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WDSF PD GENERAL SECRETARY REPORT FOR AGM 2014

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear WDSF PD Member Bodies Representatives,

General

After being elected into the PD Management Board in June 2013 at the PD AGM in Shanghai, PD Management Board in August 2013 entrusted me the responsibility to act as new PD General Secretary. This is not an easy task, especially after taking over from the previous Secretary General, who successfully performed this duty for the past 6 years. I am thanking PD Office, PD Director and all my Management Board Colleagues for helping me during the first months on my duty and hope to be getting the continuing support also in the future.

Since last AGM, PD Management Board, held two Meetings. First was in Stuttgart on August 2013 and constituted itself according to the Article 17 of the WDSF Statutes as follows:

- Verena Sulek, PD Director personally responsible also for PD Finances
- Aleksandr Melnikov, PD Deputy Director
- Hubert de Maesschalck, PD Sport Director
- Martin Pastor, PD Deputy Sport Director
- Sutu Ok, PD General Secretary
- Carlos Freitag, Member and Advisor of the PD MB
- Shigemitsu Tanabe, Member and Advisor of the PD MB

Management Board Meetings

At the first meeting the following important issues were also tabled and resolved:

- voting procedures for taking PD MB decisions at meetings and by email were adopted;
- Canada DanceSport was re-accepted as PD Member;
- provisional financial reports for the period January-July 2013 were reviewed;
- procedures for handling competition related day to day issues were agreed;
- two representatives for the working group on PD Supplementary Rules were nominated
- temporary regulation for changing status between PD athlete and WDSF adjudicator were adopted.

The second meeting was held on January 16/17, 2014, in Barcelona in the attendance of all MB members, including Paolo Bosco as the representative of WDSF Athlete's Commission. The main issues at this meeting were:

- approval of the reports (PD Director, General Secretary and PD Deputy Sport Director in the role of Acting PD Sport Director);
- adoption of the proposal for the PD Supplementary Competition Rules to rename the PD Senior I and Senior II categories into PD Masterclass I and PD Masterclass II;
- adoption of the Agenda proposal for PD AGM 2014;
- adoption of the decision to waive competition granting fees for all PD Open Competition



in 2014 with the intention to motivate the organisers to include more such competition into WDSF events;

- discussion about the directions for the preparation of PD Budgets 2014 and 2015, PD Supplementary Rules and proposals for the nomination of adjudicators for PD title competitions;
- review of the applications for PD WSGP, Championships and Cups and adoption of decisions about several other issues regarding PD competitions.

The decisions about frequently arising matters, such as granting PD title competitions, PD adjudicator's licences and matters arising between Management Board meetings are being resolved currently by internet communication.

Membership Issues

The change of membership from **Professional DanceSport Association of the Philippines (PDSAP)** to the WDSF Member **DanceSport Council of the Philippines (DSCP)** mediated by Carlos Freitag and Verena Sulek has been resolved in July 2013 by the agreement between the named Philippines' associations and approved with the email voting by the PD MB.

Canada DanceSport applied officially for the PD membership with the application letter received on 1st August 2013 and was unanimously accepted as provisional member till the end of 2013 and as full PD member from 1st January 2014.

At the change of the year there were officially 49 PD Members, 45 Full and 4 Provisional – altogether 2 members more than a year ago (China and Canada). It is not sure whether all 4 provisional members will continue their membership in 2014. The most critical seem Provisional Members Bulgaria and Malta – at the time this report has been prepared these two members didn't pay yet their membership fees for 2013. Let's hope they will find motivation and strength to continue their membership in PD.

The application of Hungarian DanceSport Federation for PD membership has been approved by PD Management Board in March this year and as the membership fee has just been paid we can welcome the Hungarian DanceSport Federation as new PD Member.

Great majority of PD Members are WDSF Member Associations with some exemptions where Professional Associations are actual PD members but are either members or otherwise connected with WDSF National Member Associations - to my knowledge such situations are in Russia, Japan, Portugal, Hong Kong and in Singapore.

To keep our membership circle stable we have to improve the communication with our members, maybe with regular circular letters with actual news and with regularly providing links to the PD section of the WDSF webpage.

The actual PD Membership List in Excel format is attached and I am kindly asking our members to contact PD Office and send the correction if any information contained in the Membership List is incorrect.