



**NEW ZEALAND KUNG-FU WUSHU FEDERATION (Inc)**

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Associate Member of the New Zealand Olympic Committee  
SPARC Recognised National Sport Organisation (NSO) for Kung-Fu Wushu in New Zealand  
Official Representative to the International and Oceania Wushu Federations

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2010**

By Glen Keith - National President

### **INTRODUCTION**

This report covers the activities of the New Zealand Kung-Fu Wushu Federation Inc. (NZKWF) for the period January 2010 to December 2010.

### **KEY ACTIVITIES 2010**

#### **Chinese Wushu Assn (Elite Wushu Athletes) New Zealand Performance**

The performance, held Sunday 23 May 2010 in the Wellington Town Hall was a visually spectacular and immensely entertaining showcase of modern and traditional Wushu at its highest level, for the 1,100 who attended the event. The first half of the show featured some very talented local cultural and Wushu groups, with the Chinese Wushu athletes performing in the 2nd half. VIPs included His Excellency Ambassador Zhang Limin of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China, Honourable Pansy Wong, the Minister of Ethnic Affairs and Mr Gao Xiaojun, President of the Chinese Wushu Association.

#### **NZ Kung-Fu Wushu Federation 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

The above event and the whole weekend of festivities was all part of the NZKWF's 20th anniversary celebrations. Activities included an important meeting with Dave Adams, SPARC General Manager Sector Engagement, a formal Maori welcome at Te Wananga O Aotearoa - ki Porirua, several formal and informal dinners, a visit to the Embassy of the People's Republic of China for a private audience with His Excellency Ambassador Zhang Limin, a walk around Wellington waterfront and through Botanical Gardens, a trip up the Cable Car and to the Mt Victoria Lookout. Of importance to note is that after 20 years the NZKWF is going strong and still has several of its founding members, including Glen Keith, Grant Butcher, John Young, Raymond Poy and Shi Mei Lin.

#### **Wellington Wushu Friendship Festival / World Tai Chi Day Celebration**

The 2010 Wellington Wushu Friendship Festival doubled as our World Tai Chi Day Celebration and involved an exciting line-up of performances at the Chinese Anglican Centre in Wellington. Thanks to Ferne McKenzie and Ray Poy for promoting the event. The NZKWF will discuss whether to adopt the same format for future years.

## **Auckland Wushu Friendship Festival and Sanda Judges Course**

The Auckland Wushu Friendship Festival was held at the Auckland Chinese Community Centre Mangere. A very successful event from all accounts building on the inaugural event held in Auckland in 2009. Special thanks to Dianna Lau and David Wong for their support. The Sanda Judges Course held at the same location was also very successful with an excellent workshop run by Grant Butcher.

## **1<sup>ST</sup> World Combat Games - Beijing**

Glen Keith attended the 1<sup>st</sup> World Combat Games (28 Aug-4 Sep) in Beijing as Vice President of the International Wushu Federation. The Games, nick-named the “Martial Arts Olympics”, were organised by SportAccord for around USD10m. Jet Li and Jacky Chan were among high profile sport ambassadors at the opening ceremony. Glen Keith met with Karate New Zealand and New Zealand Muay Thai members at the event.

## **[New Zealand Combat Games]**

Glen Keith on behalf of the NZKWF Executive wrote to other SPARC recognised Martial Arts National Sport Organisations back in February 2010 to discuss the possibility of working collaboratively to host a similar but smaller event in New Zealand in 2011. The NZKWF has secured the website domain [www.combatgames.org.nz](http://www.combatgames.org.nz) in anticipation of future developments in this area.

## **4<sup>TH</sup> World Traditional Wushu Championships - Shiyan**

The Championships were held October 16 to 20 in Shiyan City near the Wudang Taoist spiritual mountain. Dave Thew and Vitali Muhin represented New Zealand with Grant Butcher as the New Zealand Team Leader/Manager. More than 2000 athletes from 83 countries and regions participated in the event, the largest to date. Congratulations to Dave and Vitali for an excellent performance. See [Appendix 2](#) for results.

## **1<sup>ST</sup> Australasian Wushu Championships - Sydney**

The Australasian event was hosted by the Australian Kung-Fu Wushu Federation on 24 October 2010 in Home Bush - the Sydney Olympic Games site. The team from New Zealand included [for Taolu], Dave Thew, David Wong, Dianna Lau, Mercedes Godinez, Harris Thien and [for Sanda], Deja Finn. Congratulations to the team for an all-round excellent performance. See [Appendix 3](#) for results.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Junior World Wushu Championships - Singapore**

New Zealand was represented at the 1<sup>st</sup> Junior World Wushu Championships in Kuala Lumpur in 2006 by Tony Mazur, Oliver Mackie and Jacob Allan [in Sanda], all from the Kapiti Kempo Club with Tony winning a bronze medal. Also in the team was Victor Cheong of the Auckland Wushu Culture Association competing in Chang Quan, Gun Shu and Dao Shu. While several athletes expressed interest in this year's event, none meet all the required selection criteria. The NZKWF would like to see this event become a key destination for New Zealand's up-and-coming elite junior Wushu athletes.

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Federation Executive recognises the importance of acknowledging the achievement of outstanding performance, dedication and commitment to Wushu among its members and officials and will discuss what a Wushu Award Programme might look like. The first two offerings are cover below. Watch this space!

### Westpac Halberg Awards

As the National Sport Organisation (NSO) for Chinese martial arts in New Zealand, the Federation has received a request for nominations, by the 30 November 2010, for the prestigious Westpac Halberg Awards. The categories are for: Individual Athlete, Athlete in a Team, or Team whose **achievement in 2010** represented excellence in sport at the highest level. There is also a criteria for Emerging Talent Award, which also takes into account the nominee's potential to achieve at the highest level in the future. These awards are a new and exciting opportunity for the Federation and its members. The Federation Executive has agreed the nominations for 2010 will be Dave Thew for Individual Athlete and Harris Thien for the Emerging Talent Award. Congratulations to Dave and Harris and best of luck.

### Wushu Scholarship Proposal

Glen Keith has had successful discussions with the Chinese Wushu Association (CWA) President Mr Gao Xiaojun about the possibility of the CWA funding an annual NZKWF Wushu Scholarship for one Junior/Youth Taolu athlete and one Sanda athlete. The scholarship would see each athlete training at an exclusive Wushu academy in China for up to 3 weeks, with the cost of tuition, accommodation, food and transportation covered by the CWA. Participants however will have to pay for their own international travel. Parents and families will have the option of accompanying at their own cost. The criteria to be considered for this prestigious scholarship will be advised in due course.

## NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

**Cultural Member** - The Federation Executive has agreed a new Federation membership category for ratification at the AGM. The category, called 'Cultural', is intended to engage a variety of Chinese cultural performance and other groups in our competitions, festivals, seminars and events, so that the public and members can have broader exposure to Chinese culture. Examples of groups are Lion, Dragon or Kung-Fu dance groups or other Chinese cultural groups. The scope has been left broad to promote future growth.

## NEW EXECUTIVE TEAM POSITION

**Cultural Ambassador** - To help promote relationships, membership and participation in our events from Chinese cultural performance and other groups, the Federation Executive has agreed a new position in the Executive Team called 'Cultural Ambassador'. The new role will have a wide brief including overseeing cultural protocols in Federation activity. A Job Definition will be developed and members will be given the opportunity to express their interest. The position will be an appointment by the Federation Executive Management Team.

## CHALLENGES

1. **Funding:** As with 2009, this year has been a challenge in terms of accessing community funding, presumably a flow-on effect from the economic recession as funding belts remain tightened. To minimise the risk to the NZKWF's cash flow, a full cost recovery approach was adopted for all events over 2010 and will be carried forward into 2011.
2. **Workload:** To address the increased workload, particularly at a national level, Glen Keith has been in consultation with the New Zealand Volunteer Service to look at the possibility of volunteer support to cover some key admin functions in the NZKWF. Job descriptions have been drafted for the roles of Secretary, Treasurer and Event Coordinator with other roles to follow. It is expected the positions will be Wellington region based for ease of operation. Potential candidates have yet to be identified. The Federation Executive would prefer the candidates to come from within the Federation as having a passion for Chinese martial arts would be preferable.
3. **Membership:** Membership levels have fluctuated over the last few years, which in part reflects the economic environment that some clubs have been operating in. The Federation will consider what strategies can be adopted over 2011 to incentivise and grow membership in regions.
4. **Coaching:** Instigating structured regional coaching programmes for young New Zealanders in modern and traditional wushu and sanda remains a key goal and challenge for the Federation. A lack of available funding and skilled coaches is noted as two of the main barriers. Refer further in this report for progress on this issue. Unlike many other martial art codes, Wushu is complex in design with a wide range of elements including: self-defence, traditional art form, meditation and philosophy, health and fitness, recreation and leisure, sport and competition. Wushu is also a sport that is evolving rapidly on a global basis in terms of its technical aspects, which is an ongoing challenge for a small nation such as New Zealand.
5. **Equipment:** The NZKWF has been working hard to try and secure a Sanda Lei-Tai Fighting Platform, a Taolu Competition Carpet and a Taolu Practice Carpet. Refer further in this report for progress on this issue.
6. **Chinese Martial Arts Unity:** The NZKWF remains committed to bringing together the many different Chinese martial arts organisations in New Zealand and is encouraged to see new groups participate in its regional Wushu Friendship Festivals. The NZKWF will continue to operate an open-door policy and encourage all other groups to join. Of interest at the recent Australasian Wushu Championships in Sydney was the close cooperation and full membership of the Australian Chin Woo Association to the Australian Kung-Fu Wushu Federation.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Coach Proposal

While in Beijing in September 2010, Glen Keith presented a proposal to Mr Gao Xiaojun, the new President of the Chinese Wushu Association (CWA) to assist with sending Wushu Coaches to New Zealand. Mr Gao was part of the delegation who accompanied the elite Wushu athletes to New Zealand in May this year. The Proposal was for the CWA to provide one Taolu and one Sanda coach to teach in New Zealand under the banner of the NZKWF. Approval in principle has been given, however discussions are ongoing as to who will cover which costs. The NZKWF also needs to discuss how the arrangement might work operationally.

### Equipment Proposal – Donations Sought

While in Beijing in September 2010, Glen Keith was successful in acquiring (by gift) a Sanda Lei Tai Fighting Platform and Traditional Wushu Taolu Carpet. The combined estimated retail value is USD30,000. We now need to raise around USD4,000 to cover the cost of freight from China to Auckland and would like to invite members and others to donate towards this cause. We will also explore the possibility of Community Grant Funding although we are not sure how successful this might be.

### SPARC Funding Proposal

As reported in Glen Keith's 2009 President's Report, the NZKWF developed an excellent National Wushu Development Strategy for Wushu participants, competitors, coaches and judges. The success of the strategy is still highly dependent on having skilled coaches, appropriate equipment and of course securing Sport & Recreation New Zealand (SPARC) Community Sport Investment.

The NZKWF first approached SPARC in 2008 seeking clarification of the criteria to qualify for Sport Development Investment (now Community Sport Investment). As a result, a decision was made to spend more time building regional membership and participation, to better position the NZKWF prior to making its application.

The NZKWF contacted SPARC again in 2009 and was advised to defer its application until 2010, at which time the outcome of SPARC's review of its 'sport development approach', would be known. The NZKWF has since reviewed the SPARC Strategic Plan 2009-2015 and is very encouraged with the focus on young New Zealanders, as this is also a key target group for the Federation, particularly those in primary and secondary schools and school leavers.

Glen Keith has developed and presented a '**Schools Wushu Programme**' proposal to SPARC for investment for 2011 and beyond. We expect to hear from SPARC before Christmas on the outcome of the proposal.

## DEVELOPMENTAL WORK 2011-2012

There are several critical areas that the NZKWF will focus on during 2011-2012 to ensure it continues to grow nationally and keep up with international developments.

### SPARC Investment - Wushu in Schools

The focus of the NZKWF's investment proposal to SPARC will be based on the introduction of Wushu into primary and secondary schools, while at the same time targeting school leavers. The proposal is very ambitious and will require a high level of coordination. It will be a significant change-path for the NZKWF that overtime will build a solid foundation for New Zealand's future junior Wushu athletes, as well as create sport and recreation opportunities for all New Zealanders. The NZKWF is hopeful that SPARC and the Ministry of Education will see great benefit in the introduction of a **'Schools Wushu Programme'**.

### Wushu Coaching Curriculum

Discussions have commenced on exploring a framework for a **National Wushu Coaching Curriculum**, commencing with IWUF Sport Taolu and Sanda. Several key routines will be selected to trial the curriculum, starting with IWUF modern Taolu (Forms) routines of Chang Quan (Long-fist), Nan Quan (Southern-fist), Taiji Quan (Shadow boxing). The curriculum will also include Sanda (Fighting).

The Taolu and Sanda curriculums will encompass elementary, intermediate and advanced levels and where possible will be aligned to the Chinese Duan Grading System to enable robust competency assessment.

The Taolu curriculum will also include development of a programme of 'Structured Fundamental Movement' and 'Basic Wushu Skills' for use in target primary schools as a curriculum sport activity. We will also look to develop structured beginner and intermediate level Wushu classes in target secondary schools as a curriculum sport option.

### Wushu Judges Progression

A framework was developed in 2009 designed to provide opportunities and learning pathways for new Taolu and Sanda Wushu Judges through to becoming International Wushu Judges. Part of the new framework included a 'National Judges Progression Policy', aligned to the International Wushu Federation criteria, that covers the NZKWF requirements to be considered for referral to an International Judges' Examination Course.

Grant Butcher has made excellent progress over 2010 towards developing learning material for Level A, B and C National Sanda Judges' Examination Courses, which he hopes to finalise in time for use in early 2011. He will soon start work on developing learning material for Level A, B and C National Taolu Judges' Examination Courses.

## Regional Membership

The NZKWF embarked on a programme of Regional Wushu Friendship Festivals over 2009, which were successfully held in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch during that year. Related activities held over the same weekends included Taolu and Sanda Judges Workshops, Sanda Invitationals and Wushu Seminars.

2010 however saw a mix of regional responses to the various weekend activities, with greatest support given to regional Wushu Friendship Festivals in Auckland and Wellington and the Auckland Sanda Judges Workshop. The NZKWF will discuss what steps can be taken to get a better balance of activities across all regions.

The aim of Regional Wushu Friendship Festivals is to build friendship and unity among Chinese martial art clubs in New Zealand and of course to encourage the same clubs to become paid members of the NZKWF. While the Festivals have attracted new clubs, we have yet to see a corresponding increase in paid membership. Each club that participated will be contacted to discuss membership to the NZKWF.

A proposal to be made at the 2010 AGM regarding Active and Passive membership, with the latter allowing a club to maintain membership, without voting rights or the right to participate in any events, in situations where they may not be able to afford the annual membership fee. This concept is used in the European Wushu Federation.

## Regional Councils

The NZKWF has for some time had a framework in place for Regional Councils, including Regional Constitutions, which enable Regions to become operational arms of the National Federation. The NZKWF Executive will explore whether there is any appetite to progress the idea of Regional Councils in the current environment.

The 'short-title' names for the Regional Councils are: (using Auckland as an example) "Wushu Auckland" or "Auckland Wushu" or "Kung-Fu Wushu Auckland" or "Auckland Kung-Fu Wushu". Please refer to [Appendix 1](#) for relevant sections in the NZKWF Constitution on Regional Councils.

## ACC Falls Prevention and Tai Chi for Arthritis Programmes

In response to ongoing concerns from various members of the public, the NZKWF will explore options to develop a New Zealand grown Falls Prevention Programme, (including teacher qualification criteria and monitoring and evaluation guidelines), for proposal to ACC as a viable alternative to current offerings. The NZKWF will also explore the development of a Tai Chi for Arthritis Programme as an extension of this work. The NZKWF has identified a credible industry partner to progress this important work, which will be led on behalf of the NZKWF by Leslie Kentfield.

## Appendix 1 - Regional Councils

Refer below for relevant sections in the National Federation Constitution

### Section 2: 'Interpretation' states:

**2.6** Regional Council means the body managing, on behalf of the Federation, the promotion and development and control of wushu events and competitions in a particular geographic region, as defined from time to time by the Federation.

### Section 6: 'Management' states:

**6.1** Management and administration of the business of the Federation is vested in the National Executive Board of Management, (hereinafter referred to as the 'Executive Board').

**6.2** Regional Councils are bodies principally responsible for the administration of national policy. Regions, whether incorporated or not, will be required to affiliate and maintain affiliation, and operate within the rules and intent of the Federation's Constitution.

**6.3** Regional Councils shall adopt the terms and conditions of the Federation's Regional Council Constitution, which may only be amended with the agreement of the Executive Board.

### Section 13: 'Finances' states:

**13.2** Annual subscriptions and affiliation/joining fees shall be payable by members of Regional, Policy and Technical Councils, the amount of which shall be determined from time to time by the Executive Board (on recommendation of the Regional, Policy or Technical Council concerned).

**13.3** Any Regional or Technical Council finances are under the control of the Federation and a financial report must be submitted to the Treasurer annually by each Council, except where a Regional Council is separately incorporated.

### Section 20: 'Constitution of Regional Councils' states:

**20.1** Affairs specific to identified geographic regions (as determined from time to time by the Federation) shall be managed on behalf of the Federation by Councils representing Constituent members in those regions.

**20.2** The activities of Regional Councils shall be subject to the general control of the Federation.

**20.3** In the event of any dispute between a Regional Council and the Federation, a mandatory power shall be exercised by the Federation.

**20.4** Each Regional Council shall have a Constitution approved by the Executive Board, the contents of which shall be deemed to be By-Laws made under this Constitution. The Constitution of each Regional Council may be amended by a majority vote of the Council, but any amendment shall not be effective unless it is approved by a meeting of the Executive Board.



## Appendix 2 - Results

### 4th World Traditional Wushu Championships

Shiyan City, Hubei Province, China, 14-20 October 2010

#### New Zealand Wushu Team Results [1 Gold, 2 Silver, 1 Bronze]

Date	Name	Category	Event	Medal
19 Oct 2010	David Thew	Taiji Quan [Tai Chi]	Tai Chi 42 Step	<b>Gold*</b>
17 Oct 2010	David Thew	Taiji Jian [Sword Play]	Tai Chi 32 Sword	<b>Silver</b>
18 Oct 2010	Vitali Muhin	Cudgel Play [Long Staff]	Xing Yi Quan	<b>Silver</b>
17 Oct 2010	Vitali Muhin	Quanshu [Bare Hand]	Bagua Zhang	<b>Bronze</b>

\*Highest score in Male Group D

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## Appendix 3 - Results

### 1<sup>st</sup> AUSTRALASIAN WUSHU CHAMPIONSHIPS

State Sports Centre, Olympic Boulevard, Home Bush Sydney 24 October 2010

#### New Zealand Wushu Team Results [8 Gold, 4 Silver, 1 Bronze, 2 x 4<sup>th</sup> Place]

Name	Category	Event	Medal
<b>David Thew</b> (Male Senior)	Tai Chi Bare Hand	42 Step Combined Form	Gold
	Tai Chi Weapons	32 Step Simplified Sword	Gold
<b>David Wong</b> (Male Senior)	Tai Chi Bare Hand	40 Step Yang Style	Gold
	Tai Chi Weapons	42 Step Sword	Silver
	Tai Chi Weapons [Other]	Yang Style Tai Chi Short Staff	Silver
<b>Diana Lau</b> (Female Senior)	Tai Chi Bare Hand	42 Step Combined Form	4 <sup>th</sup>
	Tai Chi Weapons	42 Step Sword	Gold
	Tai Chi Weapons [Other]	Yang Style Tai Chi Fan	Gold
<b>Mercedes Godinez</b> (Female Senior)	Tai Chi Bare Hand	42 Step Combined Form	Silver
	Tai Chi Weapons	42 Step Sword	4 <sup>th</sup>
	Tai Chi Weapons [Other]	Tai Chi Kung-Fu Fan	Bronze
<b>Harris Thien</b> (Male Youth)	Wushu: International Compulsory Taolu 2 <sup>nd</sup> Set	Changquan (Northern Long-Fist)	Gold
	Wushu: International Compulsory Taolu 2 <sup>nd</sup> Set	Qiangshu (Spear)	Silver
<b>Deja Finn</b> (Male Adult)	Sanda (Full contact fighting)	<70kg	Gold
<b>Deja Finn</b> (Male Adult)	Sanda (Full contact fighting)	<75kg	Gold