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WDSF GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

This is my second year as the General Secretary of WDSF, after serving 2 terms as a Presidium member.

As you would understand, the work of the General Secretary is very demanding, and it is of course challenging doing WDSF's work, as well as having to attend to numerous emails and problems of all kinds on a daily basis.

In addition to performing my official duties as General Secretary of WDSF, I continued with my work in developing more quality DanceSport events in Asia. This work includes organising WDSF training camps for coaches and athletes, and providing more opportunities for our athletes and trainers to visit Asia.

Amongst the many issues that I have attended to in the last year, I focus on the following matters in my report:

Membership

In 2012, we have so far upgraded the status of 3 Provisional Members to Full members. They are San Marino, Cyprus and Malaysia.

We have no new member in 2012.

Hyundai Card – Super Match

This is an event held in Korea that runs for 2 days in the Olympic park with total spectators of 8000. It featured 10 of our top couples in both Standard and Latin dance discipline including 4 couples from the WDSF Pro Division. Please refer to the President's report for more details.

The organiser is now arranging another event with WDSF at the end of this year.

Tongji China Open DanceSport Championship

This event took place in November 2011 with the highest prize money ever. 14 of our top couples including couples from the Pro Division were invited to this inaugural

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event organised in the name of one of the most famous University in China. The winners walked away with a prize money of Euro 5000.

Registration System

To further meet our obligations as an International Sports Federation, we have now taken steps to realize our registration system through our RLS and management of our WDSF DanceSport events.

The Sports Commission is responsible for the management of the RLS while I am looking after the implementation of the suspension system.

Fortunately, through the effective enforcement by many of our member bodies, the numbers of cases remains very small and manageable.

England

Our member body in England is now DSE (DanceSport England), which is not a member of other UK Dance related organisations like its predecessor.

DSE can now be developed to serve the interests of the athletes, DanceSport and WDSF, without having to consider any vested interests or conflicts of interest. Its officials include Peter Maxwell (President), Michael Shelton (Vice President), David Corfield, Mary Corfield, Pat Fortin and Mike Fortin.

Their immediate goals of DSE include:

1. To organize a DSE/WDSF Competition in 2012
2. To conduct a WDSF Adjudicator's Congress in England
3. To organise training camps for DSE athletes
4. To develop the WDSF PD in England

One of the goals of both DSE and WDSF is to establish DanceSport UK. This will consolidate the efforts of WDSF Member bodies in the UK.

At the moment, the only WDSF competition in England remains the Crystal Cup, organized by Nick and Olga of Wimbledon Dance Academy. With the help of a group of athletes and coaches which include prominent DanceSport Coaches such as Susan Walker, Nick and Olga continue to organize DanceSport events in support of DanceSport and WDSF.

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The WDSF Sports Commission will assist Nick and Olga to further develop the Crystal Cup into a more important WDSF event in England.

WDSF Training Camp

Asia will have its first WDSF Training Camp in Aug 2012. This event will provide an opportunity for about 100 coaches who will for the first time be exposed to trainers from our WDSF PD.

Conclusion

I would like to thank all my colleagues in the Presidium for their assistance and cooperation throughout the year.

I also offer my heartfelt thanks to all the Member Federations who have assisted and cooperated with me in the enforcement of our Codes of Conduct. As you know, this has been a demanding process in this first year.

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