

# Dance Flame

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## WHAT A BUSY 4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER !!!!

As 2011 drew to close, SGDF was busy with development, educational and competitive programmes within Singapore, the region and parts of the World. In this issue, we look at the diverse activities that we were very much involved with.

### OCTOBER 2011

#### **2011 Taipei International Open DanceSport Championships**

October saw members of the SGDF participating in the above Championships. For the first time, a team representing Singapore's Tertiary DanceSport Team was flying Singapore's flag high, at an international tertiary open dancesport championship. It was certainly a proud moment for this "young" team. This entire Singapore contingent comprised athletes in the Youth, Adult and Senior categories – proving that dancesport (or "active living") has no age barriers.



The athletes who participated in the championships were (top, L to R) Jonathan Lee, Chua Kai Xuan, Le Duy, Josephine Nguyễn Hạnh, Ethan Ow, Gong Suk Yee, Matthias Goh, Vicki Lie, Mizushima Emi, Isabelle Tay Vasily Chuply, Remus Tan, Tan Eng Teck, Irin Peh, Joy Stephanny Lau & Rick Peh.



Bottom photo shows the team from NTU DanceSport Academy participating in the University Events, as well as the International Open World Ranking Events.

#### **NTU DanceSport Academy Exchange (DSA) Visit To Chinese Taipei**

Six members from the NTU DanceSport Academy underwent a student exchange visit to National Taiwan University of Science & Technology, and to National Chengchi University Ballroom Dancers Club. It was a fruitful exchange of academic ideas and dancesport experiences between the respective organisations. Representing NTU DSA were (L to R) Ethan Ow, Gong Suk Yee, Le Duy, Josephine Nguyễn Hạnh, Chua Kai Xuan, and Jonathan Lee



#### **AED Presentation By SSC to National Sports Associations**

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) were officially handed to National Sports Associations (NSAs) who had successfully completed the basic Sports Safety Guidelines by the Singapore Sports Council (SSC). Guest of Honour to present the AEDS was Mr Lim Teck Yin (CEO SS). Representing SGDF was Ms Tiara Zhang, Hon Secretary of the SGDF.



### Athlete Development Programme (ADP)

The much-anticipated Athlete Development Programme (ADP) was finally launched in October 2011. Focusing on core sporting requirements, the programme was open to all adult Grade-A competitors initially, and will progressively be extended to others grades later. The sessions are conducted weekly, and last for two hours each time. The cost is fully absorbed by the SGDF.



## NOVEMBER 2011

### Educating For Health Conference

The 2011 Educating for Health Conference was held at the Republic Polytechnic. SGDF was invited to showcase the sport, which was very well-received by the attendees. The Conference was to showcase a healthy living lifestyle that is being promoted in the Singapore community, and SGDF is happy to be part of that movement and promotion.



## DECEMBER 2011

### 2011 WDSF Asian Pacific DanceSport Championships

December saw the 2011 WDSF Asian Pacific DanceSport Championships being held in Melbourne, Australia. Singapore's representatives to these prestigious Championships were Chiu Xian Siang & Grace Tan. This was their first major overseas international championships. Appreciating the experience and exposure, Grace said "We appreciate this opportunity given to us to represent Singapore at this competition. Every competition is a learning experience for both of us." Well said, Grace!



### 3<sup>rd</sup> NTU DSA Closed DanceSport Championships

For the third consecutive year, NTU DanceSport Academy (DSA) organised the Closed DanceSport Championships. Open only to current students of the NTU, this year's event saw the introduction of an "Alumni Event". The overwhelming response shows that the development of dancesport under the leadership of Mohd Syfulnizar (and the previous club presidents) were on the right track. The scrutineering of the results were provided by the SGDF, using the same computer programme used to calculate the scores at all WDSF Championships worldwide.



Prior to the Closed Championships, the NTU DSA also conducted a 3-day DanceSport Camp for their members. This was in preparation for the Closed Championships as well as for team-bonding.

The SGDF provided the three adjudicators, Mr Algernon Tan (Chairman of Adjudicators), Ms Ang Ai Nee and Mr Casey Fong. Scrutineering was done by Mr Gabriel Ang, a very experienced scrutineer.



### 2011 World Senior I Latin / WDSF Open Championships

Rouen? Where? Yes – that’s the question that was asked by the athletes who wanted to participate in these Championships. Rouen is a beautiful small town two hours away from Paris, in France. A team of six members (athletes and adjudicator) left Singapore on three different flights, only to arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport (Paris) within two hours of each other.

The two hour bus ride through the slightly-snowing roads reminded everyone that Christmas was barely weeks away, and for some this was an opportune time for some unique overseas Christmas presents for friends and family back home.

For the Singapore athletes and Singapore adjudicator, it was a time to make new friends and renew old acquaintances in Rouen, France. All athletes performed well, with Elmer Fernando & May Ng reaching the Semi-Finals of the Open Senior I Standard, finishing above more experienced competitors. Final position – 10<sup>th</sup> out of 26 pairs. Congratulations to Elmer & May – this being their first major overseas international championships.



### SSC Seminar On Sports Nutrition & Injury

SGDF organised a Seminar on Sports Nutrition & Injury for members in December 2011. Experts from the field gave an interesting and insightful presentation on nutrition, and sports injury prevention.

The verdict? "More such seminars, please" was the unanimous response. SGDF's reply "Look out for it in your emails".



### MYDF Final Malaysia National Ranking Championships

Several SGDF technical officials were involved in the Malaysia DanceSport Federation (MYDF)'s Final Malaysia National Ranking Championships. They were Ms May Ng (Scrutineer), Mr Michael Lim (Adjudicator), Mr Robert Ong (Adjudicator) and Ms Sabrina Sim (Adjudicator).

The Junior event was open to SGDF. Timothy Ong & Pang Wan Ching did Singapore proud by winning the Junior Latin Champions title.



## UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-5 Feb 2012	WDSF World Championships Senior I Standard	Antwerp, Belgium
11 Mar 2012	14 <sup>th</sup> Tokyo International Open	Tokyo, Japan
24 Mar 2012	WDSF World Junior II Standard	Moscow, Russia
28-29 April 2012	Thailand International Open	Bangkok, Thailand
20 May 2012	11 <sup>th</sup> Crystal Palace Cup	London, England