



# WUKO

## WORLD UNION OF KARATE-DO ORGANIZATIONS

To all Wuko Members

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### WUKO: BACK TO NORMALITY

The Wuko, World Union of Karate-do Organizations, returns to normality. Mr. Osvaldo Messias created another organization changing name and logo and leaving definitively the Wuko. We wish those who decide to follow him good luck.

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 went on growing. An example: the Wuko-DC member Roberto Bani, "democratically elected" by the Fortaleza Congress was "democratically excluded" as had already happened with member Nestor Parreno. So we were forced to intervene to protect a glorious name and logo and the interest of all member states.

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

- **The affiliation to the Wuko of the first Japanese karate organization is in progress.** A historical event: a Japanese kumite team and a kata one will take part to the next World Championship.
- **Technical Stages:** in the promotion of the Wuko karate it has been decided that, once a year, all member states can ask to the Wuko to organize in their country a stage week-end held by a top-level master. Hotel, meals and low-cost air ticket are charged to the applicants. The personal fees of the master will be borne by the Wuko.
  - For the **Shito Ryu** style will intervene the **7 dan master M° Sei Iwasa, Wuko Technical Adviser and technical guide, since 2005 in Fortaleza**, of all those athletes, who have dominated the Wuko Championships.
  - For the **Shotokan** style the **6 dan master M° Anthony Caridi, Coordinator of the Fesik National Teams which won the Wuko World Championships in Fortaleza (Brazil), Valencia (Spain) and Jesolo (Italy)** and others top masters from the Italian staff.
  - For the **Goju Ryu, Wado Ryu, Shorin Ryu and Kyokushinkai** style we want to check how many nations practising these styles will affiliate to the Wuko in 2009 first and then we will appoint the master.
- **Directing Committee:** following the chart of vacancies in the Directing Committee to be voted by the Congress of next Wuko World Championship. To stand as a candidate please send your candidacy to the Secretariat Office according to the Statutes rules.
- **Calendar Events:** two applications for the Senior World Championship 2009 and one for the Children European Championship 2009 have reached us: they will be examined and the locations will be fixed as soon as possible

Best regards,.

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