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Dear IDO friends!

For many of us, the New Year 2015 has just begun. On behalf of IDO, **HAPPY NEW YEAR to you!**  
For all those members where the New Year will begin soon, on behalf of IDO, **I do wish all of you and your dancers all the best!**

Let us start the new IDO competition year with a big smile:

IDO has increased by dancers in 2014 by 11% (although unfortunately one competition had to be cancelled due to the water catastrophe in Serbia in 2014)

IDO dancers competing in 2012 = **18.045** / in 2013 = **19.521** / in 2014 = **21.947** (For your information: IDO approved events are not counted here. They are additional)

Thank you all for supporting our wonderful world of IDO and sending your dancers, judges and officials, to the most prestigious and successful IDO Championships and Cups in 2014! In a short time the licenses of all dancers in DIES will be set on ZERO and we begin again.

Let me again remind you of the date of the **IDO AGM 2015** which will take place from **Tuesday, June 23 to Wednesday, June 24 2015** in **Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina**<sup>1</sup>

I invite YOU, all our members, probationary members and contacts, to attend this meeting and I assume all of you will attend. There are many issues to be discussed and decided, that are essential for IDO's future!

Please allow me to give you a very short first half-year report regarding the presidium's work since I was elected as IDO President.

We promised:

- To publish all invitations, agendas, reports and minutes from all dance department meetings and PM-meetings (PM-meetings by email) in the IDO website. Please look into the internal website and read all "papers" under *presidium, AGM, dance departments*.
- A structured **Corporate Design (CD)**. This has already been implemented in all official IDO letters and published material. The IDO Sports Director, **Fiona Johnson-Kocjancic**, among her numerous other duties handled is working on a specified CD regarding IDO events (including a handbook for organizers).
- Also IDO VP, **Klaus Höllbacher** is working on many other CD issues to be completed.
- To check if allies or collaborations with other dance federations and or companies would be interested in IDO, and to re-negotiate with WDSF about a possible partnership. We are truly working hard on this with promising outcomes, and will inform you when there is confirmed information. I suppose this will be after the Executive Presidium Meeting in Portoroz, Slovenia at the end of this month.
- (Regarding the negotiations with WDSF, I have already informed our WDSF IDO members in a letter about 3 weeks ago.)
- To develop the adjudication department. Thanks to the absolutely professional working IDO adjudication director **Dr. Velibor Srdic** this is developing very well. Dr. Srdic will inform you and all judges soon about the new procedure of appointing judges to IDO events through the internet.
- To make the IDO finances even more visible and easy to follow. Big thanks to **Kirsten Dan Jensen** and the Revisor in Denmark; this will be much improved in 2015.
- To structure the tasks of each Presidium member. This is ready and will be implemented in the IDO website soon.

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<sup>1</sup> I will inform you about the hotel, travel issues etc. in detail as soon as possible – presumably at the end of January.



But there is much more to do now and the IDO presidium is working on many different issues. All dates for IDO meetings (Executive, Presidium and AGM) are published under IDO competitions and events in the open website.

Let me take this opportunity to thank all my colleagues in this hard working and successful IDO Presidium:

- **Hana Svehlova** for taking care of the dancer's and teacher's forums and the IDO awards with Edilio Pagano!
- **Edilio Pagano** for also taking care of the Couple Dance department together with Klaus Höllbacher, the Director of this department.
- **Andrej Kokoulin** who brings many excellent ideas into IDO and has built up very interesting contacts to promising other world federations for IDO to talk with.
- **Bill Fowler** taking care of the Performing Arts Department and assisting me closely with official writings and supporting me as an experienced consultant.
- **Kirsten Dan Jensen** besides working as a guarantee that the IDO finances are under control, is also taking care as the Director of the IDO Street Dance Department.

**This is a great presidium – excellent to work with as a close team!**

I also want to thank **Gaynor Johnson**, the IDO FB Administrator, with more than 10.000 likes and **Seamus Byrne** for his great job getting DANCEVIDS into the IDO YouTube channel.

In 2014, all Dance Departments have (re-)elected their chairpersons. I thank all of them for their work and contribution to IDO! Let us now start with more ideas and discussion in the Dance Departments. Please look up in the IDO Website under “about us.” All names and email addresses are listed under the departments.

If you have any question or ideas, especially for the dance departments, please contact your delegates and/or the chairperson.

A special big Thank You goes to the IDO vice president and sports director **Fiona Johnson Kocjancic** and her team for organizing the 1<sup>st</sup> IDO Gala in Rimini, Italy in October. Whenever the details are ready your will be informed.

**The Dance Departments are the heart of IDO, the experts directly at the “horse’s mouth”!**

There will be a lot of proposals from the Presidium to discuss and decide at the AGM 2015. Among many others the new structure of the IDO with **Continental Conferences (CC)** was formulated at the AGM 2014. This means we have to install platforms where the regional continental IDO members and contacts can work together in their continental region, additionally to the existing IDO World Championships and Cups: **North America or America - Asia /Pacific – Africa – and Europe.**

The aim is to develop IDO in the regions and continents. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact me as soon as possible. These new CC's are an essential MUST for IDO for a future development.

Please feel free to contact me if you want to offer to work for IDO, in any aspect we have not been thinking of before. IDO needs more excellent people to bring up new ideas and more success in IDO. I am personally thinking of former dancers, who have been competing in IDO and now want to improve IDO with their knowledge. Please don't complain about IDO, be part of it and part of its growing development. Let me know if you are willing to help in this direction,

At the end of this brief report let me thank you again for your great support of IDO!

**You, the members, the probationary members and contacts are THE IDO!**

On behalf of the IDO Presidium let me send my best regards and wishes for a prosperous, successful IDO competition-year for all of us and our wonderful dancers, judges, officials and supporters.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Wendt".

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