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## **WDSF GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

2013 is truly a very busy year with the new requirements set in for the WDSF GS series, the inaugural WDSF DanceSport Games, the World Games, the Asian Indoor Games, and the East Asian Games. A new host city, Nanjing, the formal capital of China, will be joining the many WDSF organizers in Asia.

Besides fulfilling my normal duties, I oversee and help organize most major WDSF events in Asia. I ensure that the official requirements are met and the welfare of the participants is being taken care of.

My other interest is to create opportunities for our European athletes to take part in competitions in Asia and for Asian athletes to participate in competitions in Europe.

### **Membership**

We continue to monitor the progress of our 10 Associate member bodies; hopefully some of them will be active enough to be upgraded to full member status by next year. However, we will recommend the termination of 3 member bodies as after several failed attempts to contact them, we have yet to receive membership fees from them. These countries are:

1. Syria
2. Namibia
3. Madagascar

There is no new member this year.

### **WDSF DanceSport Academy**

I have, at the request of the Managing Committee, undertaken the responsibility of the Chairperson for the WDSF DanceSport Academy in Sept 2011.

My committee consists of Natasa Ambroz –Chair of Education Department, Marco Sietas –Chair of Sports Commission, and Drago Sulek representing the WDSF PD.



We have since established the WDSF Adjudicators/Chairman General Knowledge English Test and the English Listening Comprehension Test. The content of the test will be more job-relevant and it will be compulsory for all new applicants as well as existing license holders. This test will replace the current English test.

We have also established a list of lecturers for Standard, Latin, Formation and ShowDance. Overtime, the list will be expanded.

My target for this year will be:

1. Introduce the General Knowledge English test for all new applicants for Chairman as well as adjudicators.
2. Identify good lecturers.
3. Provide guidelines for all lectures.
4. Review the guidelines for application of new WDSF Adjudicator's license.
5. Review the requirements for bidding of WDSF congresses.
6. Finalise the new training requirement for Adjudicators.
7. Finalise the WDSF Coach licensing system.
8. Establish the Athletes congress with the Athletes Commission.

## **Conclusion**

I find the work associated with the Academy constructive and most satisfying. I will continue to devote more time towards the development of the Academy.

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 given their support and cooperation.

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