



Dance Flame

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A Note from our President



For many of us, 2009 begins with an uncertainty that has grasped the world's attention. We begin to wonder if the world economic situation would have as an impact to the development of sports, and DanceSports in particular. It will affect many facets of our lives. We understand the need to be prudent, especially in the selection of important championships to participate in. On our part, we will continue to seek sponsorships for you.

In recent years, our athletes have made their mark in their own way – achieving their personal bests. In sports, it is not about getting the number of medals, the colour of the medals, nor the number of accolades. It's about achieving and doing your best. In recent years, several good athletes have come out from the ranks through our championships and training methodologies – many have stayed with us in our pursuit of DanceSport excellence, and some through their own choice and impatience for immediate results have left DanceSport to begin a new 'life' in ballroom dancing.

To those who are still with us today, we acknowledge your contributions and our gratefulness – it has been a long and arduous journey with blood, sweat and tears – but in the end it was all worth it. To those who have left us, I hope the grass was greener on the other side of the fence – we bear no grudges.

In the history of the Singapore DanceSport Federation, only two tragic incidents have befallen our own athletes. And we shall always remember them. They, too, have in their own special way made a mark on the DanceSport landscape over the years. Friendships

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fostered during sporting events are of a special bond – a bond of camaraderie. It becomes even more so when we understand the fragilities of life.

I have heard many athletes asking why some policies are unfavourable to them, and yet favour others. I hope that everyone understands that an unpopular policy is difficult to implement, especially when some athletes fall into that category. However we must understand that the needs of the many, outweigh the needs of the few; or the one. It was never our intention to isolate anyone.

My advice to all new athletes - it is no disgrace to start all over. It is usually an opportunity. The sad truth is that opportunity doesn't knock twice. Nowadays some people expect the door of opportunity to be opened with a remote control. My hope for the future, is that all athletes will continue to work hard, stay focused and never be disillusioned with your personal performance in competitions.

Looking forward, we shall continue to persevere to achieve DanceSport excellence. Let us not be distracted by outside forces, and maintain a clear vision ahead. We have the 2010 Asian Games (Guangzhou, China), the 2011 SEA Games (Jakarta, Indonesia), the 2013 SEA Games (Singapore) and many other championships in the mean time to look forward to.

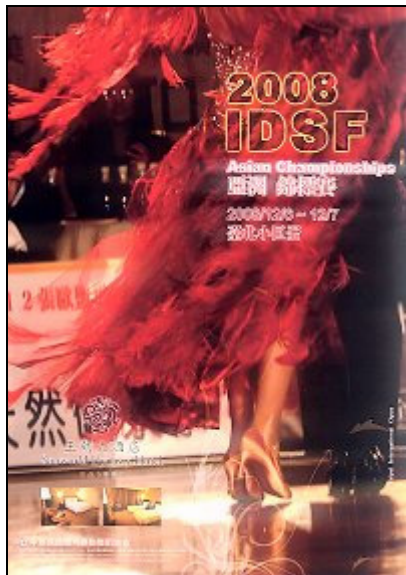
May you achieve your goals

Robert Ong

President,

Singapore DanceSport Federation

2009 IDSF ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS / IDSF OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS (CHINESE TAIPEI) **ASIAN DANCESPORT FEDERATION (ADSF) GENERAL MEETING**



The 2008 IDSF Asian Championships were held in Chinese Taipei, in the beautiful Taipei Arena. The competition was held on 6 and 7 December 2008, and Singapore was represented in the Asian Latin category by Lim Chong Aik & Riane Low, and Edwin Toh & Carolyn Tan.

As usual the event was organized in typical Royce and Mary Yeh's style of good hospitality and fantastic dancing. With the economic crisis looming, credit must be given to Royce and Mary for doing such an excellent job.

In addition to the Asian Championships, Singapore also had one pair of athletes in the IDSF Open Latin category – Daryl Choy & Pamela Lee. Singapore's Melvin Tan & Sharon Tan represented Singapore in the IPDSC Professional Latin event.

The next "edition" of the Asian Championships will be held in June 2009, in Manila, Philippines. See you there!

Together with the Asian Championships, the General Meeting of the Asian DanceSport Federation (ADSF) was also conducted. Singapore was represented at the meeting by Ms May Ng.

It was also a meeting with old friends, and updating one another with the development of dancesports within each other's countries.

Items discussed were the 2010 Asian Games (China), and the 2011 SEA Games (Indonesia).



2009 IDSF WORLD LATIN – MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA



The 2009 IDSF World Latin was held on 14 December 2008. Singapore was represented at the Championships by Lim Chong Aik & Riane Low. The event itself was exciting, and the final lineup was as follows:

1. Stefano Di Filippo / Anna Melnikova - Italy
2. Alexey Silde / Anna Firstova - Russia
3. Andrey Zaitsev / Anna Kuzminskaya - Russia
4. Zoran Plohl / Tatsuana Lahvinovich - Croatia
5. Jurij Batagelj / Jagoda Strukelj - Slovenia
6. Martino Zanibellato / Michelle Abildtrup - Denmark

Major DanceSport Events

*Singapore Championships**

| Date | Event Name | City | Country |
|------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 14-03-2009 | 9th SGDF Singapore Nationals | Singapore | Singapore |
| 01-08-2009 | IDSF Asia Pacific Championships | Singapore | Singapore |

*IDSF World Championships**

| Date | Event Name | City | Country |
|------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 07-02-2009 | IDSF WORLD CUP LATIN | Antwerp | Belgium |
| 14-02-2009 | IDSF WORLD JUNIOR II LATIN | Bassano del Grappa | Italy |
| 02-05-2009 | IDSF WORLD SENIOR II STANDARD | Platja d'Aro (Barcelona) | Spain |
| 12-09-2009 | IDSF WORLD YOUTH LATIN | Shanghai | China |
| 19-09-2009 | IDSF WORLD SENIOR I STANDARD | Kingston | Canada |
| 19-09-2009 | IDSF WORLD JUNIOR II STANDARD | Jyväskylä | Finland |
| 26-09-2009 | IDSF WORLD CUP TEN DANCE | Durban | South Africa |
| 10-10-2009 | IDSF WORLD TEN DANCE | Platja d'Aro (Barcelona) | Spain |
| 17-10-2009 | IDSF WORLD SENIOR I LATIN | Liege | Belgium |
| 25-10-2009 | IDSF WORLD YOUTH TEN DANCE | Moscow | Russia |
| 07-11-2009 | IDSF WORLD LATIN | Maribor | Slovenia |
| 21-11-2009 | IDSF WORLD CUP STANDARD | Vienna | Austria |
| 28-11-2009 | IDSF WORLD STANDARD | Aarhus | Denmark |
| 19-12-2009 | IDSF WORLD YOUTH STANDARD | Riga | Latvia |

*IDSF Continental Championships**

| Date | Event Name | City | Country |
|------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 21-03-2009 | IDSF EUROPEAN CUP STANDARD | Marseille | France |
| 04-04-2009 | IDSF EUROPEAN CUP TEN DANCE | Moscow | Russia |
| 11-04-2009 | IDSF EUROPEAN STANDARD | Megeve | France |
| 18-04-2009 | IDSF CENTRAL EUROPEAN LATIN | Mikolajki | Poland |
| 18-04-2009 | IDSF EUROPEAN CUP LATIN | Linz | Austria |
| 25-04-2009 | IDSF EUROPEAN YOUTH STANDARD | Krakow | Poland |
| 25-04-2009 | IDSF EUROPEAN LATIN | Oldenburg | Germany |
| 06-06-2009 | IDSF EUROPEAN TEN DANCE | Szombathely | Hungary |
| 20-06-2009 | IDSF EUROPEAN YOUTH LATIN | Höfingen | Germany |
| 21-06-2009 | IDSF ASIAN STANDARD | Manila | Philippines |
| 21-06-2009 | IDSF ASIAN LATIN | Manila | Philippines |
| 26-09-2009 | IDSF EUROPEAN FORMATION LATIN | Vilnius | Lithuania |
| 14-11-2009 | IDSF EUROPEAN YOUTH TEN DANCE | Minsk | Byelorussia |

SGDF competitors who wish to participate in the above events kindly inform the Secretary by Fax at least 4 weeks in advance. Nominations for IDSF Championships will be made through selections based on the SGDF National Ranking Lists and the Asian Ranking Lists. All other DanceSport competitors in Singapore who are not yet members of SGDF are reminded to join the Federation immediately to be eligible for participation in the above events.

*This list is correct at the time of publication. Members are advised to check and confirm the dates and other details either from the IDSF website or with the SGDF Personnel.