

Dear Members and Friends of Artistic Dance!

Soon after returning from an exiting trip to South Africa it was off to Siofok, Lake Balaton, Hungary. Both events were very successful and completely different. The event in Rustenburg, South Africa was all about Stage Dancing with a large majority of Artistic Acrobatic performances while the programme in Siofok was made up of mainly couple dances.

It is very encouraging to witness the general interest in the WADF in and the variety of WADF disciplines in particular among teachers and coaches in so many countries throughout the Dancing World. The WADF membership structure presents an alternative to Dance Schools and Clubs who have experienced so many problems with the "one member per country system" and are very happy to be able to apply for direct membership to a World Dance Federation without having to go through a National Organisation. It is such a pleasure to witness the growing interest in many countries to become a member of our WADF.

In South Africa many teachers are showing an honest interest in learning more about our WADF. A delegation will make the long trip from South Africa to Liberec for the World Championships in November to see and learn more about how our rules for competitions and how our judging system works. The 2-dimensional system is completely new to all of them.

Our congratulations are extended to the 10 new WADF Championship Adjudicators who were examined in Rustenburg. At least two of them will be joining the panel of adjudicators in Liberec.

We wish you enjoyable reading.

Nils-Håkan Carlzon
President WADF



Rueda de Casino WADF World Championship 2015



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WADF WORLD RUEDA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Roskilde, Denmark

A very interesting event took place in Roskilde, Denmark on the 3rd-4th September. The WADF World Salsa Rueda de Casino Championships. The Championships were organised in co-operation with SalsaNor, the World's leading organisation for Salsa Rueda, and the WADF. SalsaNor is located in Norway, founded by Reidun Svabö, who is still very active in this organisation.

Since 2001 SalsaNor has organised a very large Rueda Congress, each year in a different country. Every third year it returns to its home town Bergen, Norway and in between it goes on the road and this year it was held in Roskilde, Denmark.

Rueda Teams from around whole world are regular visitors coming to this famous Congress to which the WADF received a request from famous Rueda Teachers in the Salsa World if it would be possible to arrange true World Championships in Salsa Rueda for the first time in co-operation with the SalsaNor. To date there has never been World Rueda Championships organised where the real Rueda community is involved. There have been previous attempts to organise such events but without success.

By organising the Championships in connection with the Congress where many Rueda Teams and Rueda Teachers are present we thought it would be a marvellous opportunity and following six months of negotiations between SalsaNor, the Rueda community and the WADF we accomplished the Rules and Regulations for such an event and are very pleased with the result. There were 5 Rueda teams in the final. The 1st World Champions came from Italy, the runners up from Spain. 3rd place Switzerland, the 4th team travelled all the way from Australia and 5th place went to the United Kingdom.

The distinguish panel of adjudicators, all famous people from the Salsa community were:

Alberto Valdes – Cuba

Esteban Isnardy - Uruguay

Andria Panagi - Cyprus

Nikola Medic - UK

Yohan Corrioso - Cuba

We are so much looking forward to how this event will develop, if possible to be a regular event after the SalsaNor Congresses around the World which will without any doubt expand and become one of the major events in the Salsa World calendar.



The Swiss team
3rd place



The Italian team
The World Champions



The Spanish team
Runners up 2nd place



General Dancing
Salsa Party



Ten new International Championship Adjudicators examined in South Africa.

On Wednesday 5th of August in the city of Rustenburg, South Africa, ten new WADF Artistic Dance Championship Adjudicators were successfully examined.

A cheerful atmosphere charmed the Seminar with the ten happy and enthusiastic candidates. All had many questions especially about the 2-dimensional system which was completely new to them.

Registered as new WADF International Championship Adjudicators are:

Tiaan Visser

Antoinette van Wyk -Reid

Leandri van der Merwe

Sylvester Sefothelo

Sue Novella

Charissa Roux

Adriaan Steyn

Jacqui Saaiman

Desiree Demianenko

Gale Rule

All Adjudicators are situated in South Africa.

Welcome to our WADF family and good luck in the future!





SOUTH AFRICAN ARTISTIC DANCE CUP RUSTENBURG

Monday 3rd of August I departed Sweden for the first WADF trip to South Africa. 34 hours later I arrived in Johannesburg after having changed planes twice in Berlin and Abu Dhabi. It was nice to be able to stay at the airport Hotel for the first night to get a good nights sleep.

Next morning I was driven the 2 hour journey to Rustenburg, outside Jo-burg and met by my host An-toinette van Wyk-Reid, President of the South African Artistic Dance Organisation SAADO. I was housed in a lovely Guest House, after a nice lunch we departed to collect the teachers who would be attending the International Adjudicator Seminar. Some we picked up along the way while the others were already waiting at the Seminar venue.

After three hours it was a special pleasure for me to congratulate them as new WADF International Championship Adjudicators. It was such a pleasure to meet enthusiastic people from our profession who will make a great contribution to the WADF Family.

The first day of competitions was the Thursday being very curious about how the competition was organised I could hardly wait for it to start. The event was not as we would call a competition but more of an Award graduation. The event took place in a theatre with a rather large stage. All dancers performed solo using their own music, the DJ had no problems finding the music for all performances, I am happy to say that the music worked perfectly during all three competition days.

A large majority of the items were Artistic Acrobatic Dance performances, Solos, Duos, Trios, Small Teams, Large Teams and a few Showcases. The quality of the dancers during the first day was not very high because they were mainly Beginner and Novice dancers. However on the second day we had the Amateurs when the quality of the dancing was much higher.

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On the Saturday we also had the Elite and Professionals dancing when the quality rose to a very high standard. We were presented not only Acrobatics but also Artistic Dance Show, Jazz, Contemporary Ballet, Tap and Urban Street Hip Hop.

I had the honour of choosing a team or a dance, who I considered were outstanding, for a special award. In some ways the choice was quite easy because there was one team of girls called "One Step Ahead" who were performing Jazz, Contemporary and Tap, I must say that some of them were absolute World Class artists.

It is a special pleasure to report that a delegation of South African dancers and teachers will be taking part in the World Championships in Liberec in November where some of the newly examined Adjudicators will be joining the panel.

The Artistic Dance Award Events will continue with the judges graduating the dancers in three levels, Bronze, Silver and Gold and there will not only be one winner but several Gold Medal Awards, some Silver Medal Awards and the rest will receive Bronze Medal Awards. In this way many dancers return home happy.

To complement the Award events the SAADO will also organise WADF competitions under our Rules and Regulations which is one of the reasons for the teachers travelling to Liberec to learn and study the way we run our competitions. Next year we will be back with a WADF event in South Africa which will be held in the City of Johannesburg. I am sure it will be a great event.

Thank you Antoinette for the very kind hospitality afforded to me and also for taking me to the Lost City to see the fantastic buildings. A nice memory is the live music in the bar with the musicians playing "Are you lonesome tonight" while I was enjoying a wonderful glass of South African Red Wine.

See you in Liberec.

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Siofok, Hungary a “gem” of a location for a WADF event on the Balaton organised and presented by new diamonds among WADF Organisers.

Milan Fülöp, Franciska Fülöp-Kovács & Erika Kertesz

During the last weekend of August all WADF dancers could not have wished for more. Summer weather, beach, crystal clear water for bathing in addition to the variety of competitions in the 1st International Beach Dance Cup held over two days.

All visitors, from far and wide, were greeted with 1st class Hungarian hospitality, the Beach Dance Cup was held in an rented area penned off on the Siofok Balaton Beach where a tent had been erected, in which a dance floor had been laid, equipped with a sound system, tables and seating. Nothing was left undone everyone present was made to feel comfortable in a relaxed family atmosphere.

The programme was made up of disciplines from the Couple Dance Department, Latin American and Caribbean with Solos and Couples supported by Choreographed Dance Shows. For some of the dancers it was their first competition under the WADF rules, which differ to what they have become accustomed to. One they were in the routine they realised the benefits to them as dancers, with the opportunity to present their performance skills three (3) times in the opening round of every competition.

The breaks in the programme were for various Workshops on the Beach.



This different approach to dance competitions is in line with the new structures and regulations of the WADF, a federation for the 21st century. The Beach Dance Cup is ideal for families who can connect a short holiday on the beach with a WADF competition event. The programme provides enough time for everyone to enjoy the surrounding facilities as to just looking at them.

Also the Adjudicators, Scrutineers, Officials and Organisers were able to take advantage of the late evening sunshine which made the whole weekend more enjoyable developing the “Happy WADF Family”.



The weather during this 1st Beach Dance Cup could not have been better and was ideal for the disciplines being danced. The sides of the tent were opened, which attracted the attention of passers by, some of whom tried their dance skills during the workshops on the neighbouring beach. All good advertisements for the product dance.

As the sun set, to close both days, Caribbean sounds could be heard from Beaches and Clubs close-by.

This perfect presentation of the 1st Beach Dance Cup will enable Erika, Milan and Franciska to feel satisfied with the time and effort invested to help all dancers and officials enjoy and experience their home town Siofok, where they are active in spreading their knowledge of, and expertise in, dance to the locals in their C&M Dance Studios.

To make it easier for more dancers and families to visit Siofok in 2016 the 2. International Beach Dance Cup will be held in May/June.

A trip to the Balaton is always worthwhile, with the addition of this annual event in the WADF will ensure that more dancers will be able to enjoy and learn more about this interesting part of the world.

The WADF Managing Committee look forward to welcoming more dancers to the Balaton in 2016.

Stuart Saunders
Executive Secretary







Invitation to an INTERNATIONAL ADJUDICATOR SEMINAR

WADF Members are hereby invited to send candidates to an International Championships Adjudicator Seminar.

This Seminar is open to all National Adjudicators who have previous experience in adjudicating dance competitions and have passed a National WADF Adjudicator Seminar or has otherwise been qualified.

This Seminar is free-of-charge but any candidate wishing to take the examination to become registered as a WADF International Championship Adjudicator will be required to a 50.00 (Euro) License Fee. The license is for life and does not have to be upgraded and there is no yearly License Fee.

This Seminar will be held in:

Liberec, Czech Republic on Tuesday 3rd November in
CENTRUM BABYLON HOTEL

starting at 14:00 hours.

Enrolments for the Seminar are to be sent by Email to the PRESIDENTS OFFICE WADF@telia.com to be received by Sunday 1st November

Nils-Håkan Carlzon
President WADF

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2015 WADF Annual General Assembly 18:00, Tuesday 3rd November Hotel Babylon, Liberec, Czech Republic

Nominations for an additional Vice President and

Proposals for the Agenda are to be received at Head Office by 6th October.

(centre@wadf.net)

The Final Agenda will be circulated on 20th October

Active Single Members have one (1) basic vote.

Active Branch Members have two (2) basic votes.

Supportive Members are welcome to attend the meeting as Observers.

WADF Constitution:

Annual General Assembly meetings

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"Each delegate present has an addition to his basic vote possibilities, the right to receive extra votes depending on the number of licensed dancers that the member contributes within the previous twelve months prior to the meeting. 1 extra vote per 20 licenses, up to a maximum of 25 Votes per Member."

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