

WORLD ASSOCIATION OF KICKBOXING ORGANIZATIONS

TO ALL WAKO MEMBERS

BY E-MAIL

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WAKO PRESIDENT NEWSLETTER

Meetings with IOC and NOC officials in Hungary

These meetings were part of the campaign of WAKO President, Dr. Borislav Pelevic (*in the picture on the right*) and his colleagues in the process of WAKO's separately IOC recognition.

MEETING WITH HUNGARIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

During the Hungarian World Cup 2016 12th - 15th May, in Budapest, WAKO President Mr. Borislav Pelevic and WAKO Vice President Mr. Roy Baker had a very successful meeting with Vice President of Hungarian National Olympic Committee Mr. Meszaros Janos. On the meeting also was present Mr. Istvan Kiraly, WAKO Board member and promoter of Hungarian World Cup.





Mr. Janos Meszaros shaking hand with Mr. Borislav Pelevic

Mr. Roy Baker (left) and Mr. Istvan Kiraly (right)

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WAKO representatives informed Mr. Janos Meszaros about WAKO federation and its current status as recognized sports federation member of AIMS. The main issue of the meeting was support from Hungarian Olympic Committee that WAKO needs in the process of IOC recognition.

Mr. Janos Meszaros informed Mr. Borislav Pelevic that Budapest, the capital of Hungary, is running the candidacy for Summer Olympic Games 2024. Other signed up cities for organizing Olympic Games 2024 are Los Angeles (USA), Rome (Italy) and Paris (France). In that sense, if Budapest gets the Games to organize, Mr. Janos Meszaros expressed his pleasure to announce WAKO kickboxing to be a demonstration sport on the Olympics. WAKO President thanked Mr. Meszaros for the support and in particular wished him luck in the candidacy for organizing Olympic Games 2024.

MEETING WITH IOC MEMBER MR. PAL SCHMITT

On the opening ceremony of Hungarian World Cup 2016 was present, among other Hungarian sports officials, Mr. Pal Schmitt, Hungarian Olympic fencer and politician who served as President of Hungary from 2010 to 2012. Moreover, Mr. Pal Schmitt is the Chief of Protocol of the <u>International Olympic Committee</u> (IOC) and presided over the World Olympians Association between 1999 and 2007.

On the friendly meeting arranged during World Cup, Mr. Pal Schmitt discussed with WAKO President Mr. Borislav Pelevic and WAKO Vice President Mr. Roy Baker about the situation in International Olympic Committee concerning recognition processes and Olympic agenda till 2024. Mr. Schmitt promised full support under his enormous experience and authority as IOC member in WAKO recognition process.



In the picture Mr. Borislav Pelevic, Mr. Pal Schmitt, Mr. Roy Baker and Mr. Balazs Szeneczey, Deputy Mayor of Budapest.

> WAKO President Prof. Borislav Pelevic, Ph. D.



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