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International Professional Dance Sport Council Established

The IDSF has been advised of the establishment of the IPDSC ("International Professional Dance Sport Council"). The impetus for establishing the IPDSC has been the desire of many professionals to work in strict collaboration with IDSF aims to unify the DanceSport family under the recognition of IOC.

President Baumann said that as the IOC recognised International Sports Federation for DanceSport, the IDSF acknowledges the important and legitimate place of professional competitors and career oriented professional coaches and trainers in the DanceSport family.

The IPDSC has drafted statutes which acknowledge the position of the IDSF and commit and bind the IPDSC to abide by IDSF's Statutes, Rules and regulations (including its anti-doping code), and to abide by decisions of the IDSF's General Meeting and Presidium.

While the IPDSC will not become a member of IDSF, President Baumann acknowledged the role of organisations like the IPDSC in facilitating constructive change. President Baumann welcomed the opportunity for the IDSF to work with the organisations like IPDSC who acknowledge the role of the IDSF and who are dedicated to finding a pathway forward for the whole DanceSport family.

As part of its development, the IPDSC has indicated its desire to conduct within the year 2006 a Professional World Championship. The likely venue for this event is Italy, where FIDS President Ferruccio Galvagno has advised that FIDS would conduct the first edition of the Italian Master Class Championship in Ostia (Rome) in June 2006.

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As advised in an earlier Press release, following the IDSF General Meeting in June, the IDSF Presidium will meet to discuss how the IDSF can assist in meeting the legitimate aspirations and needs of professionals in the DanceSport community. Any developments from this meeting will be the subject of relevant Press Releases.

President Baumann also noted with approval a very positive proposal being put to the WDDSC General Meeting, seeking the support of the WDDSC General Meeting for the WDDSC Presidium to recommence negotiations with IDSF on the vision of one global DanceSport Federation. This development was welcomed by the IDSF, given that the 2002 IDSF General Meeting had approved in principle a 2001 joint IDSF/WDDSC proposal for one global DanceSport Federation.

President Baumann reiterated that the IDSF was committed to its vision of one IOC global DanceSport Federation for the whole DanceSport family, including professional dancers. President Baumann said that while the IDSF was prepared to work with the WDDSC if there were positive actions taken, the IDSF had decided to proceed with the programs and projects that would secure the vision of one global DanceSport Federation bringing together amateurs and professionals.

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