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WMAGC TO JOIN WORLD STAGE

WMAGC TO DEMO SPORTS AT 4th TAFISA WORLD SPORT FOR ALL GAMES

April 25, 2008 Victoria, B.C. Canada - The World Martial Arts Games Committee (WMAGC) is pleased to announce that they will take part in the 4th Busan TAFISA World Sport for All Games, September 26 to October 2, 2008 in Busan, South Korea. The WMAGC will assemble a team of international athletes who will demonstrate the WMAGC disciplines of Chinese Hand and Weapons Forms, Japanese/Okinawa Hand and Weapons Forms, Xtreme Hand and Weapons Forms, Point Sparring and Sport Jujutsu. The 4th TAFISA World Sport for All Games will feature over 10,000 participants and over 3,000,000 spectators. The event is being held under the patronage of the IOC, UNESCO, WHO, KOC and SOSFO.

Participation in the 2008 Busan TAFISA World Sport for All Games will replace the previously planned World Martial Arts Games event that was slated for September 20 to 22, 2008 in Busan. By accepting the invitation to be part of this larger stage, the WMAGC hopes to encourage more support for the development of martial arts and future World Martial Arts Games.

"We are extremely grateful to both TAFISA and the 4th Busan TAFISA World Sport for All Games Organizing Committee, for inviting us to be part of this prestigious event", says Ken Marchtaler, WMAGC Chairman, "Replacing our previously planned 2008 World Martial Arts Games with our participation in this event was not an easy decision. However, being given the chance to showcase and demonstrate our disciplines in an event of this size is an opportunity that we could not pass by. We will be proud to walk hand in hand with other promoters of international tradition, cultural and Sport for All, from around the globe!"

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 in accordance with the World Martial Arts Games Charter. 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 member of TAFISA, an IOC recognized Multi-Sport Organisation.

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.de.

Further information about the World Martial Arts Games Committee and the 2008 World Martial Arts Games can be obtained by visiting the WMAG website at www.worldmartialartsgames.com.

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