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Message by the President

Dear WFDF Members and flying disc enthusiasts:

We are pleased to present our second issue of the WFDF Newsletter in an attempt to develop a stronger dialogue among WFDF, our Member associations, and all disc players. It is a first step in what I hope will be an increasingly interactive forum for communication, one that will hopefully take advantage of the evolving social media opportunities in the months and years to come.

We have been spending a fair amount of time behind the scenes trying to finalize our arrangement on three big Ultimate events: the first ever Pan-American Games, the 2011 Asian-Oceanic Games, both of which we expect to take place in November 2011, and the 2012 World Ultimate and Guts Championships. It has been a bit frustrating for potential tournament organizers, the Ultimate Committee, and the WFDF Board as venues for all of these events should have been approved last year. We are playing catch up this spring to work with the potential tournament directors to ensure that we understand their bids and they are capable of hosting a world class event. In each case we are now working with one group and hope to be able to announce the details of the events in the coming weeks.



Having said that, we are looking forward to the World Overall Ultimate Championships 2011 in Ft. Collins, CO, USA July 18-23, which are fully organized. Bill Wright, former WFDF President and owner of the Wright Life, knows how to throw a great event (as well as a disc) and we are hoping for a great turn-out. In addition to the WOC, there is a Disc Summit meeting planned for Wednesday, July 20th hosted by Dan "Stork" Roddick and hosted by Bill Wright for various disc sports organizations to get together: BULA, DDC, FPA, GPA, Overall, PDGA, USA Ultimate, and WFDF. Sandie Hammerly, WFDF Secretary, will represent WFDF.

Now to some even more serious stuff. As I outlined in my candidate statement last December, the day of reckoning for disc sports has come this year with respect to anti-doping. WFDF officials have had several meetings with WADA, IWGA, and SportAccord over the last three months regarding anti-doping compliance. The consistent message was very clear: full compliance is required if WFDF intends to remain a member of SportAccord and IWGA.

Anti-Doping is a funny concept for disc sports, or Ultimate in particular as that is our one Disc Sport involved with the Olympic Movement at present. WADA's motto is "play true." Spirit of the game in Ultimate is all about playing fairly, not cheating, and at its essence that is what WADA is trying to instil in so many sports where doping in some form gives an unfair advantage to some athlete or team, and is a form of cheating. For Ultimate, where adherence to not only the letter but the spirit of the rules is an obligation for each individual player, the idea of bringing in an outside arbiter -- a drug-tester, in effect a referee - is anathema to what we are trying to exhibit to the world. Yet, if we want to remain a part of the Olympic Movement in SportAccord and the world Games, we are now obligated to abide by their rules.

We are trying to develop a program that we think can work for disc sports. You will be hearing more about this in the next months. See page 5 of this newsletter for some further information. To balance this unpleasant anti-doping stuff, I was really pleased at how many compliments flying disc sports got at SportAccord among the delegates for Ultimate being a non-refereed sport as well as show-casing our sport at World Games as a mixed-gender event.

As always, I would appreciate any candid, constructive input you are inclined to give me.

Robert "Nob" Rauch
President



The square shape of the logo background represents the customs and the rules that define sport. The color black evokes neutrality and is the traditional color of the referee.

The "equal sign" expresses equity and fairness. The sign is depicted with a human touch to reflect the individuality of every athlete. The color green evokes health and nature and the field of play.

The "play true" tag line encapsulates WADA's core values and is intended as a guiding principle for all athletes at every level of competition.

Picture of the month – new Guts Catch world record reported

The following picture shows the players involved in the new Guts Catch world record reported at 124 km/h

A new world guts catch world record was reported by Dave "Nez" Nesbitt, current PDGA Board President and former USGPA and WFDF board member, thrown by Garrett "Double G" Gurthie at 124 km/hr (77 mph). The throw and catch were made at approximately 7:15pm on April 30, 2011 at the International Disc Golf Center in Appling Georgia and recorded by a brand new Bushnell radar gun. The catch was witnessed by approximately 75 disc golfers and friends/family, and verified by Brian Graham, PDGA Executive Director and Disc Golf Hall of Famer, "Crazy" John Brooks, at the time of the catch. The setting of a new world record is subject to confirmation by WFDF Archivist and Record Keeper, Dan "Stork" Roddick. If confirmed, the catch would surpass the previous record of 123 km/hr by Takeshi Osada catching Yasuhiro Komori on May 3, 2008 in Chino-city, Nagano, Japan. All WFDF World Records may be found at <http://www.wfdf.org/index.php?page=records/index.htm>.



Left to right: Garrett "Double G" Gurthie, Dave "Nez" Nesbitt, and "Crazy" John Brooks

WFDF Official Communications & News

WFDF Congress 2011 to be held in Lignano Sabbiadoro (Italy) on 27-28 August 2011

The World Flying Disc Federation has announced that the 2011 WFDF Congress will take place on Saturday August 27 (prior to Finals of the 2011 WCBU) and Sunday August 28 from 9 am to 1 pm.

The meeting will take place in Lignano Sabbiadoro, Italy in conjunction with the BULA/WFDF World Championships of Beach Ultimate”

Per the WFDF Bylaws (article III, Section 5.1) any member wishing to submit a motion for consideration at the meeting must do so not less than 75 days prior to the date of the meeting.

Therefore, the deadline for members to submit items for consideration is June 14, 2011.

Also per the Bylaws, the official agenda and copies of all motions, reports and other relevant material for consideration must be forwarded to all members no less than two calendar months prior to the meeting.

Therefore, Congress materials will be distributed to all member organizations on or before June 27, 2011.

Any member wishing to submit materials for consideration should do so by sending a copy of such materials to WFDF President Robert Rauch at nob(dot)rauch(at)wdfdf(dot)org AND WFDF executive director Volker Bernardi at volker(dot)Bernardi(at)wdfdf(dot)org.

WFDF accepts Poland, Hungary and Slovenia as full members

The Polish Ultimate Players Association, the Hungarian Frisbee Association and Slovenian Flying Disc Federation have been accepted as a WFDF full National Member by an electronic vote of the WFDF Congress, approving their membership unanimously by the votes cast.

Please join us in welcoming these Federations as a full National Members. WFDF now counts a total membership of 56 members (38 full Members and 18 provisional members) in 54 countries. “The positive support by the WFDF Congress on these membership proposals and the acceptance

of Hungary and Slovenia are again great accomplishments in the process of upgrading the WFDF membership on a global level”, stated Robert Nob Rauch, WFDF President. “WFDF will move forward in encouraging our current provisional members to develop and consequently apply for full membership”.

WFDF receives Information regarding The World Games 2013

A delegation comprised of President Robert “Nob” Rauch, Executive Director Volker Bernardi, Ultimate Chair Simon Hill, and Board member Fumio Morooka met with the officials of the The World Games Cali 2013 Organizing Committee on April 6 in London during the SportAccord Conference. Also attending was IWGA Secretary General and Sports Director Joachim Gossow.

In this meeting, WFDF was officially presented with the details of our participation in TWG in 2013, which are as follows:

Discipline: Ultimate
Competition begins: Sunday 28 July 2013
Competition ends: Tuesday 30 July 2013
Venue: Pascual Guerrero Olympic Stadium (35,000 spectators), plus second field
Arrival Date: Friday 26 July 2013
Departure Date: Wednesday 31 July 2013
Athletes: 78 (six teams of 13 players)
Officials: 15
Medals: 39 (13 each for gold, silver, and bronze)

Separately from WFDF’s logistics meeting, Mr. Pascual Guerrero, president of the executive committee of the The World Games Cali 2013 spoke on Tuesday 5 April at the International World Games Association annual general meeting. In his presentation, Mr. Guerrero emphasized his commitment to responsibility to the environment, summed up in their slogan “Fair Play to the Planet.” He specifically highlighted Ultimate of all sports as best representing this commitment, through our dedication to the “spirit of the game” requiring personal responsibility for fair play and through our gender equality manifestation by showcasing our mixed division in The World Games competition.

WFDF Signs Memorandum of Understanding with Peace and Sport

World Flying Disc Federation is pleased to announce that it has signed a memorandum of understanding with the organization known as Peace and Sport (P&S). The purpose of the MoU is to establish the basis for cooperation between the two organizations to pursue programs targeted at youth in troubled areas where sports may be used as a reconciliation tool to further the goal of peace. P&S currently has projects in Israel/Palestine, Colombia, Burundi, India/Pakistan, Ivory Coast, Timor, and Haiti. P&S was formed in 2007 and is a global initiative under Prince Albert II of Monaco. P&S mobilizes financial resources, high profile athletes, and its political connections to pursue its goals in through its affiliation with international sports federations such as WFDF. For more information: www.wfdf.org

WFDF implements risk management policy

The WFDF during the last meeting of the Board of Directors has implemented a risk management policy. The text of the policy approved by the Board is as follows:

Background: Because we must pursue our objectives against the changing uncertainties of our internal and external operating environment, there is risk associated with all that we plan and do. We define risk as the effect of uncertainty on objectives. We need to be willing to accept risks in order to pursue opportunities but we can ensure we understand the risks we create when we make decisions and we can treat those risks so they are no larger or smaller than our risk appetite.

Policy: We will acknowledge that there is risk in all that we do. Accordingly, at all levels of our organization and as part of what we routinely do, we will apply the risk management practices described in ISO 31000 to ensure that at all times we have a correct, current and comprehensive understanding of our risks and that we adjust those risks to match our risk appetite in order to help achieve our objectives. We will ensure we have the resources and organizational arrangements to make this possible and we will establish an assurance program to confirm that this has been achieved.

Responsibilities: The Board is responsible for the risk management policy, for establishing the organization's risk appetite, for ensuring it can be implemented and for monitoring very high risks, the correct functioning of critical risk controls, and the effective implementation of the policy. The President and Executive Director are accountable to the Board for implementing this policy in a consistent manner across the organization and as part of all forms of planning and decision making and will report progress no less than annually to the Board. Without changing this general accountability, the President or Executive Director may delegate specific responsibilities and accountabilities regarding risk management but shall monitor the risk management performance of those concerned.

All volunteer and paid personnel shall fulfill their specific risk management functions.

Stakeholders: We recognize the legitimate interests, knowledge and experience of our internal and external stakeholders and will regularly communicate and consult with them.

Monitoring and review: We recognize that the internal and external environment in which we operate is constantly changing. Accordingly, we will continually monitor and review all aspects of our risk management arrangements. The President and Executive Director will be required to deliver an updated risk assessment to the Board and Congress each year

Adopted by the WFDF Board of Directors on April 9, 2011.

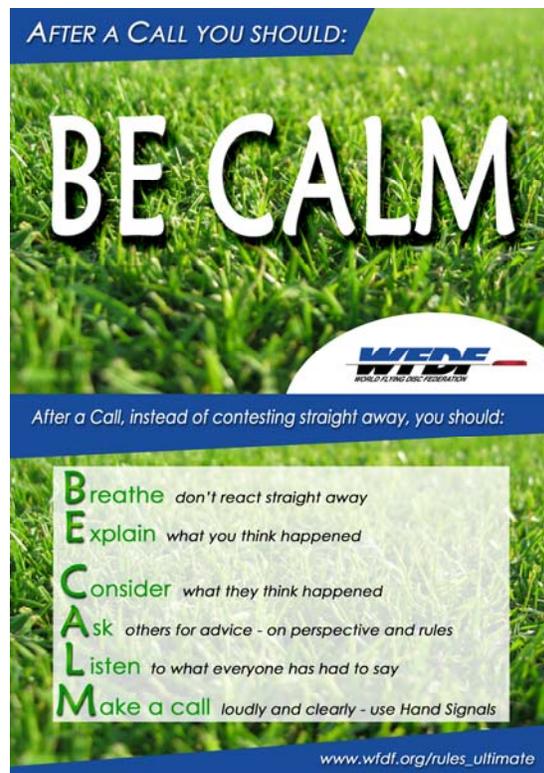
Members interested in the full document on best practices and their application to WFDF and all disc sports can obtain a copy from ed@wfd.org.

WFDF attended 2nd International Forum on Sport, Peace and Development at United Nations (IOC/UN)

WFDF Executive Director Volker Bernardi attended the 2nd International Forum on Peace, Development and Sport held by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the United Nations Office for Sport, Peace and Development (UNOSPD) which took place at the United Nations offices at Geneva, Switzerland (UNOG). The meeting was a unique opportunity to meet with high representatives from Sports organisations and introducing Flying Disc sports to them. During his address to the Forum the Secretary General of the United Nations Mr Ban Ki-Moon underlined the importance of CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) projects conducted by Sports Federations when promoting their sport, a confirmation that our President took the right decision when he signed the Memorandum of Understanding with Peace and Sport.

WFDF SOTG Committee presents CALM flyer

The WFDF Spirit of the Game (SOTG) Committee has presented a new promotional tool for Spirit of the Game. The CALM flyer briefs on ways how to react when a call has to be made.



WFDF working on Anti-Doping policies and rules – modifications will have to take effect by 1 September 2011 in order to ensure WADA code compliance

WFDF officials have had several meetings with WADA, IWGA, and SportAccord over the last three months regarding anti-doping compliance. The consistent message was very clear: full compliance is required if WFDF intends to remain a member of SportAccord and IWGA. Having said that, WADA's position in our on-on-one meeting was that they are working to help associations get into compliance, and that there is some flexibility in sizing the level of program commitment to the particular organization. Notwithstanding, there is definitely a check the box requirement in each of the four areas of review:

1. Education
2. Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs)
3. Testing (in-competition and out of competition)
4. Results Management

WADA is presenting its definitive report on compliance this November, with interim reports to be submitted in May and September. At present, if we agree that we should attempt to come into compliance, we are thinking that our program will have the following elements.

Rules and Policy update:

Executive Director Bernardi has made several additional revisions of our Anti-Doping Compliance Rules. After incorporating any feedback from the board, he recently submitted the document to WADA for their comment to ensure that we conform to their standards. Upon approval, the rules would be submitted to the board and then to Congress for approval.

Education:

This will be the main thrust of our 2011 program. WADA makes a variety of material available. We need to educate our Member associations and athletes about the anti-doping rules and establish (as our own approach) an understanding of doping as cheating, something that is antithetical to "spirit of the game." Elements of this will include dissemination of literature at WFDF sanctioned events this year, publication on the web site of WFDF required information, putting the WADA logo on tournament discs, short discussions of anti-doping at events, etc. This will have to be an ongoing program.

Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs) and Results Management:

Volker will be taking the lead at establishing the infrastructure internally within WFDF to handle TUEs and result management. Although SportAccord and various other private vendors offer services to handle this, it is expensive and WFDF would not have full control over the process. We will need to not only describe our intended infrastructure but also put it in place, with a goal to have it functional no later than late August.

Testing (in-competition and out of competition):

For WFDF, this is perhaps the most difficult step. To be credible, we believe that we may need to do at least a pilot program for in-competition testing this year. We are thinking that we will propose to do a limited number of tests at the PanAmerican Games, which are likely to be held in Colombia this November, using the local testing service which is WADA affiliated. Out-of-competition testing is a much more onerous process. It requires that WFDF designate a registered testing pool ("RTP") where the athletes so designated are required to inform WADA of their whereabouts 24/7/365, designating an hour a day where they commit to be so that a "no-advance-warning" test may be applied ("whereabouts reporting"). WADA has advised us that we may be able to start with as few as 5-6 elite athletes in the pool, with the expectation that most will likely designate their daily hour at 6-7am where they are likely to be asleep or just about to awake. We are going to propose that the RTP only go into effect in 2012. It has also been suggested that we may be able to meet the requirements for out-of-competition testing if athletes are tested at an event but 24 hours prior to the formal start of competition. It is likely that the requirements may get more stringent over time, but in the absence of positive tests if it is not definite that the numbers would have to increase significant over time.

Next Steps

In addition to submitting our revised Rules for review, we intend to submit a three year plan in writing to WADA for their review to ensure that this will bring us into compliance. We believe that we can take the first steps toward implementation with minimal impact on our athletes and gain the experience of what it might really mean for flying disc sports so that we can decide whether adhering to the rules of anti-doping compliance is worth continuing to be involved with the Olympic Movement. We will be submitting our plans for review at Congress and encourage feedback once the plans are distributed in advance of Congress next month.

Simon Hill continues as chair of the Anti-Doping Committee, and Volker Bernardi as Executive Director will be directing much of the day-to-day activity. Volker is assembling a Medical & Antidoping Committee (Medical Expertise and Prevention) to serve as the Therapeutic Use Exemption Committee and the Doping Control Panel (Doping Control Results Management Process). President Robert "Nob" Rauch is also actively involved given the sensitivities of the introduction of the implementation of an Anti-Doping program on WFDF and flying disc athletes, even though WFDF has been a WADA signatory since 2003.



<http://www.wada-ama.org>

News from National Federations

CANADA:

Ultimate Canada is pleased to announce the launch of the 7th issue of the **Ultimate Canada Magazine**. The magazine is available free of charge at:

<http://content.yudu.com/Library/A1s7d6/UltimateCanadaMagazi/resources/index.htm?referrerUrl>



Art Hawkins Great Canadian Ultimate Game 2011 June 17th/18th – Across Canada

This June hundreds of Ultimate players from across Canada will work together to play in the largest Ultimate game in national history. The Art Hawkins Great Canadian Ultimate Game features players from 27 communities across the country representing all 10 provinces and 1 territory. Each community plays for one-hour. At the end of the hour, the score gets passed on to the next community.

Last year, the final score reached an amazing 253-251 for the red squad. The players will be donning Canada's national colours, red and white and each team will represent a charity. This year's charities are Ultimate Peace and the Boys and Girls Club of Canada. The winning team at the end of the game will receive 60% of the proceeds for their charity, the other charity will receive 40%.

"Ultimate transcends sports, uniting people and communities through its amazing culture and spirit." Says David Barkan, Ultimate Peace Founder and Co-Director. "The Great Canadian Ultimate Game is an incredible example of how our sport can connect us to one another and do good in the world at the same time. We at Ultimate Peace share this same goal, and are deeply honoured to be chosen by Ultimate Canada to be a charity for this great event."

"This Ultimate Frisbee game is a fantastic way of combining physical-fitness with pure fun," said Pam Jolliffe, President and CEO, Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada. "Thanks to the generous support of Ultimate Canada, Clubs can continue offering programs that encourage healthy living and motivate physical activity amongst young people."

The Art Hawkins Great Canadian Ultimate Game is not only about raising proceeds for two fantastic charities that work with youth and promote values consistent with the Spirit of the Game, but also about promoting Ultimate across the country and building ties within the Ultimate community.

This game was the idea of the late Art Hawkins (now honoured in the name of the game) who passed away last fall.

For more information on the game, visit the Ultimate Canada website or go to the facebook event page! If you have any questions about the game, please feel free to contact our Communication Coordinator Kevin Underhill at:

communications@canadianultimate.com



ARGENTINA:

The Flying Disc Federation of Argentina held their major event recently. In Buenos Aires the second subregional team tournament (named TRUCO, after a famous Argentinian card game) was organised. The first version included teams from Argentina, Uruguay and Chile. This time they added Brazil to the count (and some Panamanian players).

"This is part of our intention to start a sub regional tournament calendar, with the opportunity for every country to be hosting at least one event per year. Since other developed countries are slightly far away (closest ones are Colombia and Venezuela), we thought of this as a way to help each other and hopefully find synergies in growth.

With strong and close communication, it will also make us more visible for the international community and WFDF", stated ADDVRA-President Martin Gottschalk.

"We talked about a lot more than tournaments, such as team partnerships, woman ultimate development, universities, and so on. Which leads me to another big thing for us here in Argentina. We just got to an agreement with the university of Buenos Aires, a public 300,000 student institution, to do a lot of activities on their campus and promote the sport officially. We have been using the space informally for the last 4 years, but if the new authorities really work with us, this could be a break thru move" added Gottschalk on their development issues.

Santiago Preckel informed WFDF that they are organizing this second Ultimate tournament involving foreign teams. "We have had several Hat tournaments and team leagues. Last year, during the month of October, we made the first version of a tournament we call "TRUCO Ultimate Tournament" (name of team that represent Argentina in the tournament TEP of Medellin in 2009) which involved about 80 players of 7 teams: 5 from Buenos Aires, 1 from Chile and 1 from Uruguay.

This year the tournament will be held during easter week, with the participation of over 120 players from 8 teams: 4 Capital Federal, 1 from Bahia Blanca (Argentina), 1 from Chile, 1 from Uruguay and 1 from Brazil.

We are interested in the development of Ultimate in southern South America and that is why we want you to know that there is great potential for the development of the sport here and we want the WFDF to be part of this development," reports Santiago Preckel.

The German Flying Disc Federation "Deutscher Frisbeesport-Verband", DFV, and the Stockmeyer Company (manufacturer of sausages and snacks, part of the worldwide heristo group) arranged a cooperation for 2011 involving about 250 children between the age of 6 and 12 years to play disc sports for the first time. Every year the Stockmeyer trademark "Ferdie Fuchs" (snacks for children) promotes another discipline (2009 BMX, 2010 Soccer). Therefore at the end of last year surprisingly the DFV was contacted. Meanwhile the DFV found ten sites in Germany, for which Stockmeyer appoints 25 children to visit a "Ferdie Fuchs Frisbee Fun Park".

Since the beginning of April children can watch TV ads in the three biggest private children channels in Germany. If they visit www.ferdi-fuchs.de they can subscribe for one of the ten "Frisbee Fun Parks" between June and September 2011.

The cooperating teams around in Germany each provide four junior trainers for the 25 children and another one to deal with siblings and parents. Stockmeyer provides the catering and produces hundreds of discs of 115 gram. After about five hours all participants receive their own disc and get a "Disc Sports Badge" showing they faced five easy challenges like throwing backhand, forehand, catching with two hands, with one hand and hitting a disc golf basket. The DFV hopes to gain more experiences with small children and a growing exchange between junior trainers, teachers and the DFV committee of education and training. To see the TV-spot, a making of, lots of Disc sport info and all about the "Frisbee Fun Parks" visit: www.ferdi-fuchs.de

GERMANY:

An animated fox called "Ferdie" motivates children to throw a disc in Germany

Cooperation between the Stockmeyer Company and the German Flying Disc Federation



Upcoming events

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| 18-23 July 2011 | WFDF World Overall Flying Disc Championships 2011, Fort Collins Colorado, United States |
| 30 July - 6 August 2011 | European Ultimate Championships 2011, Maribor, Slovenia |
| 22-28 August 2011 | World Championships Beach Ultimate 2011, Lignano Sabbiadoro, Italy |
| 27-28 August 2011 | WFDF 2011 Congress, Lignano Sabbiadoro, Italy |

To be listed in this section, your event should be an international event. If you plan to attend any of these events and would like to submit a new story about your experience, please forward all submissions to ed@wdfd.org for insertion in the next available issue.

All submissions are subject to editing prior to publication.

Call for submissions

If you would like to contribute to the WFDF Newsletter, please submit your content to ed@wdfd.org. If you would like your information to be posted in the next issue, email me for specific deadlines. Not all submitted content is guaranteed to be published. Please note that event reports and other news should have international relevance.

Some suggestions for submissions include: tournament announcements and results from disc sport events with international presence or for national championships, disc sport initiatives that your city or country are undertaking, submissions to a "Featured Photo" section, miscellaneous media sightings involving disc sports, and stories about the development of a particular disc sport in your area.

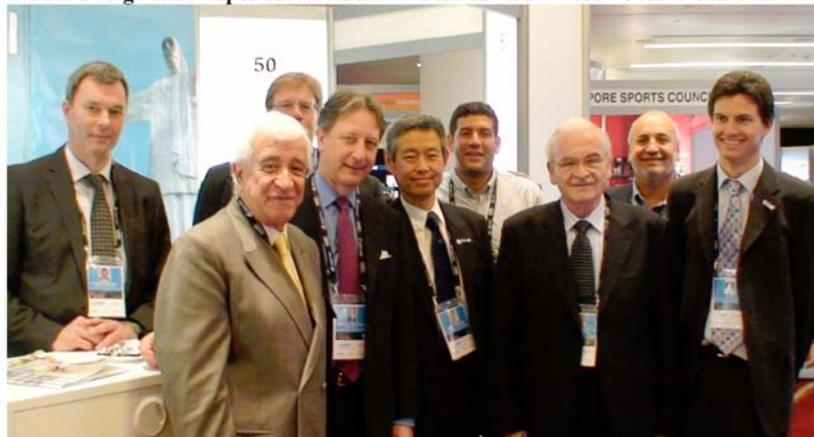
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WFDF Delegation at SportAccord Meets with 2013 The World Games Officials



From left to right: Joachim Gossow (IWGA Secretary General), Pascual Guerrero (President of The World Games Cali 2013), Volker Bernardi (WFDF Executive Director), Robert "Nob" Rauch (WFDF President), Fumio Morooka (WFDF Board member), Jorge Soto (Sports International Subdirector, Cali OC), Ron Froehlich (IWGA President), Jose Luis Echeverry (Sports Director, Cali OC), and Simon Hill (WFDF Ultimate Chair).