

# WFDF — NEWS

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## WFDF full members of GAISF and IWGA

**Just a quick note on my recent trip to Japan and Korea for disc related activities.**

**Japan** was wonderful. They have a tremendous system there for organizing all disc activities. I did demonstrations at six different sites between Tokyo and Osaka. Lots of Ultimate play and disc golf going on. The All Japan Ultimate Championships was the following weekend so many teams were preparing.

In **Korea** I attended the **GAISF** (General Association for International Sport Federations) and **IWGA** (International World Games Association) General Assemblies.

**WFDF** had applied for membership in both organizations. The World Flying Disc Federation was voted in as members on October 26th. It probably means a lot more to Japan and the European countries, but these governing bodies embrace all recognized sports in the world. We are now one of their family. The possibility now exists that we may participate in such multiple sport events as The World Games, The Goodwill Games, and many others.

Our first major event goal at this point will be The World Games in 2001. The site is to be decided. We will try to be included as a demonstration sport for The World Games in Finland for 1997. We also hope to have WFDF overall in Finland in 1997. Save your pennies

### PRESS RELEASE:

The 29th GAISF Congress & General Assembly was held in Seoul, Korea the October 23-26, 1995. GAISF is the General Assembly for International Sport federations. This is the umbrella organization for all sport federations including the (IOC) International Olympic Committee and the (IWGA) the International World Games Association.

The IWGA is generally thought of as an expansion of the IOC. Both the IWGA and GAISF are important organizations to the advancement of sports organizations seeking a higher status of "sport". Being recognized as members often means additional support and grant opportunities for National Associations having connections to the International Sport Federation.

It also means opportunity to participate in multiple sport events like The World Games, The Goodwill Games, and others that can give your sport a great deal more exposure combined with other activities.

Being members certainly means recognition by current members of IWGA and GAISF.

The World Flying Disc Federation is the official governing body of flying disc sports. Often considered a toy, the flying disc sports has had to overcome the image of a picnic activity to achieve sport status.

At the GAISF General Assembly meeting in Korea, The World Flying Disc Federation was officially voted in as GAISF's newest member. Many questions were asked regarding the prominent discipline of Ultimate in flying disc sports. Voting members had questions regarding uniforms and lack of officials during high level matches. The issue was explained by "spirit of the game" and that the task of officiating was left to the players on the field. This has been accomplished for the last twenty five years fairly successfully and is entrenched in the philosophy of the sport of Ultimate flying disc.

Representing the WFDF was Fumio Morooka (board member) and Bill Wright (president).

"From the beginning Moro had a vision of making this happen for our organization", Wright said. "It was his drive determination and lobbying abilities that took us to the next level".

"Our sport is truly a 'sport for all'. Participants of all ages, all abilities, all economies, for men and for women enjoy flying disc sports".

The World Flying Disc Federation had been provisional members of GAISF since 1987. This new status will allow them to solicit participation in events such as The World Games. Participation could be as early as 2001.



## Congratulations from ex president

Bill, thanks for the update on the GAISF and IWGA meetings.

VERY happy to hear that WFDF was accepted for full membership in both organizations. It had appeared last year that there might be some problems. As with Olympic recognition, all of these "official" recognition issues are becoming much more difficult with the proliferation of recreational events; I firmly believe that WFDF has gotten in "under the wire."

The benefits may not be tangible on a day to day basis today, but will materialize over the next ten years.

If Olympic participation is a dream for anyone, this membership is a crucial first step, as GAISF oversees both the IOC and IWGA.

As I have publicly stated since at least 1987, a reasonable target is the year 2016 for the inclusion of a disc sport in the Olympics.

Much of the credit must go to Fumio Morooka, who was the one to champion the cause within the WFDF board three years ago. It was his voice who convinced the rest of us that this was an objective worth pursuing.

I would not originally have prepared and submitted the WFDF application without his enthusiasm and support.

Again, congratulations to WFDF for achieving this key step toward international sports recognition.

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Subject: W.F.D.F. World Club Championships 97

I am working on a bid for World's 97 with the National Sports Center and the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission (M.A.S.C.). We are putting together a more competitive bid than last time and it should prove to be even more attractive.

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Thank you, Greg Williams

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The purpose of this message is to let the WFDF Ultimate Committee know that the BC Disc Sports Society will be submitting a bid to hold 1997 World Clubs in Vancouver.

By the way, I informed the committee this bid would likely be coming when I was in Street this summer.

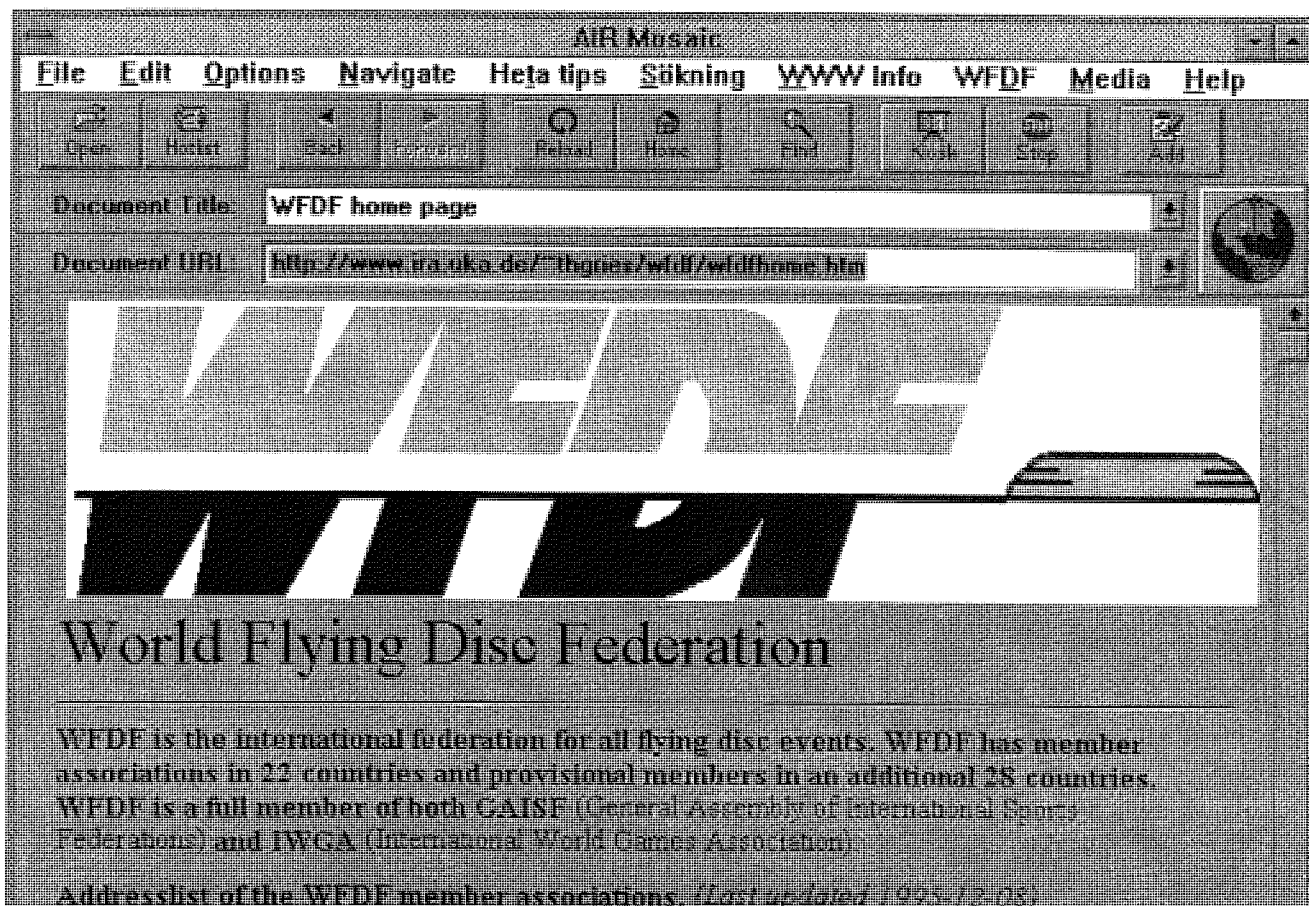
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24/07-28/07	FT Collins, CO, USA,	US Open Bill Wright +1 (303) 484-6932      bwright@pr1.k12.co.us
10/08-17/07	Jönköping SWE	WFDF world ultimate and Guts champ Peter Lundmark +46-31-154500      Peter_Lundmark@wdfd.ct.se
12/08	Jönköping SWE	WFDF Congress Johan Lindgren +46-60-121497      Johan_Lindgren@wdfd.ct.se

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## WFDF goes on the net.

Thanks to Thomas Griesbaum, deputy board member, WFDF has been able to go on the net.

At the www-address: <http://www.ira.uka.de/~thgries/wfdf/wfdfhome.htm> you can find all information about WFDF and it's past, present and future activities. You can read about the history of flying disc and the various events. Past world champions and world record holders. Addresses of WFDF members and elected officials, etc.

If you don't find what you are looking for, or if you have additional info, please let me know and I will add this.

Two things will be added shortly. It is the rules for 1996 and the address list of the WFDF committees.

You might also want to check out the very complete flying disc page that Thomas maintains at: <http://www.ira.uka.de/~thgries/disc/>.

Another good place to go at the moment is the WUGC '97 page at: <http://www.mdstud.chalmers.se/~md3jc/vm96/eng/>

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### WFDF Congress 1996

The 1996 WFDF Congress will be held in Jönköping, Sweden during the World Ultimate and Guts Championships.

The primary meeting will be on sunday or monday evening on August 11 or 12.

We are also planning for a more informal meeting later during the week with room for free discussions on all flying disc related issues. If you have topics you like to have added to either of the agendas please contact me. Maybe you have run some project in your country that you would like to tell the others about.

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# IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE

(Note: This was sent from Bill Wright to the board members after his trip to Asia but I felt it should be spread and discussed in a broader group. Johan)

## WFDF BOARD MEMBERS:

Fumio Morooka and I had many wonderful conversations while I was visiting Asia. Much of that was based on what we could do to make a better World Flying Disc Federation. How could we become more valuable to our members.

Well, the first goal had been to become members of GAISF and IWGA.

Once that was accomplished the hope was to extend the energy to all board members, committee members and other national associations around the world to work towards common goals.

The following are some ideas and solicitations that were made to us before, during and after our trip to Seoul, Korea.

I'm not sure what it takes to implement some of these suggestions. I believe we should act soon on some of these.

One of my overall goals is to market the WFDF to more participants of flying disc. Especially in the United States I feel very few players actually know what we do. We need help with all of these tasks both from within our board members and from outside enthusiasts. Please pass the energy along.

1) Re-implementation of the old Wham-O Masters Test under the guide of WFDF. This gets us back to the roots of flying disc introduction. I believe that we need a starting point for kids and adults alike that allows them to take the first step in flying disc competition

and recognition. There seems to be a large gap between getting players involved in the sport and traditional competition. This is especially true for overall competition.

2) Re-print our General Information Brochure and create a short high-light video. We used the brochures a lot in Seoul. We need to provide materials for players and promoters world wide that can be used to explain our sport. Other promotional items may also be helpful. Some ideas include: flagging that could be helpful to WFDF sanctioned events, pins, board member minis, and banners.

3) A request for a grant has been given us by Seppo Nieminen from Finland. He has written his thesis on Flying Disc and would like to publish his work into a useful book. The work includes a 750 word glossary of terms and words used in our sport. I would like to hear input from the board on such a project. We will try to get everyone copies. Let me know who needs one.

4) Create more WFDF products by licensing the logo to manufacturers. In general, I believe we should promote WFDF more. One way to do this is by more logo exposure. I'm not sure of any current arrangements, but we might consider expanding on this idea. It should also be a good fund raiser with very little maintenance for WFDF.

5) WFDF sanctioning for more events including high profile national championships. In fitting with the other items mentioned it would be to our advantage to selectively choose some high profile national events to sanction via WFDF. Such events as the U.S. Open, PDGA golf championships, Swe-Disc Open, All Japan Ultimate Championships and Japan Open Disc Golf event should

be included as WFDF sanctioned events. The question would be what can we gain from this and what would we be able to provide these events.

6) Long Term scheduling: This is a dream, but we should all dream together.

1996 US Open Overall. (Decided)

1996 Sweden (WUGC) (Decided)

1997 Finland (WOC) (Idea)

1999 Sweden (WOC) (Idea)

2001 World Games (WOC), Japan (Idea)

Let's work on developing a complete long range schedule of events for WFDF.

7) Up-date guidelines for country or national membership to the WFDF. GAISF and IWGA would like to see one country contact for each country. In some cases we have listed two. We should more efficiently assign continents to board members and committee members that can be maintained and contacts regularly updated.

Our most prestigious championships should be that of the WFDF. In turn we must provide critical information for advancement of the sport. Let's keep the energy alive from the recent acceptance into IWGA and GAISF. We have a wonderful opportunity to prove ourselves in the world of sport.

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Summary of WFDF 1995 Final summary Dec 31, 1995

Total USD sum is just calculated for comparison. Exchange rates will change.

Account	Acc No	SEK	Cmp USD	CHF	Cmp USD	USD	Tot USD	Budget	%	Diff.
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Debt JL	_2105	1761,83	262,96				262,96			
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<b>INCOME</b>										
Sale rules	_3011	932	139,10	0	0	6	145,10	500	29,02%	-354,90
Sale disc	_3015	0	0,00	0	0	0	0,00	500	0,00%	-500,00
Sale cloth	_3017	0	0,00	0	0	0	0,00			0,00
Sale other	_3020	0	0,00	0	0	0	0,00	1000	0,00%	-1000,00
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SUM FEES		110636,89	16512,97	0	0	117,57	16630,54	11600	143,37%	5030,54
Sponsors	_3700	0	0,00		0		0,00	5000		
Other	_3800	0	0,00	0	0	0	0,00	250		-250,00
TOTAL INCOME		111568,89	16652,07	0	0,00	123,57	16775,64	18850	89,00%	-2074,36
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GAISF fee	_6050	14588,65	2177,41	0	0,00	0	2177,41	2500	87,10%	322,59
Travel	_6140	0	0,00	0	0,00	0	0,00	0		0,00
Stationary	_6460	779	116,27	0	0,00	0	116,27	500	23,25%	383,73
Prices	_6430	2869	428,21	0	0	0	428,21	2000	21,41%	1571,79
Phone	_6810	4913,80	733,40	0	0	6	739,40	2500	29,58%	1760,60
Stamps	_6850	4446,35	663,63	0	0	0	663,63	1000	66,36%	336,37
Boardmee	_6911	7617	1136,87	0	0	0	1136,87	3000	37,90%	1863,13
Computer	_7100	1714	255,82	0	0	0	255,82	500	51,16%	244,18
Legal fees	_7350	0	0,00	0	0	0	0,00	0		0,00
Other	_7400	60	8,96	0	0	0	8,96	1500	0,60%	1491,04
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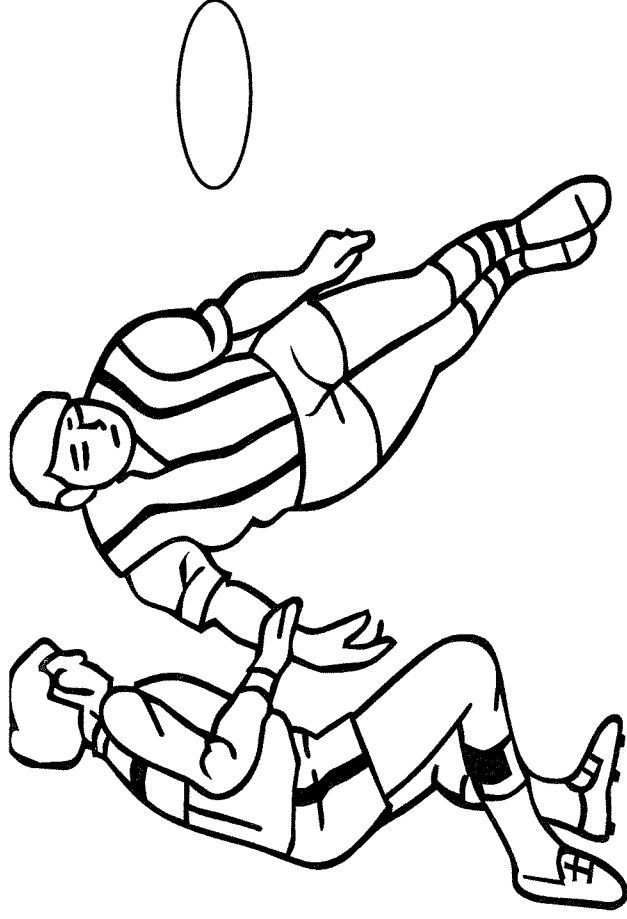
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# THE ORGANIZATION

The World Flying Disc Federation (“WFDF”) is the international governing body for all flying disc sports. As a non-profit organization promoting amateur sports competition, WFDF was formed in 1985.

WFDF is a member of GAISF, participated in the World Games in Cologne in 1989 and is pleased to be represented this year in The Hague. Membership in WFDF is comprised of representatives from the National Flying Disc Associations around the world.

There are currently nearly fifty member associations, representing countries on six continents. Nearly a quarter of a million disc players are represented through the federation. WFDF sanctions a number of World Championship events each year, in both team and individual events. In addition, the organization sponsors a variety of development projects with the objective of introducing disc sports to new players throughout the world.



Activities of the federation are overseen by an international Board, whose directors are chosen at an Annual Congress of the member associations.

Note that the next World Ultimate Championships will be held in Colchester, England in August 1994.

# THE COMPETITION

There are flying disc sports suitable for everyone. There are both team and individual events.

While almost anyone can very quickly enjoy participation in flying disc games, mastery of them requires rigorous training and experience.

There are two sports which are the most popular.

**ULTIMATE** (featured in the demonstration) is a team sport played between two teams of seven players on a field that is approximately the same size and shape as an American Football field, with a goal zone at each end. The object of the game is to score goals by passing the disc to a teammate who must catch it in the opposing team's end zone. On offense, the disc may only be advanced by passing; once caught, the player must stop running and establish a pivot foot before attempting the next pass. On defense, no tackling or other contact is allowed. Rather, the defender tries to force the offense to turnover the disc, which occurs if the disc hits the ground, goes out of bounds, is dropped, blocked or intercepted. Possession is immediately gained by the defending team. One of the most unique features of this physically demanding sport is that no referees are used. The game is entirely self-officiated by the players on the field, even in world championship play.

The next most popular sport is **DISC GOLF**. This game is played with

similar to ball golf. Discs of varying weights and flight characteristics are used. Instead of holes on a green, special metal baskets on a pole are standard, into which the disc must be thrown. Hundreds of permanent disc golf courses exist throughout North America, Europe and Asia.

other popular team sport is called **GUTS**. Two teams of five players and 15 meters apart, throwing a disc as hard as they can at the opposing who must try to catch the disc with one hand.

In addition, there are also a number of individual events which, taken together, comprise the world overall championship. The events are: **ACCURACY**: The player attempts to throw a disc through a hoop at various distances and angles. **DISCATHON**: One must throw a disc while running over a one kilometer obstacle course as quickly as possible. **DISTANCE**: One attempts to throw a disc as far as possible. current record is over 190 meters! **DOUBLE DISC COURT**: Played with two discs between two pairs of players, one defends their square while having a disc land in it while trying to hit the square of the opposing pair. **FREESTYLE**: The ballet of disc sports, the participants on a routine displaying various tricks and maneuvers. **SELF-UGHT FLIGHT**: An event where you try to throw the disc into the air for as long as possible and still catch it.

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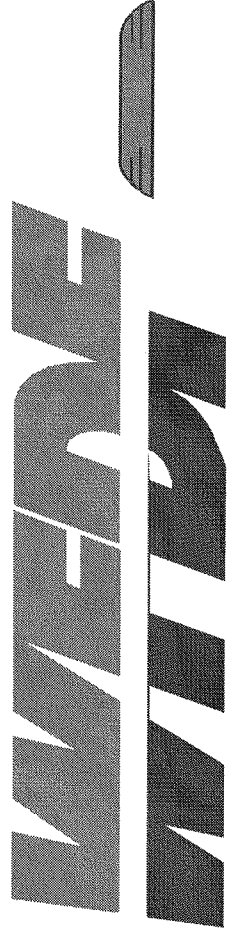
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## THE HISTORY OF FLYING DISC SPORTS

The first flying discs used for recreation originated in the early 1900's in New Haven, CT, USA. The pie tins used by the Frisbie Pie Company were thrown and caught by students at Yale University.

After World War II, with the development of plastics, the first flying discs produced for sport use were fashioned. Competitive games using Frisbees ("Frisbee" is the brand name for flying discs produced by Wham-O Corp. of California) were developed in the 1950s and 1960s, and international championships were initiated in the mid-1970s for several flying disc disciplines.

Hundreds of thousands of enthusiasts regularly practice disc sports with competitions held throughout the world on a local as well as international basis. For millions more, throwing and catching a flying disc at the park or the beach serves as an enjoyable pastime.

Flying disc has something for everyone!