



**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 2011**

By Glen Keith - National President

### **INTRODUCTION**

This report covers developments and key activities of the Federation for the period January to December 2011 and a summary of events for 2012. Overall 2011 has been another busy and exciting year for wushu in New Zealand. As President I would like to thank members for their ongoing support and welcome our new members.

### **DEVELOPMENT**

#### **Olympic Wushu Possibility**

On 21 July 2011, IOC President Dr Jacques Rogge wrote to the International Wushu Federation (IWUF) President Yu Zaiqing, to inform him of the decision made at the IOC Executive Board meeting on 4 July in Durban; being that Wushu had made it onto the shortlist for sports for the 2020 Olympics. The other sports (in alphabetical order) are: Baseball, Karate, Roller Sports, Softball, Sports Climbing, Squash and Wakeboard. This is great news for our IWUF family and the outcome of all our efforts over the years.

#### **SPARC Investment**

The Federation first approached SPARC in 2008 seeking clarification of the criteria to qualify for National Sport Organisation Investment. As a result of discussions at the time, a decision was made to spend more time building regional membership and participation, to better position the NZKWF prior to making its application. The Federation 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 Federation has since reviewed the SPARC Strategic Plan 2009-2015 and is 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.

#### **Schools Wushu Programme**

The focus of the Federation's Investment Proposal to SPARC in October 2010 was therefore based on the introduction of wushu into New Zealand primary and secondary schools, while at the same time targeting school leavers. The proposal was ambitious and signaled a significant change-path for the Federation - one 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. Glen Keith met with SPARC officials to discuss the Schools Wushu Programme and while feedback was promising, he was advised that "SPARC's current budget / business case for Community Sport Investment for smaller National Sport organisations (NSOs) is currently at the maximum level."

### **Kiwi Sport - Sport Wellington (Regional Sports Trust)**

SPARC was supportive of the Federation piloting the Schools Wushu Programme, and suggested that “in this case there would be better investment/funding avenues to investigate for the sort of investment you are after to target delivery and development to young people - Kiwi Sport through Regional Sports Trusts being one such option”.

Glen Keith subsequently met with Kevin Wilson, Sport Wellington’s ‘Sport Development Manager’ and Peter Woodman-Aldridge, Sport Wellington’s ‘Kiwi Sport Manager’ in March 2011 to discuss a possible pilot programme - involving ‘structured fundamental movement’ for early primary students through to ‘basic wushu skills’ and ‘wushu routines’ for late primary, intermediate and secondary students. Part of the discussion involved a DVD presentation of wushu featuring junior wushu athletes.

Both Kevin and Peter were very supportive of the proposal and gave the go-ahead for the Federation to develop the Schools Wushu Programme curriculum. It was noted that the Federation would be expected to provide the coaching capability to implement the programme in schools, and also identify the criteria for coach selection.

### **Schools Wushu Programme - Curriculum Development**

The Federation commenced initial work in 2011 and will make this a key priority for 2012. In addition to applying for Kiwi Sport investment through Regional Sports Trusts for the Schools Wushu Programme, the Federation also looked at opportunities under SPARC Active Communities Investment, which is a contestable project-based fund.

### **SPARC Active Communities Investment - ‘Health Inc. Tai Chi for Life’™**

In early November Glen Keith drafted and submitted an Expression of Interest (EOI) for SPARC Active Communities Investment. The proposal focuses on the development and delivery of a New Zealand grown ‘Health Inc. Tai Chi for Life’™ programme, as an officially endorsed sport and recreation regime to improve the physical activity, health and well-being of adult New Zealanders.

The proposal has 6 stages with the first being to develop content for a New Zealand grown, accessible and affordable ‘Health Inc. Tai Chi for Life’™ programme, focused on enhancing physical fitness and general health and well-being, and on preventing illness and accidents for adults of all ages. The programme will provide participants with a menu of conventional and modified tai chi exercises and forms suited to their individual needs, fitness level, learning abilities, health and where relevant, any medical condition.

The ‘Health Inc. Tai Chi for Life’™ programme, will involve expert local and international programme development, with strong quality assurance around teacher accreditation and course evaluation, which should address various concerns from members of the public around existing imported programmes.

SPARC has a staged approach starting with receiving EOIs followed by advising applicants whether they want them to proceed to the next stage - which involves submitting and possibly personally presenting a more detailed proposal in early February, with costings and agreed cash contributions from key-stakeholders. If the proposal proceeds to the next stage there will be a significant amount of work to do in a short time-frame, impacted by Christmas and New Year break.

### **Wushu Scholarship Proposal**

Glen Keith had further discussions during 2011 with the Chinese Wushu Association (CWA) President Mr Gao Xiaojun and was able to confirm CWA funding for a Federation Wushu Scholarship for a Taolu/Tai Chi and/or Sanda athlete. The scholarship would see each athlete training at an exclusive wushu academy in China for up to 4 weeks with tuition, accommodation, food and transportation covered by the CWA. Participants would however need to pay for their own international travel. Parents will have the option of accompanying children at their own cost. The criteria to be considered for the scholarship and other information will be advised early in the new-year.

### **Sanda Lei Tai Platform and Traditional Taolu Carpet**

While in Beijing in September 2010, Glen Keith was successful in negotiating a Sanda Lei Tai Fighting Platform and Traditional Wushu Taolu Carpet to be gifted to the Federation. The combined estimated retail value is around USD58,000. Glen Keith has secured NZ\$5,000 from Pub Charity to purchase a 40ft container to store the equipment, and NZ\$5,000 from NZCT to cover the cost of freight. Offers to store the container have come from Steven Wong who owns and operates the Fresher Foods factory (organized by David Wong), and from Aluminum Systems Ltd (organized by Dyann Stewart). There has been a temporary delay in securing the items due to the prospect of having to pay GST and Custom's Excise (around \$13,500 in total), despite the items being gifted.

### **National Wushu Coaching Curriculum**

The Federation is looking to develop 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 include elementary, intermediate and advanced levels, and where possible will be aligned to the Chinese Duan Grading System to enable robust competency assessment. The Schools Wushu Programme would become a sub-set of the National Wushu Coaching Curriculum for use in schools as a curriculum or elective sport activity.

### **Wushu 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. The proposal was for the CWA to provide one Taolu and/or one Sanda coach to teach in New Zealand under the banner of the NZKWF. Approval in principle has been given by CWA, with the CWA offering to cover the Coaches' ongoing costs in China, as well as a weekly allowance for the Coaches while in New Zealand.

The New Zealand Federation would however be responsible for the Coaches' international airfares and accommodation, the latter which would ideally be covered by tuition fees. Discussions are ongoing and hope to be finalised in 2012. In addition to making the arrangement work financially, the Federation also needs to work out how the arrangement would work operationally. Another option for bringing out Coaches from China is under the China:NZ Free Trade Agreement, which would require the Federation to guarantee payment of the minimum adult wage to the Coach, in addition to arranging accommodation etc.

## **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 developed the progression criteria and learning material over 2010 and 2011 for Level A, B and C National Sanda Judges' Examination Courses. Some work is still required in presenting the material for end-users. Work on developing the progression criteria and learning material for Level A, B and C National Taolu Judges' Examination Courses was deferred until 2012.

## **New Websites**

Two new websites were launched by the NZKWF over 2011. One was for the Federation itself [www.wushu.org.nz](http://www.wushu.org.nz) and the other for the Oceania Wushu Federation [www.oceaniawushu.org](http://www.oceaniawushu.org). Each website has different information and together provide an opportunity for Federation members to access information on local, regional, national, continental and international wushu events and competitions. The wushu.org.nz website now includes links to 'member profiles' and member's own websites.

## **New Zealand Martial Arts Institute (NZMAI)**

NZMAI is a newly formed organisation registered as an Incorporated Society, with the general aim to "foster, promote and advance credible individuals and organisations" with a key focus on assisting Instructors involved in dan-graded martial arts such as karate, who have been unable to obtain formal certification of their ranking for various reasons.

Glen Keith was invited by Chris Dessa, acting President of NZMAI to consider being on the Board of Directors to represent kung-fu wushu in New Zealand. While Chris's invitation is indeed an honour, Glen Keith regrettably advised that the New Zealand Kung-Fu Wushu Federation Incorporated, nor himself as National President, is in a position to become a member of NZMAI, or a member of its Board of Directors.

Several reasons were provided by Glen Keith, with the main one being that the aims of NZMAI are inconsistent with the governance required for Chinese martial arts in New Zealand, particularly as Instructors and practitioners of all Chinese martial arts have access to a Chinese martial arts World Grading System, administered by the International Wushu Federation, the world leading organ for all Chinese martial arts. Glen Keith instead suggested that perhaps a name such as 'National Association for Dan Grading', or 'National Association for Dan-Graded Instructor Certification', might be a better fit, otherwise, a rider in the NZMAI constitution to the effect that the Objects of the Association do not cover the Chinese martial arts.

Glen Keith did comment however that the NZKWF may in time consider a model similar to the Australian Martial Arts Industry Association (MAIA), which focuses on Instructor Accreditation. The MAIA model supports the concept that ranking or grade is not necessarily the best proxy in respect of the requirements of an accredited instructor. The model instead uses generic criteria based on educational teaching methods, health and safety, and event management responsibilities. Police checks of Instructors in respect of the protection of children are another feature. The MAIA model is quite a different model to one that is based on certifying instructor rankings.

## KEY EVENTS IN 2011

### **World Tai Chi & Qigong Day (WTCQD) in Wellington**

The Federation and NZ National Tai Chi Chuan Association jointly hosted the World Tai Chi and Qi-Gong Day celebration on [Sat 30 April 2011](#) [9.45am-12.00pm] at Onslow College, Burma Road, Wellington. Special thanks to Ferne McKenzie and Leslie Kentfield for organising the event, and to Andy Hardwick for being Master of Ceremonies

### **AKWF 2011 Australasian Kung Fu Wushu Championships**

The New Zealand Wushu Team produced an outstanding performance at the 2nd Australasian Kung-Fu Wushu Championships on [Sat 28 May 2011](#) at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre Show Court, Albert Park, Victoria Australia. All New Zealand competitors returned with one or more medals. The event was hosted by the Australian Kung Fu (Wushu) Federation. New Zealand competitors were Dave Thew, Kevin Zhang, Patrick Zhang, Siu-Yuat Wong, Harris Thien, David Wong, Raymond Lee, Mercedes Godinez and Diana Lau. Glen Keith attended as Team Manager.

### **NZKWF Sanda Invitational**

The Sanda Invitational was held on [Sat 2 Jul 2011](#) at the Auckland Chinese Community Centre. Special thanks to Anthony and Dyann Stewart for conducting the event and for the crew of volunteers who helped with judging, scoring and time-keeping.

### **Embassy of the People's Republic of China - Inaugural Open Day**

For the first time ever, the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Wellington opened its doors to the public between 5:00-6:30pm on [Fri 15 Jul 2011](#). Central to this auspicious occasion was a series of vibrant cultural performances, which included, dance, music, singing, calligraphy and Chinese martial arts. The latter including: New Zealand Kung-Fu Wushu Federation, Wing Chun Association, Ling Nan Wushu Association, Chen Style Taijiquan Academy and Peter Sue. Demonstrating on behalf of the Federation was Glen Keith with student Bill Vella, and Mercedes Godinez.

### **NZKWF Taolu & Sanda Judges New/Refresher Course**

The courses were held on [Sat 27 Aug 2011](#) between 1.00pm-3.00pm at the Tamaki Recreation Centre Community Room Glen Innes, Auckland. Special thanks to Lucy Hannah for taking the Taolu course and Anthony Stewart for taking the Sanda course.

### **NZKWF National Kung-Fu Wushu Championships**

The championships were held on [Sat 3 Sep 2011](#) at the Tamaki Recreation Centre, Glen Innes, Auckland. The day was a great success with record number of competitors in both taolu and sanda. Special thanks to Master Alice Bei Dong and Lucy Hannah as Head Taolu Judges and to Dyann and Anthony Stewart as Head Judge Sanda and Ring Judge Sanda respectively. Special demonstrations were given by Master Alice Bei Dong from Sydney (Yang Style Tai Chi Sword), Shifu Song Ling Jian from Christchurch (Shaolin Kung-Fu), Master Guo from Auckland (Tai Chi Push Hands), David Mackenzie and Ferne Mckenzie from Wellington (Dr Lam's Tai Chi for Arthritis), Sayesha, Ayeesha, Tahlia and Hareata from the Wu Jao Kung-Fu Academy Auckland (Dui Lian). A special tribute was made during the Championships to acknowledge the late Jamie Montgomery, who was a Federation member and Instructor of the Waiheke Island Wushu and Sanda Club. Jamie passed away peacefully on 19th July, 2011.

### **Master Alice Bei Dong Tai Chi 42 Sword Form Seminar**

After presiding as a guest Head Judge, along with Lucy Hannah at the September 3 Nationals, Master Dong from Sydney delivered an excellent Tai Chi 42 Sword Form Seminar in Auckland on [Sun 4 Sep 2011](#).

### **IWUF 11th World Wushu Championships**

The Championships were hosted by the Turkish Wushu Federation in Ankara, Turkey between [Thu 6 Oct - Sat 15 Oct 2011](#). Siu Yuat Wong from Auckland Chin Woo was selected to represent the New Zealand Kung-Fu Wushu Federation, however was unable to attend due to personal reasons. Glen Keith attended the event in his capacity as Vice President of the International Wushu Federation.

### **IWUF Executive Committee and Congress**

While at the World Championships, Glen Keith attended the IWUF Executive Committee meeting on [Sat 8 Oct 2011](#) and IWUF Congress on [Sun 9 Oct 2011](#), at which he was re-elected for the period [2011-2014](#) as Vice President of the IWUF.

### **IWUF Confirmed Office Holders from Oceania**

All Oceania Wushu Federation nominations were approved by Congress and include:

- IWUF Executive Committee & IWUF Vice President: [Glen Keith](#) (NZKWF)
- IWUF Marketing & Development Committee: [Walt Missingham](#) (AKWF)
- IWUF Traditional Committee: [Grant Butcher](#) (NZKWF)
- IWUF Technical Committee: [Shao Zhao-Ming](#) (AKWF)
- IWUF Medical Committee: [Dr Kee Lee Tan](#) (AKWF)
- IWUF Athlete's Commission: [Angelique Choo](#) (AKWF)

### **Oceania Wushu Federation (OWUF) Confirmed Office Holders**

The following nominations were ratified at the Congress of the OWUF held on 26 Oct 2010 for the period [2011-2014](#):

- President: [Glen Keith](#) (NZKWF)
- Senior Vice President: [Walt Missingham](#) (AKWF)
- Sanda and Traditional Wushu Representative: [Grant Butcher](#) (NZKWF)
- Taolu Representative: [Shao Zhao Ming](#) (AKWF)
- Medical Representative: [Dr Kee Lee Tan](#) (AKWF)
- Athlete's Representative: [Angelique Choo](#) (AKWF)

### **KEY EVENTS IN 2012** (All dates to be confirmed)

Another exciting year ahead with several key events to start thinking about! NZ Federation Nationals TBC as they were recently changed to a bi-annual event.

1. World Tai Chi and Qi-Gong Day ([Apr](#)) throughout New Zealand
2. National Sanda Invitational ([May-Jun](#)) Auckland New Zealand
3. National Kung-Fu Wushu Championships ([Jul-Aug](#)) Auckland New Zealand
4. Oceania Invitational ([29 Sep](#)) Sydney Australia
5. Wushu Scholarship ([Sep-Oct](#)) China
6. World Junior Wushu Championships ([Oct-Nov](#)) Macau China
7. World Traditional Wushu Championships ([Oct-Nov](#)) Huangshan China