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TAFISA GRANTS PATRONAGE FOR 2009 WMAG

SYDNEY 2009 WILL BE HELD UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYE OF TAFISA

April 2, 2009 Geneva, Switzerland - The World Martial Arts Games Committee (WMAGC) is pleased to announce that the Trim and Fit Sport for All Association (TAFISA) has granted Patronage for the 2009 World Martial Arts Games which will take place at the Whitlam Leisure Centre, in Sydney, Australia, September 11, 12 & 13, 2009. TAFISA, an International Olympic Committee (IOC) Recognised Multi-Sport Organisation, has just come away from a very successful 4th TAFISA World Sport for All Games held in Busan, South Korea last September. Patronage of this event extends TAFISA's reach within the World Sports Community.

"On behalf of the TAFISA Board of Directors I am pleased to announce that TAFISA will provide Patronage for the 2009 World Martial Arts Games", says Wolfgang Baumann, Secretary-General, TAFISA, "TAFISA's Patronage is being provided to help the World Martial Arts Games Committee (WMAGC) promote TAFISA's goals of health, physical activity and the concept of Sport for All within the martial arts community. The 2009 World Martial Arts Games will provide a safe and healthy environment for men and women to compete in the many disciplines that fall under the umbrella of WMAGC. We are proud to be part of this event!"

"As a member of TAFISA since 2007, the WMAGC has enjoyed the privilege of meeting other members of the world sports community and growing our culture in the direction of Sport for All", says Ken Marchtaler, President of WMAGC, "To be granted TAFISA Patronage for the 2009 World Martial Arts Games, is an honour and one in which we hope will provide a benefit to the future of both organizations. We are anxious to showcase this year's events to TAFISA and the world of Sport for All!"

TAFISA was founded in 1969 and incorporated in 1991, and with more than 180 Sport for All members, from over 100 countries, is considered the leading authority on Sport for All (SFA) throughout the world. They are a recognized International Olympic Committee (IOC) Multi-Sport Organisation. Their head office is located in Frankfurt, Germany. More information on TAFISA is located at www.tafisa.net.

The World Martial Arts Games Committee (WMAGC) is a non-profit society formed in August 2005. It is the supreme authority of the World Martial Arts Games Movement. Its role is to promote top-level sport as well as sport for all. It ensures the regular celebration of the World Martial Arts Games and strongly encourages appropriate sports ethics and the protection of athletes. The WMAGC is an Active International Member of TAFISA, an IOC recognized Multi-Sport Organisation.

Further information about the World Martial Arts Games Committee and the 2009 World Martial Arts Games can be found by visiting the WMAGC website at www.worldmartialartsgames.com.

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