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WDSF PD SPORT DIRECTOR REPORT

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear WDSF PD Member Bodies,

First of all I would like to thank all WDSF Board Members and all WDSF PD Member bodies for their support to my work during this past year.

Special thanks goes to Mr Martin Pastor, deputy Sport Director, for his help during this difficult first year.

To be elected is one thing, but to understand the difficult work as Sport Director is another thing. Overall we had a great year with many new PD judges, and new countries joining.

We have now 340 Adjudicators, and many are still joining every day, and also for us the most important, 584 athletes. We are very pleased that we have to great countries joining PD this year, China and Canada. Also other countries are asking me questions every day, how to join, and I am sure that in the future we will many more.

The future is looking very good, for the first time in WDSF PD we will use the new judging system 2.0 or 2.1 in the German Open in August. It is our goal just as in WDSF to use this system for all World Championships.

WDSF PD is there to promote professional dance sport, so that the couples coming from WDSF have something to look for. A new career, a next step, not always so easy but we all love dancing, and want to stay in this great family.

For 2014 WDSF PD is not asking any fees, to run a WDSF PD open competition, for the moment I must say with great success. Many organizers are putting PD competitions extra to their event, for which I am very gratefully.

Our next goal must be to also please our WDSF PD Master Class competitors. They also like to dance, and are asking me every day, please where is the next competition?

Also there is no fee to pay to WDSF PD for Open Competitions in 2014, only some prize money, at the organiser's discretion. So organizers help us, and support our Master Class competitors.

During the year we had some great competitions, in Standard, Latin, Ten Dance and Show Dance. Of course not all was going the right way. Especially in the European Standard in Leipzig, many couples did not turned up. Mistakes were made on both sides, and we will try to avoid them in the future. So competitors, do not forget, we are there for you, if you have a problem, question, let us know.



We are working as a team to help you.

I would like to make an important information to our chairman's working during a PD event or Championship, please do not forget that we have the same rules as in WDSF, you must send your report to PD Sport Director as quickly as possible.

The criteria for collecting the points for PD Ranking Lists have been changed and we are working on the idea of the annual awards for top ranked couples, but for this we need money, and we cannot do everything in one year. This year we choose to give the PD Open Event without fee, if we change this next year, we can give maybe this money to the ranking list. So organizers help us, we need your support.

During our last meeting in Barcelona, we invited Mr Bosco Paolo, the PD representative of the WDSF Athlete's Commission to know from his side what our athletes want for the future. We had a very interesting talk and we will work on his suggestions. All athletes can contact him, please do!!!

I would like to thank specially Mr German Sal, in the DSF PD office, without him it should not be possible to follow everything up, German Thank You.

To finish I also like to thank all the colleagues in the PD Management Board, and a special thank you to, Verena Sulek, who does two great jobs, PD Director and PD Treasurer.

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WDSF PD Sport Director.