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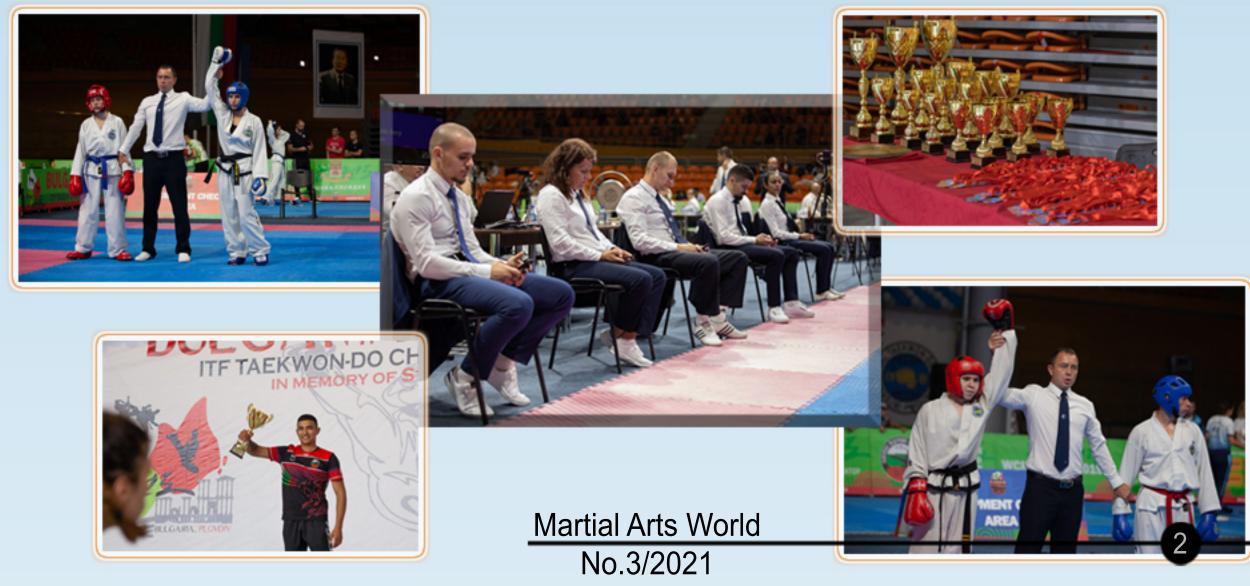
#### 2021 Bulgaria Open International Tournament

On June 26, 2021, 500 athletes from Bulgaria, Greece, Ukraine, Bosnia & Herzegovina, North Macedonia and Moldova travelled to Plovdiv in Bulgaria, to take part in the 2021 Bulgaria Open A-Class International Tournament.

This event has reopened the era of live(offline) international competitions in the European continent allowing high level competitors to practice their skills in a head to head battle before the European Championships in ITF Taekwon-Do scheduled in October this year to be held on the island of Crete in Greece.







# ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OF THE 1<sup>st</sup> ONLINE PANAMERICAN GAMES MET

The meeting of the Organizing Committee of the 1<sup>st</sup> Online Pan American Games was held with great success, in addition to addressing the themes inherent in the event, Regional Delegates were appointed.

There will be competitions in the specialities of Individual Pattern, Team Pattern and Self Defence in October this year.



#### TAEKWON-DO SEMINAR IN INDIA

Taekwon-Do Association of India(TAI) conducted the 72<sup>nd</sup> National Technical and Anti-Doping Taekwon-Do Seminar on August 28 and 29, 2021. Grand Master Dr. Rajendran Balan & Master Ranchana Chourasia Rajendran presented in the Seminar.



## NEWS FROM WIJC

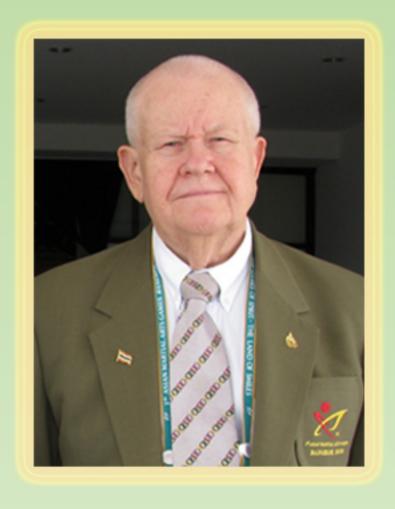
WJJC(World Jiu Jitsu Confederation) is a Confederation consisting of many different jujitsu and similar martial arts federations, out of which the World Jiu Jitsu Federation(WJJF)/World Jiu Jitsu and Kobudo Federation(WJJKO) constitute the largest member federations.

The 44<sup>th</sup> WJJF/45<sup>th</sup> WJJKO Congress will be held from September 24 to 26, 2021 at Lake Iseo, Rombardia, Italy.

This event may provide with an opportunity to promote the WJJC's activities, the reactivation of relations between the sports groups and to give young people a stimulus to restart their physical and mental activities.



The above-mentioned news was informed to the IMGC Magazine "Martial Arts World" Editors by Dr. Paul G. Hoglund who has long served career for the martial arts movement.



He was one of the founders of the Swedish Budo Federation and the World Karate Federation and worked as President of the Swedish Federation for All Martial Arts in the years of 1960s and 1970s. Now he holds the position of WJJC President and IMGC Vice President.



Ghetto Fights Championships started in Riga, Latvia 6 years ago and now it's traditional events for summer time.

MMA, Pangration, Kickboxing and Muay Thai amateur and semi-pro fights were exposed in this event on June 19, 2021 in Riga. 30 competitors from all of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia took part.

22 fighters from Latvia and Lithuania competed in Pangration, MMA, Kickboxing on July 25, 2021 in city of Ventspils, Latvia.

Meanwhile Taekwon-Do Summer Training Camp was held from July 6 to 16, 2021 in the beautiful place Engure on Baltic See coast.



#### World Sudo Foundation Established



The World Judo Foundation, established by the World Judo Federation (WJF) shall be operated exclusively for educational, cultural and charitable purposes relating to Traditional Kodokan Judo(TKJ) across the globe. The educational, cultural and charitable activities of the WJF's Foundation relate principally to Traditional Kodokan Judo and include public educational and instructional programs involving research, publications, clinics, tournaments, the establishment of scholarships, the development of international cultural exchange programs and the training and certifications of judo instructors and leaders.

#### NIJGADH CITY CUP II MARTIAL ARTS FESTIVAL-2021

Nijgadh City Cup II National Martial Arts Festival-2021 was held in Nijgadh, Nepal on July 13-15, 2021.

A total of 132 players and officials from all seven provinces took part in this event organized by Nepal Taekwon-Do Federation under the auspices of Nepal National Martial Art Games Confederation and Nijgadh Municipality.

Bagmati Province won the team championship in the Festival. Nirajan Dhimbam won the men's open ITF Taekwon-Do gold medal, while Mishion Tamang came second and Aashish Shrestha was third. In the women's open full contact karate section, Tara Ghalan won gold and Nichita Ale came second. While Sneha Mahato and Sonu Tamang finished joint third.

#### 7TH NMGC GAMES TO BE HELD IN PHILIPPINES



7<sup>th</sup> NMGC Games will be held in November in Philippines. Jendo, Jendo-Arnis, Jendo Bangkaw, Karate, Kuntaw, and Taekwon-Do are supposed to take part in the Games.

### FREE GYM

#### ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

On June 18, 2021, Sabum Ben Evans, Representative of the New Zealand ITF, opened a free gym in Hastings, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand. This free community facility provides the elderly and disabled people with a safe, holistic environment conducive to training themselves.

Sabum Ben Evans came up with the concept after conducting a survey of the health and fitness landscape in Hawke's Bay, New Zealand, and discovering a dire need for a gym for the disabled community. He then created something specifically for them, including not only the necessary equipment and space for workouts, but also a large foyer to await their arrival.

Sabum Ben Evans opened the gym successfully through his own efforts and the support of generous sponsors, and elderly and disabled gym-goers quickly embraced it.





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