



# WUKO

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## *WUKO NEWSPAPER*

**Last news of the sports year 2009: affiliations, Wuko chairmans & delegates, congress, technical innovations, categories, age, weights and piece of news from India**

### **LATEST NEWS:**

#### **AFFILIATIONS**

A lot of new organizations chose to join the Wuko. Among all of them we bring to your attention:

- **AKA**, Asociacion Karate Argentina: the Federation headed by our friend Gustavo Esteban Zupan, 4<sup>th</sup> dan, is one of the biggest and best organized federation of Argentina. Gustavo has already sent us the poster of 2010, when he will organize the Wuko Children, Cadets & Juniors World Championship. Our best wishes to President Zupan and to his assistants!
- **JKKA**, Japan Karate-do Kenshukai Association: it will be the first Japanese Federation taking part to a Wuko Championship. A kata and a kumite team will be present in Trinidad & Tobago: thanks to Sohan Eiji Ogasahara, 9<sup>th</sup> dan, Wuko Honorary President. Ogasahara is Knight of the *Ordre National du Mérite*, a high honour conferred by France together with the knighthood of the *Ordre de Palmes Academiques* conferred by the French-Japanese Society "de Kobe": the two most prestigious honours conferred to a karate master in the world ever.
- **KOBUKAN INSTITUTE**: Ronald Colwell, 8<sup>th</sup> dan, pioneer of the British karate, joined the Wuko. He's a man with great technical and moral qualities, who will be a strong help: he has been appointed Wuko Delegate for Great Britain and has already signed an agreement with Sensei Hayashi: all the Wuko members who want to train in the dojo of Hayashi in Japan will be welcomed!
- The **OLAKA**, Organizacion Latino Americana de Karatedo is one of the biggest of North America. Its President, Victor Manuel Enriquez Gamino, 6<sup>th</sup> dan, is a personage of great charisma. He will be the Wuko Chairman for North America. An important signing, also due to the strong charisma of Enriquez.
- The **CBKB**, Confederacao Brasileira de Karate Budo of President Francisco De Lima Bezerra, 4<sup>th</sup> dan, is going to keep the Brazil flag flying within the Wuko. The organization is one of the most competitive and technically expert and will make its debut in Trinidad & Tobago, so we welcome them!
- From **IRAN** comes the International Hankoryu Karatedo. Iran is one of the strongest karate organization in the world: the Iran Karate Federation, the official organization that will play the Fesik Italy in a friendly match next April, is Champion of Asia: the Wuko Middle East is becoming always stronger.

## **NORTH AMERICA, AFRICA AND ASIA:**

### **WUKO CHAIRMANS AND DELEGATES**

At the moment there are three Continental Chairmen appointed by the Wuko: Victor Manuel Enriquez, 6<sup>th</sup> dan, President of the OLAKA, Organizacion Latino Americana de Karatedo for North America, Michael Kliment, 5<sup>th</sup> dan, President of the JSKA Japan Shotokan Karate South Africa for Africa and Selvaraj Kothandan, 7<sup>th</sup> dan, President of the AIKSKF, All India Kokino Shito-ryu Karate Federation for Asia. The ones for Oceania and Europe are still missing: they will be appointed after the Wuko Continental & World Championships.

Also the Wuko Delegates, one for every member nation, will be appointed after the Continental & World Championships: at present only Ronnie Colwell, 8<sup>th</sup> dan, one of the most appreciated and fairest British technician, and Gustavo Esteban Zupan, 4<sup>th</sup> dan, president of Aka, was chosen.

## **TRINIDAD & TOBAGO:**

### **CONGRESS**

The Wuko Congress will take place in Trinidad & Tobago the day before the World Championship. To the Congress will take part all member organizations affiliated for the year 2009. They will ratify the appointments and elect the WUKO-DC. The Agenda will be notified as soon as possible.

## **KATA:**

### **TECHNICAL INNOVATIONS**

Among the main technical innovations there is the introduction of the **Annan kata** among the Tokui kata, for all styles recognized by the Wuko. The kata is of Indian origin and from now on can be performed in the competitions by all the athletes, regardless of their style. A "**common**" kata is an absolute innovation, which supports particularly those styles, which don't have many official kata in their list. This will be also a great innovation for all masters that want to teach something really new in their gyms. The Wuko will promote the Annan kata in the stages of its Advisers and the day before the Continental and World Championships.

## **COMPETITIONS:**

### **CATEGORIES, AGE AND WEIGHTS**

For the year 2009 the Wuko will do only the Continental Championships Children, Cadets and Juniors in La Spezia (Italy) and the World Championships Seniors and Veterans in Trinidad & Tobago.

The rule is:

- Even years: Children, Cadets & Juniors World Championship and Seniors and Veterans Continental Championship;
- Odd years: Seniors and Veterans World Championship and Children, Cadets and Juniors Continental Championship.

We remark that in the juvenile kata competitions the thirteen- and fourteen-year-olds and the Cadets can compete also in the upper categories. Whereas in all the kumite competitions the athletes must compete in their category.

Starting from the year 2010 we will have something new: on a world, continental or national level every Wuko member state will have the possibility to organize the **Wuko Clubs Open Championship**. The competition will be open to all the clubs and will include all the categories (Children, Cadets, Juniors and Seniors - kata & kumite, women & men), regardless of their federation even if it is not a Wuko member. Only the Clubs can take part to this Championship and not the national teams of the Wuko member states.

For the national competitions it will be the Wuko delegate to decide, for the continental ones the Continental Chairman, for the world competitions the Wuko-DC. An insurance cover is compulsory for the organizer.

This initiative intends to show the openness of the Wuko towards all the federations and the athletes, in the name of a unifying karate and not of a dividing one.

On the web page "Competition rules" and "Categories" you can find all the changes to the Wuko rules, while in the NEWS of March you will find all the programmes and the information (hotels etc.) for the Juniors Championship and in the ones of April those for the World Championship in Trinidad & Tobago.

**INDIA:**

## **SUMAN TALWAR HONORARY PRESIDENT**

The great Indian actor Suman Talwar, 6<sup>th</sup> dan, a real idol for the devotees of martial arts in Asia, is known not only for his successful films, but also for his activity in the field of martial arts. He was always present at the Wuko events, so at the instance of Chairman Selvaraj Kothandan, 7<sup>th</sup> dan, he was appointed Honorary President of the Wuko India. Following his mail:

*On Sun, 1/2/09, Suman Talwar <[sumanactor@yahoo.com](mailto:sumanactor@yahoo.com)>*

*Acceptance Letter - To: [s\\_kothandan@yahoo.com](mailto:s_kothandan@yahoo.com) Date: Sunday, 1 February, 2009, 10:16 pm*

*Respected Shihan Kothandan,*

*I hereby accept the post of Honorary President of Wuko India, honoured by Mr Carlo Henke, the President of W.U.K.O. I will work to the best of my ability to promote and popularize W.U.K.O and spread the awareness of Karate around the globe. As you know I am acting in 4 languages in South India. I will devote my free time to attend seminars, demonstrations, meetings etc. provided I am given prior notice as I have to adjust my shooting dates and call sheets.*

*I congratulate you as the Chairman for the Asian W.U.K.O .As a senior Master you have been selected for this post by W.U.K.O for all your devotion, dedication, passion and sincerity. I wish you all the best and hope you will bring fame and name to Asia with God's blessings . I will always be with you in your efforts not as an actor but as a Karate-ka. Once again i thank Mr Carlo Henke and W.U.K.O for have given me this Honorary post. Thanking you.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Suman Talwar*

**VERY IMPORTANT:**

## **2009 AFFILIATIONS**

- The organizations having the intention to adhere to the WUKO in the **year 2009**, which have already paid their affiliation for the year 2009 to another world federation, can make use of the rule which provides for the **free affiliation** to the Wuko on following conditions:
- They have to send a copy of the receipt of the payment made to another world federation for the year 2009.
- They have to pay 50% of the WUKO affiliation fee (€ 150 new affiliation, € 125 renewal of old affiliation) as **deposit for the Wuko affiliation for the year 2010**, to the Wuko bank account published on the website [www.wukokarate.org](http://www.wukokarate.org) under "Join us" The deposit is valid **for the whole 2009 and 2010**.
- Next year the organization will have only to pay the remaining 50% within the end of March 2010.

Best regards !

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