Grand Martial Gathering Set to “Kick-Off” in Saint Petersburg

The 2nd edition of the SportAccord World Combat Games will begin on the 18th of October and run until the 26th in Saint Petersburg, Russia. The highly successful first edition took place in Beijing, China in 2010 and this year’s event promises to be an even grander spectacle for all martial arts and combat sports fans from around the world. The event features 15 martial arts and combat sports including Aikido, Boxing, Fencing, Judo, Jujitsu, Karate, Kendo, Kickboxing, Muaythai, Sambo, Savate, Sumo, Taekwondo, Wrestling and Wushu. The athletes competing in each discipline represent the world’s best and the event will not only serve as a fantastic visual feast but will more importantly be a platform from which the unique aspects and methods of each discipline will be introduced to the general public. The Combat Games will also feature a Cultural Program reflecting the ancient traditions of martial arts as well as the social and cultural values of the 15 sports and the event as a whole. Topics will deal with the cultural dimensions of the martial arts and their social value and contribution to society. The IWUF will feature Taolu and Sanda events for both men and women with 80 world class athletes vying for their respective gold medals. Official Website: www.worldcombatgames.com

Malaysia Prepares to Welcome International Wushu Community

The beautiful country of Malaysia is preparing to host this year’s 12th World Wushu Championship in the city of Kuala Lumpur from October 28th to November 6th. The Wushu Federation of Malaysia has been working tirelessly to ensure that this year’s event is a total success. A welcoming dinner will take place on the 31st of October at the Tun Dr. Lim Keng Yaik Wawasan Hall which will be officiated by the Honorable Minister of Tourism and Culture. The competition for both Taolu and Sanda disciplines will take place in the Kuala Lumpur Badminton Stadium. For updates, please check: www.facebook.com/WushuMalaysia
Promotional Video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E4XgCpM
Brazil Hosts 1st International Wushu Championships

The Brazilian Wushu Confederation hosted its 1st “Brazil International Wushu Championships” in the city of Cuiaba, Mato Grosso from the 23rd to the 27th of July 2013. The main goal of the event was to promote the development of Wushu in Latin America and the competition was supported by the Chinese Wushu Association. Participating teams comprised of 120 athletes from Argentina, Brazil, Bermuda, Chile, China, Paraguay and Mexico and the Championships featured both Taolu and Sanda competition.

The highlight of the 5-day event was a performance during the opening ceremony by the visiting Anhui Wushu Association team led by Mr. Du Gang. The Brazilian Wushu Confederation plans to host this event biennially.

The President of the Brazilian Wushu Confederation, Mr. Marcus Alves stated: “This year’s event was only the first edition and we have gained experience. Our main goal is to gain expertise and become eligible to host large Wushu events in Brazil, such as a World Wushu Championships”.

Wushu Dazzles Audiences in Colombia

The 9th World Games took place in Cali, Colombia from the 25th of July to the 4th of August. The quadrennial multi-sport event featured 4000 participants from over 100 different nations and regions participating in 31 sports, which included Wushu.

The Wushu events took place from August 2-4 and featured 54 athletes and officials participating in both Taolu and Sanda competition for both men and women. The IWUF delegation was led by Mr Anthony Goh, Vice-President of the IWUF. The competition was intense and exciting and featured athletes from across the globe including a large number from the South American region. The World Games Organizing Committee commended Mr Goh and the IWUF on the success of the event.

US Wushu Medalist “Athlete of the Day”

US Team Member, Colvin Wang, was selected as “Athlete of the Day” on August 2nd during the World Games in Colombia following his gold medal victory in the Men’s Changquan division. His interview can be viewed by visiting the following link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=616QpiN5QBY&feature=youtu.be
Notice
12th World Wushu Championships
Registration
Member federations which have as yet not submitted their final entries for the 12th World Wushu Championships are kindly requested to do so urgently by sending their completed registration forms to
http://wushu.justtool.com
as well as iwuf@iwuf.org
Simultaneous registration must also take place through
http://wushu.justtool.com
The closing date for the submission of final entries will be the 28th of September, 2013.
The Organisers of the 12th World Wushu Championships would like to apologise that, owing to miscommunication, they have been charging the extra delegates and observers of participating countries a higher rate for their registration fee. After consultation with the IWUF, they have decided to reduce it to that of the standard rate as stated in the 12th World Wushu Championships Rules and Information Booklet.

EWUF to Hold 1st Taijiquan and Internal Wushu Styles Championships in 2014
In efforts to help develop Wushu across Europe the European Wushu Federation has announced the 1st European Open Taijiquan and Internal Wushu Styles Championship dedicated to Taiji styles. The event is open to all national teams, clubs and individuals of IWUF Members. This will take place from the 4th to 6th of May 2014 in Bucharest prior to the 15th European Wushu Championships on the 8th to the 12th May 2014.

European Wushu Dreams Realized!
The dreams of the European traditional Wushu community finally came true! The second edition of the 2013 European Traditional Wushu Championships held in Bucharest, Romania was a clear success. The event had a lot to contend with to match the success of the 1st edition in Tallinn, Estonia (2011). An interesting point – the first event was attended by 320 athletes-members from 14 national teams, composed of Wushu clubs and schools, the 2nd edition saw the participation of 713 athletes from 24 countries, nearly 100% increase.

This became possible because of dedicated teamwork by European Wushu Federation officers and commissions, with the full support of the local organizing committee headed by EWUF EB member Petru Grindeanu.

One of the most interesting points during the event noticed by nearly all was an incredible growth of skills in all featured competition events.

12th All-China Games Concludes in Liaoning Province, China
There were 7 gold medals awarded for Taolu and 5 gold medals awarded for Sanda respectively. The All-China Games is the premier national sports event in China, and is held once every four years. Its first edition was held in 1959 in Beijing.

125th IOC Session – Buenos Aires, Argentina
IWUF President, Mr. Yu Zaiping, attended the 125th International Olympic Committee Session in Buenos Aires, Argentina from the 7th to the 10th of September. During the session, numerous landmark decisions were made. Mr Thomas Bach of Germany was elected as the new IOC President, and Tokyo was elected as the host for the 2020 Summer Olympic Games.
Of key interest was the election of the additional sport for the 2020 and 2024 games.

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