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Welcome to the IWUF E-Blast!

Welcome to IWUF's preview of great things to come in 2015 -- we're starting with a recap of recent 2014 events as an introduction to our new e-blast. The new IWUF e-blast will more quickly update all our members and friends on IWUF events, news and more. We'll also still be sending our full-length IWUF Newsletter, but the e-blast will connect us to people and events faster and more frequently.



Wushu Shines in Spotlight at Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games

August 17-27 Nanjing, China

From August 17-27, the 2014 Nanjing Youth Olympic Games brought 3,800 young athletes from all over the world to China for 12 days of spectacular sport competition. This second Summer Youth Olympic Games (YOG) played to thousands of live spectators and was broadcast throughout China and around the world. Though not yet an official Olympic sport, wushu remains a hopeful contender, and as part of the IOC family of international sport federations, it was invited to join the Games in Nanjing as part of an experimental program called Sports Lab - an interactive showcase of four sports: wushu, skateboarding, roller-sport and sport climbing. Each day brought 3,000 visitors, including crowds of athletes from the Olympic Village, IOC delegates, NOC officials and many Nanjing locals. During his visit to Sports Lab IOC President Thomas Bach stepped onto the wushu carpet for a quick sword lesson with Russian athlete Daria Tarasova, and also stopped for a chat and group photo with the Sports Lab athletes.



Nanjing 2014 Youth Wushu Tournament

Aug 22-24 Nanjing, China

The Nanjing 2014 Youth Wushu Tournament brought spectacular action and thrills to the beautiful city of Gaochun, China, as it ran during the Nanjing Youth Olympic Games, August 22-24. Participants at this official IWUF event, held at Nanjing's Gaochun Gymnasium, were 100 of the world's top junior wushu athletes who qualified at the World Junior Wushu Championships held in Antalya, Turkey in March 2014. The Gaochun tournament was visited by many local officials, IOC members,

and even Chinese pop stars. IOC President Thomas Bach came to watch the competition on its first morning and subsequently awarded the very first medal of the event. In the following days, former IOC President Jacques Rogge also presented a medal to wushu winners.



The 6th World Traditional Wushu Championships

Oct 23-29 Chizhou, China

A giant golden Buddha shone out of the mists of Jiuhua Mountain in Chizhou City, Anhui Province, to watch over 2100 participants of the 6th World Traditional Wushu Championships. Taking place October 23-29, 2014, 1779 competitors from 35 countries demonstrated a wide range of traditional styles - from Shaolin to Bajiquan, Houquan, Ditangquan,

Baguaquan, Chaquan, and dozens more. Crowds thrilled especially to the myriad of weapons, including staff, spear, broadsword and straight sword from many styles, rope darts, whip chains, butterfly swords and fans. Dozens of the youngest athletes added their own energy and enthusiasm, especially with some quite engaging performances of monkey style, praying mantis and eagle claw.



2014 International | Catania, Italy
Wushu Judges Examination Course | 1-7 June 2014

IWUF Judges Examination Courses - 2014

Jun 1-7 Catania, Italy | Aug 25-31 Shanghai, China |
Oct 25-31 Chengdu, China

The IWUF concluded this year's final judges examination courses this past month with the third and final course being the IWUF Taijiquan Judges Examination Course which was held in Sichuan, China at the end of October. In total, the IWUF ran three separate judges examination courses throughout the year, namely in Catania, Italy (June), Shanghai, China (August) and Sichuan, China (October). A large number of both new and existing IWUF judges attended these courses to receive and renew their qualifications as IWUF judges, as well as to gain invaluable knowledge regarding competition officiation from the various IWUF experts presenting at the courses. This year also marks the first time that the Taijiquan specific judge's examination course was held, and the judges that passed this examination officiated during the 1st World Taijiquan Championships held directly thereafter. A full listing of the

candidates that successfully passed this year's Taolu, Sanda and Taijiquan examinations will be circulated shortly.



1st World Taijiquan Championships

Nov 1-4 Chengu, China

The 1st World Taijiquan Championships took place in Dujiangyan, Sichuan - China from November 1st to 4th, 2014. This was the inaugural event for the newly established biennial Taijiquan specific world championships, which was approved by the International Wushu Federation in 2012. The event featured two main competition divisions, namely 'Championship Events' and 'Demonstration Events'. The event implemented (for the first time) the newly formulated Taijiquan rules and scoring method, which was formulated and approved by the IWUF Technical Committee. A total of 297 participants from 31 countries/regions worldwide participated in the championships, which featured optional routines, standardized routines, traditional routines as well as group routines. The venue was packed to maximum capacity by eager spectators on a daily basis who were wowed by the grace, athleticism and beauty of these top Taijiquan practitioners.



7th Sanda World Cup

Nov 20-21 Jakarta, Indonesia

The 7th Sanda World Cup took place in Jakarta, Indonesia from 20th to 21st of November, 2014. The biennial event featured the top 3 placed fighters from last year's 12th World Wushu Championships, which was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. This marked the first time that the Sanda World Cup was held outside of China, and the Indonesian Wushu Federation worked tirelessly to ensure this event was a resounding success. Fifty-three athletes representing 18 countries/regions vied for top honors in their respective weight divisions to be crowned the champion of champions in international sanda.

Stay tuned for more details on these events and more in our upcoming IWUF Newsletter.