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Open letter to the Presidium of IDSF

Dear Mr. President,
Ladies and Gentleman,

I am, as I think most people in the Danceworld, very unhappy about the situation we are facing. And, I am not happy about the actions and decisions that are taken from the Presidium of IDSF and WDC.

We are now facing court cases initiated from both sides and we are right in the middle of a very unnecessary and damaging war.

I appeal to both sides STOP THIS MADNESS! Stop it at once!

Last August there was a very promising meeting between the Presidents of WDC and IDSF.

In Donnie Burns reply to my open letter to WDC he writes:

We are confronted by an IDSF Presidium that in spite of some frivolous words about working together.....The delegates of IDSF had to go back and ask for approval.

Carlos Freitag, as I am led to believe, has tried to convince the other members of the IDSF not to organise Professional competitions.

So I still believe there are, maybe not very many in the Presidium of IDSF, but when it comes to the majority of the normal members of IDSF very many people who do not agree with the IDSF Presidium over that matter.

I have been told that the flirt or the so called cooperation of the WDC with IDU was the main cause for the formation of IPDSC inside the IDSF.

IDU

Like most of the Professionals I am certain that that formation of IDU was due to the fact that the leading amateur officials in a number of eastern countries were taking a course of exclusion of many Professional, suppressing judges, teachers and competitors, Professionals and Amateurs alike. These Professionals had no other choice but to form their own organization.

The **IDSF** Presidium at that time, against numerous advices, did not take any action against their **IDSF** members in theses countries to stop their illegal actions against Professionals.

The IDSF at that time had an agreement with the WDC.

I firmly believe that the existence of IDU is IDSF own fault! And you should not blame anybody else for it.

Against the warning of many Professionals the **WDC** Presidium started more than a flirt with IDU. And I am still of the opinion that I was when IDU started, you do not have to fight IDU but you also should not have an affair or marry IDU because at that time **you had an agreement with IDSF!** Please note: The WDC has never accepted the IDU as a member of WDC!

Again, the meeting in August between IDSF and WDC was a very good start to come to peace.

Dear IDSF Presidium, I am not standing on one side in this war. I am a member of WDC and I am also a member of IDSF. **I do not agree with both of you.**

I can fully understand the frustration of the WDC about the forming of a Professional body in the IDSF and the running of a Professional World Championship und the IDSF.

I hereby declare that I find it wrong, damaging dance sport and damaging IDSF reputation to form a Professional body inside the IDSF and I will not support any such actions.

I also deny the IDSF the right to claim that they are the only body responsible for all dance sport but I deny that right also to WDC.

I have never signed a paper to grant these rights to anybody and I will not sign such a paper.

I detest that people, judges, teachers; competitors are used as weapons in a war of officials!

It is not right for any party to stop couples from dancing Open Competitions, stop judges to judge when they are fully qualified and stop teachers from working.

You are not playing chess, you are dealing with real human beings.

May I take the liberty AGAIN to give an advice to IDSF and WDC:” Stop this war immediately? Sit together and find a solution.”

If you don't; YOU ARE PROBALLY SOON WITHOUT ANY COMPETITORS and then have a fine hobby with the title: **“Go to war for what?”**

Yours sincerely

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