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## CNMAA PRESIDENT TO ATTEND TAFISA WORLD CONGRESS

**September 14, 2007 Victoria, BC Canada** – The Canadian National Martial Arts Association (CNMAA) is pleased to announce that CNMAA President Ken Marchtaler will represent the World Martial Arts Games Committee (WMAGC) at the 20<sup>th</sup> TAFISA World Congress being held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, September 25 to 30, 2007. TAFISA is an International Olympic Committee (IOC) recognized Multi-Sport Organization with a head office in Frankfurt, Germany. This year's World Congress will focus around "Sport for All: Meeting the Challenges of Building Social Capital". Participants include Daniel Scioli, Vice President Argentina, Professor Walther Troger, IOC Member, Dr. Timothy Armstrong, World Health Organization (WHO), as well as many other National Olympic Committee (NOC) members and sports' body officials.

"I, as well as the WMAGC, are very fortunate to be a part of one of the fastest growing sports organizations in the world", says Ken Marchtaler, CNMAA President, "The 20<sup>th</sup> TAFISA World Congress will focus on the important role that sport plays in the development of people, communities, nations and international relations. It will offer insight into emerging strategies for dealing with today's challenges in the areas of health, fitness and sport. TAFISA has assembled an incredible panel of experts for this event. The WMAGC and CNMAA will definitely benefit from our presence there this year".

TAFISA was founded in 1991 and has grown to more than 153 Sport for All members from over 100 countries. They are one of only a few Multi-sport Organisations that are recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Their head office is located in Frankfurt, Germany. More information on TAFISA is located at [www.tafisa.de](http://www.tafisa.de).

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](http://www.cnmaa.com).

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