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## **A PRESS RELEASE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF IDSF**

I am delighted to confirm that at the Annual General Meeting of the International DanceSport Federation (IDSF) held in Luxembourg City, Luxembourg on Sunday 19th June, 2011, our member bodies agreed with a vote of 109 in favor and none against to change the name of our Federation to the

### **World DanceSport Federation (WDSF)**

This historic decision reflects the successful implementation of the first part of our **Vision 2012** strategy to incorporate **all DanceSport disciplines** into one combined World DanceSport Federation.

With the acceptance by the Annual General Meeting of renewed or new Associate Membership Agreements, the WDSF represents not only the traditional Standard and Latin disciplines but also the several different sports disciplines of

- the World Rock n' Roll Confederation (WRRC)
- the United Country Western Dance Council (UCWDC), and
- the World Baton Twirling Federation (WBTF)

In addition to the above Federations, the new WDSF is proud to continue our close cooperation with the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Wheelchair DanceSport based on our Agreement of Co-operation signed in October 2008.

We also confirm our continuing close collaboration with the International Dance Organisation (IDO), which includes amongst other styles, Hip Hop, Salsa, Show Dance and Street Dance.

It was at the 2010 AGM that IDSF finalised the creation of the IDSF Professional Division (new WDSF PD). As a result, we are building up a strong professional competition field in the Standard and Latin DanceSport styles within our new WDSF.



The WDSF incorporates all Athletes, Trainers, Adjudicators and Scrutineers who are committed to complying with all WDSF and IOC Rules and Regulations including Anti Doping. In this respect, we also confirm that as the peak representative International DanceSport Federation in the World, we were very proud to have earned and already received our Certificate of Compliance from WADA.

We now look forward to commencing the next stage of our Vision to incorporate over time all Associate Members as Divisions of the WDSF.

As an additional improvement, the WDSF has now also developed a new and transparent Adjudication system based on the ISU system which has been accepted by the IOC. This will undoubtedly add to the television value of the DanceSport product which we are continually developing.

These are exciting and challenging times and we are pleased that we have been able to achieve these changes as encouraged by the IOC in a very short period of time.



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