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## 4th WORLD KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR SENIORS AND VETERANS - WUKF 2.011 - ITALY A REAL SUCCESS FOR ALL

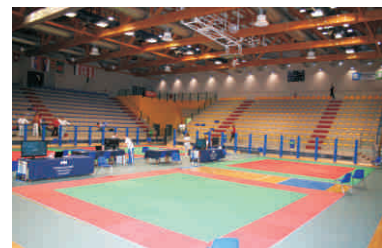
**T**hree hard days of competition, 2 days of referee seminars, tests and evaluations, happiness and regrets and more of those feelings that made Karate events so exciting.

Two years ago the WUKF Executive Board decided to make a partnership with Samurai Magazine for finding and promoting a big event of our federation. After we inspected the place and discussed all details we decided that Lignano was the best place for the World Championship 2011.

Now is the moment of feedback. We received in Lignano representatives from 34 countries, 48 federations, 145 teams, 653 athletes (295 for Kata events and 358 for Kumite events), 92 referees and 67 coaches. The numbers are very good but what was better was the unexpected level of the competitors; beside the high number of competitors on each category (ex: 48 at Kata Shotokan male) the technical level was incredible high, a hard job for the referees to take the right decision.

Unfortunately some federations could not attend the championship due to the visa reasons, which is understandable considering the political situation at the world level, Italian authorities being extremely careful with some groups.

The opening ceremony, organized by Samurai Magazine was condensed and very interesting, new demonstrations of Shaolin monks and drums were much appreciated by all participants. On Sunday, the day of the finals, the march of the finalists was great and spectacular, all finalists being so proud to march before the finals together with the referees and officials. Before the finals, the last fights for the medals, WUKF president addressed to all asking for a common hug, so the next "enemies" in the finals were happy to shake hands and hug together for a real meaning of the Martial Arts and sport values.







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**T**he new system of management imposed by WUKF Organizing Team functioned very well, all days the program was finished around 4 PM, leaving this way enough time for all teams to meet together to socialize and make new friendships. Under the leadership of President Osvaldo Messias Oliveira, his team with Liviu Crisan, Monica Oliveira and Gilles Willemin get always to do all fast and almost perfect. And is better to say again: WUKF is an organization of friends above all other interests so this free time was much appreciated.

As usual there were small problems generated by the “high temperature” of the finals, some supporters and even athletes and coaches trying to do some disturbs. Maybe it will be better for the future to remind to Karate people that we believe we belong to the Martial Arts group not to other ball sports where on the big stadium you can here lot of words that have nothing to do with sports.

On Thursday afternoon, WUKF organized the presidents meeting, where the next WUKF events were presented by the organizers. Very nice presentations for European Championship for Children, Cadets and Juniors in Hungary in October, European Championship for Seniors maybe in April 2012 in Scotland and World Championship for c Children, Cadets and Juniors in October in Serbia. All these events were validated by the presidents and the national federations will accelerate the preparation.

For the next World Championship for seniors there was only one proposal made by Romania that want to organize in 2013 this event in Bucharest. All presidents saluted the proposal, the experience of Romanian team and the support that they have from the sport and local authorities were decisive for this decision. The WUKF President invited all presents for Pan-American Championships WUKF 2011 in São Paulo city – Brazil in







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**T**he Congress approved the inclusion of one category Veterans more, it will be Veterans C – 51 years up, and for the next events each Federation can register free number of competitors till 14 years old, 8 competitors for each category from 15 to up. The Congress approved too that **no more** competitors Cadets go to Seniors category, Juniors go to the Seniors and Veterans go to Seniors category. From now each age can take part only in his correct age.

Congratulation to the referee team, good job for mostly all of them and for the beginner WUKF will try to offer some other way of training. Please stay focused on WUKF information all the time updated on our web page. The WUKF will add some news names in the Commission on next event.

Congratulation for the organizers, Samurai Magazine and FIK Italy, congratulation for the Romanian Jury Table Team accompanied by the Italian one, they made tremendous efforts for preparing and running well all the tasks of the event.

The last part of the “Karate week in Lignano” was dedicated to the Sayonara party. Congratulation again for a very successful organization, the food, drinks and the music joined together the “former enemies” and the nice party was a perfect purpose to make new friendships.







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WUKF is running very well at this moment, but as we know the lesson of continuous improvement changes will go on all the time for modernizing and rising efficiency of our organization.

WUKF Ex.Com is working hard for finding the best places for our events, for spreading our system all over the world, for the evaluation, designing and monitoring the preparations of the championships sometimes started with 2 years ago. This is one of the reasons that lead us to the success, this is why our events are better and better and the most severe auditors are the participants. When we receive new members, strong federations, we know that our way is good we know that we can look forward with trust.

And we are sure that **"WE ARE DOING THE BEST KARATE IN THE WORLD"**.

GOD bless all members.



**Osvaldo Messias Oliveira**  
**WUKF President**