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### **Dear Members and Friends of Artistic Dance!**

It gives me great pleasure to top a fabulous year 2015 by reporting on the final three WADF Championship Events that were recently held in Timisoara (Romania), Liberec (Czech Republic) and Almaty (Kazakhstan).

We are also very proud that an Adjudicator Seminars were presented at each event respectively by the WADF Academy, and all together where no less than 36 new WADF Championship Adjudicators were examined.

We will also give you a brief report of the 2015 WADF Annual General Assembly that was held in Liberec, Czech Republic on 3rd November.

The success of the WADF has by far exceeded all expectations. Our membership register includes at this moment 248 members from 5 Continents. We have 9.200 registered dancers and all this has been achieved in less than 3 years.

Thank you everyone who has contributed to this successful achievement. Member organisations, Clubs, Schools, Dancers, Parents, Teachers, Coaches, Organisers, Adjudicators and everyone who voluntarily helped at all events. We are now looking forward in confidence to 2016. We know the success will continue.

The Managing Committee wishes everybody

### Merry Christmas and a Happy New WADF Dance Year 2016.

Nils-Håkan Carlzon President WADF



### 2015 WADF European Championships, Timisoara.

On 30th/31st October the ROKArt, in Romania, under its President Roland Kovacs, organised the 2015 WADF European Championships for Solos, Duos and Trios in all disciplines under the Stage Dance Department.

The event was held in the city of Timisoara where almost 1.000 competitors took part with Dancers representing Clubs and Schools from Bulgaria, Hungary, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Russia, Serbia, and the majority of competitors from Romania of course. The quality level of the dancers was surprisingly high considering that these were the first WADF European Championships presented in Romania.

WADF Vice President, Gordana Orescanin, Supervised the event and her report was filled with praise for the event organised over two days. Roland Kovacs was a perfect host and had everything under control during the whole event, which was streamed live over the Internet.

Roland will organise two more events during 2016. One in April and the other again in October, we are sure that the number of dancers taking part next year will be much larger then this. Congratulations to Roland and all his team!





### 2015 WADF World Championships

### Liberec, Czech Republic

From Wednesday 4th November to Sunday 8th November the largest event ever in the short history of the WADF was held at the Hotel Babylon, Liberec, Czech Republic. Almost 2.500 dancers took part in more than 600 competitions in two Ballrooms over the 5 days. We had disciplines from all 4 WADF Department, with a total of 6.000 enrolments for different competition disciplines. At WADF competitions dancers take part in many disciplines, which make it much more interesting.

The event was presented by TAPS ILMA together with CAT, our largest member organi-sation with more than 2.000 registered competitors. Our Brother and Sister team of Ilona Sulcova and Marian Sulc organised this very large competition for the 4th time with the number of dancers doubling every time.

Here follows a report by our Executive Secretary and WADF Vice President, Mr. Stuart Saunders who was mingling with the competitors, the audience and the parents during the whole week.

### "Everything under one roof – Arts and Culture"

One of the major differences between the WADF and others is the "Family Structure", on an international basis, which the Single Member Dance Schools/Clubs practice in their locality on a weekly basis.

With so many Dance Clubs/Schools offering a mixture of dance styles in their weekly programmes it was only natural that the WADF follow this example in a number of our Granted Events.

The annual WADF festival in Liberec, Czech Republic, is an excellent example how the "sport label" can be removed from the world of dance and replaced by the Artistic and Culture labels.

This is just another small brick in the structure of the WADF building.



With such a variety of dance disciplines presented in a festival programme enables Dance Schools/Clubs to travel together and spend a number of days with each other and make friendships with dancers from other Clubs/Schools from other countries.

All this emotion under one roof develops an atmosphere that has to be experienced to be believed.

The "Final" grouping below is from an evening programme with disciplines from the four WADF departments, (Couple, Stage, Urban Pop/Street and Artistic Acrobatic), all mixed together, confirming the unique character of the WADF.

K381 - Rumba Solo Youth+Adults	(1) FINAL
K412 - Choreographed Dance Show Caribbean Large Teams Adults II	(1) FINAL
K248 - Choreographed Dance Show Caribbean Large Teams Juniors	(1) FINAL
K212 - Rumba Couples FM Juniors	(3) FINAL
K211 - Samba Couples FM Juniors	(2) 1/2 F
K247 - Choreographed Dance Show Latin Large Teams Juniors	(1) FINAL
K211 - Samba Couples FM Juniors	(3) FINAL
K362 - Choreographed Dance Show Caribbean Large Teams Youth+Ad	ult (1) FINAL
K402 - Argentine Tango Couples FM Adults II	(1) FINAL
K372 - Pom-Pom Cheer dance Large Teams Youth+Adults	(1) FINAL
K376 - Urban Street Dance Showcases Youth+Adults	(1) FINAL
K375 - Urban Pop Dance Showcases Youth+Adults	(1) FINAL

With the WADF crossing borders into new continents, areas and countries the membership continues to increase for the 2016 Festival in Liberec to top the records it has created. The Hotel Babylon has a third room that can be used to accommodate the increase entries.

As Executive Secretary I would like to thank all members and their dancers, present in Liberec, for their professionalism and friendship under each other. It was such a pleasure to walk the corridors of Hotel Babylon, sit among the dancers, parents and supporters in the two rooms to witnes the WADF atmosphere. During the return train journey, to Head Office in Bremen, I had time to recall this unique feeling, with the conclusion that this element has been missing in our dancer world for far too long.

To replace the word sport with artistic has done much to bring about this situation.

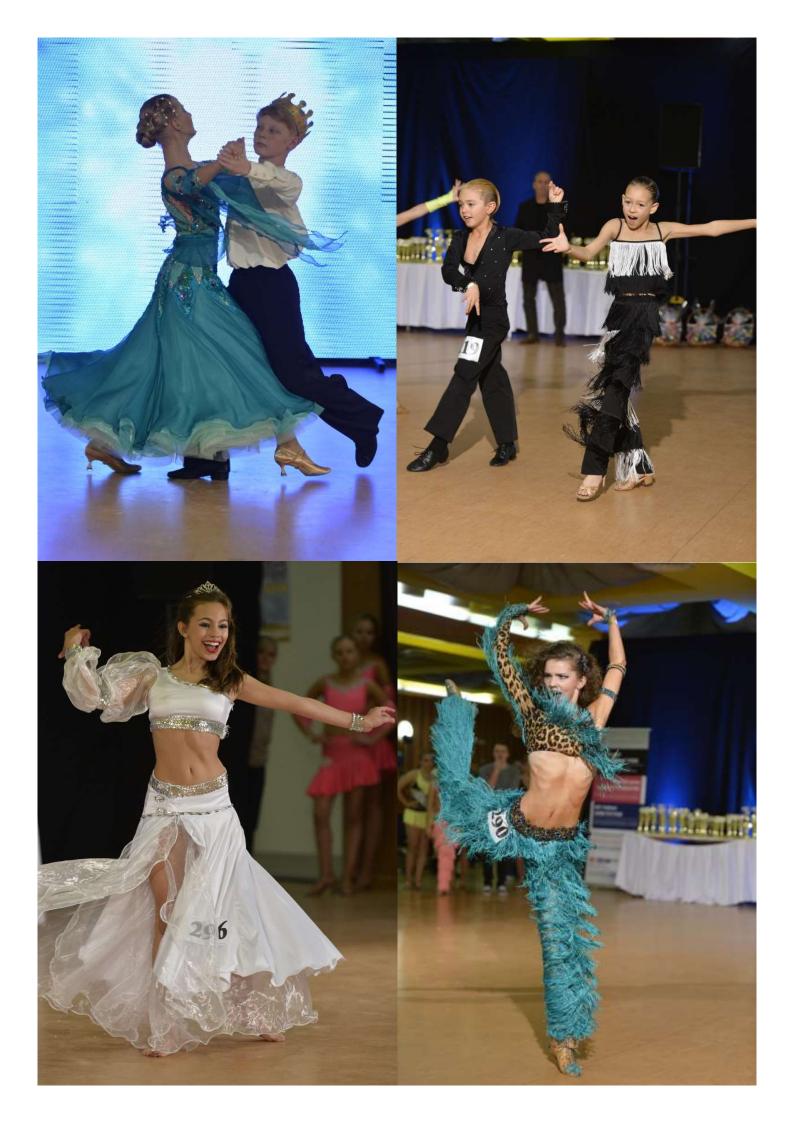
It is amazing how the mind reacts to words so let us continue with this example from Liberec and spread the words "Artistic" and "Culture" when we refer to dance in all our discussions, letters and emails in the future.

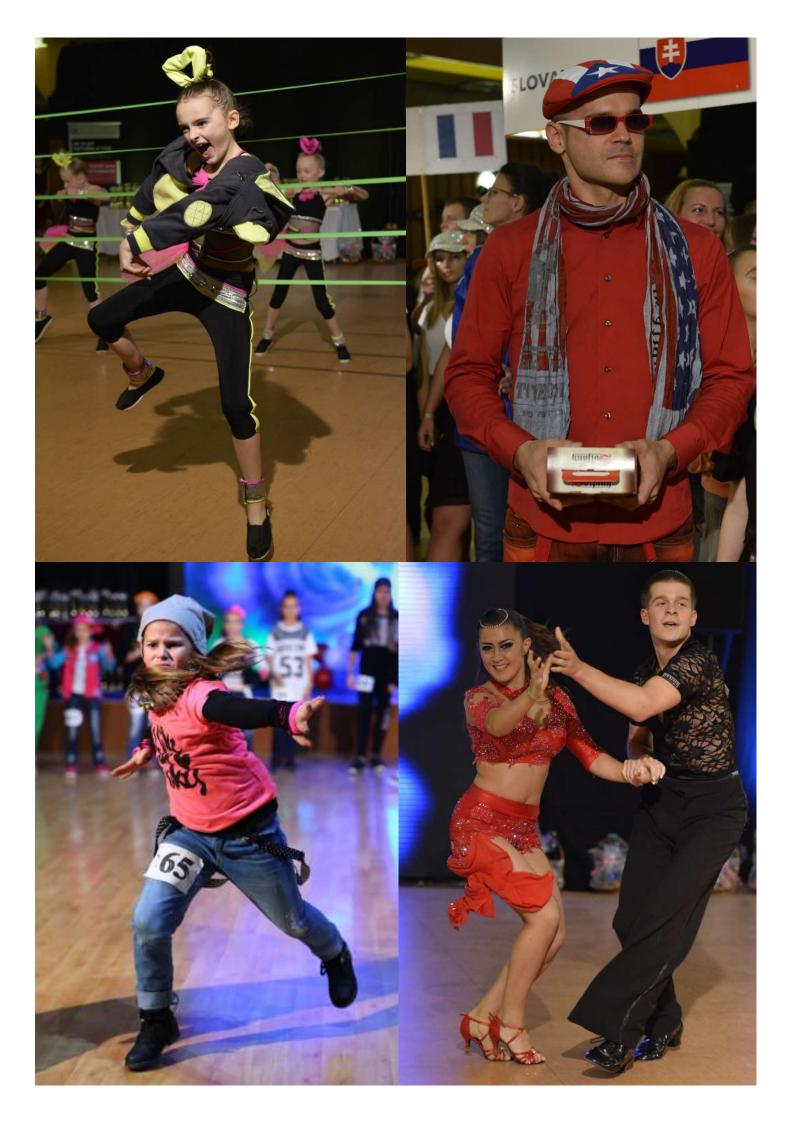
Those who were unable to be in Liberec last month, for various reasons, I am sure will reserve the dates for 2016 when they are released.

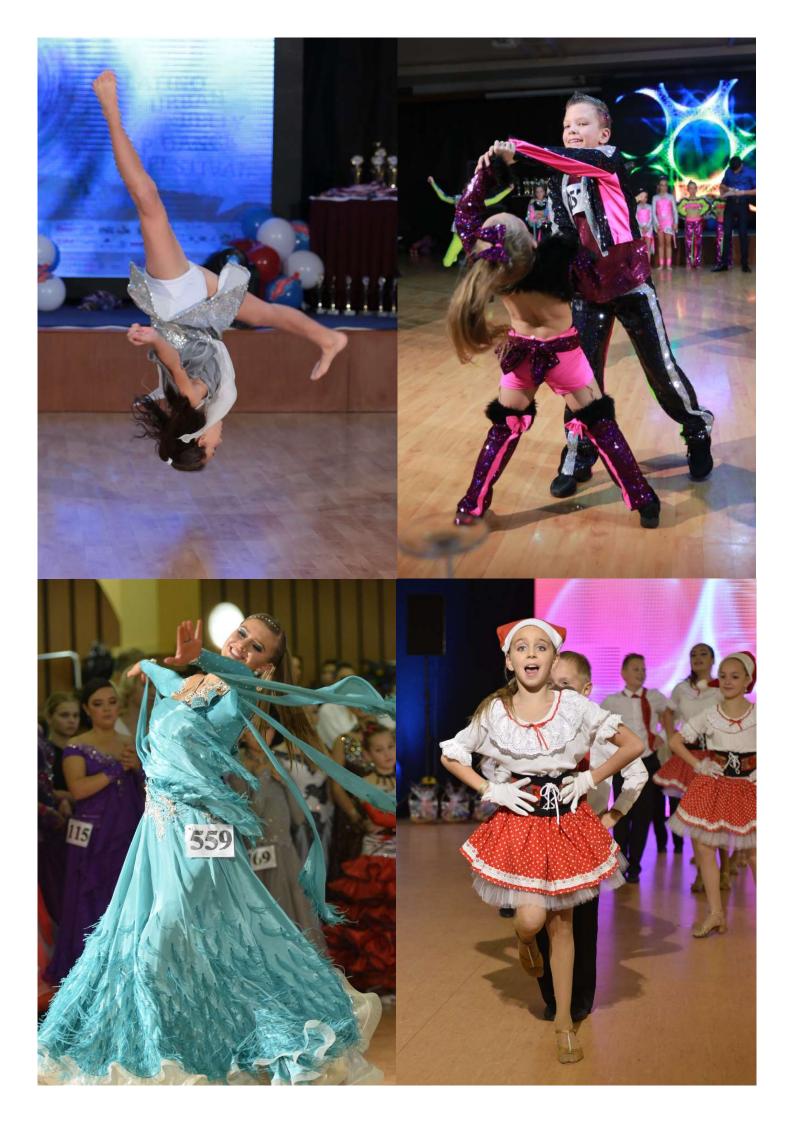
Thank you Ilona, thank you Marian, thank you the TAPS Ilma Team for the excellent example of Arts and Culture under one roof.

### Stuart Saunders Executive Secretary











### 2015 ANNUAL MEETING of the WADF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Hotel Babylon, Liberec, Czech Republic Tuesday, 3rd November 2015

The minutes of the 2015 AGA can be downloaded from our website.



### **International Adjudicator Seminar** Liberec, Czech Republic

In connection with the World Championships we had the pleasure to examine the following 10 new WADF International Championships Adjudicators. We wish you all welcome to the WADF family.

Romy de Vos Holland, Frank de Vos Holland, Michal Milewski Poland, Boleslaw Bara Poland Grzegorz Gwiazdzinski Poland, Tadeusz Piatkowski Poland, Kamila Koberska Czech Republic, Jitka Zaloudkova Czech

Republic, Eva Moravlíková Slovak Republic, Patricia Neff Vanuffelen, Belgium.



# 2015 WADF EUROASIA Open Championships 30th November Almaty, Kazakhstan.

On 30th November the WADF moved into Asia for the first time. The Kazakhstan Federation for Artistic Dance presented the 2015 WADF EUROASIA Artistic Dance Open in connection with a large Cheerleading competition. Around 1.000 competitors took part in the event. The Artistic Dance disciplines especially Artistic Cheerleading, Tap and Techno dancing were of a surprisingly high quality.

The President of the Federation, Alfiya Kalmaganbetova and her team did a fantastic job to carry out the event considering many of the disciplines had never been seen in Kazakhstan before. The WADF Vice President, Irina Shmalko took the microphone to present the Solo dance competitions in Salsa, Bachata and Cha-Cha for which the competitors received a standing ovation from the audience, who never seen this kind of dancing before.

On 28th/29th November Workshops were presented in various disciplines plus a Congress for teachers and coaches, which were well attended and very much appreciated. In the evening of the 29th I had the pleasure to lead an International Adjudicator Seminar where 22 new Internationa Championship Adjudicators were successfully examined.





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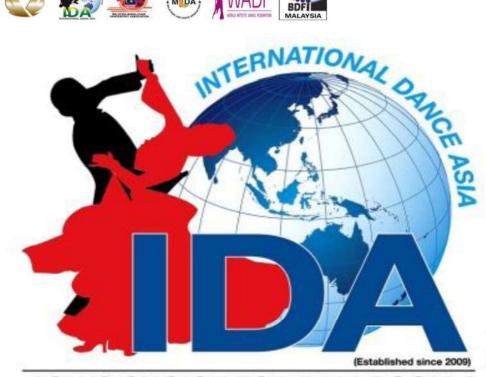












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1st MBDC Selangor Open Dance Championship 2016

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1st MWDSA Malaysian Wheelchair Dancesport Competition 2016

5<sup>th</sup> June 2016 (Sunday) Date: Manhattan Grand Ballroom, Venue:

> Berjaya Times SQ, Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 9.00am- 5.30pm Evening Finals: 6.30pm-11.30pm

Day Events:

Ballroom & Latin Hip Hop, K pop, Salsa, Show Dance, Line Dance Solo Dance, Belly Dancing Traditional Culture Dance Artistic & Street Dance

**EVENTS:** 

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