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European Flying Disc Federation (EFDF) formally institutionalized at founding assembly in Lecco, Italy

The World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) is pleased to announce that the institutional and founding assembly of the European Flying Disc Federation (EFDF) as the Continental Association of WFDF for Europe was held on Wednesday, 23 July 2014, in the city of Lecco, Lombardy, Italy, on the occasion of the 2014 WFDF World Junior Ultimate Championships (WJUC).

“We are extremely excited to hear the news about the formal incorporation of EFDF as a WFDF branch organization,” stated WFDF President Robert “Nob” Rauch. “While EFDF has already existed for many years as informal body representing Flying Disc sports in Europe, this formal incorporation is an important acknowledgement of the successful development of our sports in Europe, where we can find nearly half of the WFDF membership.”

EFDF’s aim is to provide a forum for all European Flying Disc sports and to represent them in outreach with the European public-sector and sports institutions, in particular the European Olympic Committees (EOC) and the institutions of the European Union. Eight European member associations of WFDF attended this meeting: Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, France, Italy, Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland. In total EFDF counts 32 member associations in 31 countries.

The assembly elected their first statutory Executive Committee and Board of Directors:

- Thomas Griesbaum (GER) - President
- Andre Kruse (GER) - Vice President
- Amandine Constant (FRA) - Secretary
- Paul Eriksson (SWE) - Treasurer
- Jana Vejmelkova (CZE) - at-Large Board Member.

The Board of Directors is completed by the ex-officio members representing the Flying Disc sports in Europe as at-Large Board members:

- Andrea Furlan (AUT) for the European Ultimate Federation (EUF)
- Pedro Vargas (POR) for the Beach Ultimate Lovers Association (BULA-Europe
- Paul Francz (SUI) for the European Disc Golf Federation (EDGA)

"With the institutionalization of EFDF, all Flying Disc sports have taken a further important step to develop in Europe. We are very proud to contribute now formally the European part to WFDF’s efforts to receive the permanent IOC recognition," commented EFDF President Thomas Griesbaum.

About WFDF:
The World Flying Disc Federation ("WFDF") serves as the international governing body of all flying disc (Frisbee™) sports, including Ultimate, Beach Ultimate, Disc Golf, Field Events, Freestyle, and Guts. WFDF is made up of the National Associations ("Members") that govern their respective disc sports. There are currently Members representing athletes in 56 countries. WFDF is an International Federation recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), an ARISF member and a member of SportAccord and the International World Games Association. WFDF is recognized as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) registered corporation in the State of Colorado, USA, and it is a signatory of the World Anti-Doping Agency code.

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