

## WFDF Board of Directors Elections (2018-2019 term) Curriculum Vitae Thomas Griesbaum

### Disc Sports

I took up disc sports in 1981, at first playing individual disciplines such as Flying Disc Freestyle, Disc Golf and Field Events. In 1982 I founded the Karlsruhe Ultimate team at the local university and have concentrated mainly on Ultimate since 1985. In 1985 I was on the team which won the German national Ultimate Championships (and won this title once again in 1992). I have participated in several European and World Ultimate Championships in Europe, U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Australia, the latest ones being the World Championships of Beach Ultimate 2011 in Lignano, Italy, and the European Championships of Beach Ultimate 2013 in Calafell, Spain (both times in the Grand Masters division).

### Disc Sports Administration

In 1981 I connected with the "International Frisbee-disc Association – Germany" and became a regional coordinator for disc sports in Germany. In Fall 1983 the Deutscher Frisbee-Flugscheiben-Verband was founded in my home town. Some years later I was elected head of the DFFV and then helped to found the Deutscher Frisbeesport-Verband in 1989, the first legally registered disc sports association in Germany. I became President of the DFV and held that position until 2000.

In 1989 I organized a half-day flying disc exhibition event at the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Games in Karlsruhe, Germany, with hundreds of spectators and TV coverage.

In 1990 I was elected President of the European Flying Disc Federation.

In the early Nineties I became a member of the WFDF Ultimate Committee and from 2001 until 2006 I was a member of the WFDF Board.

In 2005 I was Technical Delegate for Flying Disc sports at the 7<sup>th</sup> World Games in Duisburg, Germany.

In 2014 I was involved in setting up the European Flying Disc Federation as a legal entity and was elected President of EFDF.

From 2012 to 2017 I served as WFDF Secretary. In that position I attended and helped support the local organizing committees of the 2012 World Junior Ultimate Championships in Dublin, Ireland, the 2013 World Under-23 Ultimate Championships in Toronto, Canada, The World Games 2013 in Cali, Colombia, the World Junior Ultimate Championships 2014 and the World Ultimate Club Championships 2014 in Lecco, Italy as well as respective events in 2015, 2016 and 2017 incl. WUGC 2016 in London, UK, and The World Games in Wroclaw, Poland 2017.

### Personal

Born in 1959 in Karlsruhe, Germany. As a child I lived for almost eight years in the U.S.A. and am now living in Karlsruhe, Germany. I studied electrical engineering at the University of Karlsruhe and have a Diploma degree (Dipl.-Ing.).

I am a staff member of the Faculty of Informatics at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (formerly University of Karlsruhe) where I am involved in various aspects of Office Automation Systems.