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26th ANNUAL QUEBEC OPEN NAMED AS QUALIFIER FOR TEAM CANADA 2006

February 9, 2006 Victoria, B.C. Canada – The Canadian National Martial Arts Association is pleased to announce that the 26th Annual Quebec Open International Karate Championship has been designated as a qualifying event for Team Canada 2006. The tournament will be held on April 28 & 29 2006, at the Peps Sports Complex of Laval University, Quebec, Canada. The 26th Annual Quebec Open expects more than 2000 competitors taking part in over 360 individual events. It is considered one of the most prestigious martial arts events in the world!

“We are extremely pleased to work hand in hand with Clermont Poulin and the 26th Annual Quebec Open participants,” says Ken Marchtaler, President of CNMAA, “Mr. Poulin has earned worldwide recognition for hosting this spectacular annual tournament. By designating it a Team Canada 2006 Qualifier, we will ensure that we have a large representation of quality martial arts athletes from Eastern Canada.”

The 26th Annual Quebec Open International Karate Championship is rated KRANE "AAAAA", WKA "AAAAA" and NASKA "AAA" respectively. The tournament promoter of the event is Clermont Poulin and Studio Unis. More information on the 26th Annual Quebec Open can be obtained by visiting the Quebec Open International Karate Championship website at www.quebecopen.com.

The Canadian National Martial Arts Association (CNMAA) is a non-profit society formed in August 2005, to provide a formal structure for organizing and administering the Canadian National Martial Arts Team. Their goal is to work with all recognized martial arts associations and disciplines, to provide more opportunity for Canadian martial arts athletes, and to assist with the development of standardized programs for coaches and trainers. Their objectives are guided by the World Martial Arts Games Movement and the World Martial Arts Games Charter. Further information about the Canadian National Martial Arts Association can be obtained by visiting the CNMAA website at www.cnmaa.com.

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