



Tattersall's IDSF World Latin Championship Melbourne 2008

Event Director's report

Blackpool Dance Festival

The objective was achieved and positive outcomes were several.

A significant amount of literature was distributed to each country representative and other couples with whom I met.

The team from Italy and Canada have indicated that they will be travelling with a group of around 10 people in addition to their athletes. Russia, Austria and Germany will travel with 6 people plus athletes. We will again have a team from China which will include approximately 10 people.

World Champions, Maurizio and Melinda will travel with the Hungarian couples and a team of 8 people, and will also compete in the Professional section at the Australian. They have been booked to do the floorshow at the Australian Championship in 2009.

I met with Paul Wilson who trains the couples who will represent Sweden. He is working on booking a large group through Event Travel and will also be looking to get some Senior 1 competitors from Japan. I envisage a team of around 15 from Sweden.

Finland has confirmed their intention to participate, but have not selected their representatives yet.

Phillip Nichollas from France is assisting us by following up with the French couples. He has taken all the event information with him to give to the couples.

I met with the IDSF Sport Director, Heinz Spaeker to discuss the scrutineering, adjudicators and various matters of interest. All adjudicators have now been confirmed.

The official photographer for the IDSF World Latin Championship, Dallas Williams of Dancesportphoto.net, took photos of the athletes present to assist with our programme and website.

There were other meetings not scheduled, such as the English Association, USA, and competitors interested in competing.

The one thing that was evident from all quarters is that there is a great deal of interest. I received compliments on the high standard of the website and the exposure on other websites.

Australian DanceSport Championship

The contract with Bryan Watson and Carmen Vincelj has been finalised. They have confirmed their involvement with the Asia Pacific Symposium and have donated their services to the Gala Dinner

I have confirmed Andrea and Sara from Italy to compete in the Australian and IDSF International Open Standard. They finished second in the Open British (in excess of 400 couples).

I have also confirmed Chao Yang and Yi Ling Tan from China and Joanne Clifton and Marco Cavello from England.

Thanks to Minister Merlino who has provided a grant to the Victorian couple Nuria and Mirko to assist in their preparation for December. Katie White sent a text with this welcome message.

I'm now on my way to Russia for a break before the IDSF conference.

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