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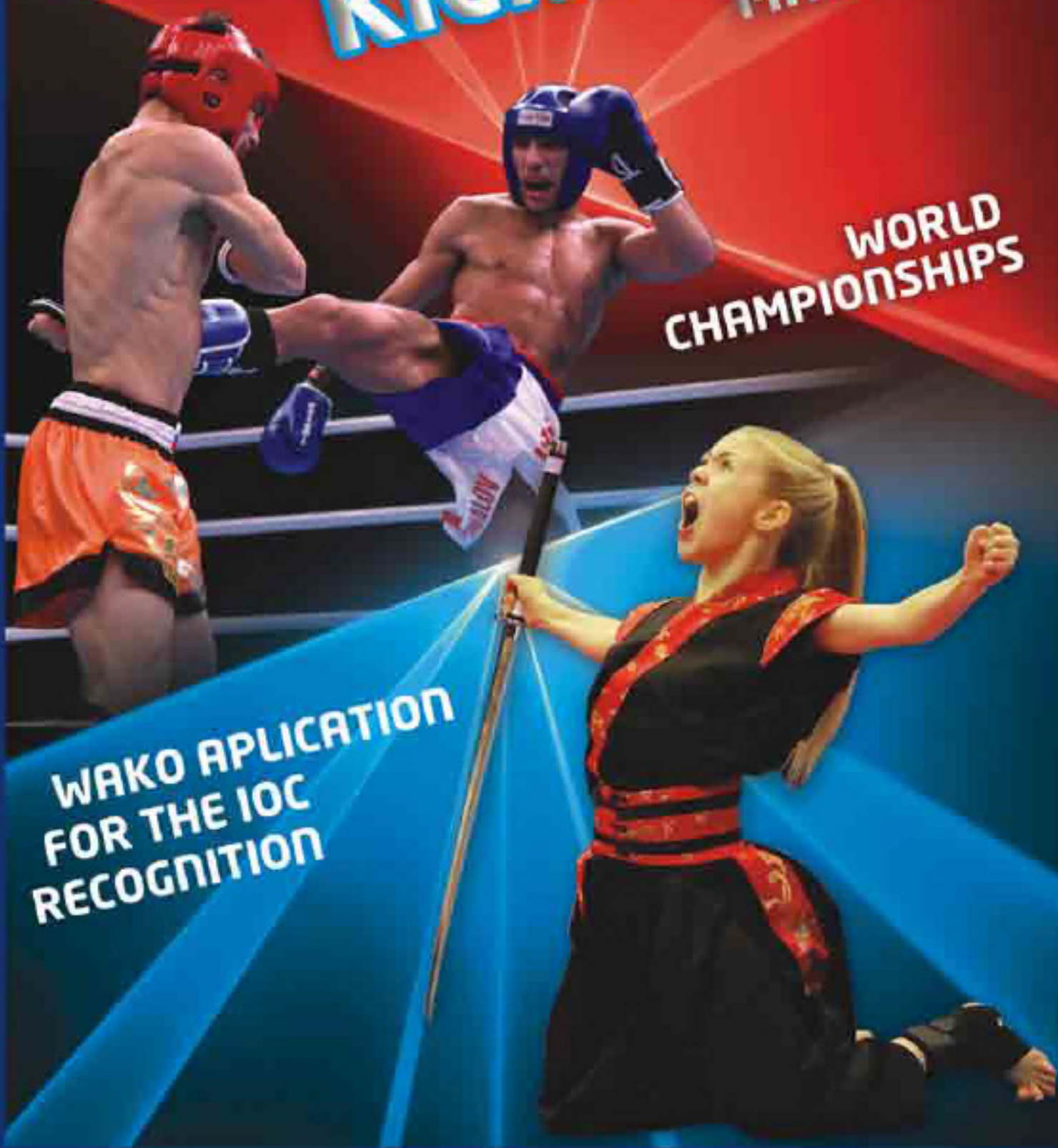
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WAKO APPLICATION
FOR THE IOC
RECOGNITION





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15. Malaysia
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32. United Arab Emirate
33. Yemen



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33. Namibia
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35. Sao Tome and Principe
36. Senegal
37. Seychelles
38. Sierra Leone
39. Somalia
40. Sudan
41. South Africa
42. Swaziland
43. Tanzania
44. Togo
45. Tunisia
46. Uganda
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48. Zambia
49. Zimbabwe

IN THE WORLD



WAKO EUROPE

Acting President
Roy Baker

1. Armenia
2. Austria
3. Azerbaijan
4. Albania
5. Belarus
6. Belgium
7. Bosnia and Herzegovina
8. Bulgaria
9. Croatia
10. Cyprus
11. Czech Republic
12. Denmark
13. Estonia
14. Finland
15. France
16. Georgia
17. Germany
18. Great Britain
19. Greece
20. Hungary
21. Ireland
22. Israel
23. Italy
24. Latvia
25. Liechtenstein
26. Lithuania
27. Luxembourg
28. Kosovo
29. Macedonia
30. Moldova
31. Monaco
32. Montenegro
33. Netherlands
34. Norway
35. Poland
36. Portugal
37. Romania
38. Russia
39. Serbia
40. Slovakia
41. Slovenia
42. Spain
43. Sweden
44. Switzerland
45. Turkey
46. Ukraine



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1. Argentina
2. Barbados
3. Bermuda
4. Bolivia
5. Brazil
6. Canada
7. Chile
8. Colombia
9. Ecuador
10. El Salvador
11. Guatemala
12. Mexico
13. Paraguay
14. Peru
15. Puerto Rico
16. Trinidad and Tobago
17. Uruguay
18. U.S.A.
19. Venezuela



WAKO OCEANIA

Acting President
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1. Australia
2. New Zealand
3. Samoa

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Dear WAKO friends,

Last 2015 was very successful for the WAKO.

The first part of the World Championships was held in Belgrade with over 11000 spectators on the Gala night.

The second part took place in Dublin, in the excellent organization of Roy Baker.

In total, 100 countries from all five continents with over 1500 competitors took place on the World Championships.

The South American Championships, The European Championships for Cadets and Juniors, the Asian Championships were also held, as well as all the World and European Cups.

The Ordinary General Assembly took place in Dublin on November 24, 2015, where the new President and the new Board of Directors were elected.

The WAKO want a direct recognition by the IOC. In this context, we have applied this year, for the first time, for the IOC recognition.

The first time in the WAKO history, on February 2, 2016, we received a letter from the IOC Sports Director, Mr. Kit McConnell, in which he asked us to submit the necessary documentation for the IOC recognition.

We were also informed in the letter that we would be subsequently sent the schedule for the submission of the rest of the documentation concerning the recognition, such as:

- the number of the WAKO member countries recognised by their National Olympic Committee or the Ministry of Sport
- the number of the World and Continental Championships in the last two years for juniors and seniors
- the number of competitors (men and women) on the World Championships in the last two years
- a Questionnaire containing 40 pages necessary to fill in.

Immediately upon this, on February 5 I submitted the official request to the IOC for the WAKO recognition. This is a historical step for the WAKO.

The Sports Director of the IOC has confirmed that he has received our request. Now we are expecting the next date for the submission of the above mentioned documentation.

If the WAKO members send official recognition from their NOC or the Ministry of Sport as soon as possible, I expect perhaps even on the next General Assembly of the IOC, which will be held next year, that we will be recognised as the IOC members.

I expect this year to be very successful for the WAKO and I wish a lot of success in their work to all the WAKO members.

Yours sincerely,

Editor-in-Chief of the WAKO magazine
Prof. Borislav Pelević, Ph. D.

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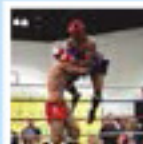
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The ongoing process of WAKO recognition in International Sports Organizations

HUGE STEPS TOWARDS RECOGNITION



Espen Lund received the award for the hard work in the Youth Olympic Games from Mr. Thomas Bach, the President of the International Olympic Committee

WAKO is unrestrainable moving on towards visibility and recognition on the World's level. Finally, the time came when WAKO has to be more aggressive and determined to grant three decades of hard work in history. Everything is in the game now: WAKO has to show to the World's International Sports organizations that it is the only International Kickboxing organization in the whole World, which has developed infrastructure, membership, rules and regulations, in one word- which has history. Existing WAKO memberships in SportAccord, IWGA, WADA, OCA and AIMS gives the fundamental proof of quality in work and exclusivity in kickboxing world which WAKO has.

In that purpose, many meetings are in progress concerning approaching to the International Olympic Committee.

Of the crucial importance is presence and visibility on the main World's Competitions. WAKO Vice President Espen Lund, as one of the main managers in the Youth Olympic Games Lillehammer 2016, had several important meetings with officials from International Olympic Committee during this big sports event. The most important, he was awarded for dedicated and hard work on the organization of the Youth Olympic games (February 12th- February 22th).

The letter from the WAKO President to IOC Sports Director Mr. Kit McConnell



A friendly meeting: Espen Lund, WAKO Vice President with Mr. Kit McConnell, IOC Sports Director, on the Youth Olympic Games



WAKO Ordinary General Assembly, 24th November 2015, Dublin, Ireland

NEW BOARD for the NEW TIME

The ordinary General Assembly of the WAKO was held in Dublin, Ireland, during the Second part of the World Championships, 24th November, where the new WAKO President was elected.

It was the first time in the recent WAKO history, after Ennio Falsoni had got ill, that the WAKO had had elections in which the organization had to select a new President.

Borislav Pelević (Serbia) was elected the new WAKO President for a term of 4 years.



New WAKO Board of Directors

From 115 delegates, 113 voted for Borislav Pelevic, so he got absolute majority to become the new President.



Delegates ready for voting

With 113 votes, Borislav Pelevic got absolute majority to become a new President.

The General Assembly started with Espen Lund's report to all the delegates about all the activities the WAKO has undergone concerning International sports organizations recognition. As a part of that recognition, Kate Kocziewska introduced to all the delegates a global international policy about women's status in sports organizations.

The new President Borislav Pelevic thanked all the delegates on the mandate he was given, promising hard team work on the most important issues the WAKO now has:

- IOC recognition, inclusion of the WAKO in the World Games, European Olympic games, Continental Games, Regional Games, Military Games, University Games, World students Championships (FISU)...
- Developing WAKO membership on all five continents

- Education on all levels: trainers, judges, medical, fair play, anti doping...
- Increasing the number of high level judges and referees on all continents
- Introducing the new Continental championships for the national teams
- Including women on all levels and in all aspects of WAKO

Taking the opportunity that Statute of the WAKO Europe was giving him, Borislav Pelevic, the President of the WAKO Europe and the newly elected WAKO IF President, resigned from the position of the WAKO Europe President, delegating powers to Roy Baker as a new acting President of the WAKO Europe till the next WAKO Europe General Assembly is held.

The new WAKO President proposed the new members of the Board of Directors to be elected, taking into account the proposals which were

The new WAKO Board was elected unanimously, and it is consisted of as follows:

PRESIDENT:

Borislav Pelević (SRB)

VICE PRESIDENTS:

Francesca Falsoni (ITA)

Espen Lund (NOR)

Roy Baker (IRL)

Paulo Zorello (BRA)

Nasser Nassiri (IRAN)

Vadim Ukraintcev (RUS)

BOARD MEMBERS:

Katarzyna Kociszewska (POL)

Horst Prelog (CAN)

Driss El Hillaly (MOR)

Nikolaus Gsteattner (AUT)

Emmanuel Essesima (CAM)

Peter Thompson (NZ)

Istvan Kiraly (HUN)

Dmitar Angelov (BUL)

Peter Kruckenhouser (GER)

Vladimir Sitar (SLO)

coming from all the WAKO members before the elections.

After the new President had been announced, everybody present wanted to congratulate him on the new position. Good vibrations could be felt all around the Conference Hall. After two very hard years the WAKO was going through after it's President Ennio Falsoni had got ill, this moment promised the beginning of the new era in the development of the WAKO.

M.P.



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN BELGRADE

24th October-1st November 2015

HIGH STANDARDS, GREAT CHAMPIONSHIPS



WAKO finished one great Championships, with high standards of quality and great hospitality which will stay memorable. All participants stayed united in evaluation that this was one of the best organized World Championships ever.

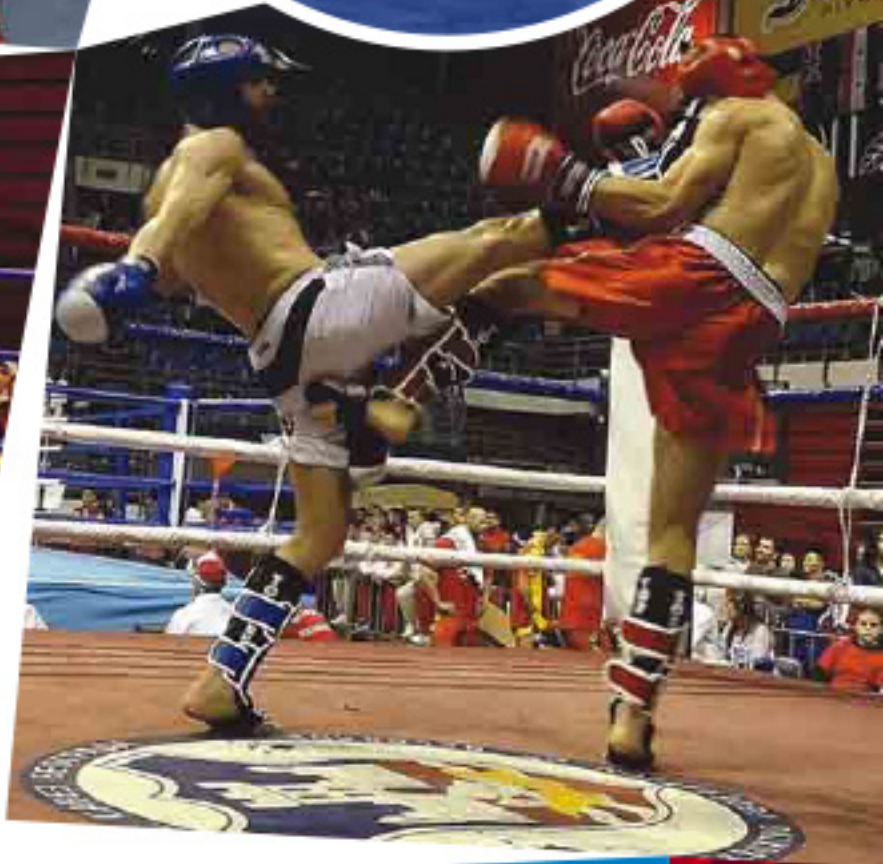
All the people involved in the competition enjoyed these days Belgrade's great hospitality, beautiful weather and places for sightseeing.

Unfortunately, due to the migrants crisis, and knowing that Serbia was a migrant passing route, some countries



didn't get visas to enter the country. But, with much effort from the organizer and the Serbian Foreign Affairs Ministry, we had Syria and Palestine on the Championships.

Great interest in the Championships we also had in the local media, so the WAKO Headquarters had a big press conference with many TV and newspaper journalists, and the Championships was daily monitored by the media.



THE FIRST CONGRESS OF THE COACHING COMMITTEE IN THE WAKO

Everything was great concerning the competition. Before the official start, all seminars were in progress, and for the first time, Congress of the coaches under WAKO, was held. Much interest of the people present was the best confirmation that this is the new step in improving WAKO activities.

A Referee seminar was also held, which is a common practice on major WAKO championships.



WILL YOU MARRY ME ?

Fights started on 26th October, in the beautiful sport hall "Pionir". On three rings and two tatamis was a fantastic crowd like in the hive, promising that there will be seen many fighters and many great fights. But, the fights were not the only thing we saw in the ring: we also had one wedding proposal in the ring when Peter Thompson, the President of the WAKO New Zealand, proposed to his long lasting love Saniya Yusipova.



BELGRADE 2015



THE GALA NIGHT OF THE FINAL FIGHTS



The "crème de la crème" of the event was a great gala finals night held in the huge sport "Kombank Arena".

Everything was like on the best professional galas in the world: about 11 000 spectators, VIP area, the central ring under the light show, the program of the night with the opera singer who sang Italian songs in honor of Ennio Falsoni, a band of professional drummers who heated the atmosphere to a maximum.

The audience was exalted by the performance of a little girl from Ireland, Jesse McParland, who showed us her proficiency in musical forms with weapon. She was the finalist of the British show "I've got talent" and despite being so young, she already has a great performance career.

The best of the evening were six best final fights of the Championships: 2 in low kick and 4 in K1.

The final fights in "Kombank Arena" were:

K-1:

Nenad Pagonis (Serbia) vs. Piotr Ramankevich (Belorussia)

Sasa Polugic (Serbia) vs. Felipe Micheletti (Brazil)

Habash Antoine (HUN) vs. Viktor Mikhailov (RUS)

Sayan Zhakupov (KAZ) vs. Yauheni Tselitsa (BLR)

Low kick:

Stefan Andjelkovic (SRB) vs. Ragim Aliev (RUS)

Aleksandar Konovalov (SRB) vs. Shamil Gadzimusaev (RUS).



GALA NIGHT



In the first fight we had the old champion Nenad Pagonis from Serbia, fully motivated to win this fight knowing that he is near the end of his amateur career, and Piotr Ramankevich from Belorussia, a strong fighter dedicated to win a medal on this championships. The match started very strong, without calculating. The two fighters did their best, but with the referee decision, better was the fighter from Serbia, and there we had the first gold medal for the host country. The audience was exalted because Pagonis had many fans in the hall.

The atmosphere culminated when another fighter from Serbia came to the ring: a highly motivated Saša Polugić. At the first sight, his opponent has all the advantage because he was much higher, with much longer legs and arms. In front of him, Saša looked squatty.



A brilliant evening, phenomenal fights, interesting program, great atmosphere, and the most important thing 11 000 spectators. Never in history of the WAKO has one evening on the World Championships been with 11 000 spectators. That was simply great. That was the proof that we can do it. That gala night was great not only for the spectators in Serbia, but also for the participants in this show.

But he defeated all suspicions about who is better in the ring. Every punch from the Serbian fighter was precisely targeted, strong and indefensible.

The Brazilian guy didn't have much space to hide.

The decision was indisputable: Serbia collected the second gold medal on the World Championships.

It was breathtaking to watch exaltation of joy of Saša Polugić when he was announced as the winner. Close to heart attack, he couldn't hide a single emotion about his happiness-everything was on his face. The audience celebrated with him chanting his name. That was the moment to remember.

The third fight was the best fight the WAKO has seen over the decade. It showed us all the beauty of K1 discipline, the perfection of all punches and kicking which makes this WAKO discipline the toughest. The Hungarian fighter gave his soul in this match. He showed us high quality of technics, perfect synchronization of arms and legs, perfect punches and kicks, perfect move in the ring. His opponent was on the same level, covering every second of this perfect match. The people from the WAKO can be proud to have such fighters in their lines. The Hungarian fighter Habash Antoin, by unanimous decision of the judges, won in this fight.

The next fight opposed two tough fighters, one from Kazakhstan and the other from Belorussia. Sayan Zhakupov from Kazakhstan was a former world



champion in full contact but now we have him in a totally different discipline. Even if we wanted to know who was the favorite in this fight, it was hard to decide. Both fighters won all three fights on their way to the top. The match was very hard, calculating, but for the judges there was no doubt: Tselitsa was better. Belorussia won its first gold medal.

BELGRADE 2015





photos by Andrija Rančić

The next fight of the evening was between Aleksandar Konovalov (Serbia) and Samil Gadzimusaev (Russia).

Two professional champions jumped into the ring promising a great fight.

The fighter from Russia won three hard fights on his way to the top and he was decent opponent to the Serbian fighter who was defending his world title from Brazil. This great fight stands as an example how our sport can be effective and attractive. The match was fast, strong, dynamic, and fantastically attractive. Now it was clear why Aleksandar Konovalov was announced as the best fighter of the Championships. He defended his title and proved to all the people that he would stay undefeated a long time further.

Two great fighters, two wallowers of the kick box, Stefan Anđelković and Ragim Aliev gave the audience the pleasure to enjoy in the fight of two heavyweight fighters. In the first round Russian was dominating with ultra strong punches, pushing his opponent in the corner, putting everything on one or two punches dreaming about knockout. As the match was going on,



Serbian fighter with smart tactics turned over the dominance in the match and it resulted with winning. He was brilliant in the third round.

Great finals evening was covered with live TV broadcasting by several TVs in Serbia.

Competition lasted one day more, when all the rest of the finals were finished.

M.P.

Medals Table (all Disciplines)

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1. Russian Federation	11	8	8
2. Serbia	9	6	14
3. Poland	8	4	10
4. Turkey	3	6	7
5. Belarus	3	2	7
6. Bulgaria	3	1	0
7. Italy	2	3	4
8. Macedonia	2	0	1
9. Croatia	1	3	9
10. Azerbaijan	1	3	3
11. Morocco	1	3	2
12. Kyrgyzstan	1	2	0
13. Ukraine	1	1	4
14. Czech Republic	1	1	3
14. Slovakia	1	1	3
16. Kazakhstan	1	1	2
17. Hungary	1	1	0
18. France	1	0	4

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
19. Islamic Republic of Iran	1	0	0
19. Israel	1	0	0
21. BRA	0	1	5
22. Slovenia	0	1	3
23. Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	1	1
23. Austria	0	1	1
23. Madagascar	0	1	1
26. Finland	0	1	0
26. Latvia	0	1	0
28. SWE	0	0	3
28. SPAIN	0	0	3
30. Montenegro	0	0	2
31. Estonia	0	0	1
31. Australia	0	0	1
31. Tunis	0	0	1
31. Great Britain	0	0	1
31. Mauritius	0	0	1
31. Canada	0	0	1

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
37. Moldova	0	0	0
37. Lithuania	0	0	0
37. Portugal	0	0	0
37. Norway	0	0	0
37. New Zealand	0	0	0
37. Nigeria	0	0	0
37. Greece	0	0	0
37. Romania	0	0	0
37. Turkmenistan	0	0	0
37. Libya	0	0	0
37. United States	0	0	0
37. Syria	0	0	0
37. Palestine	0	0	0
37. Switzerland	0	0	0
37. South Korea	0	0	0
37. Germany	0	0	0

Medals Table in Discipline K1

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1. Serbia	5	1	5
2. Russian Federation	3	2	6
3. Belarus	1	2	5
4. Poland	1	2	3
5. Morocco	1	1	2
6. Slovakia	1	1	1
7. Azerbaijan	1	1	0
7. Kazakhstan	1	1	0
9. Italy	1	1	0
9. Ukraine	1	1	0
9. Hungary	1	0	0
9. Bulgaria	1	0	0
9. Israel	1	0	0
14. Turkey	0	2	3
15. Croatia	0	1	3
16. BRA	0	1	2
17. Madagascar	0	1	1
18. Austria	0	1	0
18. Czech Republic	0	1	0
18. Kyrgyzstan	0	1	0
21. France	0	0	2
21. SWE	0	0	2
23. Estonia	0	0	1
23. Canada	0	0	1
23. SPAIN	0	0	1
26. Moldova	0	0	0
26. Slovenia	0	0	0
26. Libya	0	0	0
26. Macedonia	0	0	0
26. Turkmenistan	0	0	0
26. Romania	0	0	0
26. Australia	0	0	0
26. Latvia	0	0	0
26. Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	0	0
26. United States	0	0	0
26. Finland	0	0	0
26. Palestine	0	0	0
26. Nigeria	0	0	0
26. Montenegro	0	0	0
26. Islamic Republic of Iran	0	0	0
26. Great Britain	0	0	0
26. Lithuania	0	0	0
26. New Zealand	0	0	0

Medals Table in Discipline LK

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1. Russian Federation	8	5	2
2. Serbia	4	4	5
3. Poland	2	0	4
4. Belarus	2	0	2
5. Croatia	1	1	4
6. Kyrgyzstan	1	1	0
7. Islamic Republic of Iran	1	0	0
8. Morocco	0	2	0
9. Azerbaijan	0	1	3
10. Ukraine	0	1	2
11. Turkey	0	1	1
11. Italy	0	1	1
13. Finland	0	1	0
13. Hungary	0	1	0
15. Czech Republic	0	0	2
15. France	0	0	2
15. BRA	0	0	2
15. Kazakhstan	0	0	2
15. Montenegro	0	0	2
20. Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	0	1
20. SWE	0	0	1
20. Tunis	0	0	1
20. Mauritius	0	0	1
24. SPAIN	0	0	0
24. Madagascar	0	0	0
24. Libya	0	0	0
24. Bulgaria	0	0	0
24. Norway	0	0	0
24. Turkmenistan	0	0	0
24. Portugal	0	0	0
24. Latvia	0	0	0
24. Slovenia	0	0	0
24. New Zealand	0	0	0
24. Nigeria	0	0	0
24. Slovakia	0	0	0
24. Macedonia	0	0	0
24. Greece	0	0	0
24. Germany	0	0	0
24. Switzerland	0	0	0
24. Moldova	0	0	0
24. United States	0	0	0
24. Estonia	0	0	0
24. Austria	0	0	0

Medals Table in Discipline KL

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1. Poland	5	2	3
2. Turkey	3	3	3
3. Bulgaria	2	1	0
4. Macedonia	2	0	1
5. Italy	1	2	3
6. Czech Republic	1	0	1
7. France	1	0	0
8. Serbia	0	1	4
9. Slovenia	0	1	3
10. Croatia	0	1	2
11. Azerbaijan	0	1	0
11. Latvia	0	1	0
11. Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	1	0
11. Russian Federation	0	1	0
15. Slovakia	0	0	2
15. SPAIN	0	0	2
15. Ukraine	0	0	2
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22. Greece	0	0	0
22. Romania	0	0	0
22. Portugal	0	0	0
22. Syria	0	0	0
22. SWE	0	0	0
22. Lithuania	0	0	0
22. Hungary	0	0	0
22. Switzerland	0	0	0
22. South Korea	0	0	0
22. Morocco	0	0	0
22. Kyrgyzstan	0	0	0
22. Moldova	0	0	0

**WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIPS IN
BELGRADE**

24th October-1st November 2015

Results

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

(K1, LK, KL)

Lk Women +70kg

1. Katsiaryna Kavaleva	Belarus
2. Natalia Iurchenko	Russian Federation
3. Ana Bajic	Croatia
3. Barbara Nepomuceno	Brazil

Lk Women -48kg

1. Diana Doktugu	Russian Federation
2. Valentina Cabras	Italy
3. Binnur Sakal	Turkey
3. Joanna Walkiewicz	Poland

Lk Women -52kg

1. Saida Bukvic	Serbia
2. Maria Singh	Finland
3. Anna Poskrebysheva	Russian Federation
3. Ahlem El Ghoul	Tunis

Lk Women -56kg

1. Iwona Nieroda	Poland
2. Ajla Lukac	Serbia
3. Dalia Ali	Sweden
3. Sandra Maskova	Czech Republic

Lk Women -60kg

1. Marta Waliczek	Poland
2. Cigdem Kirvac	Turkey
3. Milena Svonja	Serbia
3. Nataliia Martiukhina	Ukraine

Lk Women -65kg

1. Dijana Dabetic	Serbia
2. Bel Habib Oumayma	Morocco
3. Tena Loncaric	Croatia
3. Katarzyna Jaworska	Poland

Lk Women -70kg

1. Nives Radic	Croatia
2. Irina Esenkulova	Russian Federation
3. Tijana Srdic	Serbia
3. Kamila Balanda	Poland

Lk Men +91kg

1. Stefan Andjelkovic	Serbia
2. Ragim Aliev	Russian Federation
3. Richard Jacob	Brazil
3. Tomislav Cikotic	Croatia

Lk Men -51kg

1. Omid Ahmadsafa	Iran
2. Anton Salchak	Russian Federation
3. Nurken Tulegenov	Kazakhstan
3. Chingiz Ahmadzada	Azerbaijan

Lk Men -54kg

1. Ulanbek Kasymbekov	Kyrgyzstan
2. Bougadir Issam	Morocco
3. Bauluck Fabrice	Mauritius
3. Ramiz Mammadov	Azerbaijan

Lk Men -57kg

1. Sergek Orzhak	Russian Federation
2. Avazbek Amanbekov	Kyrgyzstan
3. Fazlija Redzepe	Serbia
3. Bauyrzhan Kudaibergenov	Kazakhstan

Lk Men -60kg

1. Artem Zhigailov	Russian Federation
2. Danijel Memedovski	Serbia
3. Zohrab Azimov	Azerbaijan
3. Come Julien	France

Lk Men -63,5kg

1. Aleksandar Konovalov	Serbia
2. Shamil Gadzhimusaev	Russian Federation
3. Jan Lodzik	Poland
3. Semir Delic	BiH

Lk Men -67kg

1. Andrei Khamionak	Belarus
2. Gabor Gorbics	Hungary
3. Azamat Musin	Russian Federation
3. Remzija Dacic	Montenegro

Lk Men -71kg

1. Shamil Gasanbekov	Russian Federation
2. Ramal Aslanov	Azerbaijan
3. Bernadou Edouard	France
3. Aleksandar Topic	Serbia

Lk Men -75kg

1. Aleksandr Zakharov	Russian Federation
2. Aleksandar Menkovic	Serbia
3. Pavel Shelest	Belarus
3. Devid Kajevic	Montenegro

Lk Men -81kg

1. Aleksandr Drobinin	Russian Federation
2. Yuri Zubchuk	Ukraine
3. Andrea Andrenacci	Italy
3.h Daniel Navara	Czech Republic

Lk Men -86kg

1. Andrei Chekhonin	Russian Federation
2. Andi Djurdjevic	Serbia
3. Tsimur Mamedau	Belarus
3. Luka Simic	Croatia

Lk Men -91kg

1. Basir Abakarov	Russian Federation
2. Antonio Plazibat	Croatia
3. Bojan Dzepina	Serbia
3. Vitalii Korchak	Ukraine

K1 Women +70kg

1. Paulina Ble	Poland
2. Tamara Basic	Serbia
3. Valdirine Stanski	Bra
3. Dawn Rae Culgjin	Canada

K1 Women -48kg

1. Fatima Zhagupova	Russian Federation
2. Andriamiansoa Miora Tiana	Madagascar
3. Ramos Fanny	France
3. Alena Liashkevich	Belarus

K1 Women -52kg

1. El Mokarik Meriem	Morocco
2. Maria Kozlova	Russian Federation
3. Yeliz Koblay	Turkey
3. Sanja Sucevic	Serbia

K1 Women -56kg

1. Veronika Petrikova	Slovakia
2. Christin Fiedler	Austria
3. Camila Rivarola	Swe
3. Malgorzata Dymus	Poland

K1 Women -60kg

1. Nili Block	Israel
2. Marija Malenica	Croatia
3. Lucia Cmarova	Slovakia
3. Alena Muratava	Belarus

K1 Women -65kg

1. Teodora Maric	Serbia
2. Veronika Cmarova	Slovakia
3. Irem Akin	Turkey
3. Pitiot Angelique	France

K1 Women -70kg

1. Aleksandra Krstic	Serbia
2. Lucie Mlejnkova	Czech Republic
3. Jennifer Osterlin	Swe
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K1 Men +91kg

1. Sasa Polugic	Serbia
2. Felipe Micheletti	Bra
3. Ante Verunica	Croatia
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2. Anar Mammadov	Azerbaijan
3. Aleksel Spirin	Russian Federation
3. Sierhei Skiba	Belarus

K1 Men -54kg

1. Elshad Alasgarov	Azerbaijan
2. Soner Sen	Turkey
3. Rakotondrabe Laurent Johnny	Madagascar
3. Ariba Boukbar	Morocco

K1 Men -57kg

1. Bakhtiar Mukhamedzianov	Russian Federation
2. Pawel Stapiński	Poland
3. Saadoun Saad	Morocco
3. Daniel Mattos	Bra

K1 Men -60kg

1. Chingiskhan Tiemssov	Kazakhstan
2. Ibragimov Rustam	Kyrgyzstan
3. Sedad Bukvic	Serbia
3. Timur Nadrov	Russian Federation

K1 Men -63,5kg

1. Habash Antoine	Hungary
2. Viktor Mikhailov	Russian Federation
3. Mevlane Altuntas	Turkey
3. Yuri Zhukouski	Belarus

K1 Men -67kg

1. Slobodan Mijajlovic	Serbia
2. Artur Isayants	Belarus
3. Ilya Usachev	Russian Federation
3. Mario Katic	Croatia

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3. Marcin Kret	Poland
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1. Gabriele Casella	Italy
2. Samet Keser	Turkey
3. Dawid Kasperski	Poland
3. Jonatan Dominguez Buendia	Buendia Spain

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1. Nenad Pagonis	Serbia
2. Piotr Ramankevich	Belarus
3. Marat Mirzabolaev	Estonia
3. Toni Catipovic	Croatia

K1 Women +70kg

1. Fulya Ayicek	Turkey
2. Jasmina Merdic	Bosnia And Herzegovina
3. Katarina Dovalova	Slovakia
3. Giulia Compagno	Italy

K1 Women -50kg

1. Duygu Turan	Turkey
2. Nina Gorisek	Slovenia
3. Patrizia Pulling	Austria
3. Anna Knobel	Poland

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1. Dorota Godzina	Poland
2. Jovana Milovanovic	Serbia
3. Ilenia Nichele	Italy
3. Meltem Bas	Turkey

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2. Nicole Perona	Italy
3. Stefania Todorova	Macedonia
3. Tereza Martinkova	Czech Republic

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1. Cristina Caruso	Italy
2. Kristina Mijat	Croatia
3. Natasha Baldwin	Great Britain
3. Monika Kadzienska	Poland

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2. Silvia Ludovica Scampini	Italy
3. Dragica Jelisavac	Serbia
3. Agnieszka Wicniewska	Poland

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3. Jaroslav Pala	Slovakia
3. Sergii Ovspeian	Ukraine

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2. Lubomir Bakalski	Bulgaria
3. Jovan Stevanovic	Serbia
3. Jhonatan Teodoro	Bra

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2. Iskender Celebi	Turkey
3. Ruben Sendin Oniga	Spain
3. Ante Buzov	Croatia

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2. Jerzy Wrosski	Poland
3. Liam Badger	Australia
3. Marjan Bolhar	Slovenia

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2. Wojciech Wicniewski	Poland
3. Mukremin Guler	Turkey
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2. Selman Yucel	Turkey
3. Stefan Stanic	Slovenia
3. Milutin Nikolic	Serbia

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2. Reinis Porozovs	Latvia
3. Ibrahim Bagli	Turkey
3. Luka Zuljevic	Croatia

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1. Piotr Wypchal	Poland
2. Ibrahim Telli	Turkey
3. Mitar Dugalic	Serbia
3. Oлександр Zhelepa	Ukraine



THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
in Dublin, IRELAND



FRIENDSHIP AND SPORT



Details from the Opening Ceremony



The second part of World Kickboxing Championships in disciplines: point fighting, light contact, musical forms and full contact, was held in Dublin, Ireland, from 25th November – 30th November 2015.

The City West Conference Hall became the temple of kickboxing, considering the fact that the place facilities give the competitors and audience complete pleasure.

During the five-day competition the very best kickboxers from all over the world competed

under fair-play rules. The championships were abundant, as always in Ireland, in a lot of happenings, seminars, friendship as well as in a lot of hard work, a lot of important meetings and of course, a lot of great fights.

Before the competition, the WAKO General Assembly was held and the new President and the new Board was elected. That fact blow on a good wind on the back of the Championships, new energy was created and everybody was prepared for the new start.

The opening ceremony was great, with a manifold program going on the big stage, with personal announcements of the new officials in the WAKO while their names were on the big



WAKO President, Major of Dublin, Roy Baker and Minister of the Sport



Patrick Hickey President of the European Olympic Council, Roy Baker and World Champion Kayrat Nurmaganbetov

screen, with Dublin's major and other Irish high sport officials present. Evening was spiced with a beautiful dancing group presenting Irish dance. Dublin's Fire brigade orchestra made the competitors defile more interesting, Nevertheless, the climax of the ceremony was the performance of a little musical forms queen Jesse Jane Mc Parland, a ten year old WAKO champion, performing her show with the sword.

About 800 competitors from all around the world had five days of competition to show who was the best. Competition was going on in disciplines: full contact, light contact, point fighting and musical forms.

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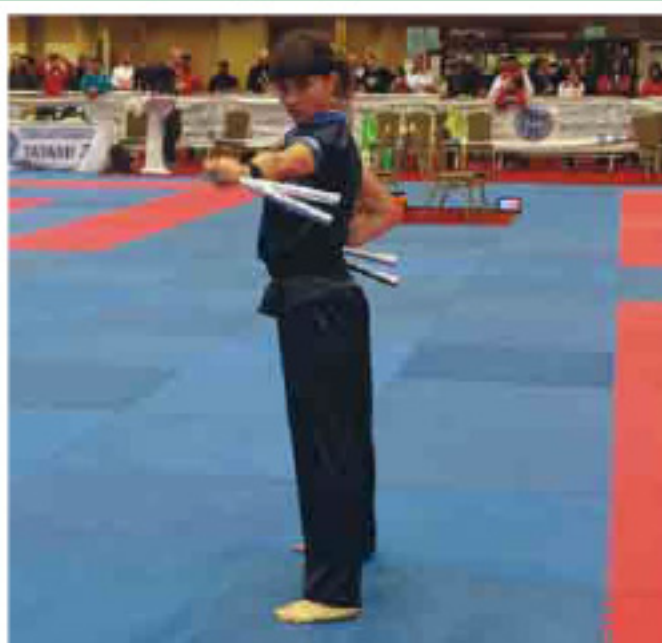




Performance with weapons is always exciting



Great performance, sometimes against gravity





GREAT NIGHT OF THE FINALS



On 28th November we enjoyed in the Gala night of the best finals.

There were on the schedule 4 point fighting fights, 3 light contact fights and 3 full contact fights.

Enough for the all night enjoyment.

First fight was between Roland Veres (HUN) Dylan Heffernan (IRL), where the audience had

a chance to enjoy in the performance of the domestic fighter. However, there was no hope for the Irish fighter against the best point fighting school now in WAKO, the Kiraly team.

Ligh contact fight female -65kg between Natasha Baldwin (GBR) and MadelenSofteland



(NOR) resulted in Natasha Baldwin gaining the victory.

The next female fight in full contact -52kg between Kristin Vollstad (NOR) Hanne Lauslehto (FIN), was furious. Great fight, great performance, great technique. No doubt it was about announcing Hanne Lauslehto as the best female fighter of the Championships.

Next point fighting match was between Emanuil Dimitrov (BUL) and Dean Barry (IRL), another treat for the domestic audience. A dynamic fight, full of energy ended in the victory of the Bulgarian fighter.

The next light contact fight was between Admir Sinanbegović (SLO) and Sergey Ponomarev (RUS) and ended in the victory of the Russian fighter Ponomarev.

Ivan Tkachenko (UKR) vs Yusuf Acik (TUR) was the next full contact fight on the schedule. This fight raised the audience on their feet. It was a fantastic and very strong fight we all enjoyed. The winner was Yusuf Acik, 3:0.

Another domestic fighter had a chance to celebrate the victory with the fans in Dublin, but this time his opponent was an old champion who wanted a victory for himself. Robbie MCMenamy (IRL) struggled against Zsolt Moradi (HUN) but had to stay pleased with silver medal.

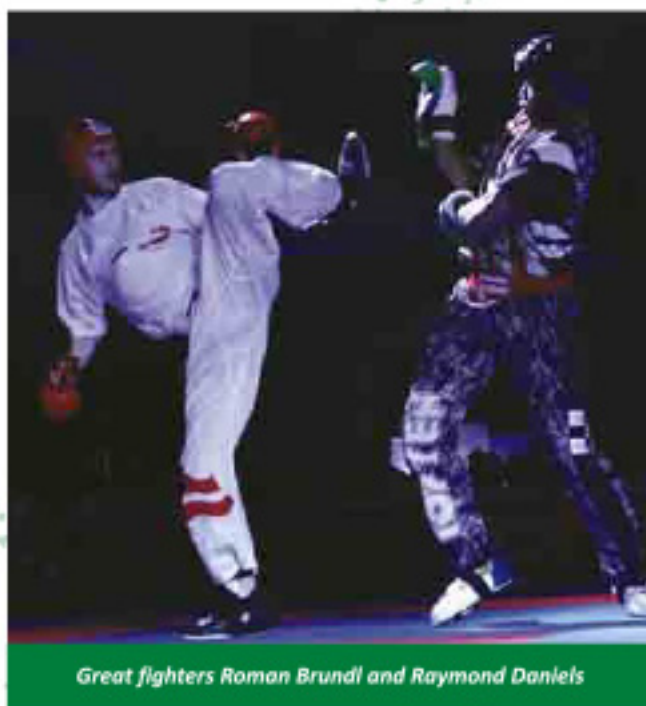
Rustic Ivanchuk (IRL) fight against Cebrail Gencoglu (TUR) and finally, won 3:0 and brought to his country the first gold medal that evening.

The last full contact fight was between Echis Saryglar (RUS) and Bernandou Edouard (FRA).

The fight was once again very good, precise technically, strong, and resulted in the victory of the French fighter.

The last fight of the evening was the best one, real show, between Austrian champion Roman Brundl and American Raymond Daniels. It was like in the movie: "Catch me if you can". So unpredictable, so fast, so dynamic, uncertain till the very end. Both fighters gave their best. The judge's decision was clear: 7:5 and winner was Raymond Daniels.

The evening ended with the awarding ceremony, where the awarded persons had the pleasure to receive the cup from Mr. Patrick Hickey, President of European Olympic Council, who was a special guest on the finals.



Great fighters Roman Brundl and Raymond Daniels



Medals and the belt for the best competitors



*Breathtaking performance for the audience with a lot of emotions from both sides -
Jesse Jane McParland*



The WAKO visiting Guinness brewery



A BEER, PLEASE

The host of World Championships in Dublin prepared a special surprise for all officials present in Dublin. It was a visit to the famous Guinness brewery. It is a once in a lifetime chance to get inside the brewery, so the WAKO officials took that chance with pleasure.

That old brewery has preserved the old-fashioned way of producing beer, which in itself was a true life lesson: true values outlive all challenges through time and stay as values for the future generations. Generations who recognize that, have the future.

So, not only we were introduced to the way of making beer, but we also learned how to pour beer in to the glass in the right way.

All in all, we spent very nice and interesting evening.



Practice makes perfect



Medals Table (all Disciplines)

1. Russian Federation	19	12	15
2. Hungary	10	4	7
3. Ireland	6	7	14
4. Great Britain	6	2	9
5. USA	6	2	4
6. Italy 5 13 13	5	13	13
7. Germany	4	3	13
8. France	4	3	5
9. Poland	3	4	5
10. Norway	2	3	2
11. Bulgaria	2	1	0
12. Turkey	1	4	9
13. Austria	1	1	4
14. Belgium	1	1	0
15. Croatia	1	0	4
16. Netherlands	1	0	2

17. Finland	1	0	1
17. Belarus	1	0	1
19. Ukraine	0	4	3
20. Slovenia	0	2	5
21. Kazakhstan	0	2	4
22. Greece	0	1	6
23. Slovakia	0	1	2
24. Czech Republic	0	1	0
24. Denmark	0	1	0
24. Australia	0	1	0
24. Jordan	0	1	0
28. Canada	0	0	2
29. South Africa	0	0	1
29. SPAIN	0	0	1
29. SWE	0	0	1
29. MEX	0	0	1

29. BiH	0	0	1
29. Tajikistan	0	0	1
29. KGZ	0	0	1
29. Guatemala	0	0	1
29. Chile	0	0	1
38. Serbia	0	0	0
38. Switzerland	0	0	0
38. BRA	0	0	0
38. Portugal	0	0	0
38. Tunisia	0	0	0
38. India	0	0	0
38. Azerbaijan	0	0	0
38. Israel	0	0	0
38. South Korea	0	0	0
38. Lichtenstein	0	0	0
38. Chinese Taipei	0	0	0
38. Cyprus	0	0	0

Medals Table in Discipline LC

1. Russian Federation	5	2	9
2. Ireland	5	2	6
3. Italy	2	7	1
4. Poland	2	2	2
5. Germany	2	1	5
6. France	2	0	1
7. Hungary	1	2	2
8. Great Britain	1	1	3
9. Bulgaria	1	1	0
10. Croatia	1	0	1
11. Netherlands	1	0	0
12. Slovenia	1	0	3
13. Turkey	0	1	2
14. Ukraine	0	1	1
15. Denmark	0	1	0
15. Norway	0	1	0
17. Austria	0	0	2
17. Greece	0	0	2
19. SWE	0	0	1
19. Tajikistan	0	0	1
19. USA	0	0	1
19. Canada	0	0	1
19. SPAIN	0	0	1
19. Guatemala	0	0	1
25. Switzerland	0	0	0
25. South Africa	0	0	0
25. Australia	0	0	0
25. India	0	0	0
25. Portugal	0	0	0
25. Belgium	0	0	0
25. Azerbaijan	0	0	0
25. South Korea	0	0	0
25. Lichtenstein	0	0	0
25. BRA	0	0	0
25. Czech Republic	0	0	0
25. Israel	0	0	0
25. Chile	0	0	0

Medals Table in Discipline MF

1. Russian Federation	5	4	2
2. USA	2	0	0
3. Belarus	1	0	1
4. Ukraine	0	2	1
5. Australia	0	1	0
5. France	0	1	0
7. Netherlands	0	0	1
7. Ireland	0	0	1
7. MEX	0	0	1
7. Chile	0	0	1
11. South Africa	0	0	0
11. Germany	0	0	0
11. Italy	0	0	0
11. India	0	0	0
11. Chinese Taipei	0	0	0

Medals Table in Discipline PF

1. Hungary	7	2	4
2. Great Britain	5	1	5
3. USA	4	2	2
4. Italy	3	5	9
5. Ireland	1	5	7
6. Austria	1	1	2
7. Belgium	1	1	0
8. Russian Federation	1	0	2
9. Bulgaria	1	0	0
10. Germany	0	2	6
11. France	0	2	2
12. Greece	0	1	4
13. Slovenia	0	1	1
14. Norway	0	1	0
15. Turkey	0	0	1
15. Croatia	0	0	1
15. Netherlands	0	0	1
18. South Africa	0	0	0
18. Switzerland	0	0	0
18. MEX	0	0	0
18. Denmark	0	0	0
18. India	0	0	0
18. Poland	0	0	0
18. Guatemala	0	0	0
18. South Korea	0	0	0
18. Czech Republic	0	0	0
18. Lichtenstein	0	0	0
18. Chile	0	0	0
18. BRA	0	0	0
18. Cyprus	0	0	0

Medals Table in Discipline FC

1. Russian Federation	8	6	2
2. Norway	2	1	2
3. Germany	2	0	2
3. France	2	0	2
5. Hungary	2	0	1
6. Turkey	1	3	6
7. Poland	1	2	3
8. Finland	1	0	1
9. Kazakhstan	0	2	4
10. Italy	0	1	3
11. Slovakia	0	1	2
12. Ukraine	0	1	1
13. Czech Republic	0	1	0
13. Jordan	0	1	0
15. Croatia	0	0	2
16. Slovenia	0	0	1
16. BiH	0	0	1
16. Canada	0	0	1
16. South Africa	0	0	1
16. KGZ	0	0	1
16. USA	0	0	1
16. Great Britain	0	0	1
23. India	0	0	0
23. Israel	0	0	0
23. Portugal	0	0	0
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23. Ireland	0	0	0
23. SPAIN	0	0	0
23. Serbia	0	0	0
23. Tajikistan	0	0	0
23. Austria	0	0	0
23. MEX	0	0	0
23. BRA	0	0	0
23. Tunisia	0	0	0
23. Azerbaijan	0	0	0
23. Belarus	0	0	0

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Results WAKO world championships 2015 (PF, LC, FC & MF)

Lc Female -70kg

1. Nina Meppelder Netherlands
2. Giulia Compagno Italy
3. Gaynor Morgan Great Britain
3. Anastasia Solodkova Russian Federation

Lc Female -50kg

1. Lily De La Cour Ireland
2. Cristiana Forin Italy
3. Anzhela Khakimzayeva Russian Federation
3. Alexandra Seremeti Greece

Lc Female -55kg

1. Dorota Godzina Poland
2. Gabriella Busa Hungary
3. Nadine Kürten Germany
3. Sonja Stacher Austria

Lc Female -60kg

1. Paulina Jarzink Poland
2. Luna Mendy Italy
3. Aine Leonard Ireland
3. Marina Popova Russian Federation

Lc Female -65kg

1. Natasha Baldwin Great Britain
2. Madelen Softeland Norway
3. Natalia Babanova Russian Federation
3. Vivien Wagner Hungary

Lc Female -70kg

1. Ana Znaor Croatia
2. Lauren Bradshaw Ireland
3. Mariia Deloglou Russian Federation
3. Urša Terdnj Slovenia

Lc V Female +65kg

1. Riviera Stephanie France
2. Fidelma Martin Ireland
3. Anja Hoffmann Germany
3. Maria Carrera Great Britain

Lc V Female -55kg

1. Christina Parise Germany
2. Helen Milne Great Britain
3. Cathrine Mc Gregor Ireland
3. Vasiliki Mitropoulou Greece

Lc V Female -65kg

1. Zsuzsanna Szekely Hungary
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3. Louise Kissane Ireland

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3. Mark Baldry Great Britain

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2. Aday Abu Hason Jordan
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3. Abzal Dyussupov Kazakhstan

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3. Milton Barrios Galarreta Norway

Fc Male -67kg

1. Maksim Prokofev Russian Federation
2. Matteo Calzuola Italy
3. Gabor Gorbics Hungary
3. Leclercq Dieber France

Fc Male -71kg

1. Bernadou Edouard France
2. Echiş Sanyglar Russian Federation
3. Mukemin Guler Turkey
3. Gregor Stracanek Slovenia

Fc Male -75kg

1. Bashir Tazhdinov Russian Federation
2. Robert Krason Poland
3. Nathan Key USA
3. Sapat Tumanov Kazakhstan

Fc Male -81kg

1. Kayrat Nurmagambetov Russian Federation
2. Serhat Degermenci Turkey
3. Igor Prykhodko Ukraine
3. Danjel Topalovic BiH

Fc Male -86kg

1. Mateusz Kubiszyn Poland
2. Igor Kopylov Russian Federation
3. Haqan Mert Kizil Turkey
3. Konstantin Filatov Germany

Fc Male -91kg

1. Robert Paulsbyen Norway
2. İlyas Ölcücu Turkey
3. İslam Mutalliev Russian Federation
3. Michael Wiseman Canada

Pf Female +70kg

1. Anna Kondar Hungary
2. Deborah De Vita Italy
3. Gaynor Morgan Great Britain
3. Nina Meppelder Netherlands

Pf Female -50kg

1. Giulia Cavallaro Italy
2. Monica Engeset Norway
3. Bo Mangam Ireland
3. Lucija Cicvara Croatia

Pf Female -55kg

1. Roberta Cavallaro Italy
2. Evita Viltanioti Greece
3. Caradh Odonovan Ireland
3. Aston Cook Great Britain

Pf Female -60kg

1. Neyens Evelyn Belgium
2. Luisa Gullotti Italy
3. Dorina Szabo Hungary
3. Shauna Bannon Ireland

Pf Female -65 kg

1. Natasha Baldwin Great Britain
2. Elena Pantaleo Italy
3. Adrien Kadas Hungary
3. Katharina Fleser Germany

Pf Female -70kg

1. Henrietta Nagy Hungary
2. Gemma Upfold Great Britain
3. Dilek Dumani Turkey
3. Nicole Pelland USA

Pf V Female +65kg

1. Jennifer Toitz USA
2. Riviera Stephanie France
3. Fidelma Martin Ireland

Pf V Female -55kg

1. Sharon Gill Great Britain
2. Paola Cuccia Italy
3. Vasiliki Mitropoulou Greece
3. Helen Hensley Ireland

Pf V Female -65kg

1. Ruth Nelson Great Britain
2. Nicole Rich USA
3. Perrais Valerie France
3. Carlotta Pra Italy

Pf Men +94kg

1. Krisztian Jaroszkivicz Hungary
2. Erdogan Celik Germany
3. Peter Ertl Austria
3. Chris Aston Great Britain

Pf Men - 89kg

1. Raymond Daniels USA
2. Roman Bründl Austria
3. Andy Brett Ireland
3. Erik Zorn Slovenia

Pf Men -57kg

1. Roland Veres Hungary
2. Dylan Heffernan Ireland
3. Maxim Fadeev Russian Federation
3. Vincenzo Gagliardi Italy

Pf Men -63kg

1. Vacheslav Shcherbakov Russian Federation
2. Richard Veres Hungary
3. Davide Colla Italy
3. Sam Sparks Great Britain

Pf Men -69kg

1. Ennio Giordano Italy
2. Ramael Nick Belgium
3. Timmy Sarantoulis Germany
3. Roland Kiss Hungary

Pf Men -74kg

1. Jack Felton USA
2. Tilen Zajc Slovenia
3. Daniele Farina Italy
3. Sascha Griske Germany

Pf Men -79kg

1. Emanuel Dimitrov Bulgaria
2. Dean Barry Ireland
3. Laszlo Gombos Hungary
3. Triantafylos Efsthathiou Greece

Pf Men -84kg

1. Zolt Moradi Hungary
2. Robbie Mcmenamy Ireland
3. Roberto Guiducci Italy
3. Stefanos Zoto Greece

Pf Men -94kg

1. Tamas Imre Hungary
2. Julio Lugo USA
3. Alexander Federer Austria
3. Paolo Niceforo Italy

Pf Teamfight

1. Team Hungary Hungary
2. Team Ger Germany
3. Team Usa USA
3. Team Gre Greece

Pf V Male +94kg

1. Dave Heffernan Ireland
2. Attila Gárfi Hungary
3. Andrea Borrillo Italy
3. Frank Feuer Germany

Pf V Male -63kg

1. Chris Collymore Great Britain
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3. Tanneau Christopher France

Pf V Male -84kg

1. Darryl Merryweather Great Britain
2. Habbani Fouad Hungary
3. Paolo Zampieri Italy
3. Sergel Kuular Russian Federation

Pf V Male -94kg

1. Günther Weninger Austria
2. Martin Bannon Ireland
3. Matteo Rolla Italy
3. Ron Peipoe Great Britain

Mf F Hs

1. Anastasia Belyuchenko Russian Federation
2. Kristina Skripnichenko Ukraine
3. Jessica Grant Ireland

Mf F Hsw

1. Anastasia Belychenko Russian Federation
2. Kristina Skripnichenko Ukraine
3. Katerina Gladka Ukraine

Mf F Ss

1. Veronika Dombrowskaya Belarus
2. Inna Berestovaya Russian Federation
3. Anna Sarmygina Russian Federation

Mf F Sw

1. Anna Sarmygina Russian Federation
2. Inna Berestovaya Russian Federation
3. Veronika Dombrowskaya Belarus

Mf M Hs

1. Tyler Weaver USA
2. Cetout Kevin France
3. Roman Chizhov Russian Federation

Mf M Hsw

1. Tyler Weaver USA
2. Richie Labour Australia
3. Joris Van Den Berg Netherlands

Mf M Ss

1. Ivan Baev Russian Federation
2. Linar Bagautdinov Russian Federation
3. Matias Munoz Troncoso Chile

Mf M Sw

1. Ivan Baev Russian Federation
2. Linar Bagautdinov Russian Federation
3. Miguel Banuelos Valadez Mex



THE WAKO WOMEN COMMITTEE - WHAT IT IS ABOUT

STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS



*Roy Baker introducing Kate Kocziowska,
chairman of the Women Committee*

Violence against women and girls is a human rights violation that knows no borders.

It affects women in every society and cuts across boundaries of wealth, race and culture.

It is fuelled by historically and culturally specific values that foster discrimination against women.

These deep-seated values still permeate the policies and practices of many social and political institutions.

This can and must change.

The obligations of states and all social organizations, most of them international sports organizations, to prevent, eradicate and punish violence against women and girls are now enshrined in international and regional laws and standards, and countries around the world have developed a range of initiatives to address and prevent these abuses.

UN AGAINST VIOLENCE

The **UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women (UN Trust Fund)** is a testimony to the global consciousness that violence against women and girls is neither inevitable nor

acceptable. The UN Trust Fund is a leading global grant-making mechanism exclusively dedicated to addressing violence against women and girls in all its forms. It supports effective initiatives that demonstrate that violence against women and girls can be systematically addressed, reduced and, with persistence, eliminated.

UNITE CAMPAIGN OF UN

UNiTE to End Violence against Women campaign aims to raise public awareness and increase political will and resources for preventing and ending all forms of violence against women and girls in all parts of the world.

Throughout 2015, the UNiTE campaign advocated, organized and mobilized its constituencies to keep violence against women at the top of national and global agendas.

A new global development agenda, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was adopted in September 2015. It was accepted by all countries and is applicable to all.

It recognizes gender equality and the empowerment of women as a key priority and pledges that 'no one will be left behind'.

Goal 5 of the agenda aims to '**Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls**' and includes specific targets to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls.

In 2016, the UNiTE campaign will continue to mark 25th of every month as "**Orange Day**," a day to raise awareness and take action to end violence against women and girls.

WOMEN PRESENCE IN INTERNATIONAL SPORT ORGANIZATIONS

The IOC has been able to address the need to further develop educational and training programs targeting women in sport.

It has established a program of regional seminars and special assistance through Olympic Solidarity for female administrators, coaches, technical officials and journalists in the national and international sports movement.

With these supportive measures, which are mainly targeted at the NOCs, the IOC aims to ensure that female representation within the Olympic Movement becomes a reality.

These seminars aimed to give greater visibility to women and sport issues and to encourage the NOCs to step up their work in this area and to further qualify these women in sports management and leadership positions. With this, the IOC aims to enable women to take leadership positions within the sports movement.



In addition, a special “Women and Sport” program under the IOC has been created to help NOCs in developing countries to implement other types of projects, including, for example, gender equality activities, targeted communications campaigns, national research programs, national seminars and participation in meetings.

This program also serves to finance the NOC participation in the IOC's regional seminars and the IOC World Conferences on Women and Sport.

WOMEN ON SPORTS COMPETITIONS

Women's participation in the Olympic Games is in constant evolution.

It was during the 1970s that the increase of women participating in the Games became more significant, reflecting stronger awareness of the positive contribution that sport can make to the well-being of women and the development of women's sports clubs and associations around the world.



However, the most remarkable increase has taken place within the last two decades, and London set a new record for women's participation in the Olympic Games: out of the 10,568 athletes competing, 4,676 were women, which is more than 44 per cent.

With the inclusion of women's boxing, the Games in London saw women competing for the first time in all the sports on the Olympic program.

This positive trend goes back to the fact that the IOC expanded the program of events open to women at the Olympic Games, in cooperation with the international sports federations and the organizing committees.

In 1991, it was decided that any new sport seeking to be included in the Olympic program had to include women's events.

OTHER SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS

The Alliance of Independent Recognized Members of Sport (AIMS) was founded in 2009 by 21 non- IOC recognized members of the SportAccord. The AIMS became an IOC recognized Organization.

The exchange of culture, education and sport, the AIMS also uses sport as a powerful tool to contribute to society.

The AIMS is also in close cooperation with the Peace and Sport, the Generations for Peace and the UN Women, contributing on the international level to the Goal 5 of the UN agenda, to 'Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls' and includes specific tools to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls.

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WROCLAW (POLAND) HOST OF THE WORLD GAMES 2017

The city of Wroclaw in Poland was awarded to host The World Games 2017.

The 10th edition of the multi-sport event will take place from 20 to 30 July 2017.

Wroclaw is the capital of Lower Silesian Voivodeship with more than 640.000 residents.

The President of the Wroclaw Organizing Committee - The World Games 2017 Limited - is Mr. Piotr Przygonski. In charge of all the operational activities is the Chief Operations Officer Mrs. Hanna Domagala.

The IWGA President Jose Perurena Lopez said about the next host:

"We are happy to present our sports in Wroclaw in the summer of 2017, and we are sure that we will be offered optimal conditions for our sportsmen and women there." Wroclaw offers all prerequisites to stage an event like The World Games. This does not only refer to the required sporting venues and infrastructure. The city also has a record as a host of big sports events and can count on the support of the city administration, the Ministry of Sport and Tourism and the National Olympic Committee.

The Mayor Rafal Dutkiewicz sees the organization of The World Games as a good opportunity to present Wroclaw:

"The World Games will be the biggest sporting event in Polish history, after the Euro 2012. We plan to celebrate the jubilee 10th edition of The World Games in style."

Moreover, he counts on a large number of sports enthusiasts who will flock to the competitions during the eleven-day sport event. The bid was supported by the **Sumo Wrestler Robert Paczków** from Poland:

"I was a World Champion and a European Champion. However, I am especially proud of my World Games bronze medal."



THE WORLD GAMES WROCLAW 2017

So, after Duisburg 2005, The World Games will return to Europe.

In 2009 Kaohsiung (Chinese Taipei) was the host of the multi-sport event. In 2013 it took place in Cali, Columbia, and it was for the first time to take place in a country in South America.

The World Games take place every four years in the year following the Olympic Games.

The event has in its program 25 sports. Approximately 4,500 athletes and officials from more than 100 countries take part in The World Games. Athletes will compete for gold medals in around 180 disciplines during the event.

Moreover, the City of Wroclaw has selected the following disciplines for the invitational sports program:

- American football
- Speedway
- Kickboxing
- Rowing (Indoor)

By the decision of the Wroclaw Organizing Committee of the World Games, there is only one bronze medal (the Olympic system) predicted on the throne. That means that the WAKO should adapt its rules to such a demand. So, among our competitors on the World Games, there will be only one third place.



The WAKO on the World Games

For the first time in history the WAKO will participate in the World Games 2017, this time as an invitational sport, and expecting to participate as a full sport on the edition in 2021.

The WAKO Board of Directors on their meeting held in Dublin on 25th November 2015 decided about the qualification system and events for the World Games 2017:

- August 2015 Asian Championships
- October 2016 Asian Championships
- June 2016 African Championships
- October 2016 PanAm Championships
- October 2016 European Championships.

The WAKO will be represented by one of its most popular disciplines, K1 rules with the total of 96 athletes divided into 12 weight classes, 8 male and 4 female. In each weight class there will be 8 fighters representing 8 different countries. Within that, 4 will be from Europe, 1 from PanAmerica, 1 from Asia and 1 from Africa. The last remaining place will be equally split among Asia and PanAmerica.

The WAKO competition will be held in two days (the first day quarter and semi finals, and the second day finals and awarding ceremonies).

The selected WAKO event manager for the World Games 2017, **Mr. Srdjan Bugarcic**, expresses his satisfaction about the WAKO Kickboxing being part of this great sports event:



"It is an honor for the WAKO to be a part, for the first time, of such a great event. For all these years filled with hard work and the development of kickboxing the WAKO has certainly deserved to be a member of the big IWGA family. We are very proud of our achievements and very happy to have a chance to present our sport in the best possible way. Concerning the organization and, sort of, technical issues, I am sure that the WAKO will be among the best represented sports participating in the World Games. The WAKO has a very experienced and capable Organizing Committee who have already proved themselves many times in the organization of big and complex events. Also the WAKO's referee team will be on top level since only the best WAKO referees will be present and officiate in Wroclaw. The biggest task for the WAKO now is to make sure that all the best athletes qualify and are present in Wroclaw. In this regard, qualifying events decided by the WAKO Board, must be organized in the way to attract good fighters representing as many countries, members of the WAKO, as possible. Only in this way, with a big number of fighters that will take part on Continental Championships will we ensure to have quality in the end. The WAKO has to do a lot in the promotion of the World Games among its members, to encourage national federations to make the World Games as a priority action for the next two years. We still have time but it needs a lot of hard work and commitment to the number one goal, the World Games. In the period where the WAKO aim is the IOC recognition, the World Games are one huge step forward. We all have to take the best from ourselves to make our dream come true."



The WAKO 9th South American Championships
Chile, Santiago, 10th/13th December

GOOD FIGHTS IN SANTIAGO



For the first time Chile was the host and organizer of 9th South American Championships.

In Santiago, from 10th to 13th December, in the "Victor Jara" Stadium, we hosted 515 best fighters from 10 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Columbia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela and Chile.

This was an event of great importance for Chile and the whole PanAm, bearing in mind that in this continent we have a great expansion of kickboxing.

Chile had the second most numerous sport delegation with 169 participants, coming after Brazil which was the most numerous.

This event was totally covered by the BUDOLAND company with the prestigious Top Ten equipment.

The schedule of the event was planned on two rings and four tatamis in all seven WAKO disciplines.



WAKO CHILE President Mr Francisco Mutis and
WAKO PAN AM President Mr Paulo Zorello



PLACE	NATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1st	BRAZIL	77	53	33	163
2nd	CHILE	64	39	27	130
3rd	ARGENTINA	50	46	28	124
4th	EQUADOR	18	02	14	34
5th	BOLIVIA	04	04	04	12
6th	COLOMBIA	02	01	02	05
7th	PARAGUAY	02	00	03	05
8th	URUGUAY	01	04	04	09
9th	VENEZUELA	01	03	00	04
10th	PERU	00	02	05	07

The WAKO Chile stresses that this event was a great opportunity to present their country and town not only as a touristic destination but also as a great sports and culture event destination.

Congratulation to all the participants, including the judges and referees, the coaches, the promoters, the medical staff, the national presidents and all the people involved in the teams.

“To host this event in our country was a privilege, besides allowing healthy competition, show our city and transform the event into an opportunity for a cultural exchange. 515 athletes in a subcontinental event, it shows the strength of the WAKO.

First I thank the God, then our beloved Honorary WAKO IF President Mr. Ennio Falsoni and the WAKO PanAM President Mr. Paulo Zorello for giving me the opportunity to be a part of the WAKO IF family, and of course I want to thank the whole team who helped organize this event:

Ms.Michelle Aguirre, Mr.Pablo Acuña, Mr.Michel Tello, Mr.Juan Gonzalez, Mr.Francisco Diaz, Club Zendo Kaikan, Ms.Marcia Cortés and Mr.Alejandro Moya”, says the WAKO Chile President and the WAKO PanAm 1st Vice-President **Mr. Francisco Mutis.**



9º CAMPEONATO SUDAMERICANO KICKBOXING Santiago Chile 10-13 de Diciembre

Full Contact
k-1 Rules
Low Kicks
Point Fighting
Light Contact
Musical Forms
Kick Fight



MEETING WITH Mr. PATRICK HICKEY

President of the European Olympic Council



*Mr. Roy Baker,
Mr. Partick Hickey and
Mr. Borislav Pelevic*

The new elected WAKO President Mr. Borislav Pelević and Mr. Roy Baker, the WAKO Europe Acting President, had a meeting in Dublin with Mr. Patrick Hickey, the President of the European Olympic Council (in the picture on the left with Mr. Pelevic).

Mr. Pat Hickey was specially invited to the finals of the Championships in Dublin, where he had the opportunity not only to meet the new WAKO President but also to enjoy the best fights of the Championships.

The main topic of the meeting was the participation of kickboxing on the next European Games 2019 in Sochi, Russia. On this occasion, the visit of Mr. Borislav Pelević and Mr. Roy Baker to Moscow was announced, where they are going to meet Russian sport authorities.



*The President
presenting
Wako Magazine
to Mr. Partick Hickey*

Mr. Partick Hickey is a big fan of martial sports. He himself is the owner of the black belt in judo, the sport in which he competed a long time representing his country, Ireland, on the international scene.

→ Tomaz Barada seminar in Greece



CHAMPION'S KNOWLEDGE FOR THE YOUTH

Tomaz Barada Seminar, for the first time in Athens 16th & 17th of February, was completed successfully. Over 250 participants from about 50 clubs from all over Greece and Cyprus took part in the seminar.

There were different classes for different age groups and the focus was to help participants improve their trainings.

Athletes of all ages and levels and instructors, as well, had the chance to train for two days with the legend of the WAKO and the ITF.

It was a big event for the martial arts people of Greece that was also broadcasted by local TV and radio stations.

A few words from the organizer Mr. Nikitas Michalakopoulos (the headcoach of Michalakopoulos team and Amilla clubs):

"It was such a great honour to have the legend Tomaz Barada in Athens for this seminar. I am very happy that the seminar was successfully completed and that I have seen every participant, from the youngest to the oldest, leaving with a smile. I believe that we have all learned something new from this seminar. It was a good chance for Greek athletes and coaches to see new and different things, share opinions, discuss and improve our level of competence as a country. I want to thank Tomaz for coming here and doing his best."

Tomaz kept no secrets. He shared his experience not only from competitions but also from life. He tried to teach, especially children, not only how to kick and punch, but also how to set goals and work on them in order to achieve them. He is probably the best example of how a man can be so successful and still so simple and down to earth. It was really a pleasure to cooperate with him.

I must also say a special thanks to all those people who came from far away and had to travel for several hours in order to attend the seminar. One very important thing about this seminar is that people from different places and different disciplines have met, got to know each other better and have trained as a team for a weekend and that is the beauty of sport. I hope we will have a chance to train again and learn more from Tomaz in another seminar soon."

Tomaz himself had a few words to share with us about the seminar and his experience in Athens:

"It was a great pleasure to be in Greece on the seminar!

I can really congratulate on the whole organization! Everything was at a really high level...

What I liked the most was the promotion of kickboxing as a sport.

What I have found out about the level of Greek athletes is that they have a few good competitors which are technically very good, they just need to practise more... and if I look back I can see light contact and full contact developing fast and with high perspective.

What I can say in one word about my Greek experience is: AMAZING!"

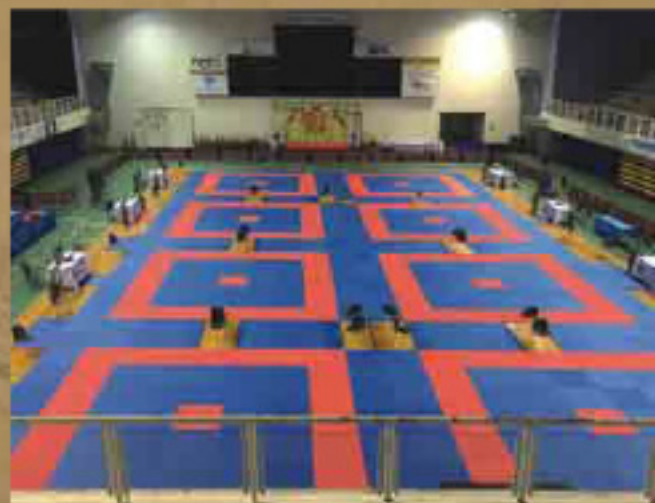
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GOLDEN GLOVE INTERNATIONAL CUP

GLOVE FOR THE BEST



The Golden Glove 2016 is over and we can say that it was really a beautiful competition. The atmosphere was in the spirit of fair play and the glory of sport.

A sport hall was covered with 8 squares and there was a giant screen where audience could see projected images of previous editions. The sport hall was full of numerous competing athletes (about 900 members) from over 18 countries: Austria, Belgium, Holland, England, Czech Republic, France, Greece, Germany, Slovenia, Croatia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Liechtenstein, Serbia.

Special thanks for the successful organization goes to those who have designed and created the event: Luca Terrin, the President of the Veneto Regione FIKBMS EuropcenterOneCamponogara, the National WAKO ITALY board member Raffaele Di Paolo,

Club ASD Euro Kickboxing Nicola Traina (the member of the organizing committee of the WAKO) and Oriano de Bei (the Italian member of the WAKO ITALY referee board). The Golden Glove promoters prepared a total prize money of 8,000 euros and a sponsorship given by global brand TOP TEN which provided all the winners with a present - a pair of gloves depending on the speciality. The SPORTDATA system was used on the competition. SPORTDATA fabulous staff, including brothers Alex and Jhon Engelhardt from the WAKO Netherland, allowed to display in real time on the web: boards, results, awards and live streaming.

This technology truly represents the future in sports like tatami.

The two-day race began with two internships held respectively by the team of

GOLDEN GLOVE

TEAM MEDALS TOP 10

1. KiralyTeam Kickboxing Academy, HUN
2. Team best fighters, ITA
3. HMD Italia, ITA
4. Chikudo Martial Arts, LIE
5. Debreczeni Team, HUN
6. Asd Euro Kickboxing, ITA
7. WAKO ENGLAND, GBR
8. Lanzilao Team, ITA
9. Topten light revolution team, ITA
10. A.S.D. auxe, ITA



Master Istvan Kiraly for point fighting and Manuel Nordio and Ivan Sciolla for the light, which was attended by about thirty athletes each.

On Saturday the fights took place in all categories of kick light and point fighting: the Istvan Kiraly team dominated in the 5 competitions of teams taking home 2,500 euros while in the individual disciplines the Italians achieved great results.

Sunday was devoted entirely to the point fighting, a discipline with a greater number of attending fighters. The best Grandchampion female finale fight was between Martina Rossi and the Hungarian Henrietta Nagy with the victory of the Italian fighter. On the other side, Grandchampion men finale was between two Hungarians, Moradi Zsolt and Gombosh Laszlo, where was better Gombosh Laszlo.

Another thanks can only go first to the staff who enabled the smooth running of the competition with their hard work and then to the referees with high commitment and passion, who ensured high professionalism in the WAKO.

Alessio Marini
www.goldenglove.it



→ WAKO USA Kickboxing activities

West Coast Regional Championship Tournament

KICKBOXING IN LA FIT EXPO



This was a great opportunity for athletes to showcase their skills before our big tournament in July, the WAKO USA Open, which will be in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, July 8th through July 10th, 2016.

For the first time ever, WAKO USA Kickboxing, along with promoter, Anthony Salcedo, of Athlon Rub, hosted a **West Coast Regional Championship Tournament**.

WAKO Team USA was very excited about this because in the past, there were only National Tournaments.

The WAKO West Coast Regional Championship hosted two rules styles of K-1 and International Rules.

The Championship also took place during the **LA Fit Expo**, which is the largest of Consumers Fitness Expos on the West Coast.

There were over 100,000 fitness enthusiasts who attended the celebration in search of



learning new techniques and finding new motivations to continue their fit lifestyle so WAKO USA fit right in!

We had close to 100 athletes compete during the event and expect to have even more next

year as WAKO USA received a lot of positive feedback.

Athletes came from several surrounding western states to attend the championship and we were able to build new relationships with several new gyms.

Ashley Zbilsky





Rob Zbilski,
WAKO Team USA
Kickboxing President

SERIOUS PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

- We have a pleasure to see WAKO Team USA on the Championships. You are not a new face in WAKO?

Not really. My first WAKO Championships was in 1997, in Gdansk, Poland. In addition, I was also in Hungary in 2005, then as the coach of Team USA, but from then till now I have been on 90% of the WAKO World Championships, both junior and seniors Championships.

- Kickboxing is a very popular sport in the USA, but you have not only one organization but many of them. What are the main problems you are facing concerning your work?

Yes, there are other federations in USA. However, we, WAKO Team USA Kickboxing, are the only organization recognized as the official member of WAKO. The other organizations, most of them, are amateur organizations and there is not really a lot of fights going under professional level for kickboxing, there is a lot fighting in boxing and MMA, and that's where it seems we losing our athletes. We are trying to find the best athletes to come to WAKO to join WAKO Championships.

- As far as we are trying to be recognized by IOC, there is one rule that counts for everybody - to have one organization, or all organizations gathered under one umbrella, and united in one federation, to be recognized by National Olympic Committee. Is it possible in the United States?

There will always be federations that will continue to work on their own. WAKO will eventually be the only recognized organization in the US. My goal is to unite all of us together. But now that we have defined the leadership in USA, we can set our path to success. I believe that we could get a lot of people from the other organizations to come to work with WAKO. As far as our organization in USA, we are opened for everyone to come and join us.

- Is there any financial support or financing available from the sport authorities in USA?

Unfortunately, United States Government doesn't recognize kickboxing. We have a free enterprise system and

We have athlete's commission in every state in America which is in charge with athletes in all sports, so as in kickboxing.

The rule is: if you are a professional, you cannot be at the same time a amateur. Or amateur, or pro. So, people don't know that when we come to the Championships we have competitors that had 20 fights in their lives, no more. They don't have so much experience because we have to be strict with their careers.



Mr. Zbilski shared with us his plans for the future of kickboxing in USA

the government looks to everything as the business. So what we have to do is to conduct our organization like the business. We have to set up a plan to create the revenue, to bring in the funds in order to build our organization, and to help our athletes grow.

So we have many different things that we are doing: one is that we are trying to develop the membership and we require that everyone who that participates in WAKO whether it be a USA training camp, coaching certifications or referee certifications, or the events that we put on, has to be a WAKO USA member.

The second thing we are doing is we are trying to develop promoters to sanction the events through WAKO. Through the sanctioning of events, sanctioning fees are required, which also help to increase our membership.

Third, we are working on the US training camps. The more training camps we can do, the more WAKO is exposed and the more people are coming to try out and see what is WAKO doing.

Fourth, our final goal is to develop some type of TV for athletes, because exposure brings sponsorship, and sponsorship brings money to our organization. That's what we need to do.

- How can Internet be helpful in your plans for success?

I think that's something that we will look at this year. You know, I have only had a year to change the path of the United States. We are mending our relationships and trying to put athletes together to be able to participate, to show that we have the organization that can come here on the Championships. Social media plays a huge role in developing our sport. We are able to share our events and post pictures and videos of our team and athletes to obtain prospect athletes. We have our website: www.wakousa.org. We have our Facebook page: WAKO Team USA Kickboxing. We have our Twitter page: @WAKOTeamUSA. And then we have our Instagram page: [wakousakickboxing](https://www.instagram.com/wakousakickboxing).

- WAKO members have a totally different environment for their work compared to the other native countries. There are so many differences for example, between work in one small country in Europe and work in USA. How can we reconcile such gaps in conditions and stay united under the same rules?

Lot of people don't have any idea how difficult is to work in United States. You know, we have fifty states, every state has the Government, so you can do something in Illinois and you can drive 50 minutes over the border and there you have a completely different Government, regulations, environment. Trying to get something unified in the United States is very, very difficult. One of the hardest tests I had was finding athletics commissions, which are runned by the Government, to be able to make it easy for us to promote WAKO. That's what I am working on now, in several different states.

- What WAKO disciplines are most popular in USA?

As far as the disciplines go, I was in full contact, where I was a fighter, and that's what I enjoyed very much. However, I see K1 being the discipline we are going to have the most success in. We also have a very successful and strong tatami team. Raymond Daniels and Jack Felton are some of our best tatami fighters. For the first time participating in WAKO, people could watch the World Championships on a live stream, which was great for the USA because they have a lot of support in the US. Also, we have very strong forms team as well. So, I would say moving forward, K1 will be our strongest ring discipline and point fighting and forms tatami will be our strongest tatami disciplines.

- WAKO is preparing for the World Games 2017. What is the main benefit for WAKO participating on that competition?

For us in the Unites States, that is a tremendous credibility. It is the highest level that anyone can and ever has competed in kickboxing. For us, that is the closest thing to the IOC recognition and the Olympics.

- What is it about the equipment you are using in America? Do you have some differences in standards for the equipment?

Kickboxing is not such a big sport in the USA. We have relations with Top Ten and Fighters Inc. and we believe that they have the best equipment in the world. They are sponsoring our tournaments.

- What are your personal interests in sports?

I grew up training hockey. That was the sport that I loved and trained for several years. I was a very good baseball player and very good football player (American football),



Hugh Smith, Raymond Daniels, Rob Zbilski



Rocky Troutman, Bill Henniger, Nate Richardson, Adam Poore, Jimi Wilson, Justin Whiley, Chris Cichon, Tim Mazurkiewicz, Rob Zbilski, Antonio Dvorak

and wrestling too. I played all four of these sports all throughout High school. In College time I joined a Martial Arts Academy and few months after, I started fighting. I received my black belt in 1982. I opened my first school in 1989. In 1993 I had my last fight. Almost 30 years of my life I gave to sport of martial arts and kickboxing. I still have a big martial arts school.

Talking about my life, I am married and I have three kids. My daughter is competing for the first time for WAKO on the World Championships in Dublin and I am so proud of that.

- Are you satisfied with situation in WAKO USA?

I am very excited that we've got things straight now in America with WAKO. So, now that we've got things worked out it's going to be much easier to plan activities, start moving forward and build WAKO in the USA.

Lot of people may not know this, but I have been a promoter of WAKO for 12 years now and maybe the only voice in America promoting WAKO. Now that I have the opportunity as the President, my first job was to make the agreement with the UFC, which is the biggest fighting organization in the world. We have our Championships in July in Las Vegas and I believe that it will lead to very big things for us. It is giving us tremendous credibility working with the largest organization in America. People will see in a couple of years really good things coming out of USA.

- When they say that we need as much spectators as we need good athletes, do you believe that publicity audience is the condition for success?

Like I have said: getting TV is very important. It will give us the exposure that we need. It is everything. Companies can sponsor the events; people will come to see events. That is the catch 22. It seems like a hard thing but we have to work on it. The Final evening in World Championships in Belgrade, with 11 000 spectators and several TV stations was phenomenal. Fighters were great, competition had high quality, and the show was amazing. That is something I wish Americans could see. To be honest, Americans have no idea about the level of competition in kickboxing that I have seen on World Championships in Belgrade and in Dublin.

M.P.



THE WAKO AS A MEMBER OF THE AIMS



AIMS President Mr. Stephan Fox with the IOC President, Dr. Thomas Bach.

*The Alliance of Independent recognized Members of Sport **AIMS** was founded in 2011 by 23 non-IOC recognized members of the **SportAccord** and is the fourth group in the **SportAccord** along with the **ARISF**, the **ASOIF** and the **AIOWF**.*

The aim of the **AIMS** is to strengthen each individual sport, combine expertise, share knowledge and maintain close cooperation with the **International Olympic Committee (IOC)**, so that individual sport achieves official recognition from the IOC.

The WAKO is a full member of the **AIMS**.

For the **WAKO** and all its members, as all other International Federations under the **AIMS**

umbrella, the main obligation is now to approve the **WAKO** kickboxing as a recognized sport from the National Olympic Committees and/or Ministry of Sport.

In the letter of **Mr. Thomas Bach**, the President of the International Olympic Committee, addressed to the President **Mr. Stephan Fox**, the President of the **AIMS** it is clearly said that

"... strengthening relationships between stakeholders is a key focus of the Olympic Agenda 2020, and the IOC greatly appreciates the efforts of the **AIMS** to promote sport and International Federations ... and protect clean athletes".



International Recognized Sport Federations Members of AIMS



MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION



Roy, Espen and
Stephan Fox



WAKO Vice President Roy Baker with
IOC President Thomas Bach



Espen Lund and Roy Baker
on the conference

Among the regular activities with the purpose to secure the IOC recognition and to show the quality, the level and the significance of our sport within a wider world of sport, **Roy Baker and Espen Lund**, the WAKO IF Vice-Presidents participated in the **SportAccord IF Forum 11-13 November 2015 in Lausanne**.

The SportAccord Extraordinary Assembly was held changing the path of the SportAccord. It was conducted in order to review the proposed structural changes and the changes of the Statutes of the SportAccord, after a dramatically collapse following the President Mr. Marius Vizer's resignation. The most important proposal was to merge the SportAccord with the SportAccord Convention, and the IF members were recommended to leave their comments about the changes of the Statutes. As far as the Anti Doping unite is concerned, the SportAccord has the responsibility to help the international sports federations to enforce the anti doping rules by signing the contract which will help conduct the needed activities.

Mr. Roy Baker signed that contract for 2016/2017 for the WAKO.

The WAKO participated in the important meetings in order to construct the future of the next Combat Games. The SportAccord Acting President and Mr. Stephan Fox, the President of the AIMS, organized an official meeting to re-establish the importance and relevance of the COMBAT GAMES for all combat sports. The conclusion of the meeting was that all 16 sports are interested in continuing with the Combat Games in the future.

It was also discussed that a Gala Show with combat sports be held on each SportAccord Convention to show the sporting world our unique position.

They also had the chance to meet and talk with H.H Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, the President of the ANOC (the Association of the National Olympic Committees) and the OCA (the Olympic Council of Asia) who has a very positive attitude to the WAKO's endeavours to get the IOC recognition and had fruitful meetings with the present representatives of the IOC.

There were meetings with the IOC Sports Director, **Kit McConnell**, and the General Director, **Christophe De Kepper**, and on top of all, with the IOC President itself, **Dr. Thomas Bach**.

→ Junior National Championships and
WAKO INDIA Federation Cup 2015-16

INDIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Junior, Cadet and Senior



Junior National Kickboxing Championships
2015-16 & Federation Cup 2015-16

(Cadet & Senior)

from 16th to 21st February 2016
in Talkatora Indoor Stadium, Talkatora Garden,
President's Estate, New Delhi

This is the official Junior national
championship and Federation Cup for cadets and
seniors divisions. This event is hosted by Delhi
Kickboxing Association and sanctioned by
National Kickboxing Federation N. G. - WAKO
INDIA.

This championships is the part of preparations
for participation of WAKO INDIA team in official
WAKO 2016 top events - The Austrian Classics
(WAKO World Cup) 2016, Hungary World Cup
(WAKO World Cup), Bestfighter (WAKO World
Cup), WAKO Cadet & Junior World
Championships 2016, 27th Aug. - 3rd Sept.,
Dublin, Ireland and Diamond WAKO World Cup
2016, 20th - 25th September 2016, Anapa,
Russia.

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Interview with **Jacqueline Walters**,
a referee from Canada

CHARM AND SPIRIT IN THE RING

When you look at the crowd on the WAKO Championships, there is no chance not to notice a beautiful smile, gorgeous hair and a decisive attitude of Jacqueline. Very friendly and interested in this conversation, she shared with us some moments from the period of her life when the WAKO became a part of her life.



Completely different, unique and a very interesting story...

... I started kickboxing at the age of 44. My coach is someone who came to my office (we worked together) and asked me if I wanted to try muay thai. He was an instructor, it was free, it seemed interesting and I said: "OK, I'll try it".

So, I started to train when I was 44 years old and my first fight was when I was 46. Then, I went on to compete: now, I am a four-time Canadian national champion, a two-time competitor at the World's and I retired at 51 as a national champion.

I am 55 years old now. When I went to the World's, I was 49 and 51. I fought the girl who won a gold medal and she was half my age. I went three rounds with her.

That's how I started kickboxing. Partly, through my kickboxing career, I got interested in officiating, so I started officiating in Canada and I became a chief official. Now I am among several chief officials in the Canadian Kickboxing Organization CASK. That was not enough for me. One day I thought: "Hey, I want to get involved in the World Organization", so I did my first World Championships in 2010 in Belgrade, Serbia as a judge and a referee. After that, every year I came to one of the World Championships either junior or senior. This, in Dublin, is my fifth. I have done some North American Championships, Vegas, Brazil, Argentina, Italy, Serbia,

South Africa..., as well. Anyway, I did all of this in a very short period of time and at a very late stage of my life. I would like to have done this when I was younger, but I hadn't discovered it. When I came to the World's, I had to have a special permission from the chief officials there to participate, to make sure that I have all the medical and other needed tests.

So, is my age the most interesting thing? I feel free to talk about my age, I don't care, I am proud of it, I work hard to stay in shape and have a young mind...

➔ - Was kickboxing the first sport you participated in?

... Oh, no! I am very athletic, so I have done sports all my life. I have played volleyball, basketball, soccer, baseball, dragon boat racing... I've been on two Canadian national teams: in kickboxing, as I have said, and in dragon boat racing, where I went competing in China in 2004. Dragon boat racing is a Chinese national sport where there are 22 people in a large boat, and they paddle: twenty paddlers, one drummer and one steerer standing at the rear end of the boat. I did that a number of years.

I am proud that I had the opportunity to represent Canada in several different sports. I have done sports all my life and I'll continue to do so and that's why I have taken over officiating in kickboxing. I am still in the ring!

➔ - Were there any funny situations in your life during doing kickboxing?

...Yes, girls always have funny situations with equipment which is not on it's right place. As a referee, I had so

much demands in the ring to help girls between rounds to fix the bra or hair. That is funny, you have to help them in front of all the spectators. Imagine me trying to fix a girl's bra in the ring! I was joking after that, saying that at least she has to invite me on a date for dinner. So, that was funny but you can't be embarrassed, strange things happen when you are an athlete.

➔ **- As a judge, what are your personal feelings when you come into a ring?**

... I am happy when I know that I had myself in 23 fights, so I know that it makes me a better referee. But also, I don't put up with stuff because I know all the tricks when fighters are trying to take a break in the round when they are tired.

In judging it is hard to decide what is an effective punch, a hit with a force. Some people really look good but when they get into the ring you see that they are not as good as they look and you should be able to make that difference. Moreover, you should be able to notice if there is strategy in the fight, deliberation, not only

of MMA. MMA takes a lot from kickboxing and in that respect, I can say yes, kickboxing is popular. But, we are still holding that on our own. We have our competitors, competitions, people who like pure kickboxing. There are still a lot of people that want to take kickboxing classes for recreation, to have great exercise. In our organization we start with very young kids, we are grooming people so they will be athletes and who will be competing in the WAKO once we become the IOC recognized sport. We have things like Junior Games for kids starting from the age of 9 until 16, we have many things for our recreation participants and many other things. It is a strong sport, good for boys and girls, good for everybody who wants to develop self-confidence, as well as defend themselves, or to get a good exercise and stay in good shape, even in Canada where number one sport is hockey and there is soccer too. This sport doesn't cost as much, you don't need expensive equipment.

Personally, I have to be honest and say that I prefer ring disciplines in kickboxing probably because I haven't been



learned one, two, three, punch and do it all the time even it doesn't work on that opponent.

➔ **- Was it difficult to pass from a national to an international referee?**

... It's been an interesting journey. And anything that's worthwhile in life will be challenging, there will be highs and lows, so there is no difference in my referee career. As I progressed from the regular national referee to the Chief official in Canada, and then when I came to the world stage it was a little bit in the low again because I am not at the top. I had a lot to learn about how things work internationally and in Europe is much different than in North America. It's been a great learning experience but it is nice when you are in the process of learning and growing. It is interesting but our new WAKO President, Borislav, was the first person I met doing my refereeing internationally when he was in charge of that. I felt I had the support over the years and here I am now. I can only go to the major competitions, that is once a year. It is very expensive for me, I come from North America, but I have made a decision to come to at least one competition every year, but I do look for all events in North America and the whole PanAmerican region.

I don't want to frighten anybody, but I have every intention of doing this apparently till the age of 65, and even much longer than that.

➔ **- Is kickboxing a popular sport in Canada?**

... In North America kickboxing/muay thai has become more popular than full contact, especially with the merge

exposed as much to the tatami disciplines. I have learned ring sports, I know ring sports, and even though each year I see more and more of tatami, my area of expertise is still the ring disciplines. I also like to watch what folks can do in musical forms with weapons. I appreciate all disciplines, but I am a ring sport girl, especially K1.

You know, Canada is a huge country geographically. It is hard for us to have a competition every weekend, like some countries in Europe, but we do what we can. Even when I have to go to the South America Championships in Chile, it is quite a challenge for me. It is the same continent, but it is a long way to go. Nevertheless, we manage, the organization is good, the passion of the people who are part of it is good so we are going ahead.

We have a good group of key people who are leading the way, they are very positive and I enjoy working with them. We continue to fight for what we believe in, we are fighters. That is the key of success.

I am very honored and privileged to have found this sport even that late in life but it was definitely worth it. I have made some lifelong friends and had some phenomenal experiences and also an opportunity to travel all around the world in conjunction with the sport. I am really thankful for that. I would only encourage anyone who is not familiar with the sport to give it a try, to attend because it is more than people hitting each other.

M.P.



WAKO event

Date: Dec, 4th, 2015

Place: Coliseo de la Ciudad Desportiva de la Havana (Havana, Cuba)

Broadcast: Cuba Vision International

USA Cuba



This event was a friendly tournament, a Kickboxing Gala (under amateurs rules) with 9 fights between the USA Team (blue corner) and Cuba Team (red corner). The fights were in K1 Rules and Low Kicks at the following weight categories: 57Kg, 60Kg, 67Kg, 71Kg, 81Kg and +91Kg.

The event was broadcasted by Cuba Visión.

The WAKO Cuba, with the support of its National IOC, will organize the 1st Caribbean Open in July or August, 2016, with the participation of many countries from that region of the continent.

This event will not only attract many other countries to the WAKO PANAM and to the WAKO IF, but it will also approximate the kickboxing sport to the ODEPA, aiming our future recognition.





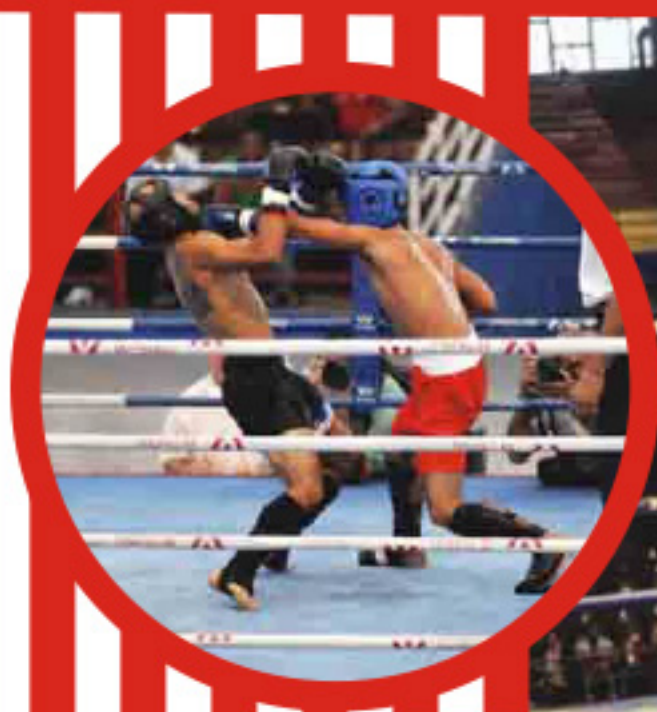
Fight	Weigh Division	Modality	Blue Corner (USA)	vs	Red Corner (Cuba)	Winner	By
1	57 kg	Low Kicks	Carlos Hernandez	vs	Walter Sanchez	Walter	KO (3 Round)
2	67 kg	Low Kicks	Germain Baltazar	vs	Pedro Beritez	Baltazar	3x0
3	57 kg	K-1 Rules	Thomas Bamberger	vs	Yoermes Suarez	Yoermes	3x0
4	60 kg	Low Kicks	Carlos Hernandez	vs	Jordys Villalta	Carlos Hernandez	3x0
5	67 kg	Low Kicks	Brendan Raymer	vs	Yolslan Garbey	B Raymer	2x1
6	71 kg	K-1 Rules	Jhony Lindor	vs	Denny Lopez	Denny	3x0
7	81 kg	Low Kicks	Andrew Gigax	vs	Javier Mesa	A Gigax	KO (2 Round)
8	mas 91 kg	Low Kicks	Edwards Travis	vs	Dariel Veitia Quintana	D Veitia	3x0
9	67 kg	K-1 Rules	Germain Baltazar	vs	Osnier Rosabal	Baltazar	Baltazar

This event was especially important bearing in mind the historical background between those two nations and to show how the **WAKO kickboxing** can be used as a bond to help unite the two countries through sport.

This event was initiated and organized by the WAKO Cuba, through its representative, Mr. Armando Quintana, and the WAKO USA was represented by Mr. Charles Post.

After many years of economic and political blockade, finally the international relations between the USA and Cuba started to be restored in 2015. To celebrate, in a unique event in Kickboxing, on December 4th, 2015 Cuba hosted for the first time the USA Kickboxing Team in a friendly tournament.

USA vs Cuba





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Ina has published several international peer-reviewed research articles and abstracts along with several text book chapters.

She was a guest of WAKO in Dublin, on the Congress of coaches, where she had a presentation focused on weight loss in kickboxing.

Her presentation is available online at www.wakoweb.com in section "news" in attachment.

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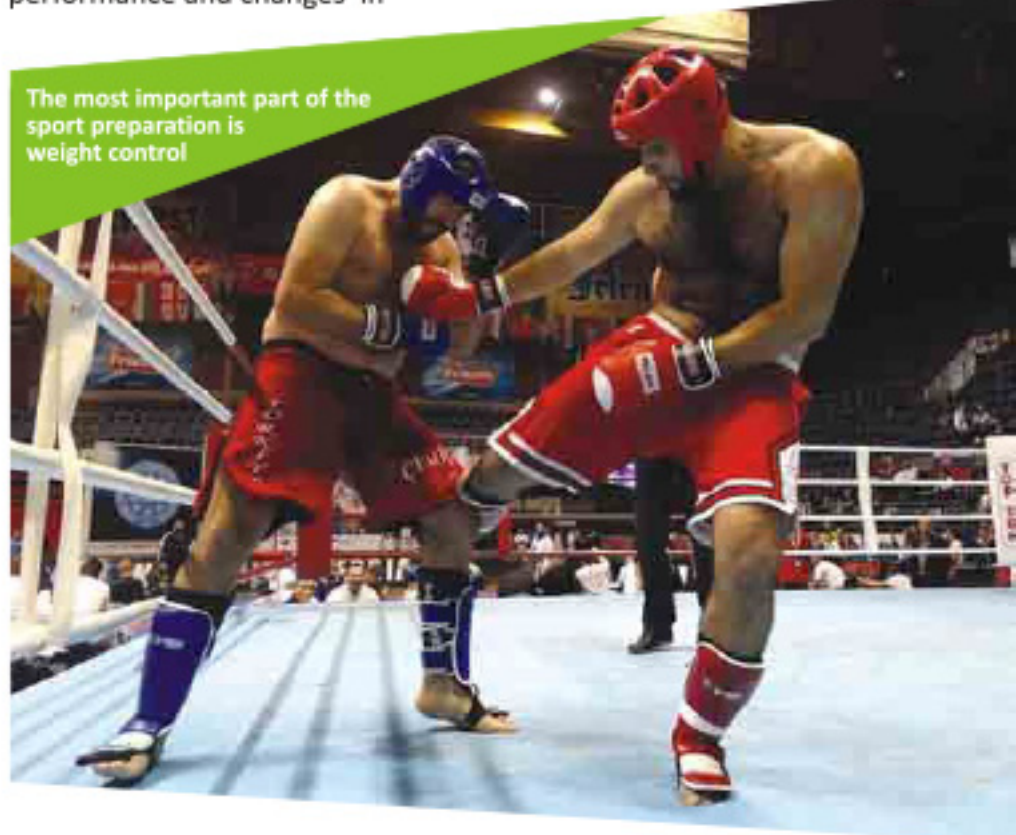
Presentation by Dr. Ina Garthe - Head of sports nutrition department at Norwegian Olympic Sports Centre

Ina Garthe has her PhD from Norwegian School of Sport Sciences, department of Sport medicine and is head of Sports nutrition department at the Norwegian Olympic Sports Centre. She has a clinical education in eating disorders and have IOC diploma in sports nutrition. She is responsible for preparation and the nutrition logistics in Olympic and Paralympic games. She travels with teams and have consultations with elite athletes, mostly within the fields of strength and nutritional

strategies, body composition and weigh regulation.

Her researches has focused on athletic nutrition and performance and changes in

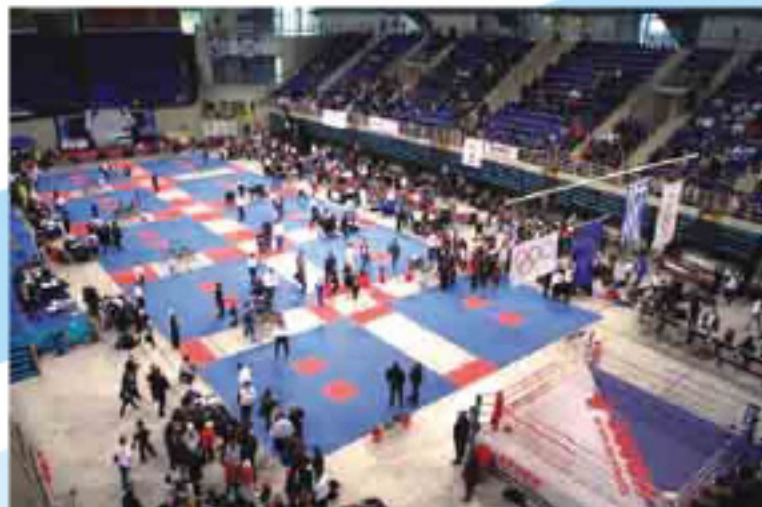
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13th Athens Challenge 2016

Athens, 06th-07th February 2016



FIRST CHALLENGE IN THIS YEAR

Thank you for joining us for the big celebration of Kick Boxing! The 13th Athens Challenge Tournament is organized in association with the WAKO and the PAN-HELLENIC FEDERATION OF KICKBOXING "POK".

Athens Challenge Tournament is without a doubt one of the top 5 Kick Boxing events across Europe and the biggest Kick Boxing event in Greece, tournament in disciplines: Point Fighting, Light Contact, Kick Light, Low Kick and Musical forms.

Athens Challenge is the First Tournament of the World Kickboxing Series (WKS).

The WKS is a cooperation between the Best WAKO Kickboxing Tournaments during one calendar year.

Fighters will be ranked according to their results in these tournaments. On all the events they

The tournaments that are in the WKS are:

- 6/7 February 2016 - Athens Challenge, Athens, Greece
- 3/6 March 2016 - Irish Open, Dublin, Ireland
- 15/17 April 2016 - Austrian Classics, Innsbruck, Austria
- 29/30 April 2016 - Yokoso Dutch Open, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 12/15 May 2016 - Hungarian Cup, Budapest, Hungary
- 3/5 June 2016 - BestFighter, Rimini, Italy
- 24/25 September 2016 - Flanders, Beveren, Belgium

will be able to gather points for personal ranking and at the end of the year the WKS will announce the winner in all the categories.

Athens Challenge 2016 lasted two days. The first day we have seen some great fights in all the disciplines: Light Contact, Kick Light, Low Kick and Team Fights. In Point Fighting we had the Grand Champion, and Tag team.

The second day all Point Fighting individual categories were on.

Everybody enjoyed great atmosphere, like always at the Athens Challenge. There was the extra excitement because this was the first Tournament in the ranking row.

Athens Challenge is done and despite of all the strikes in Greece that have made it impossible for some countries to come, we had 1519 registrations, 14 countries participating and 25 International referees present. It has been a great event.

N.M.





WAKO ASIAN KICKBOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

PUNE- India, 1st to 9th August 2015

Asian Championships



Pune, India: After the long suspense, 2015 WAKO Asian Championships were held with great success from 1st to 9th August 2015 in Pune in India.

Extraordinary work of both WAKO Asia and Organizing Committee of 2015 WAKO Asian Championships (Pune/India) headed by Mr. Nasser Nassiri, Vice President of WAKO (IF) and President of WAKO ASIA with collaboration of WAKO India National Kickboxing Federation N.G. led by Mr. C A Tamboli granted the event an enormous success. .



The competition was organized during the 5 full day's and was broadcasted each day for 4 hours direct by national TV DD Sports available in more than 38 countries around the world. On official visit towards recognition to the event & WAKO INDIA was Mr. Ajit M. Sharan, IAS, Secretary (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India along with various personalities who visited the competition daily to support and raise the moral of all athletes.

Pune has selected by WAKO Asia for WAKO Asian Kickboxing Championships 2014/2015 not because it is offering the best conditions to host such event but also because of its geographic location.

The 17 WAKO Asian member countries were registered for this prestigious event but unfortunately, only 13 could take part, as Afghanistan, Bangladesh couldn't obtain their entry visa on time and Iraq and Uzbekistan couldn't find an alternative to arrive on time.

The 13 WAKO Asian member countries were participated and presented to the Championships in Pune with a little more than 285 registered competitors distributed in all Ring and Tatami sport styles competition.

More than 65 referees, judges and coach and more than 70 voluntaries took part in WAKO Asian Championships 2014/2015 Pune, India. All delegation, official and referees/Judges stayed at Hotel ORCHID one of the prestigious hotel in Pune.

WAKO ASIA also organized International Referees/Judges seminars on 3rd August 2015 for more than 5 hours with participation of all Referees/Judges and Coaches conducted jointly by Mr. Nassiri, President of WAKO ASIA and Mr. EuncheonJeong, the Chairman of Ring Referee committee of WAKO ASIA, followed by team manger meeting at the headquarters of the competition.

For the first time in WAKO Asian Championships, there were hold the Musical Forms, Light Contact and Kick light styles, which were very successful.

The excellent job was done, all the participants enjoyed great and hot time in India. Moreover, including in the program various national cultural programs during opening ceremony, break time and awarding ceremony, there was much great things to enjoy.

The competition was in very high level with participation of ranked athletes from all five Asian Zone (West, Central, South, South East and East).

Nasser Nassiri



WAKO Calendar 2016



WAKO Ranking	Date From	Date to	Name	Country	Venue
January					
B	23	24	Golden Glove (WAKO European Cup)	Italy	Conegliano (TV)
February					
B	6	7	Athens Challenge	Greece	Olympic Tae Kwon Do Arena
B	12	14	Karlovac Open (WAKO European Cup)	Croatia	SPORT HALL "MLADOST"
C	19	21	Slovak Open 2016-Memorial of Ladislav "Doky" Toth	Slovakia	Sport's hall Stavrnicky
C	27	27	Ilidza Open 2016	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Sport hall ILIDZA
March					
A	4	6	Irish Open International (WAKO World Cup) (Official WAKO Referee Worlds/Europeans)	Ireland	Citywest Conference Centre
B	19	20	Serbia Open 2016 (WAKO European Cup)	Serbia	Sport center "Sumice"
C	25	27	Latvia Open 2016	Latvia	Brivibas iela 14
April					
C	1	2	Czech-Open for Ring Sports	Czech Rep.	Arena Sparta Prague Hall
B	1	3	Point Fighting Cup 2016	Italy	Pala Borsani
C	1	3	German Open 2016	Germany	Bad Neustadt a.d.S.
C	8	10	Ocean State Grand National Karate Championships	USA	Crowne Plaza Hotel
C	8	10	Turkish Open 2016	Turkey	Antalya Sports Hall
A	15	17	The Austrian Classics (WAKO World Cup) (Official WAKO Referee Worlds/Europeans)	Austria	Olympic hall - Innsbruck
B	29	1st May	WAKO European Cup	Poland	Sport Hall
May					
C	7	7	Balkan Open 2016	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Sport hall Tešanj
C	7	7	KHB International Masters	Austria	Sport hall Kalsdorf
A	12	15	Hungary World Cup (WAKO World Cup) (Official WAKO Referee Worlds/Europeans)	Hungary	Sport Hall
C	21	21	Alpe Adria Open 2016 (PF, LC, KL, LK)	Croatia	SPORT CENTRE "MATE PARLOV"
C	21	21	ASVO Junior Challenge 2016	Austria	Sportshalle Mattersburg
C	27	29	Open Sun Explosion	Spain	Sport Hall
June					
A	3	5	Bestfighter (WAKO World Cup) (Official WAKO Referee Worlds/Europeans)	Italy	105 Stadium
C	10	11	International Czech Championship (PF, LC, KL, FC, LK)	Czech Rep.	Prague
July					
	8	10	WAKO North American Open	USA	Sport Hall
August					
WAKO	27	3rd Sep	WAKO Junior/Cadet World Championships	Ireland	Citywest
September					
A	20	25	Diamond World Cup (WAKO World Cup)	Russia	Sport hall "Volleygrad"
B	22	24	WAKO K-1 European Cup	Czech Republic	Prague
B	24	25	Flanders International Kickboxing Cup	Belgium	De Meerminnen
C	30	1st oct	Scandinavian Open 2016	Norway	Bjolsenhallen
October					
C	14	15	Czech-Open for Tatami Sports	Czech Rep.	Arena Sparta Prague Hall
WAKO	22	29	WAKO European Championships (K1 Rules - Low Kick - Kick Light)	Turkey	Antalya Sport Hall
WAKO PANAM	27	30	9 th Pan American Kickboxing Championships (All styles) Official qualification to IWGA 2017	Mexico	Sport Hall
November					
C	5	5	31st Slovenia Open 2016	Slovenia	City Sport Hall Zagorje
C	12	12	Kutina Open 2016	Croatia	Sport Hall "Kutina"
WAKO	19	27	WAKO European Championships (Point Fighting - Full - Light - Musical Forms)	Greece	Olympic Stadium
December					
B	10	11	Croatia Open 2016	Croatia	TBC

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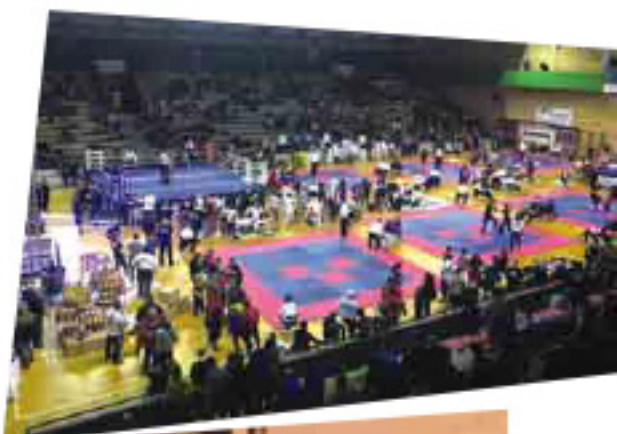


Karlovac OPEN 2016

12/02/2016 - 14/02/2016

Organiser: Kickboxing club "Tigar" Karlovac

Excellent start in 2016



An international kickboxing tournament Karlovac Open is over. Traditionally, this tournament brings together not only competitors of the region, but from all over Europe and the world.

The advantage of this tournament is that it takes place in all WAKO kickboxing disciplines, so the participating countries have the ability to compile their teams of competitors in all seven disciplines.

This year the tournament was more than successful not only at the discretion of the organizers,

but also by the impressions of the participants who after three days of competition, went to their homes with full hearts.

The total number of participants was 1538, and that number promised good fights on the tatami and in the ring.

The total number of participating clubs was 159 and the number of participating countries was 21: Hungary, Italy, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Austria, Great Britain, Slovakia, Poland, Greece, Slovenia, Denmark, Germany, France, Turkey, Macedonia, Ukraine, Israel, Montenegro, Finland, the Netherlands and the host country Croatia.

On the first day of the tournament musical forms were finished, team fights were held and seminars for light contact and point fighting.

The second day of competition was reserved for the fights in point fighting, full contact, low kick and K1. The atmosphere in

the sporthall was at the level of big quality competition.

On the third day the audience was able to watch the end of the fights in full contact, low kik, K1, kick light and light contact.

After the performance in all events, the table of the best ten clubs is like this:

1. KiralyTeam Pointfigthing Academy, Hungary
2. Debreczeni Team, Hungary
3. Team Lombardia, Italy
4. Tigar Karlovac, Croatia
5. Sušak, Croatia
6. KBK Mawashi Makarska, Croatia
7. KBV Proficiogroup Hwarang, Slovenia
8. Team RADULOV, Bulgaria
9. Esztergomi KBSE, Hungary
10. ARMUS, Croatia



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WAKO PRO World title
Low Kick Kg -71,800

NOVARA
(ITALY)
7/12/2015



HUSNU SARI (Turkey) -title holder- **VS** FRANCESCO VACCARO (Italy)

The WAKO PRO World title bout in Low Kick Kg -71,800 Kg, took place in Novara (Italy) on 7th December 2015 between Francesco Vaccaro (Italy) as challenger and Husnu Sari (Turkey), the title holder. Husnu Sari defended his title very well beating Vaccaro by KO on 1st round.



WAKO PRO REPORT

WAKO PANAM



Last year, WAKO PANAM organized many kickboxing Professional events to develop and strengthen WAKO PRO's presence in all the regions of the American Continent giving an opportunity to our best amateur athletes to continue their career as professional kickboxing fighters in our organization.

There were about 20 professional kickboxing events in 2015, generating more activities and exposure and, consequently, more credibility to the WAKO PRO. Among these events, the ones that certainly have to be highlighted are the four editions of the WGP Kickboxing, the biggest kickboxing promotion in Latin America. In addition to the best athletes of the American continent, the event counted with the participation of the athletes from countries that are key references in the sport, such as Croatia and Russia, which helped improve the technical level of our fighters.

The WGP Kickboxing also helped increase the WAKO PRO exposure in the continent, not only through its 4,000 people average attendance, but through over 12 million people reached by the live broadcasting on three TV stations (EsporteInterativo, BandSports and TV Aratu) as well. Today, the WGP Kickboxing is the most famous kickboxing event of the continent and it helps attract new athletes to the WAKO PRO and the WAKO IF.

In addition to those three TV networks, in 2016 the WGP Kickboxing has signed a TV broadcasting contract with SporTV, a sports channel of the Globo Group, the 3rd largest media group in the world, which will give even more exposure not only to the event, but also to the WAKO PRO and the WAKO IF. This contract just shows the development and the growth of the WAKO PRO and the WAKO IF in the continent.

WAKO PRO Brazil K1 Rules (kg-85)

Mauro Pinheiro Gym
SAO PAULO (BRAZIL)
25/7/2015



CESAR "CESINHA" ALMEIDA (Super Fight) vs ALEX "PO ATAN" PEREIRA (Peso Pesado Team)

The WGP Kickboxing holds its 25th edition featuring as its main event a fight between two of the best Brazilian kickboxers at the moment: Alex "Po Atan" Pereira and Cesar Almeida. It will be their third bout, but now they fought for the belt of the middleweight division (85 Kg) of the organization.

Cesar Almeida and Alex "Po Atan" Pereira have faced each other twice times, with one victory on each side, both of them by the judges' decision. This time, they will fight for the belt and to end, once and for all, the discussion about who is the best kickboxer in the division.



Besides its main event, we also have a Challenger GP, a four-man one-night tournament, at the welterweight division (71,8kg), which will put face-to-face 4 Brazilian fighters, disputing the opportunity to fight for the belt that belongs to the reigning champion, Ravy Brunow.

Alex "Kangaroo" will fight Bruno Gazani, while Wallace Lopes faces Marcelo Dionísio. The winner from each seed will fight at a great decision of the Challenger GP who is going to be that to be the one to fight for the belt against Brunow.

The WGP #25 had 11 Super Fights in total, with two of them with the participation of international athletes.

Tadeu San Martino, one of the biggest names in Brazilian kickboxing history, faces Albaro Gonzales, from Uruguay, and the experienced kickboxer Munil Adriano fights against Damian "El Rayito" Segovia, from Argentina.



"This will be a historic edition, for sure. The Challenger GP with no favorites, all the fighters in a great moment of their careers and the most expected belt dispute of the WGP Kickboxing. Alex and Cesinha are eager to define this contest", says Paulinho Zorello, Executive Director of WGP Kickboxing.

Results are:

- 1. Super Fight - K1 Rules - 60kg**
Hector Santiago def. Felipe Suekuni by decision
- 2. Super Fight - K1 Rules - 78kg**
ThiagoConceição def. Michel Papa by decision
- 3. Super Fight - K1 Rules - 78kg**
Vitor Oliveira def. Rodrigo Diório by decision
- 4. Super Fight - K1 Rules - 66,8kg**
MayconOller def. Johnny Kabeca by decision
- 5. Challenger Tournament Semifinal #1 - K1 Rules - 71,8kg**
Bruno Gazani def. Alex Canguru by decision
- 6. Challenger Tournament Semifinal #2 - K1 Rules - 71,8kg**
Wallace Lopes def. Marcelo Dionisio by decision
- 7. Super Fight - K1 Rules - 94kg**
WallysonMaguilaCarvalho def. Thiago Beowulf by decision
- 8. Super Fight - K1 Rules - 69,1kg**
Damian Segovia def. Munil Adriano by decision
- 9. Super Fight - K1 Rules - 75kg**
Tadeu San Martino def. Alvaro Gonzalez by KO in round 3
- 10. Challenger Tournament Final - K1 Rules - 71,8kg**
Bruno Gazani def. Wallace Lopes by TKO in round 3
- 11. WGP Title Fight - K1 Rules - 85kg**
Alex Pereira def. Cesar Almeida by decision



Cesar Almeida and Alex "Po Atan" Pereira have faced each other twice times, with one victory on each side, both of them by the judges' decision.

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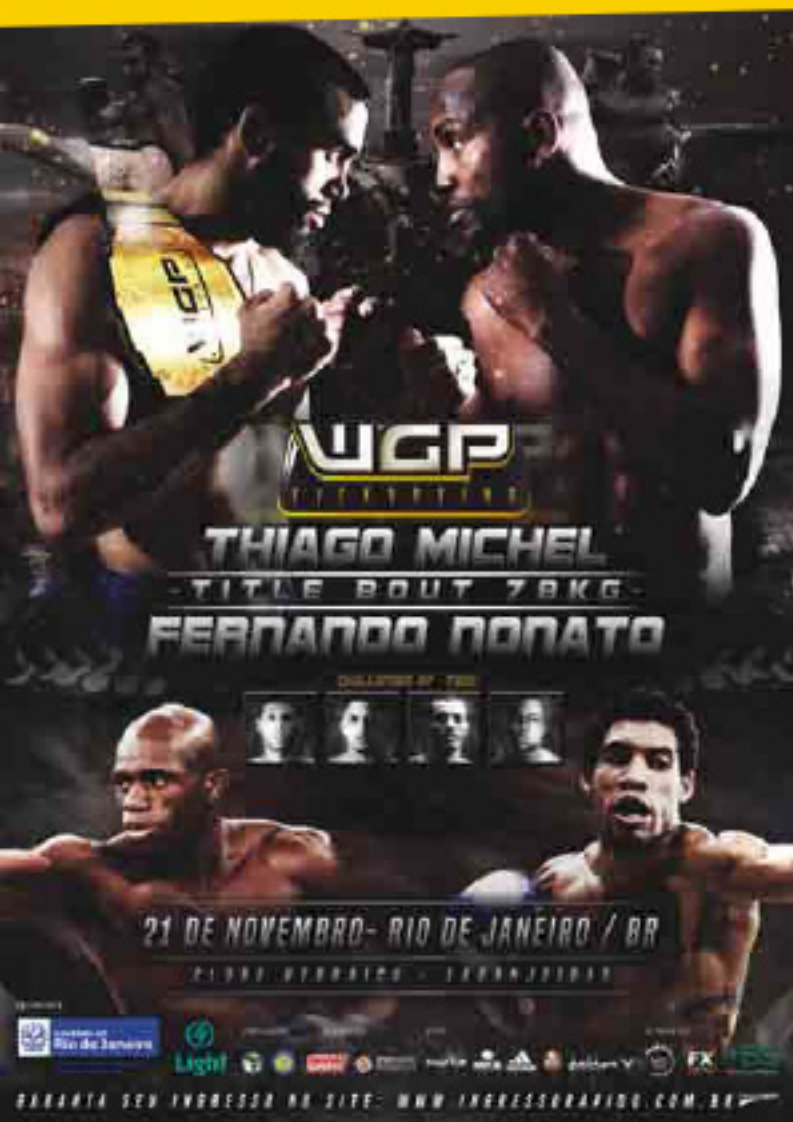
WAKO PRO Brazil
WGP kickboxing pro title K-1, (kg-78kg)

RIO DE JANEIRO
(BRAZIL)
31/10/2015



THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS FIGHT IN LATIN AMERICA

THIAGO MICHEL vs. FERNANDO NONATO



" You have to be smart and strong fighter if you want this title. Thiago is the Champion, he is defending his belt and he is relied on his sophisticated tehniqe which makes him the best in his class. On the other side, we have Fernando Nonato, so willing to take this throne. The fight we are expecting to be very strong. This will be, for sure, a sweet cake for the audience", explained Mr.Paulinho Zorello, Executive Director of the WGP.

Thiago Michel have a score of 40 wins and 3 lost fights and Nonato, who is four years older, has 74 wins and 12 loss.

After a very tense and on the moments very equal fight, Thiago Michel won by points.



WAKO PRO World Title in
K-1 (Kg-75)

LEVALLOIS
(FRANCE)
28/11/2015



DJIME COULIBALY (France) vs. CHYNGIZ ALAZOV (Belarus)

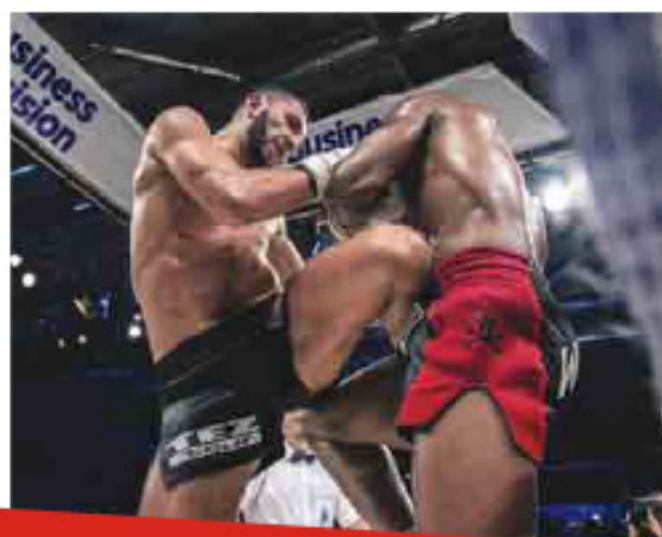


France hosted a phantastic WAKO Pro match for the title in K1 kat. /75kg, with two good and strong fighters.

The fight was without any calculations, strong, open and resulted in the winning on points of the Belarus fighter, Alazov.

Shortly after the match Alazov renounced to be a champion in that category (Kg -75) and decided to get ready for the offer he had received to dispute the WAKO PRO World title in K1 Rules at Kg -70 against the legend ,GIORGIO PETROSYAN (Italy), in a big WAKO PRO event "MONTE-CARLO FIGHTING MASTERS" that will take place in Monaco on 24th June 2016.

"I want to thank my opponent for this fantastic fight. For me, it is better if you have such a strong and experienced fighter in front of you, so you can show the quality you have achieved. Thanks to my trainer, family, friends and all the people that love me, because their love gives me the strength to move on ", said Chyngiz Alazov after the match; the man who was pronounced "the champion of peace" in his home country.



ANNOUNCEMENT: THE WAKO PRO GALA SHOW IN MONTE CARLO

3rd Monte-Carlo Fighting Masters, Friday, June 24, 2016, 19:00
at Louis II Stadium, Salle Gaston Medecin, Monaco



FIGHTING MASTERS

Specialists and lovers of kickboxing (K1 Rules) are invited to be part of this kickboxing fight announcement and in this festival of pro sport, to "share" this announcement to the public and to come to Monte Carlo at the biggest WAKO pro event this year.

18 world champions: 9 fights for 9 Wako Pro World championships in one evening!

Nine fights for nine kickboxing world championships under the aegis of the prestigious "WAKO-PRO - World Association of Kickboxing Organizations" in one evening: the world first!

18 fighters, all world champions, of different nationalities, in different weight classes (including heavy, heavy light, super medium, medium, superwelter) will compete in kickboxing: K1 rules and full contact, each one for the world title.

An evening that promises powerful fights in the framework of ethical values, respect for others and fair play.

On behalf of the Organization Committee of the 3rd Monte Carlo Fighting Masters, Mrs. Cécile GELABALE and Mr. Claude POUGET, we have the pleasure to announce:

The fight between the Italian legend Giorgio PETROSYAN and the phenomenal Belarus Chingiz ALLAZOV for the WAKO PRO world title in super welter weight category (-70 kg)!

The Italian Giorgio Petrosyan, "the Doctor", 30 years old, 1.78 m, is a world legend of kickboxing (in K1 rules style). He is The Hero Legends Champion 2015, the Glory World Series Champion 2012, and the two-time world champion of the World Max 2009 and 2010. He fought, making draw, with Buakaw, and holds 94 fights with 90 wins (35 KO), 2 losses, 2 draws.

His opponent: the Belarus, Chingiz ALLAZOV, 23 years old, 1.80 m, a true kickboxing (K1 rules) genius. The WAKO



PRO World Champion in K1- Rules 2015 in middle weight and five times IFMA muay thai champion (Junior), Chingiz ALLAZOV holds 189 fights with 181 wins (including 75 KO) - 8 losses.

The French phenomenon Dylan SALVADOR will challenge Aleksei FEDOSEEV, from Kyrgyzstan, for the WAKO PRO world title.

The French Dylan Salvador, 23, 1.75 m, is a phenomenon in every challenge. The Wako Pro World Champion Thai boxing, 2014, he holds 55 fights with 40 wins (13 KO), 14 losses and 5 draws.

His opponent, the Kyrgyz Aleksei FEDOSEEV, 29 years old, 1.67, m, is a WAKO PRO K1 rules World Champion 2014, the world champion WBKF 2012 and has to his credit: 147 fights with 127 wins (31 by KO), 14 losses and 5 draws.

All the fights promise to be explosive!

Kickboxing (K1-rules) fight between the world French star Anissa MEKSEN, nicknamed "the French Tomahawk", multiple world champion, and the world title holder Therese GUNNARSSON, from Sweden, who will fight for the WAKO PRO world title in K1 rules -52 kg (batam weight).

The French MEKSEN Anissa, 27 years old, 1.63 m, is a world star. Eight-time world champion (VWS 2015, WPMF

2014 S1 2013, savate 2013, 2011, 2 x 2010, 2008). She has to her credit 90 fights with 87 wins (25 KO) and 3 losses.

Her opponent, the Swedish Therese GUNNARSSON, 32 years old, 1.63 m, is the WAKO PRO World Champion (K1 rules), getting to her credit 61 fights with 41 wins (3 KO), 20 losses.

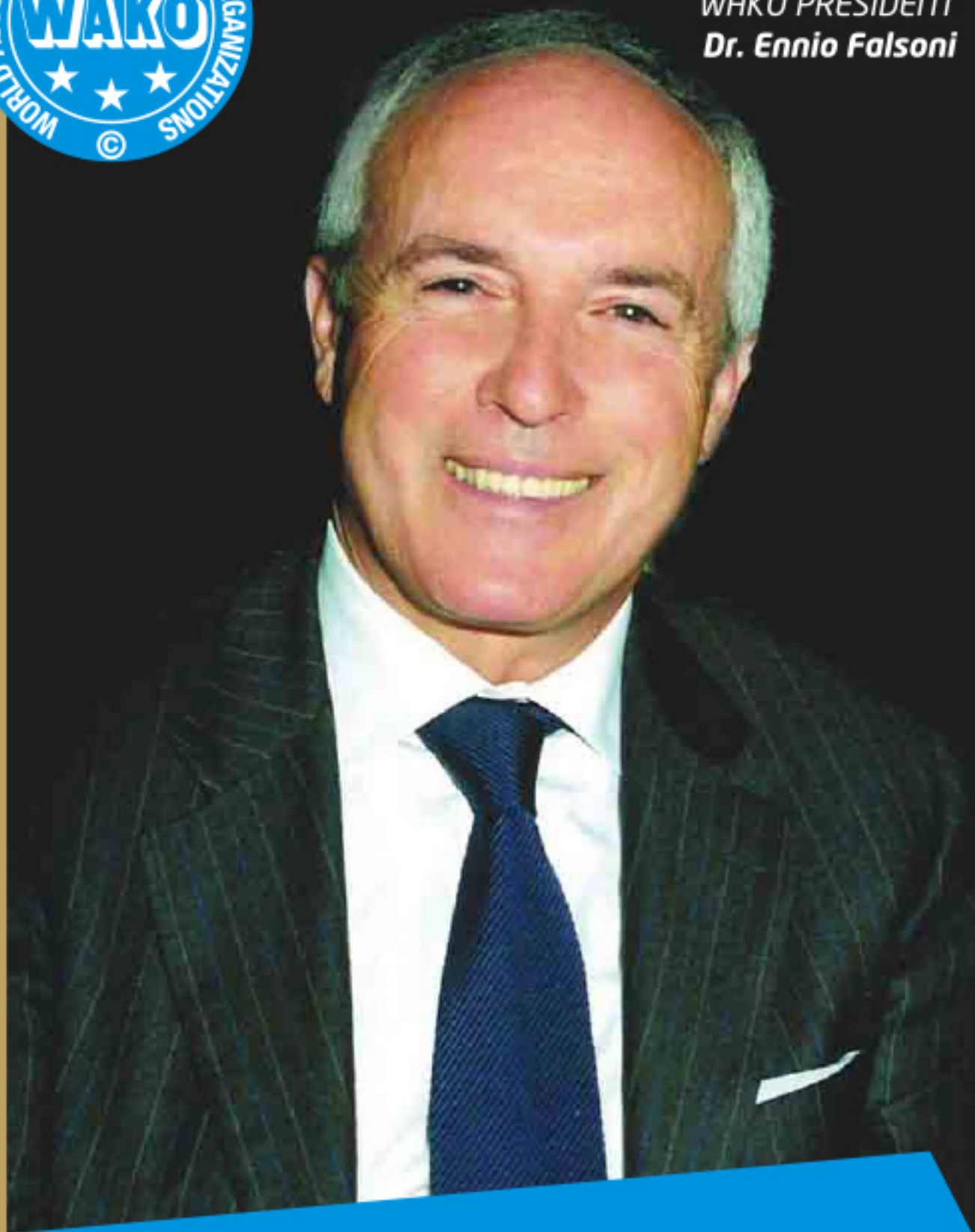
The French Yohan LIDON, said "le Bûcheron", 32 years old, 1.80m, is a world star in muay thai and K1 rules, (a spectacular kickboxing discipline). Holding nine world champion titles: WBC (2014, 2011, 2009), ISKA (2015), IMTU (2015), IFKB (2013), IT'S SHOW TIME (2011) and WKA (2008), he holds 109 wins (including 67 KO) in 137 fights.

He will fight in Monte-Carlo Fighting Masters event on 24th June 2016, to become the WAKO PRO world champion in the weight category - 78,100 kg (super middle) (his opponent will be decided subsequently).





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