

EUROPEAN GAMES NOT SUPPORTED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF RECOGNISED INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS

The President of the International DanceSport Federation (IDSF), Mr. Carlos Freitag, informs the European national member bodies of a declaration made by the Council of the Association of Recognised International Sports Federations (ARISF) concerning the multi-sport event “European Games”.

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IDSF was one of several Recognised International Sports Federations seeking the advice of ARISF on their respective involvement in the European Games. In a letter to the presidents, ARISF President Jan Fransoo concluded that these multi-sport games and the European Sports Committee do not respect the authority of the Recognised International Federations. Fransoo urged all federations to enforce their authority and re-evaluate their participation in the European Games.

IDSF President Carlos Freitag circulated the ARISF letter to all IDSF national member bodies, emphasising that those concerned have to follow the recommendations and *“not support – in any way – these European Games and the European Sports Committee.”*

“I am happy that we approached ARISF and the International Olympic Committee for guidance in this delicate matter,” Freitag said.

The ARISF President’s letter dated 1 February 2009 is attached to this media release.

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International DanceSport Federation

The International DanceSport Federation (IDSF) is the sport’s world governing body recognised by the International Olympic Committee. The mission of IDSF is to regulate, administer and develop DanceSport for the benefit of millions of athletes at every level and on all continents. IDSF has 86 National Member Federations.

IDSF Websites

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To the International Federations Recognized by the IOC.

RE: European Games

Dear Presidents,

Following my correspondence of last Autumn, I thank all of you for reporting to me on the participation details of your sports in the European Games and the involvement of your international federation.

Based on the information provided to me, I conclude that for a number of sports, the event was organized without the approval or involvement of the relevant international or European federation governing the IOC recognized sport. In at least two cases, the event was organized by an organization which is not recognized by the relevant international federation. This includes rival federations that claim to govern the sport internationally, in competition to the official international federation recognized by the IOC.

The Council of ARISF therefore concludes that the European Games and the European Sports Committee do not respect the authority of the Recognized International Federations. Unless this changes, we strongly count on your solidarity to enforce the

authority of the Recognized International Federation en re-evaluate your participation in the European Games.

Sincerely,

Association of the IOC Recognized International Sports Federations,



Jan C. Fransoo
President

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