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TAFISA SECRETARY-GENERAL TO OPEN 2010 WORLD MARTIAL ARTS GAMES

WOLFGANG BAUMANN WILL BE PART OF THE 2010 WMAG OPENING CEREMONIES

April 13, 2010 Geneva, Switzerland - The World Martial Arts Games Committee (WMAGC) is pleased to announce that TAFISA Secretary-General Wolfgang Baumann will be present for the opening ceremonies of the 2010 World Martial Arts Games in Las Vegas, USA. This marks the first time that a TAFISA Official has attended a WMAGC event. Mr. Baumann is a prominent figure in the global Sport for All movement. His background includes positions with the Deutscher Olympischer SportBund DOSB), TAFISA and a recent appointment to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Sport for All Commission. Mr. Baumann's presence confirms TAFISA's support for the WMAGC and their goal of promoting Sport for All throughout the martial arts community.

"I feel very honoured to be invited to attend this prestigious event in Las Vegas this September", said Wolfgang Baumann, TAFISA Secretary-General, "It is my privilege to accept this invitation and I am indeed looking forward to attending the 2010 World Martial Arts Games. Moreover, it will be a perfect opportunity to meet with the WMAGC President, WMAGC representatives, the athletes and of course finding out about the attractions of Las Vegas".

"It is indeed an honour to have Mr. Baumann with us for the opening of 2010 World Martial Arts Games", says Ken Marchtaler, President of WMAGC, "After attending many of TAFISA's global events and exchanging our ideas for many years, it will be great to have him with us to share TAFISA's vision for the future of Sport for All and how it relates to martial arts. Mr. Baumann's presence marks a another milestone for the WMAGC and the future of martial arts sport for all"

TAFISA (The Association for International Sport for All) 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 in conjunction with Sport for All. The WMAGC 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 2010 World Martial Arts Games can be found by visiting the WMAGC website at www.worldmartialartsgames.com .

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