

### Athlete Registration

The Month of May is featured by the registration of IF delegates (120 per IF) and the additional IF officials. It is a crucial task for the whole organization of the event. **We wish to sincerely thank all of the 13 IFs that are fully committed to the registration and that respect the registration procedures.** So far, we have successfully completed 90% of the registration work and the information is evolving, particularly with the updated passport information and visa issue places. The Beijing OC is processing each and every registration document, activating the visa procedures and a series of other logistical arrangements.

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### Cultural Programme

During the month of May, we continue to receive the required photos (50 per IF) highlighting competition images, history and cultural aspects of each sport. These are for the thematic exhibitions throughout the week of the Combat Games in Beijing. The collection phase is halfway completed and we expect to have it fully completed in the coming days.

We are pleased to announce that the venue and the date of the Combat Games Forum are confirmed. **The forum themed – the Art of Combat will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2010 in Beichen Intercontinental Hotel in Beijing.**

Regarding the forum, we have received proposals as the speakers/paper from some IFs. The selection process is undergoing.

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### Progress from the Beijing OC

As the event date approaches, the LOC continues to establish guidelines on the various logistical aspects of the Games. The welcome and arrival plans as well as ground and transportation guidelines will be confirmed and available online at the **SportAccord 2010 World Combat Games official website ([www.beijing2010.org](http://www.beijing2010.org))**. In addition, four venue operations teams and an astounding 800 volunteers have been organized to ensure the smooth running of competitions. Marketing activities are advancing vigorously. Li-Ning, the famous Chinese sportswear brand, will provide working clothes for all of the volunteers. Uniforms for the Technical Officials are being finalized. Beijing OC is also working on the ticketing policy. In principle, tickets should be set within a very reasonable price range in order to bring the events to the wide public in Beijing.

### Ambassador Update

The Ambassador Programme is going forward. We are very pleased to present the confirmed ambassadors of the following 6 sports;

Ms. Lydia la Rivère-Zijdel of the International Aikido Federation,

Mr. Robert Van de Walle from the International Judo Federation,

Mr. Yoshimitsu Takeyasu member of the International Kendo Federation,

Mr. Don "The Dragon" Wilson of the World Association of Kickboxing Organizations,

Mr. Fedor Emelyanenko member of the International Federation of Amateur Sambo and

Mr. Davaagiin Batbayar, a.k.a. Kyokushuzan Noboru, from the International Sumo Federation.

We extend our warm congratulations to the above 6 heroes. We would like to respectfully thank everyone who has contributed to this great initiative.



*(Pictured above: Kyokushuzan Noboru from Sumo and Don "The Dragon" Wilson of Kickboxing.)*

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