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# ***MINUTES***

## **of the WDSF Presidium Meeting held at Barcelona, Spain Saturday, January 18, 2014**

**10:00 A.M.**

***Present:***

Mr. Carlos Freitag, WDSF President

Mr. Lukas Hinder, WDSF 1st Vice-President

Mr. Tony Tilenni, WDSF Treasurer

Mr. Shawn Tay, WDSF General Secretary

Mr. Marco Sietas, WDSF Sports Director

Mr. Michael Eichert, 2nd Vice-President

Ms. Verena Sulek, WDSF Professional Division Director

Mr. Jim Fraser, WDSF Presidium Member

Mr. Vasilie Gliga, WDSF Presidium Member

Ms. Heidi Goetz, WDSF Presidium Member

Mr. Zoran Plohl, WDSF Presidium Member

Mr. Ken Richards, WDSF Presidium Member

Mr. Sergio Rotaris, WDSF Presidium Member

Mr. Keiji Ukai, WDSF Presidium Member

Mr. Jeff Bartholomew, WDSF Presidium Member for UCWDC

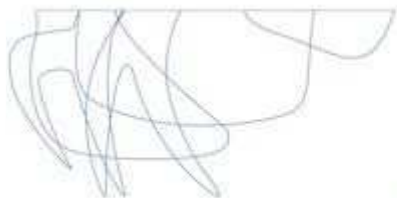
Ms. Miriam Kerpan-Izak, WDSF Presidium Member for WRRC

Mr. Setsuo Nakamura, WDSF Presidium Member for IFC

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## **Guests:**

Mr. Jean-Laurent Bourquin, WDSF Consultant  
Mr. Stefan Kleine-Erfkamp, WDSF Consultant, WDSF Marketing Advisor  
Ms. Dumitrita Gliga, Romanian WDSF Member body (Translator for Mr. Gliga)  
Mr. Roland Hilfiker, WDSF Communications Consultant  
Mr. Robert Huber, Vice-President, IFC  
Mr. Antero Koponen, Chair, WDSF Presidium Working Group for Europe  
Ms. Ashlie Williamson, WDSF Athletes Commission

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*The Presidium received presentations and conducted discussions about the International Cheerleading Federation, WDSF 2020 VISION, the work of the Associate Members, various sporting games, WDSF's Pan-American Games project, Marketing, Membership and Sporting Matters.*

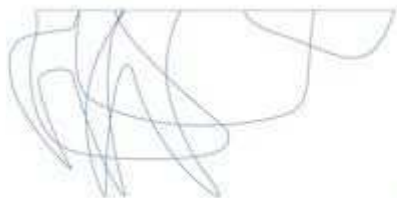
### **1. Opening address by WDSF President**

The President welcomed the Presidium and its guests to Barcelona.

### **2. IFC Presentation**

The President commented that he is very pleased that International Federation of Cheerleading (IFC) has become an Associate Member of WDSF.

Mr. Nakamura, President of the IFC, thanked the President and expressed his sincere gratitude to Mr. Freitag and the Presidium for accepting IFC as an Associate Member of WDSF. The IFC looks forward to working with and within WDSF.



The President invited Mr. Nakamura and Mr. Robert Huber to make a presentation about IFC.

Mr. Huber gave a big-screen presentation. The IFC was founded in 1998, is a strictly non-profit sport federation, has 56 non-profit country-members, organizes world championships, world cups and international competitions, and tries to assist its Members to grow its sport.

IFC tried to develop its own relationship with SportAccord, but decided that it could succeed in its own goals faster by becoming a part of the WDSF family and organization. IFC's goal is that the sport of Cheerleading to be included in the Medal Programme of the Summer Olympic Games.

IFC has its largest number of country-members in Europe, followed by Asia and then the Americas.

It was clear from Mr. Huber's presentation that IFC is a very active, vigorous sporting federation which operates in many parts of the world. It has large audiences and extensive television experience. It has attracted significant government funding in some countries. Its active supporters include the Prime Minister of Japan and the President of the Thai Olympic Committee. It operates a full Anti-doping programme.

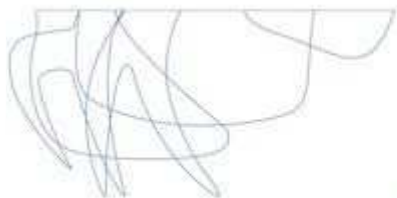
### **3. Presentation by WDSF Advisor Mr. Jean-Laurent Bourquin**

Turning to WDSF's 2020 VISION project, Mr. Hinder introduced Mr. Bourquin to the Presidium again.

Mr. Bourquin has a distinguished record in sport and has been familiar with DanceSport for a long time.

Mr. Bourquin wished everyone a Happy New Year and spoke of his optimism for his work with WDSF in 2014.

He advised the Presidium that WDSF should have two parallel objectives:



-- first and most importantly, to work for the WDSF's Strategic Plan to improve all aspects of WDSF DanceSport, and

-- second, to be on the short list for the Medal Programme of the Summer Olympic Games

He reported that recently the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has developed a set of more sophisticated criteria to select eligible IOC-recognized sports for the "short list" for inclusion in the Summer Olympic Games Medal Programme.

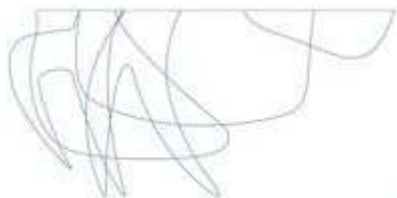
He recommended that, fundamentally, WDSF must develop a common view, identify opportunities and risks, and define priorities and what he called "action points". As part of this work, the process of consultation and input is important, and WDSF's Member bodies need to be consulted and need to be active, willing supporters of WDSF 2020 VISION.

Mr. Bourquin spoke in detail about the advisability of a WDSF Presidium Equality Commission, mainly focussing on women in sport but also on other kinds of equality. Its goals should include better representation of women in WDSF and NSF bodies and judging panels, and to develop further training to assist and encourage women to participate more fully in all of WDSF's activities.

He advised that in his opinion, the IOC will block any sport with "problems at the judging level".

He praised the work and responses of Messrs. Freitag and Sietas in all these matters and acknowledged that they are working very hard to improve WDSF's systems.

Mr. Hinder thanked Mr. Bourquin and emphasized that all of the work which is proposed for WDSF 2020 VISION is intended to improve all branches of DanceSport, and to make DanceSport more attractive, stronger, and successful; and that WDSF's objective of the Olympic Games, while serious, is not the Presidium's primary or exclusive focus; rather, the Presidium believes that the inclusion of DanceSport



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on the "short list" for the Olympic Games will be **one of the results** of its intense, comprehensive work to improve all of DanceSport in all ways.

Mr. Bourquin concluded by recommending a new WDSF 2020 VISION motto, which the Presidium enthusiastically supported:

***"There is real potential – let's make it happen!"***

#### **4. Games**

##### 2013 WDSF World DanceSport Games

The 2013 WDSF World DanceSport\_Games were very successful. The City of Kaohsiung wanted to have these Games every two years, but now they have told us that, unfortunately, in 2015 they are not able to host these Games. Some organizers in China have indicated an interest in producing the 2015 Games in one of two cities in China. It is important that WDSF obtain the same conditions as in Kaohsiung, i.e. that it will not cost our athletes and officials too much money to attend and participate in any such Games.

##### 2015 European Masters Games

These Games will be held in Nice, France. For greater clarity, although they are called the "European" Masters Games, these Games will be open to athletes from all countries in the world.

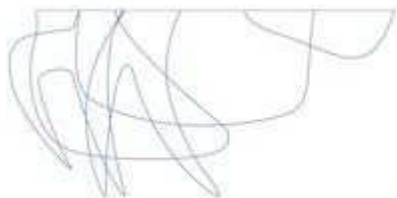
##### 2015 European Games

In December, 2012, the 41st General Assembly of the European Olympic Committees decided to hold the first-ever **European Games** in Baku, Azerbaijan from June 12 to 28, 2015. WDSF was invited to be part of these Games; we immediately responded. However, after several request from the WDSF Office the organizers informed Mr. Freitag that they had decided that only sports which are in the Medal Programme of the Summer Olympic Games would be permitted to participate in these Games.

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### The Urban Games

This initiative came from SportAccord and is about sports practised in cities, e.g. street-dancing. We have told them that we are the correct federation for this and we are continuing to consult with them.

### The SportAccord World Artistic Games

WDSF helped develop these Games. They are now being managed by SportAccord, which is helpful, because SportAccord acts in the name of the IOC. These Games are still being organized and will likely be produced by 2016.

### 2017 World Masters Games

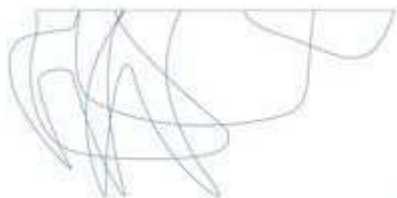
These Games will be held in New Zealand. All of our athletes in all disciplines will be invited to participate.

## **5. Report on Pan American Projects**

Mr. Fraser delivered a summary of the work which the WDSF Pan-American Games Working Group has done. This group currently consists of Mr. Richards, Mr. Fraser, and several interested dance and DanceSport colleagues in the Americas.

For organizational purposes, for practical reasons, the Working Group has separated the Caribbean into three groups: Jamaica, Cuba, and other countries. Training is being arranged in Jamaica and Cuba.

Mr. Sietas will attend a meeting of the Pan-American Sport Organization (PASO), which governs these Games, in Costa Rica in May, 2014.



The Presidium is pleased with the work which this Working Group has done, recognizes the special efforts of Messrs. Neil Derrick and Carl Edwards of Trinidad & Tobago, and Ms. Kerry-Ann Henry of Jamaica, and looks forward to further progress on this initiative.

## **6. Marketing report by Stefan Kleine-Erfkamp**

Mr. Hinder provided an update on the marketing of the WDSF Grand Slam Series. He said WDSF has achieved the goals which the Managing Committee promised a year ago, and expects correspondents to sign sponsorship agreements. Marketing and television production are linked and are very complex, and they require a lot of work and patience.

Mr. Hinder welcomed Mr. Kleine-Erfkamp to the meeting again and invited him to make a further presentation on Marketing; he thanked Mr. Kleine-Erfkamp for working exceptionally hard on this project. He added that we are focussing on long-term partnerships rather than short-term gains.

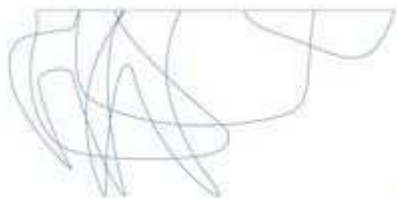
Mr. Kleine-Erfkamp gave a lengthy, detailed presentation. He is talking with further potential partners whom we hope will sign agreements with WDSF. Mr. Kleine-Erfkamp has developed a "Premium Sponsor Portfolio" strategy, including several potential sponsors, each with an underlying "value concept".

Mr. Hinder is confident that this Working Group will deliver new partners for WDSF.

## **7. Proposed Legal Motions for 2014 WDSF AGM**

The Presidium will support a Motion proposed by Mr. Fraser to amend Article 13(8) of the **WDSF Statutes** to change "Press Commission" to read "Communications Commission".

The Presidium discussed further potential Motions to the AGM. Further work is required on these Motions, and they will be prepared in time for the WDSF General Secretary to provide Notice of them to all Member bodies as required in the **WDSF Statutes**.



## **8. Membership Matters**

(a) Development of WDSF branded collateral information to help new countries form legal federations and understand what DanceSport is, with script and sample letters for contacting their NOC; Mr. Sietas asked Mr. Fraser and Mr. Richards to help him to prepare a clearer documentary and legal basis for WDSF Member bodies to apply for membership in their NOCs.

(b) Affiliations to other sport organizations:

- (i) International School Sport Federation (ISF)
- (ii) International University Sport Federation (FISU)
- (iii) International Military Sports Council (CISM)
- (iv) Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF)
- (v) French Games governing federation.

There was some discussion. The President asked Mr. Fraser to investigate the possibility for WDSF to develop affiliations with these organizations.

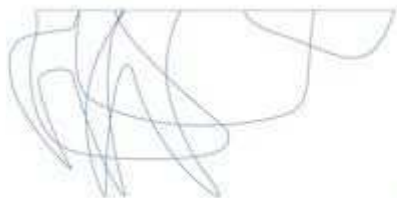
(c) WDSF ID-Cards - Athletes, Adjudicators and Chairmen

Mr. Eichert reported that this was a huge project but that, thanks to the WDSF Office and the hard work of the WDSF Sports Director, it was very successful. An athlete can now obtain a provisional WDSF ID-Card within about one week. We have now produced more than 21,400 cards and expect to increase that number to a total of 30,000 by the end of 2014.

(d) Request from Athletes Commission – Travel Health Insurance

Mr. Fraser will contact WDSF's insurers to discuss whether athletes could be offered useful travel health insurance coverage at reasonable cost. He will liaise with Mr. Plohl and Ms. Williamson to discuss possible solutions to this problem, and they will study how we can provide guidance for our athletes on this subject.





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(e) Review of DanceSport England (DSE) Membership in WDSF

Mr. Tay reported that the Managing Committee has discussed the goal of organizing a single WDSF Member body for Great Britain (i.e. England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales), for several reasons, including to qualify for recognition of DanceSport in the United Kingdom (UK), and that he has discussed this idea with the English coaches Mr. Nick Kremichenski and Ms. Olga Komarova, of London, England. There was discussion.

The IFC advised that it has one member for the whole United Kingdom.

**RESOLVED**, that the WDSF General Secretary ask the DanceSport organizers Mr. Nick Kremichenski and Ms. Olga Komarova, of London, England, to try to persuade the four British WDSF Member bodies to join together to form a single new WDSF Member body DanceSport Great Britain.

(f) Review of DanceSport Australia (DSA) Membership in WDSF

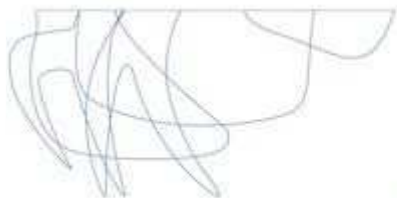
A procedure has been recommended by WDSF's Swiss lawyers. A copy of a complaint which the WDSF Office received, has been given to DSA, and the General Secretary has advised DSA that the WDSF Office requires a full reply by February 27, 2014.

Mr. Tilenni declared that he has a conflict of interest in this matter and that he will not cast any vote on questions relating to this Review.

## 9. Associate Membership Agreements

(a) Possible Collaboration with International Dance Organization (IDO)

There was discussion.



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*MOVED*, by Mr. Eichert that WDSF continue to collaborate with IDO as in the past. On a vote, the Motion failed.

*MOVED*, by Mr. Freitag to create a new, separate WDSF Division to include other dance sport forms, including but not limited to, salsa, Breakdance, Argentine Tango, modern dance, Jazz dance, Showdance, street dancing, urban dance, and hip-hop:

-- *provided always that* WDSF Member bodies which currently work with IDO re: these disciplines may continue to work with IDO re: these disciplines, but

-- *provided also that* athletes who wish to compete in these disciplines in competitions organized in the WDSF DanceSport system, must register as WDSF athletes.

The Motion was approved.

The Sports Commission will start work on this new initiative.

#### (b) Collaboration with International Paralympic Committee (IPC)

There is a delay in incorporating Wheelchair DanceSport into WDSF but this project continues and we are confident that we will achieve our goals for this discipline.

### **10. Report by Associate Members**

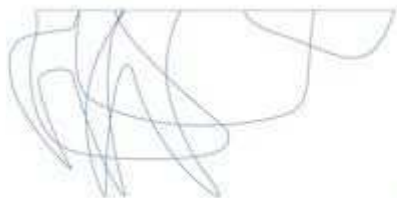
Mr. Bartholomew gave a detailed, impressive big-screen presentation on the development of the new WDSF Associate Member **World Country & Line DanceSport Federation** (WCLDSF) as a sport organization in accordance with its WDSF Associate Membership Agreement. He emphasized that WCLDSF completely supports WDSF.

Ms. Kerpan-Izak gave a detailed, impressive big-screen presentation on the further development of the WDSF Associate Member **World Rock 'n' Roll Confederation** (WRRC) as a sport organization in accordance with its WDSF Associate Membership Agreement, including explaining categories and new disciplines. The Boogie-Woogie

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category is growing. WRRC is expanding worldwide, starting in Lebanon, India, the U.S. and Mexico, and expanding education in Anti-doping. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the WRRC creating a joint event with another WDSF discipline.

Mr. Hilfiker will send press packages to the Associate Members.

### **11. WDSF Athletes Commission**

Ms. Williamson distributed a pamphlet on the Operating Policy regarding this Commission.

### **12. Responsibility for Payment for Anti-doping Testing**

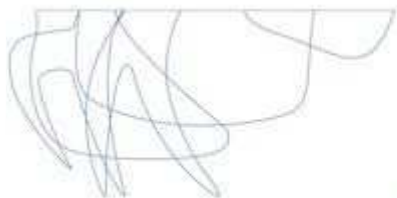
There was discussion. It was confirmed that the Associate Members are responsible for the costs of testing their athletes.

### **13. Judging Systems - WDSF and Associate Members**

Mr. Sietas asked about scrutineering teams who want to use the WDSF Open-Source Adjudicating system. The system can be downloaded from the WDSF Web Page and readers can use and change it, but only on condition that anyone who uses and changes it must upload the amended document and share it unconditionally with the world.

### **14. Training Strategies**

There was a lengthy discussion about a WDSF Training Process, an outline of structure and curriculum to teach to new dancers, the development of Trainers, a curriculum for training, and a testing process for certification. About 60% of WDSF Member bodies countries currently do not have an organized, formal educational system for competition and adjudication.



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## **15. Creation of New WDSF Commissions & Appointment of New WDSF Commissioners**

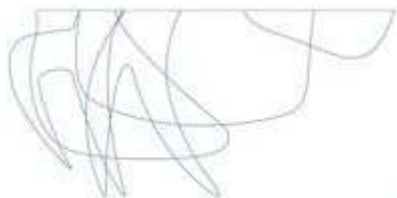
The Presidium agreed to appoint Dr. Patrizia Melchert, of Austria, as Chair of the WDSF Presidium Medical Commission.

*RESOLVED*, under Article 13(8) of the **WDSF Statutes**, that the Presidium creates the following new WDSF Presidium Commissions:

**The WDSF Presidium Entourage Commission,  
The WDSF Presidium Youth In Sports Commission,  
The WDSF Presidium Sport for All Commission,  
The WDSF Presidium Equality Commission, and  
The WDSF Presidium Historical Commission**

The President or the General Secretary will speak to the Managing Committee's proposed Chairs regarding the Presidium's future appointment of Chairs and Members.

The meeting was adjourned at 17:25.



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**Sunday, January 19, 2014**

**10:04 A.M.**

***Present:***

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Tony Tilenni, WDSF Treasurer  
Shawn Tay, WDSF General Secretary  
Marco Sietas, WDSF Sports Director

Michael Eichert, 2nd Vice-President

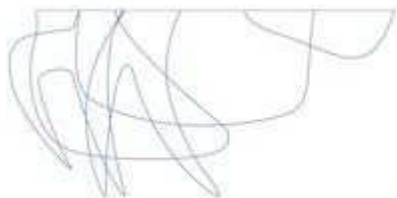
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Jim Fraser, WDSF Presidium Member  
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Antero Koponen, Chair, WDSF Presidium Working Group for Europe  
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## **Excused:**

Setsuo Nakamura, WDSF Presidium Member for IFC

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*The Presidium discussed a wide variety of topics including the WDSF European Commission, the proposed February 15<sup>th</sup> "Open Forum for WDSF European Members", the Grand Slam Series, the new WDSF Technique books, the WDSF Professional Division, the WDSF DanceSport Academy, the WDSF Athletes Commission, the WDSF Adjudicating System 2.0, Sports matters, the 2014 WDSF Annual General Meeting, and financial business.*

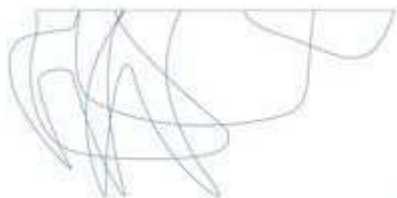
The President reconvened this WDSF Presidium Meeting at 10:04 and once again welcomed the guests listed above.

## **16. Report on European Commission - Antero Koponen**

Prior to asking Mr. Koponen to report, the President invited Mr. Rotaris to address the meeting to provide his views on the so-called European DanceSport Union (EDSU). Mr. Rotaris provided the Presidium with a lengthy report of his knowledge and understanding of that group.

The President reported that he has sent at least four letters to Mr. Yudashkin of the EDSU, asking him for a meeting to begin the process of terminating the EDSU project, which the Presidium believes was a seriously mistaken initiative.

Regrettably, the Italian WDSF Member body (FIDS) appeared to be still actively involved in EDSU, and had apparently recently asked EDSU to locate its headquarters in Rome. Several Presidium Members expressed their serious concern that FIDS might not clearly and completely separate from EDSU to show more disapproval of EDSU and to show clearer support for WDSF and the EDSF initiative.



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Mr. Fraser expressed his very serious concern that if the present circumstances do not change, Mr. Rotaris will be seen to have a conflict of interest, and that in such a case, either he must resign from the FIDS Presidium, or else resign from the WDSF Presidium. Mr. Rotaris assured the Meeting that he completely supported WDSF and that any conflict of interest would be resolved by him in favour of WDSF.

Mr. Fraser said that in his opinion the problem should be resolved before this Meeting adjourns, and asked Mr. Rotaris if he would agree to telephone the President of FIDS immediately to ask him for a commitment to resolve this conflict of interest immediately. Mr. Rotaris agreed and left the Meeting to do so. He returned to the Meeting shortly and reported that FIDS is now unconditionally committed to sever all of its relations with EDSU immediately.

The Presidium thanked Mr. Rotaris for his efforts to reach this satisfactory conclusion.

*MOVED* by Mr. Fraser, to reconfirm the WDSF Presidium European Commission consisting of five Commissioners, as follows:

**Mr. Antero Koponen, Finland-Chair**

**Mr. Franz Allert, Germany- Member**

**Ms. Eva Bartunkova, Czech Republic - Member**

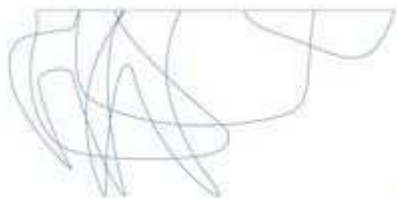
**Mr. Flemming Riis, Denmark - Member**

**Mr. Sergio Rotaris, Italy - Member**

Mr. Koponen asked that these names be posted immediately on the WDSF Web Page.

Mr. Koponen then presented an impressive big-screen presentation on "European organization within the WDSF".

During the past 15 years there have been efforts to found a European organization for DanceSport. Usually the initiatives are compared to the Asian DanceSport Federation, but Mr. Koponen demonstrated that this is not a clear comparison and emphasized that it is important to understand the difference between the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and the organization of the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) in



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Europe; in order to have successful DanceSport in Asia there must be an ADSF to integrate with the OCA. But there is no governing pan-European Olympic organization like OCA, so there is not a clear parallel with Asia and ADSF.

In addition, research shows that it is very clear that in order to obtain funding from the European Union (EU), a sport federation does not need to be part of any pan-European federation.

The WDSF European Commission has been given different tasks over the years. During a meeting in Vienna, Austria last November, the Commission and representatives of the WDSF Presidium established a "European Road Map". During December, 2013 and January, 2014 the Commission has gathered background information and considering possible options. Mr. Koponen recommended that the current Presidium Meeting will not make many decisions at this time and will await the **Open Forum for WDSF European Members**, scheduled to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, at 11:00 A.M., Saturday, February 15, 2014.

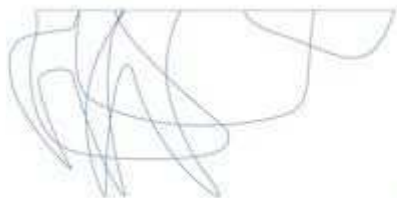
Mr. Koponen said that in his opinion, before any European body is formed, it must clearly establish its purpose, its goals, and its priorities. The result of the February 15, 2014 Open Forum in Copenhagen will tell us these things.

Mr. Koponen said that everyone involved in these discussions should be governed by the maxim, "if you don't know where you want to go, you'll end up somewhere else."

## **17. WDSF Grand Slam Series - New Cities and dates**

Mr. Sietas and Mr. Hilfiker reported the positive developments in this initiative. There will be a Grand Slam on February 22-23, 2014 in Tallin, Estonia.





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## **18. New WDSF Technique Books -- sales and licensing**

The Japanese WDSF Member body has signed a contract to translate these books into the Japanese language, at a cost of approximately €50,000. We will try to negotiate a similar contract for translation into the Chinese language. In order to avoid any misunderstandings, Mr. Sietas commented that the WDSF Membership Commission cannot afford to finance similar projects. There was discussion about how to facilitate greater use of these very fine books.

## **19. Report by WDSF Professional Division**

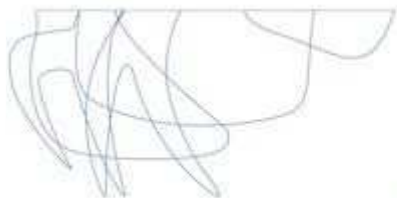
Representatives of the WDSF Professional Division (PD) also met in Barcelona this weekend.

The PD is now seven years old. It began as IPDSC, and in 2010 it became a Division inside WDSF by an amendment to the **WDSF Statutes**. During the 2013 WDSF AGM weekend, there was a renewal of the leadership at the PD Meeting by elections, and the PD is now growing. Last year the PD sponsored 50% of all prize money at PD competitions from its own funds.

45 countries are fully-recognized affiliates of the WDSF PD, and 4 are provisionally-recognized, for a total of 49 countries now committed to the PD. Notably, China is now a fully-recognized affiliate and the inaugural PD World Championship will be held on November 1, 2014 in Nanjing, China. Ms. Sulek thanked Mr. Tay for helping the PD to organize that Championship.

The PD has approximately 500 PD athletes and 320 PD Adjudicators. At this time all PD events are Open competitions. The PD will establish a new PD Ranking List and will sponsor the 12 best couples at the end of 2014 in order to help organizers present the best possible WDSF PD DanceSport.

Mr. Sietas asked about progress on television broadcasting and other communications. Ms. Goetz asked for the appointment of a contact person in the PD with whom the Communications Commission can work.



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## **20. WDSF DanceSport Academy - development and policies**

Mr. Tay made a lengthy and impressive presentation about the Academy, which is now one year old. The Academy has now added two High-Performance technical consultants, Mr. Victor Nikovsky for Latin and Mr. Luca Baricchi for Standard.

It is clear that the Academy has worked very hard and that it is achieving the Presidium's goals of improving WDSF DanceSport training and adjudicating.

The text of Mr. Tay's presentation is attached for reference.

## **21. Athletes Commission - Proposals to the Presidium**

Mr. Plohl and Ms. Williamson made a lengthy and impressive presentation.

The Athletes Commission has received 18 requests for changes to WDSF rules and policies, and has obtained the requested changes for 14 out of the 18 requests, a success rate of more than 77%! It was clear to the Presidium that the Commission is an effective body to respond to athletes' concerns.

After discussion, *MOVED* by Mr. Plohl, that that the pamphlet distributed by Ms. Williamson yesterday, with amendments, be reviewed for compliance with legal requirements; *UNANIMOUS*.

Ms. Williamson and Mr. Plohl made a lengthy and impressive big-screen presentation, during which they proposed various changes and initiatives, including asking the Presidium to study the following proposals:

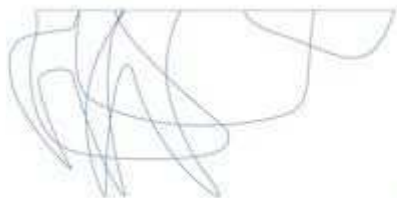
(a) to introduce an annual event to honour the top WDSF athletes;

(b) to require that entry fees for all WDSF World Ranking Tournaments be non-refundable, to discourage couples from entering simultaneous competitions in different countries and then failing to appear at some of them;

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(c) to extend the **WDSF Adjudicators Code of Conduct** to include conduct the night before judging a competition;

(d) to introduce a reward system for athletes who support only WDSF competitions by awarding them the exclusive privilege of participating in the WDSF Grand Slam series as well as in a WDSF "Friendship Camp".

(e) to introduce a WDSF Junior Dance Festival.

(f) to establish a system of "professional Judges".

## **22. WDSF Judging System 2.0**

(a) Outsourcing

There was a lengthy discussion about outsourcing the programme for the Judging System 2.0. *MOVED* by Mr. Eichert, that the Presidium may grant licences to use the WDSF Judging System 2.0, to programmers of scrutineering systems who sign a contract which Mr. Eichert and Mr. Fraser will develop, after payment of a licence fee of €500 and on condition of paying an annual usage fee of €200 after the first year of use; *UNANIMOUS*.

(b) Proposal to Use Invigilators

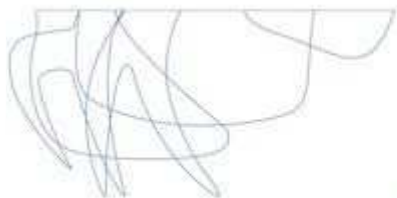
Mr. Sietas gave a detailed and impressive presentation about the trial use of Invigilators at WDSF competitions.

## **23. Sports Matters**

(a) Licensing of adjudicators -- single license

The Presidium discussed the principle of specialized licensing of WDSF Adjudicators. The Academy will further examine this issue.

(b) Measures to discourage "match-fixing"



The WDSF Sports Director sent a clear, emphatic letter to WDSF Member bodies last week about his determination to stop any match-fixing in the WDSF DanceSport system. Mr. Sietas proposes to use the following procedure: to warn an Adjudicator about a violation of the **WDSF Adjudicators' Code of Conduct And Standards of Ethics** (the **Code**), and if s/he commits a second violation, to recommend to the Presidium that it suspend the Adjudicator for a minimum period of six (6) months under Part 7 of the **Code**.

## **24. 2014 WDSF AGM, Bucharest**

The Presidium established the following schedule:

Managing Committee meeting for ½ day on Thursday;

Presidium Meeting on Friday;

European Commission Open Forum conducted independently during the WDSF Presidium Meeting, e.g. the Presidium will not attend;

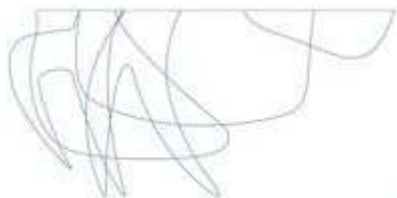
Asian DanceSport Federation Presidium Meeting, time to be announced;

Saturday: -- Annual Meeting of the PD at the Human Rights Hall, Romanian Parliament Building, Bucharest, and

-- Open Forum at the Human Rights Hall, Romanian Parliament Building, Bucharest

Sunday: 2014 AGM at the Human Rights Hall, Romanian Parliament Building, Bucharest

Monday: ½-day Presidium Meeting



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## 25. WDSF Forums

The Forum will take place at the Human Rights Hall, Romanian Parliament Building, Bucharest after the Annual Meeting of the PD, which is expected to end at 12:30 P.M, starting at 1:30 P.M., and will include three topics in the following proposed schedule:

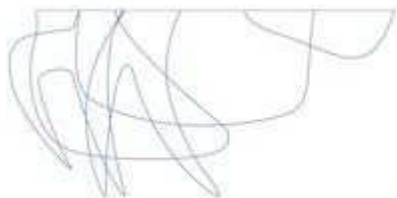
- WDSF 2020 VISION, presented by Jean-Laurent Bourquin -- 45 minutes
- the 2013 WDSF World DanceSport Games, presented by a 20-minute video
- coffee break
- WDSF Marketing Update, presented by Stefan Kleine-Erfkamp, for 30 minutes, and
- Open Discussion, for 60 minutes

## 26. Proposed Sports Motions for WDSF AGM 2014

After discussion it was decided that the Sports Motions require some further work and will be presented to the Presidium for approval by e-mail within the next few weeks.

## 27. WDSF Presidium Operating Policies Re: Management

Mr. Fraser presented a proposal that the Presidium should adopt WDSF Presidium Operating Policies Re: each Office of the WDSF Managing Committee and each WDSF Presidium Commission, for the following reasons. In his opinion, as WDSF grows into a leading and expanded sports federation, sooner or later its Presidium should adopt Operating Policies for all departments, because the **WDSF Statutes** require the Presidium "to ensure a sound legal basis and modern principles of business administration in WDSF's affairs". The unexpected death of our Anti-Doping Commission Chair without a handbook or manual to



show how to do his job added extra work for Commissioners. The Presidium should adopt accurate guides for each of the major jobs in the Presidium and the Commissions, to provide a clear and correct start for anyone who is required to do these jobs if an official becomes ill or cannot act for any other reason.

The Presidium directed Mr. Fraser to carry out this proposed project.

## **28. Approval of Balance Sheet 2013**

Income exceeded our expectations in 2013. Mr. Tilenni cannot present accounts yet but they will be completed shortly.

Mr. Tilenni requests that all WDSF Member bodies recommend any suggested changes to the **WDSF Financial Regulations** so that the WDSF Financial Commission may consider them.

Mr. Freitag thanked the Presidium for its work and attendance this weekend and said the PD, the Sports Commission and the MC had worked particularly hard. He also thanked the Ms. Williamson, the Associate Members' representatives and Mr. Koponen for their attendance. He said he looked forward to the meetings scheduled for the 2014 WDSF AGM weekend in Bucharest, Romania in June, 2014 and asked Mr. Gliga to advise us in advance of any plans

The Meeting was adjourned by consent at 4:25 P.M.

## **Barcelona, Spain, January 19, 2014.**

*Minutes recorded by Jim Fraser, WDSF Presidium Member*