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## CNMAA EXPANDS THE LINK ACROSS CANADA

**September 19, 2007 Victoria, BC Canada** – The Canadian National Martial Arts Association (CNMAA) is pleased to announce the appointments of Wolfgang Manicke and Mark Morrison to the CNMAA Executive. Mr. Manicke will assume the position of Executive Director – CNMAA Saskatchewan and Mr. Morrison, Executive Director – CNMAA Ontario. The appointments are the first of a series of movements CNMAA is taking to reach the greater population of the martial arts community and to meet the requirements of a recognized National Sport Organization (NSO) through Sport Canada.

“I am honoured to assume this role for CNMAA. Having competed for Team Canada in the last two World Martial Arts Games, I believe CNMAA is on the right path, not being political, just being there for the student of the art”, said Wolfgang Manicke, newly appointed Executive Director, CNMAA – Saskatchewan, “My first objective is to run my own tournament with the rules, principles, friendship and ways of the World Martial Arts Games. My goal is to eventually convince our provincial body to align itself with CNMAA. I will do my best, work hard, and share the dream to one day be part of the Olympic Games”.

“After speaking at length with Ken Marchtaler, I absolutely accepted the challenge of becoming part of CNMAA and forming the chain across Canada that brings all martial art athletes together under one umbrella”, says Mark Morrison, newly appointed Executive Director – CNMAA Ontario, “The standardization of coaching and training will strengthen Canada’s ability to become one of the best in the world. Canadian martial artists have needed an association like CNMAA that is integrity driven, non profit and athlete focused to drive the principles of sport at the community, regional, provincial, federal and international level.”

Both Manicke and Morrison have 30 plus years experience in the martial arts field. Both operate their own martial arts schools and have significant management background.

“I am very pleased to gain the support of both Wolfgang and Mark, as we build the organization across Canada”, says Ken Marchtaler, CNMAA President, “Each brings his own special element to the association. Their commitment to increasing opportunities for Canadian martial arts athletes is invaluable. I look forward to working with both these individuals as we continue to grow our support in Saskatchewan and Ontario”.

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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