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## MARTIAL ARTS WORLD TO UNITE IN VICTORIA CANADA

**December 14, 2005 Victoria, B.C. Canada** – The recently formed World Martial Arts Games Committee is pleased to announce that Victoria, British Columbia, Canada has been chosen to host the 1<sup>st</sup> World Martial Arts Games, August 18, 19 & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The 2006 Games will showcase multiple martial arts disciplines including the arts of Karate, Kempo, Sport Ju Jitsu, Tae Kwon-Do, and Wushu. There are currently 26 member countries registered for this event. It will be undoubtedly be the premiere international mixed martial arts event of the year.

“We feel extremely privileged to host the 1<sup>st</sup> World Martial Arts Games, in the beautiful city of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada,” said Ken Marchtaler, President of the Canadian National Martial Arts Association and Chairman of the World Martial Arts Games Committee, “This high-profile mixed martial arts competition, will involve the best of the best, from around the world, competing for the title of World Martial Arts Games Champion in their respective events. You will not want to miss it!”

The World Martial Arts Games Movement is a non-profit society formed in August 2005. Its goal is to unite the World of Martial Arts through annual competition. The World Martial Arts Games encompasses organizations, athletes and other persons who agree to be guided by the World Martial Arts Games Charter. The Charter is governed by World Martial Arts Games Committee (WMAGC).

The World Martial Arts Games Committee (WMAGC) is the supreme authority of the World Martial Arts Games Movement. Its role is to promote top-level sport as well as sport for all in accordance with the World Martial Arts Games Charter. It ensures the regular celebration of the World Martial Arts Games and strongly encourages appropriate sports ethics and the protection of athletes.

Further information about the World Martial Arts Committee and World Martial Arts Games can be obtained by visiting the WMAG website at [www.worldmartialartsgames.com](http://www.worldmartialartsgames.com) .

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