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TECHNICAL MATTERS & PROGRAMS

- **Wuko World Cup:** starting from 2010 the Wuko will organize every year the Wuko World Cup, a close competition for Clubs of the whole world, National Teams excluded. It will be an “Open” competition, also for not Wuko members, aimed at the promotion of karate and of friendship among populations and federations. The participants can be entered for the competition writing to the Wuko Secretariat Office: the competition will include every category, Youth, Cadets, Junior, Senior and Veterans. The fees will be shared half and half between the organizing nation and the Wuko. The nations interested in organizing the first edition have to send to the Wuko Secretariat Office a detailed application with a picture of their Sport Palace within the 30th June 2009.
- **Kata:** the Anan kata is not a kata of Japanese origin but an Indian one. It was launched by Sakumoto, one of the greatest Japanese athlete, several times Wkf World Champion. The M°Eiji Ogasahara, 9th dan, Wuko Honorary President, suggested to adopt this kata as “Tokui kata” to be brought in competition by all styles recognized by the Wuko. A common kata for all, without style's distinctions. A spectacular solution that supports styles without a wide kata selection, like the Wado ryu and the Goju ryu. The Wuko accepted his suggestion and the Annan kata will be included, except for the category Youth, as “Tokui” for the categories Cadets, Junior, Senior and Veterans in the Wuko Continental and World Championships.
- **Kumite:** in the category “Veterans” there will be the possibility to dispute a "Mixed" team competition: 2 male athletes and a female athlete. It is thought that it could be relatively easy to make up a mixed team also in this category. Thanks to our friend Jacky Detaille who had this bright idea.
- **England: Wuko Delegate:** Ronnie Colwel, Wuko 8th Dan, Certificate n. 476, is the new Wuko Delegate for England. Ronnie, a historical karateka of the great England, will attend to the promotion of Wuko Karate in his nation. The federations, associations, organizations that intend to join the Wuko can apply to him:
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- **Wuko Directing Committee:** the new Wuko Directing Committee will be elected and ratified in the World Championship to be held in Trinidad & Tobago on the 22nd-25th October 2009.
- **Wuko Referees:** the referees with a Wuko licence are exempted from any payments and from the taking part to the 2-days-stage before the Championships. They only have to take part to the meeting that will be held the evening before the Championship in the afternoon. This initiative is intended to support referees, that in this way can travel with their own teams and, in the days before the competition, can visit the cities and enjoy relaxing moments. The referees that have to get the licence, instead, have to be present a day before and have to take part to the stage with final examination. In the moment we're planning a High Specialization stage that will be held the week before Easter, compulsory for Chief Referees and optional for the referees with a Wuko licence.

Eiji Ogasahara is the new Wuko Honorary President

Sohan Eiji Ogasahara, 9th dan, started karate in 1950 with Harumoto Masaioshi and after that a direct pupil of Kenwa Mabuni, founder and president of the JKKA, Japan International Karatedo Kenshukai Association, has joined the Wuko with his organization. This great Japanese master also accepted the post of Wuko Honorary President: he will now be the warrantor of all member nations, the role played until few days ago by Carlo Henke. The fact that one of the greatest karate masters in the world has decided to join the Wuko has important meanings. First of all his organization, the JKKA, will take part at the Wuko World Championships with a kata and a kumite team.

Only the Wkf, the federation recognized by the IOC, has the power to host the official Japanese team in it's Championships. Now Wuko will be a unique world organization to have the honour of seeing Japanese athletes competing at it's competitions. They, even if they don't represent their official nation, will compete in the name of Japan at sports competitions on a global level. This is a special day for the Wuko Shito ryu, for the promotion of karate in the world and for Wuko member nations. A day that testifies the solidity and the reliability of our organization!

WUKO: PAST AND FUTURE

Wuko returns to normality. **Mr. Messiah is not President of the Wuko anymore.** He founded another organization namely Wukf. Whoever intends to join this new organization is free to do so, but **they have to know that the Wukf is not WUKO, legally recognized all over the world.** Our spirit was never one of contrast: we asked to follow the Statutes and we received no answer. We asked to follow the rules and we were ignored. We didn't receive any answers to the things we disputed, on the contrary, the violations of rules were growing. An example: the Wuko-DC member Vice President Roberto Bani, "democratically elected" by the Fortaleza Congress was "democratically excluded" as had already happened with Vice President Nestor Parreno: the fact **Mr. Messiah excluded the two Vice Presidents without consulting the Wuko Directing Committee or Congress suggests irregularities.** We remind you that **all the Wuko World Championships** were coordinated by Carlo Henke and directed by Mr.Lotti, not by Mr. Messiah. **Let's leave Mr. Messiah to blow his own trumpet. Let's leave him, forgetting that he was elected President only because Carlo Henke did not wish to stand for this position. Let's leave him not saying that in these last three years he only used his computer well, while Carlo Henke directed all the competitions, the stages, the events to which all the Wuko members took part in:** who knew Mr. Messiah before he was suggested as President by Mr. Henke? **NOBODY!**

Time will clear up things: thank you to all those, who decided to remain with Wuko and who is repeating their affiliation for 2009: from the Competition Director Andrea Lotti to the Referees Darryl Williams, Bill Hair, Mario Campise, Michael Kliment, Dereck Pollock, Antonio Rollo, Giovanni Matuozzo, Romolo Manicone, Humayun Kabir, K. Satharasinghe and many, many others. Many thanks to the Presidents of the Federations which have already repeated their affiliations, **on the 10th January** to Wuko for 2009 and have proved to Wuko their esteem.. Among them a particular thanks goes to one of the greatest Shito Ryu master of the world: **Eiji Ogasahara, dan 9**, whose Federation will take part at the **Wuko World Championships 2009** to be disputed in **Trinidad and Tobago in October.**

Among the many who wrote to Wuko we want to report only the letter of Enrique Welcher, Wuko Member from 2005 in Fortaleza:

“Dear Carlo,

I'm sorry I couldn't write you sooner for reasons I can't comment on, it was impossible for me. I want you to know that my Organization and me personally, will always be by your side as indisputable and absolute leader. I never doubted your leadership after the separation from the Wkc and the establishment of the new Wuko. I followed you unconditionally because you're part of this Federation as Leader, as Karateka and above all because I believe in you as Man. I'm absolutely sure that the Wuko, from now on, will make great progress if you'll follow it. You can count on my support, both on a professional and a on a personal level. I hope that this new phase of your life will be filled with success. To you and to your family I wish happiness and good health for a great 2009!

Sincerely, Enrique Daniel Welcker, IKU President”

Let's turn over a new leaf. Whoever joins Wuko is not interested in these problems: they want a safe, democratic leadership, aligned with laws and, above all, they want a well-organized competition, fair refereeing, stages with competent teachers and an image of efficiency, serenity and reciprocal respect. In Wuko they can find all of this, as in the past. Here are some important things:

- **Technical Stages:** in the promotion of Wuko karate it has been decided that, once a year, all member states can ask Wuko to organize in their country a stage week-end held by a top-level master. Hotel, meals and low-cost air tickets are charged to the applicants. **The personal fees of the master will be borne by Wuko.**
 - For the **Shito Ryu** style, **7th dan Master M° Sei Iwasa, Wuko Technical Adviser and technical guide, since 2005 in Fortaleza**, instructor of all those athletes, who have dominated previous Wuko Championships.
 - For the **Shotokan** style, **6th dan Master M° Anthony Caridi, Coordinator of the Fesik National Teams which have won the Wuko World Championships in Fortaleza (Brazil), Valencia (Spain) and Jesolo (Italy)** and other top masters from the Italian kata staff.
 - For the **Goju Ryu, Wado Ryu, Shorin Ryu and Kyokushinkai** styles, we want to check how many nations practising these styles will affiliate to Wuko in 2009 and then we will appoint the relevant masters.
- **Directing Committee:** following the chart of vacancies in the Directing Committee to be voted by the Congress at our next Wuko World Championships in Trinidad & Tobago. To stand as a candidate please send your candidacy to the Secretariat Office according to the Statutes rules.
- **Wuko Delegates:** see in our web **“Wuko Delegates”**.
- **Calendar Events:** see in our web **“Wuko events”**.

We hope that from today we can talk only about karate. We leave to the nations that followed us in Wkc in 1997 and in Wuko in 2005, the liberty to choose between, who uses insults and slander as propaganda and who wants to build again what has been destroyed by managerial incompetence.

To all our friends, old and new, thanks and see you soon for other important news!

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