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## **THE WDSF DANCESPORT ACADEMY**

Good morning ladies and Gentleman, may I first introduce the specialist behind the current WDSF DanceSport Academy:

1. Shawn Tay - Chair
2. Marco Sietas - Member, coordinating the requirements from the Sports Commission
3. Natasa Ambroz - providing the guidelines and advice on educational matters that influence the activities of the Academy
4. Drago Sulek - Representing the PD and coordinating the training matters of the PD
5. Victor Nikovsky - Technical Consultant
6. Luca Baricchi - Technical Consultant

These 2 consultants provide expert advice on training approaches of the academy as well as undertaking projects to develop training materials.

### **PROJECTS IN 2013**

1. We introduced the GKT in April 2013 as an entry requirement for application for the WDSF Adjudicator's and Chairman's licenses.
2. Existing license holders are encouraged to take the test as an added qualification.

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3. The test are conducted in nearly all congresses should a suitable supervising officer or invigilator is present. At the moment the 5 invigilators are Marco, Natasa, Heidi, Drago and me.

The passing mark is 70% and the results are reflected on the website together with the status of each of the adjudicators. The year of the test represent a pass and the year the test is taken.

The test enables us to enhance the training of the adjudicators as well as introducing new knowledge to them through GK test with predetermined topics.

The present topics include:

1. General Knowledge and the New Judging System 2.0
2. Common terms and English used in WDSF
3. Code of Conduct
4. Dress Codes - Indirect training methods
5. Anti-doping/Competition Rules
6. Basic Human anatomy
7. Music Tempi

New test from April 2014 will include 2 new topics:

1. Match Fixing and its Negative effects
2. WDSF Dance Techniques

In all we conducted 16 Adjudicator's congresses and 2 Chairman's Congress

The congresses were conducted as follows:



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## **PRIORITIES IN 2014**

1. Set up the WDSF DanceSport Academy page - To provide easy to find info on congress calendar, time table, lecturers, training material/notes, information on education such as books, E-Books, training videos etc.
2. Develop and implement Trainer's course and Conversion Course base on WDSF Technique Books
3. Implement the new GK test
4. Make the WDSF New Technique Books available as E-Book to download
5. Further research and development of training programmes to upgrade the skill and knowledge to meet the requirements of the new judging system 2.0. In particular establish clearer guidelines to the performance scales of the new judging system.
6. Establish the review process of the Techniques books to include participation and contribution from a wider group of experts.
7. Introduce the Pay-per-view video channel with Roland Hilfiker
8. Formulate a plan to introduce the Video Book
9. Make available a WDSF DanceSport Proficiency Test System for Dance Club and Schools

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