th August 2006

During the 4th to 6th of August 2006, WUKO - World Union of Karate Do Organization and CBKI - Confederação Brasileira de Karate Interestilos held the **WUKO Pan-American Karate Championships** in the city of Iguassu Falls - Brazil. All the participants expressed their sorrow for the non-appearance of the countries which were affected by the cancellation of VARIG International flights. Athletes of Venezuela, USA, Peru and others had bought their tickets from VARIG and stood 3 days at the airports, trying to get another flight, without any luck. Master Edmond Otis had already reserved Hotel, but he couldn't leave Los Angeles- USA. The technical seminar scheduled by Master Otis hadn't occurred. The Event Organization came together and decided that in the future, we will held another event without this kind of transportation problems. In spite of the bankruptcy of the Brazilian airline VARIG, many competitors from Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Peru were at the event in a total of 552



individual

athletes. WUKO's Chief Referee Council, Henrique Manuel Silva (Portugal), held the referee seminar for more than 50 referees of South America. All making the best of the seminar and learning a lot with Master Silva. Those 3 days were with a great technical Karate level and friendship among the participants. Despite the traditional rivalry between Argentina and Brazil, coming from the football, the spirit in Karate gets excited yet it is controllable. There was a lot of collaboration from the Presidents of Chile, Peru, Argentina and Brazil, all helping to order as for the event to run



in the most perfect order. On the last day all the finalists paraded with the referees and were honored receiving a beautiful medal of participation on the event. The farewell party took place in the country club with all the athletes dancing and fraternizing. It is WUKO growing up and promoting Karate in all the 4 corners of the World. In the year of 2006 it is already the 3rd Continental Championship held by this entity. In the next month of October, we will have the Children, Cadets and Juniors World Championship in the city of Cluj Napoca- Romania. In the month of November in the city of Visakhapatnam- India, we will have the Asia Open 2006.

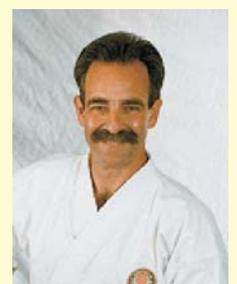
We hope to see you in Romania for one more party of the WUKO Family.

FROM EDMOND OTIS...

What We Really Learn...

Edmond Otis, AJKA-I: Chairman and North American Chief Instructor - WUKO - Chairman: Pan-American Region

All traditional martial arts, regardless of origin, approach the "Dô", "jutsu", and (in modern times) the sport, of their art from specific; strategic, philosophic, and physical perspectives. As we progress in our studies, we develop more depth, greater skill, and greater fluency in our ability to use the art spontaneously in whatever way a situation demands. But the essential principles that are unique to each art remain the same. Sometimes I think karate-ka lack an appreciation for what is special about karate-do. For example, most judo practitioners can tell you that the underlying maxim of judo is "minimum effort - maximum results." In the same way, most aikido practitioners know that their art is about harmonizing with, and redirecting their opponent's force. What's shocking to me is that many, many, karate-ka lack an essential understanding of what karate's underlying principle, or goal, is. Although we use throwing and restraint techniques, karate is fundamentally a percussive - or impact art. First and last, we strike our opponent. But our art isn't simply about hitting things, anymore than playing a piano is simply about pounding on a keyboard. Karate is first and always about kime, about timing and about distance. **It is always about our relationship to our opponent.** My view is that ultimately karate is about striving to be at our best, our most focused, our most balanced, our most dynamic and effective - precisely at the moment our opponent is at their weakest. We train to find and attack the momentary lapses in the opponent's physical and mental attention. Karate is pro-active. It is never about what somebody is going to do to us, but always about what our intention is for them. The most effective karate-ka seem to focus on this principle to the exclusion of anything else. They are always mentally intense and technically precise. And to be natural and spontaneous their training depends heavily on the endless repetition of very basic core techniques. The beauty of our art is that by teaching us to merge physical mastery, with emotional stability, and intellectual focus, karate-ka have the opportunity to find the hero that lives inside each of us - and the tools to thrive in situations that would overwhelm and humble others.



TECHNICAL SEMINARS - CLUJ NAPOCA - ROMANIA

18th October and 19th October, 2006 - CITY SPORT HALL

“The WUKO will promote Technical Seminars in all International Events
It will be free of fees for all Black Belts registered with WUKO Diploma of Dan”

TECHNICAL SEMINAR KATA SHOTOKAN

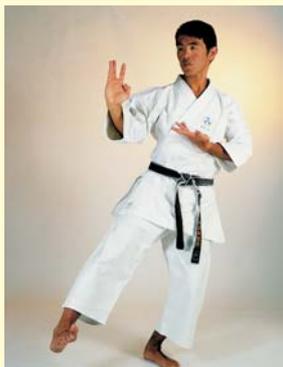
PIERO LASSI was born in Fucecchio, next to Firenze, on May 4, 1955. He is married and has two children. He began practicing karate in 1971, being taught by Sensei Muratami, head of the Shotokai School. An excellent competitor in Kumite and Kata, he transferred to the Shotokan style, being trained by Sensei Hiroshi Shirai until the end of 1991. He joined FESIK, where he became the coach of the Shotokan Kata Team.



Internationally, as a coach of the Italian team, he witnessed his athletes win the 1st WKC World Championship, in Arezzo, prevailing over the athletes of the WKF and of the JKA of sensei Hideo Ochi. His athletes won the gold medal in Team Kata, the gold and silver medal in Female Kata, the silver medal in Team Kumite and the bronze medal in the individual male Kata.

Since then, Lassi's competitors have always won medals in all the tournaments in which they have participated, in Europe and in the rest of the world. Today, Sensei Piero Lassi is, without doubt, the Number One in the world in Kata competition.

TECHNICAL SEMINAR KATA SHITO RYU



SEI IWASA was born in Nagasaki, in May 11, 1955. He began practicing karate in 1967 with Sensei Eiji Ogasahara, who was personally taught by Sensei Mabuni. He is responsible for Shito Ryo in FESIK and is the coach of the Kata National Team. Due to his quality work, the Italian Shito Ruy, in a few years, is considered one of the finest in

Europe. Since the year 2000, the athletes trained by Sensei Iwasa have been winning Continental and World Championships, prevailing over other rivals and excellent competitors, many of them students of the great Masters, Yasunari Ishimi (in Europe) e Kotaka (in the United States)

TECHNICAL SEMINAR KATA WADO RYU

Shibamori Kando 8th dan - was born in Ibaragi, Japan in 1945. He started his Wado-Ryu Karate studies under Sakai Kazuo 9th dan sensei in Yokohama, was training by Otsuka Hironori himself as well. In 1973 he moved to Austria and started to introduce wado style in Linz. From the year of 1987 became chief instructor of Hungary and founder of IWKU (International Wadokarate Union), teaching Wado Karate in Austria, Hungary, Romania, Italy, Germany and France. His unique personality is an excellent example of the true karateka having great physical shape and daily practice of karate techniques. Website: www.wadokarate.hu



TECHNICAL SEMINAR KATA GOJU RYU

Yassunori Yonamine - 9^o Dan borned in Okinawa - Japan on 1940, there studied Economy on the University. Started Karate when was 14 years old with Master Meitoku Yagi in Okinawa. Yonamine was special guest for : Kokutai Okinawa 1987, Japanese Olympic Games, Japanese National Championship 1995, World Championship Okinawa 1997

He teaches Karate Gojuryu in : Brazil, Chile, Portugal, Argentine, Suriname , Canada and EUA. He has 5 sons 4 girls and 1 boy, all they was of Brazilian Team and have title of Brazilian, South American and Panamerican Champions. His daughters was 4th place in World Championship WKF Spain 1992. Yonamine is WKF Referee since 1988 and he is Member of Referee Council of PKF Panamerican Karate Federation WKF. He received homage from Japanese Governor for Good Work to promotion of Martial Art Japanese in World. In 1997 he received the Diploma of 9^o DAN from Master Meitoku Yagi in Japan



More informations about these
Technical Seminars, please
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It will be compulsory for ALL Referees.

WUKO - EUROPEAN KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

St. Polten - Austria - 8th to 11 th June, 2006.

St. Polten, not far from Vienna, is one of the most graceful Austrian towns. It was a perfect location for the 1st European WUKO Championship. With its ideal aura it helped creating a pleasant atmosphere in which sportsmanship, fairness and friendship among athletes were the predominant sensations. As far as refereeing is concerned, the Commission, made up of president Henrique Silva and members Vladimir Tarasenko, Robert Perri, Nicolae Craciun and Andrea Lotti, Secretary João Figueiredo and Julio Hernaez, person in charge for Ippon, has directed and supported with courtesy and expertise referees making their debut on international level. There's still much to do, especially in the Kata: the most positive point was the absolute impartiality of everybody. If there were mistakes, they depended from innate imperfections as different evaluations in case of contact in the Kumite and of judgments in the Kata with referees favouring only the Kime to the prejudice of balance, technique, martial element and artfulness in the performance. It is necessary to follow the example of other disciplines, such as free exercises, to promote a sport that a day could become an Olympic one. Italy and Romania triumphed in the medals table but it is to remark that the first nation presented 36 athletes, the second 39. Belarus and Portugal were surprising in the Kumite, Belarus, another time, and Ireland in the Kata: these nations took part with less than ten competitors and conquered lots of titles. Austria, Spain, Belgium, Slovenia, Hungary, Germany and Scotland were successful too: positive is that all the federations taking part to the event won medals. This is a positive indicator of balance among teams. The technical level increases constantly: the Italians of the FESIK, trained by the Technical Adviser WUKO Piero Lassi, dominated in the Kata Shotokan but today Romania, Germany AJKA headed by the excellent Jorg Kohl, Hungary of the great Leslie Safar, 8th Dan AJKA and Slovenia of the good Jurij Orac are always nearer. In Wado Ryu Romania, the Irish and the Hungarian federations had no rivals, in Goju Ryu Austria and Italy scored well, in the Shito Ryu Italy of Sensei Iwasa, 7th Dan and Adviser WUKO, were very strong but also the Belarusian team of Tarasenko seemed very expert. In Kumite Romania, Italy, Portugal, Belarus, Belgium and Ireland were at the top, but the level of each federation taking part to the Championship was excellent. Let's talk about the



single, most striking athletes. In the women's Kata Denise Henke, silver at the World Championship held in St. Petersburg, gold in Brazil, is today the best athlete in the Shotokan, in the men's competition the Italian Giuseppe Maio was very good. In Shito Ryu it was still Italy the best, with Veronica Massaro and Cristian Piani, both WKC and then WUKO World Champions, confirming their value. In Goju Ryu the Austrian Joan Marie Stadler was very strong, in Wado Ryu the Romanian Ovidiu Radu and Eva Kerekes had no rivals. A good competition in Kyokushin for the Spanish Judith Navarro and Manuel Gonzalez, in Shorin Ryu the performance of Jim Mc Cafferty, Irish, was perfect. The participation to the Veterans Category was solid. In Shito Ryu the highest technical level was reached by the Belarusian Vladimir Tarasenko, gold, the Scottish Derek Pollock, silver, and the Romanian Robert David Arnold, bronze. Shotokan was very good too, with Sean Henke conquering the title against two experts competitors: Peter Kosliz, AJKA Germany and Gyorgy Torma, AJKA Hungary. In Goju the Italian Luciano Masci and the Austrian Michael Sarnitz were good, in Wado the Austrian Anton Wurmb was really impressive. In Kumite, after ten years, the Fesik has conquered back the teams title in the Sanbon, beating Romania, Portugal and Hungary. The Romanian team settled a score in the women's competition beating Belarus, IKKU Ireland and Italy. In the single competition, among men I'd like to bring to your attention a couple of real outstanding champions: Fernando Ferriera and Nuno Valente, Portugal, in the -65 and -75 kg, the Romanian Alexandru Petrescu and Alexandru Sorin in the -70 and -80 kg and the Italian Loris Comparin in the +80 kg. Among women the Italian debutante Francesca Santoriello in the -55kg was good, the Belgian champion Valerie Nizet in the -60 kg was irresistible, the best athlete of this Championship together with the World Champion of +60 kg, the Italian Serena Dragoni. In the Kumite Ippon Italians were too strong, only Ireland and Germany were able to withstand. Happy notes from the Veterans Kumite: no accidents and high level. In the 36-40 years older category the gold medal went to Eammon Yore, KWKKA Ireland, who scored better than three Hungarian. In the over 41 years older category the Italian Giorgio D'Amico to won after a marvellous final with the top-class Viktor Novikov, Belarus. The best of referees was probably Vladimir Tarasenko: he's never mistaken. A special plaudit to the new competition



director, the Italian Daniele Lazzaro: the competition was fast, no Tatami remained void, and he was good, kind and skilful. The organization in the sport hall was perfect, managed by the tireless General WUKO Secretary Liviu Crisan. Alexander Hevesi, very busy with the coordination of hotels and sport hall was really good too. From St. Polten that's it. We'll meet again in autumn for a great World Championship Cadets & Juniors matched to the World Cup for Children's Clubs: for this event hundreds of athletes from all over the world are expected to arrive in Romania. One last scoop: the dynamic and nice president of Belgium, Michel Lelievre, always discrete and fair in victory as well in defeat, asked for the organization of the next Continental Europe Championship 2008 to the wonderful city of Liege. Congratulations! In WUKO, nations are offering their best structures: for 2008 Italy proposed Rome for cadets, juniors & children. I'd like to conclude with a comment: the merits of the success of the first Continental Championship are to be divided among those, who have engaged themselves to its success, from the treasurer Angel Martinez Duato to Liviu Crisan, Roberto Bani, Henrique Silva and those, who have worked hard for more than a week. But foremost they've to be attributed to the presence of President Osvaldo Messias de Oliveira, tireless, kind, always helpful to all, discrete and fair in his decisions. A great president and the major author of the success that WUKO is achieving all over the world.

Carlo Henke - Honorary President and Referees Coordinator



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WUKO ASIA OPEN KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



WUKO Asia Open Karate Championships
 Visakhapatnam, India
24th to 26th November 2006
 OPEN TO ALL WUKO MEMBERS
 Hosting: Mr. Rao Hanumantha
 Federation: All India Budokan Karate Federation
 Official website: <http://www.aibkf.com>



NEXT OFFICIAL WUKO EVENTS



2nd WUKO World Karate Championships (Seniors and Veterans)
 Torrent - Valencia - Spain
20th to 24th June 2007
 Hosting: Mr. Angel Martinez Duato - FEUAM
 E-mail: duato_feuam@teletel.es



1st Africa WUKO Intercontinental Open Championship
 Pretoria, South Africa
5th to -7th July 2007
 Hosting: Koos Burger
 Federation: SASKA
 Website: www.saska.co.za



2nd WUKO Senior European Karate Championships
 Liege - Belgium
22nd to 25th May 2008
 Hosting: Michel Lelievre
 LFK - Ligue Francophone de Karate



2nd WUKO World Children, Cadets and Juniors Karate Championships - 2008
October - 2008
 Hosting: Carlo Henke
 FESIK - Federazione Sportiva Italiana de Karate

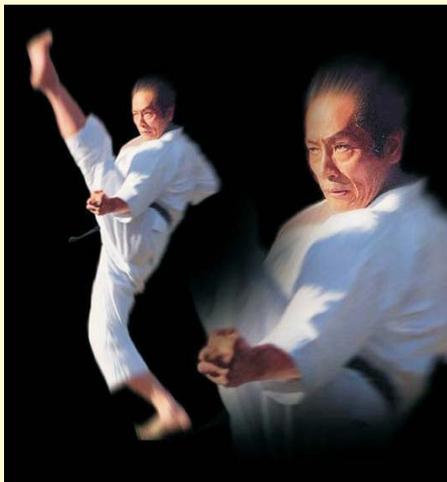


2nd WUKO Pan - American Karate Championships
24th to 28th September - 2008
 Temuco - CHILE
 Hosting: Omar Lara Lara
 CCHKI - Confederacion Chilena de Karate Interestilos

World Karate is in MOURNING

It is with deep regret that we report to our friends of the WUKO Karate the passing of the Great Master of World Karate, Tetsuiko Asai, 9th DAN.

We honor his memory and thank him for all that he has taught us and for all that he transmitted to thousands of students and admirers in the whole world. Farewell, Master Asai. We will do our best to practice all the good that you have taught.



With a heavy heart,
The WUKO Family

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