

## WFDF Board of Directors Elections (2012-2013 term) Candidate documents Thomas Griesbaum

### **Potential conflicts of interest**

- As long time former President of the Deutscher Frisbeesportverband e.V. (DFV) and its predecessor Deutscher Frisbee-Flugscheiben-Verband and Honorary President of DFV I still have close ties with the DFV Board and occasionally act as consultant.
- I am President of the European Flying Disc Federation. However, all of its activities have been taken over by the European Ultimate Federation, in which I hold no position,

### **Candidate Statement**

Ever since I took up flying disc sports I have taken part in organizing the sport, both nationally in Germany and internationally in Europe (EFDF) and worldwide (WFDF). From 2003 through 2005 I have attended the annual Sportaccord (assembly of international world sports federations, incl. IOC) as representative of WFDF and as part of my tasks as Technical Delegate for Flying Disc sports at the World Games in Duisburg, Germany, in 2005. Currently, I consult the membership administrator of the Deutscher Frisbeesport-Verband. As such I have gained ample experience at all work levels within volunteer organizations.

I think this experience will be a good help for WFDF in its upcoming steps towards gaining recognition by international federations, e.g. the International Olympic Committee. Also, as Secretary I would be able to represent European views and interests within the Executive Committee of WFDF.

I still play at a few Ultimate tournaments every year and try to go and visit European Ultimate Championships or World Championships when hosted in Europe. I was a staff member at the 2000 WFDF World Ultimate Championships and the 2010 WFDF World Junior Championships, both in Heilbronn, Germany. Also, through my early days of playing Flying Disc Freestyle and Disc Golf, I still have interest and (local) ties with these sports. As such, I would say that I have a good knowledge of what the athletes of our sport want from WFDF.

WFDF is in the process of setting up continental Flying Disc associations, e.g. the newly founded Asian Flying Disc Association. My decade long experience with the European Flying Disc Federation might be of good help for the founding of further continental associations.

While I haven't done much of the work which is expected from a WFDF Secretary in the past, I am technically fully equipped for it with PCs, printers, phone (two lines), fax, mobile (smart) phone, broadband internet connection. Also, I have decent knowledge about creating and maintaining web pages and about usage of Web 2.0 networks (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Google Plus).