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IMGC

Address by President



Dear friends and colleagues,

This year, in line with the developing trend of the martial arts world, we convened the 11th Congress to elect new leadership and enlarged its member scope and held the 9th IMG in Tashkent, Uzbekistan with great splendor to be deeply marked in its history.

We achieved then great success in strengthening our organization into an officially recognized international organization thus further propelling the development of the world martial arts movement.

I, on behalf of the IMG, would like to extend my warm greetings to EB members, Uzbekistan Organizing Committee, Presidents of the International Martial Arts Organizations and all martial artists, and would like to offer my appreciation to them for their sincere efforts directed to the successful gathering of 9th IMG.

The IMG will, in the future, too, fulfil its mission and obligations to ensure the participation of more martial arts disciplines worldwide in IMGs beyond the differences of their political views, religion, sex and race allowing them fully demonstrate wisdom, excellent skills and traditions of their respective nations.

With full conviction that all our member organizations and martial artists will always support the international community in their struggle to safeguard the world peace and justice, I sincerely wish all of you wellbeing and happiness in good health in the upcoming new year 2025.

With Best Regards, I remain

Prof. Ri Yong Son

President, International Martial Art Games Committee



Activities of Secretariat



IMGC EB meeting held

The IMGC EB meeting was held on 2nd Nov. in Tashkent, the capital city of Uzbekistan. Attended the meeting 34 people including Prof. Ri Yong Son, President of the IMGC, Mr. Kim Myong Gun, Secretary General of the IMGC, EB members, Presidents of the International Martial Arts Organizations that applied for IMGC membership and officials of the IMGC Secretariat. Amendments of IMGC Statutes, affiliation of new IMGC membership, examinations of candidates of IMGC leadership and other important issues to be submitted to the 11th IMGC Congress were taken into deliberations while practical issues to further enhancing the activities of the IMGC were discussed.



The 11th Congress held

The 11th Congress was held on 2nd Nov. in Tashkent, the capital city of Uzbekistan.

Present at the Congress were 87 participants including Prof. Ri Yong Son, President of the IMGC, Mr. Kim Myong Gun, Secretary General of the IMGC and EB members, representatives of International Taekwon-Do

Federation (ITF), World Karate Confederation founded by Fritz Wendland (WKC/FW), World Federation of Kowat Alrami and Self Defence (WFKA), International Jang San'ati Association (IJSA) and International Council of Sqay (ICS) and representatives of 14 NMGCs.



Practical issues to further strengthening the IMGC activities including the amendments of Statutes, election of new leadership, appointment of Chairpersons of subcommittees and Presidents of NMGCs, examination on the International Martial Arts Organizations that applied for IMGC membership, decision on the host city of the 10th IMG were discussed at the Congress. Members of the new leadership are as follows:



President
Prof. Ri Yong Son
President of the ITF



Vice-President
Prof. Dr. Dato
Leong Wai Meng
Vice-President of the ITF



Vice-President
Dr. Viacheslav Timofeev
President of the
WKC/FW



Vice-President
Prof. Dr. Walid Kassas
President of
the WFKA



Secretary General
Mr. Kim Myong Gun
Senior Vice-President
of the ITF



EB member
Prof. Kim Sung Hwan
Deputy Secretary General



EB member
Dr. Rajendran Balan
President of Indian National
Martial Art Games Federation



EB member
Mr. Mikhail Kolvart
President of Estonian National
Martial Art Games Union



EB member
Mr. Laziz Khasanov
President of Uzbekistan
Taekwon-Do Association

The Congress appointed Chairpersons of subcommittees as under:

- Ethics and Verification Commission: Prof. Dr Dato. Leong Wai Meng
- Competition and Umpire Commission: Dr. Rajendran Balan
- Information Commission: Mr. Antonio Krauss
- Finance and Marketing Commission: Mr. Kim Yong Il
- Mr. Zhasur Matyakubovich Matchanov was appointed to the post of the President of Uzbekistan National Martial Art Games Committee.

The Congress approved associate membership status of International Council of Sqay, International Jang San'ati Association, Global Aerial Power Athletics Federation and International Jeet Kune Do Federation which applied for their affiliation while were withdrew the membership status of Sports Jiu-Jitsu African Federation and World Union of TOA Associations to be disqualified.

It also decided to hold the 10th IMG 2026 in Almaty, Kazakhstan together with World Cup Taekwon-Do Games.



IMAF Board meeting held



IMAF Board meeting was held on 3rd Nov. in Tashkent, the capital city of Uzbekistan.

Present at the meeting were 20 participants including Prof. Ri Yong Son, President, Mr. Kim Myong Gun, Secretary General, Dr. Rajendran Balan, EB member and officials of IMAF. The meeting approved the amended and supplemented statutes and rules of IMAF through careful discussion and dealt with the issue of financially supporting the activities of IMGC by undertaking IMAF's activities on a broad scale.

Mr. Kim Myong Gun, Secretary General, met Prof. Dr. Walid Kassas, President of WFKa and newly elected Vice-President, to talk about intensifying propaganda on our activities through its website, drawing up and distributing the standard format of IMG info pack to guarantee the success of future Games, establishing Arab Martial Art Games Committee and other issues to strengthen IMGC into a powerful international sports organization as well as hold IMGs on a worldwide scale.



The 9th IMG Held

The 9th International Martial Arts Games was held in Tashkent, the capital city of Uzbekistan from 1st to 7th Nov. 2024.

3 200 athletes and officials from 65 countries took part in the Games to compete in different martial arts disciplines of Taekwon-Do, Karate, Kowat Alrami, Jang San'ati, Jeet Kune Do, Pahuyuth, Sqay, Aerial gymastics and Taichichen.

The Opening Ceremony of the 9th IMG was held on 3rd Nov. at "Yunusobod Stadium", Tashkent with great splendor.

More than 2 500 people including Prof. Ri Yong Son, President, Mr. Kim Myong Gun, Secretary General, Mr. Maxmudov Shaxrillo Sharipovich, Deputy Minister for Sports Development of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Presidents of the International Martial Arts Organizations, Mr. Laziz Khasanov, President of the Organizing Committee of the 9th IMG, athletes, coaches, officials and Tashkent citizens joined the ceremony.





The Ceremony began with the congratulatory speech by Prof. Ri Yong Son, President, and Mr. Maxmudov Shaxrillo Sharipovich, Deputy Minister for Sports Development of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Following their speeches, medals and diplomats were conferred to people who made contributions to the development of IMGC.

Then, Uzbek traditional dance performance, Uzbek ancient martial arts demonstration and combat demonstration by Uzbekistan army service men were held.

The Ceremony reached its climax at Taekwon-Do Demonstration by Korean Taekwon-Do athletes to win great admirations of all participants.

The Ceremony ended with Taichichen Demonstration by Australian Taichichen Demonstration Team.





Competitions held in the Games were Taekwon-Do, Karate, Kowat Alrami, Jang San'ati, Jeet Kune Do, Pahuyuth, Sqay, Aerial gymastics.

World Cup Taekwon-Do Games-2024

“World Cup Taekwon-Do Games-2024” under ITF was held at “Yunusobod Stadium” from 4th to 7th Nov. with the participation of 1 200 athletes from 20 countries and regions.



WKC/FW XV World Championship for Cadets, Juniors, Seniors, Veterans and XV World Cup for Children

“WKC/FW XV World Championship for Cadets, Juniors, Seniors, Veterans and XV World Cup for Children” was held at “Jar Stadium” from 3rd to 6th Nov. with participation of 700 athletes from 28 countries and regions.





World Kowat Alrami Championship

100 athletes from 25 countries took part in the “World Kowat Alrami Championship” of WFKA held from 1st to 3rd Nov at “Yunusobod Stadium”.



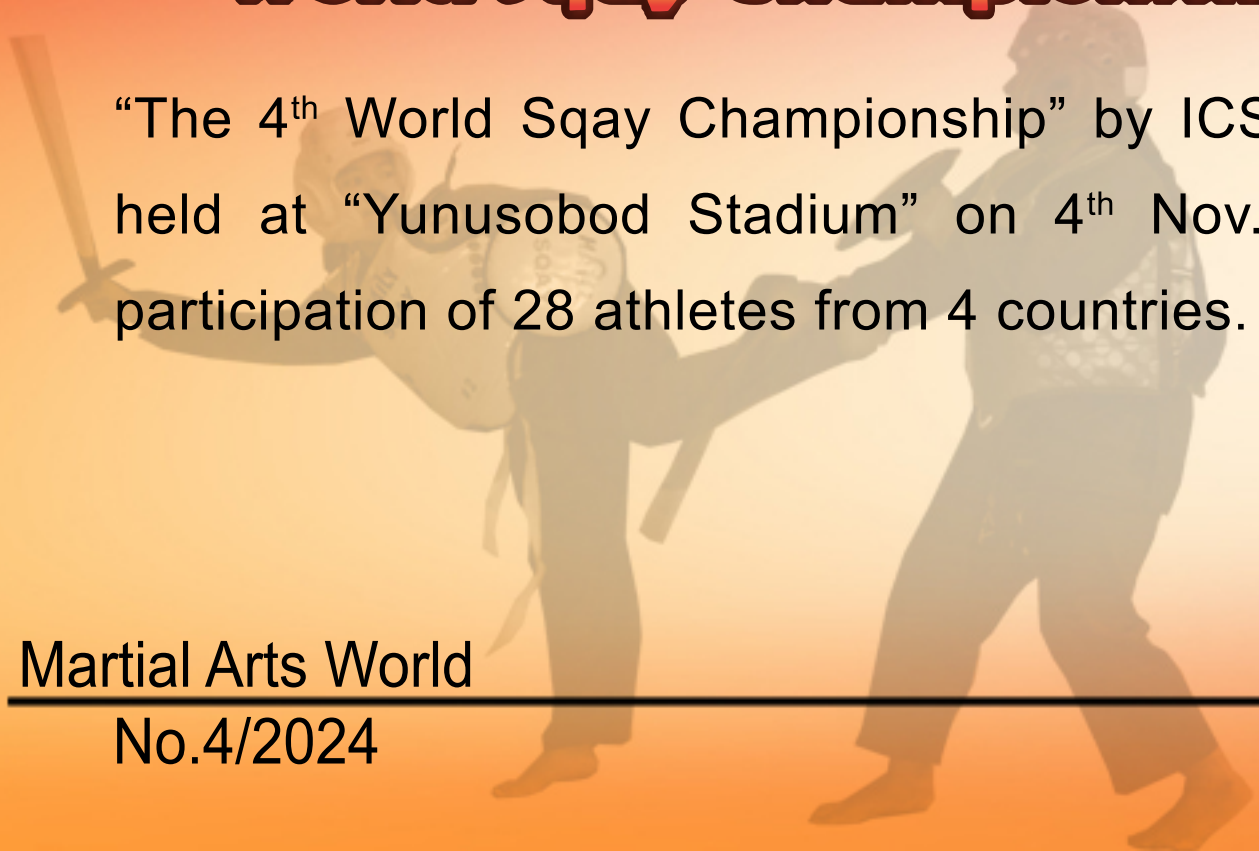
World Pahuyuth Championship

The World Pahuyuth Federation held its “World Pahuyuth Championship” from 1st to 2nd Nov. at “Jar Stadium” and 50 athletes from 4 countries took part in it.



World Sqay Championship

“The 4th World Sqay Championship” by ICS was held at “Yunusobod Stadium” on 4th Nov. with participation of 28 athletes from 4 countries.



World Jang San'ati Championship



“World Jang San’ati Championship” by IJSA was held at “Yunusobod Stadium” from 1st to 2nd Nov. with participation of more than 400 athletes from 49 countries and regions.



World Jeet Kund Do Championship

“World Jeet Kund Do Championship” by IJF was held at “Jar Stadium” from 1st to 2nd Nov. with participation of 252 athletes from 22 countries and regions.



Global Aerial Gymnastics Games 2024



“Global Aerial Gymnastics Games 2024” by GAPAF was held at “Yunusobod Stadium” on 3rd Nov. with participation of 150 athletes from 13 countries and regions.



Introduction

The 11th Congress approved the affiliation of 4 International Martial Arts Organizations to IMGC as associate members.

International Council of Sqay

Sqay which is originated from Kashmir region in India is a martial art sport performed on a tatami and being carried out with a stick called “Tura” and a shield made of soft leather called “Bargula”. Competitions are held in seniors, juniors and cadets categories.

The International Council of Sqay was founded in 2007 with the objectives of promoting Sqay and training physical culture and moral education in the field of Sqay sport while organizing competitions, festivals, training camps and seminars.

The President of the International Council of Sqay is Dr. Rafiq.(India)

The ICS is headquartered in India and has 45 member organizations.

It has been working with IMGC since 2007 and organizes its world championships and regional competitions.

The ICS took part in the 3rd and 6th IMGs held in Bangkok, Thailand in 2008 and New Delhi, India in 2015 respectively.

International Jang San'ati Association

Jang San'ati, the term which signifies “martial art” in Uzbek, is a traditional martial art of Uzbekistan. Jang San'ati is divided into weapon and hand combat categories. It was widely used in the ancient war fields. Later, Jang San'ati was developed into a martial art sport and now became the most popular traditional martial art of Uzbekistan. Jang San'ati consists of 3 directions- fighting, competition of Timurids, demo show.

The International Jang San'ati Association was founded in 2017 by a group of sports academics, professors, leading trainers and sports experts.

Since its establishment, it has been a member of many international sports organizations of the world and regularly holds its competitions.

The President of the organization is Mr. Pulat Usmanov (Uzbekistan).

The organization sieged in Uzbekistan has 31 associations as its members.

International Jeet Kune Do Federation

Jeet Kune Do literally means the way of blocking the fist.

Bruce Lee studied many styles and transformed his knowledge into the way of life to create a new martial art called “Jeet Kune Do” in 1967.

It is aimed at improving combat techniques in a real combat.

The whole art of Jeet Kune Do is connected with movement-relocation, hand and feet blows, counter strikes, grappling and throws.

International Jeet Kune Do Federation was founded in 2005 with the mission of promoting Jeet Kune Do as well as sharing experiences in the field of martial arts.

President of the organization is GM. Mikhail Kim (Uzbekistan).

The International Jeet Kune Do Federation is headquartered in Uzbekistan and has 23 associations as its members.

Global Aerial Power Athletics Federation

Aerial gymnastics is a sport with elements of dance and acrobatic character, and carried out using the tools like static trapeze, elastic Salem, rope, circle, hoop, cubic. It is categorized in triathlon, pentathlon, team standings and freestyle programs.

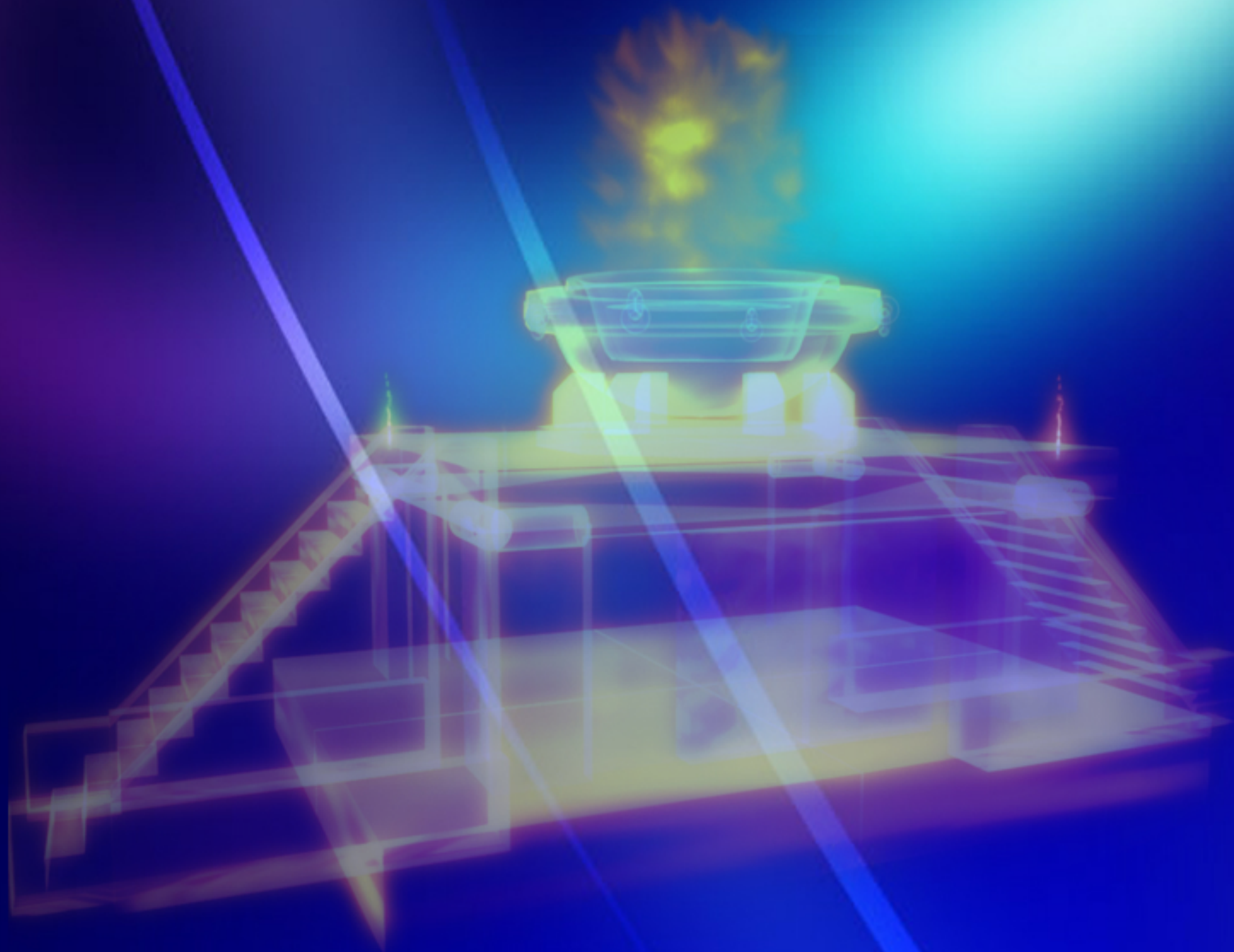
GAPAF was registered as a non-profit public association “European Air Power Athletics Union” in 2011 in Prague, Czech Republic.

In 2014, the world organization WAAPA was founded and in 2019 it was renamed GAPAF.

President of the organization is Mr. Aleksander Zakirov (Uzbekistan- Mexico)

GAPAF has its headquarters in Czech Republic and has 25 associations as its members.





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