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WFDF approves Guam and Morocco as new member associations and upgrades Malaysia to regular membership

The World Flying Disc Federation (“WFDF”) is pleased to announce that its Congress has accepted Guam and Morocco as new WFDF member associations. Additionally, the Congress has approved the upgrade for Malaysia to regular membership. With the acceptance of these membership proposals of the Guam Ultimate for All Association (GUFA), the Moroccan Flying Disc Association (MFDA) and the Malaysian Flying Disc Association (MFDA) WFDF now has 67 member associations in 64 countries.

“I am delighted to announce this approval of the three membership applications, adding two new country members to WFDF’s Flying Disc family and upgrading another provisional member to full regular member status,” stated WFDF President Robert “Nob” Rauch. “In particular we are glad to add one new member on each of the continents of Africa and Oceania. This shows the success of our development program focused on developing more member nations from emerging markets countries. The groundwork laid by WFDF’s Sport for All / Development Committee in the last three years and the targeted efforts of our Executive Director are coming to fruition, while not only maintaining but increasing our local governance standards for membership. With our newly appointed WFDF Development Director Gabriele Sani, we will aim to successfully reach our 75 member country target by early 2017.”

The GUFA WFDF Membership Committee Chairperson, Matt “Sunshine” Heibel, stated that Guam is thrilled to become a member of WFDF. “Guam is a Pacific island territory of the U.S. recognized by the IOC with a small but vibrant Ultimate scene. We regularly send players and teams to compete in tournaments in Asia, so the next step for us was to join the global Ultimate community through WFDF with the goal of sending a team to World Championships of Beach Ultimate (WCBU) in 2017.”

“On behalf of the ultimate community in Malaysia, the Malaysia Flying Disc Association (MFDA) would like to express our utmost gratitude and excitement on being accepted as a full regular member of the ever growing WFDF family. Ultimate in Malaysia has been growing exponentially over the past four years and this will definitely help the local scene to elevate our games to the next level,” commented MFDA Chair Ben Jin Ong on the membership.

“The Moroccan Flying Disc Association (MFDF) is extremely honored and humbled to receive the approval of the Congress to be part of WFDF family. This approval will motivate us to do more for this sport in the Kingdom of Morocco and the North African region. We highly appreciate the effort of WFDF in designing and implementing effective strategies that further promote and develop the Flying Disc Sport worldwide,” stated MFDA chair Youness Benbrahim. “We would like also to take the opportunity to thank the Executive Board Members and the President of WFDF, Mr. Robert “Nob” Rauch, for the energy and time invested in infusing the spirit of the game in every part of the world.”

About WFDF:

The World Flying Disc Federation is the international sports federation responsible for world governance of flying disc (Frisbee™) sports, including Ultimate, Beach Ultimate, Disc Golf, Freestyle, Guts, and Individual Events. WFDF is a federation of member associations which represent flying disc sports and their athletes in more than 64 countries. WFDF is an international federation recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), a member of ARISF, SportAccord and the International World Games Association, and it is a registered not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation in the state of Colorado, USA.

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