



**10th WORLD UNIVERSITY
TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIP**

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BELGRADE BREAKS RECORDS

Belgrade will break all records when it comes to the number of participants, sport disciplines and volunteers at the Summer Universiade 2009 but also for the 10th World University Taekwondo Championship (from 17th to 20th of July 2009).

Young athletes and academics will gather together from 42 countries and more than 300 taekwondoka which is a record in 20 years long history of university sports under the patronage of FISU (World University Sport Federation).

-Technically we did everything we should do. This is one of four test events we are staging this year. We provided all preconditions both in technical and human resources and are convinced that everything will run at its very best. These competitions are an excellent opportunity for the organizers of Universiade Belgrade to exercise and test all resources as well as supporting logistics and organizational skills in order to be well prepared for what is waiting for us next year.

The record number of applied competitors proves that there is a big interest for University Championships which is an important sign before Universiade



2009 – said Sinisa Jasnica, General Director of UB 2009, President of the USSS and President of the World University Championships at FISU. – We expect that our competitors achieve significant results at the forthcoming Championships.

Support of the World Taekwondo Federation speaks in favor of the importance and quality of the University championships.

Based on the contract we signed with the Secretary General, Jin Suk Jang, we received donations in tatami, scoring lights as well as games management system. When it comes to us the

Championships may begin. First athletes from the USA and the Netherlands are already here. We are ready for the competition and we are sure that everything will be on the highest possible level, as we promised.

Ken Min, President of FISU Technical commission for Taekwondo, didn't hide his satisfaction with everything what has been done so far and with the host's preparations for the 10th Jubilee edition of the World University Championship.

I am thrilled with everything I had a chance to see in Belgrade. As a host you met all standards and even more than that. I never had doubts that Serbia and Belgrade will be successful. I have been cooperating with Sinisa Jasnica from the beginning. He has all the credits, because this competition is in Belgrade and that taekwondo is still on the programme of the Universiade – Ken Min said.

First test event, the World University Championship in Taekwondo, is the introduction to the biggest global sporting event in 2009.

Serbia introduced a completely new concept, approach and the way of handling things

at the World University Championships that is not strange because Mr. Jasnica is most responsible for this on both levels, national and international level, but also inside FISU.

Dragan Jovic, Vice-President of the Taekwondo Association of Serbia and Competition Director for this World University Championship in "Hala Sportova" expects this championship to overcome Valencia by its results.

Our wish is that next to the great organization we achieve great results on tatami as well. The team consists of the proven champions and promising new hopes from who we also expect great results. Although the Olympic Games are less than 30 days away, according to the list of applied competitors, in Belgrade we will have fighters and medal bearers, 10 of whom are golden medallists which speaks about the quality of the Competition – Dragan Jovic said.



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WITH MEDALS IN THEIR THOUGHTS

The Netherlands team came to Belgrade for World University Taekwondo Championships with two athletes, Deborah Luiz in up to 59kg category and Michael Oogink in up to 84 kg category.

-Our goal is to come to the competition with people who can achieve results and they showed that they can – Patrick Stevens The Netherlands team coach stated – the generation change is in the progress, quite a lot of good taekwondoka graduated their Universities which means they will not be able to participate anymore in student teams while it is still early for our excellent junior team to take part in competition for older generations. This is why we brought to Belgrade only Luiz and Oogink because they are our proven competitors.

Those who follow taekwondo closely are very familiar with Deborah Luiz. They know her from large scale competitions. Medals won at US Open, The Netherlands, and Belgium open speak best for her.

-Medals are my goal at every competition. It's very clear. I don't want anything less. I came to Belgrade with the same goal – Deborah Luiz said.

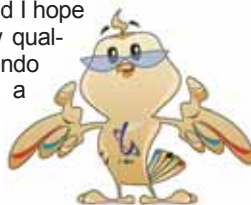
At World University Championships the old scoring system will be used, without the electronic protectors.

-I'm more used to the old system. We are still not adjusted to the electronic protectors. I hope that will be my advantage at this competition and that I will go back home with a medal.

-Michael Ognik best Dutch competitor in the up to 84kg didn't hide his pleasant surprise with Belgrade.

- I like the people most of all. Everyone is so nice and pleasant Ognik said, happily- I'm sad that I won't have a chance for a match with Serbia's Radomir Samardzic, from who I lost a medal in the match at European Championships in Rome. I hope I will be lucky enough and I hope

I will show quality taekwondo and win a medal, stated Michael Oogink.



The Netherlands team. Patrick Stevens, Deborah Luiz and Michael Oogink

THRILLED BY BELGRADE

It is not enough to say that Rex Heatfield, Head of Delegation United States of America, was thrilled by the welcome that his delegation received from the organizers of the 10th World University Taekwondo Championship in Belgrade. I haven't witnessed before such a quick accreditation process. When we entered the accreditation center everything was finished in few minutes and we are 20 in the

team. We are very pleasantly surprised. Everybody knows that at every competition accreditation is always the longest process. Everybody still remembers the Competition in Taiwan where we waited around 12 hours for the accreditations. Belgrade welcomed us in the very best way - Rex Heatfield said.

University team USA expects good results at the forthcoming competition.

- Every member of our University team worked and trained very hard to earn a place in the team. This is an important opportunity for them and that is why we are confident that they will give their maximum on the field of play. We came back from Valencia with 3 medals, one silver and two bronze medals. We hope that we will be even more successful in Belgrade – stated Rex Heatfield.



USA team

MEDAL IS NOT JUST A DREAM ANYMORE

Bojan Bjelić, the best Serbian taekwondo athlete, will defend the medal won in 2006 in Valencia on the jubilee World University Championship in Belgrade. He is the best hope of the Taekwondo Association of Serbia and Belgrade's Seagulls (Galeb). He won a golden medal on the Open Championship in Holland in February, which gave not only the historical results for Serbian sports but also announced also great results on the World University Championship in Serbian capital.

Valencia remained in nice memory. I invested great work during last years, it then paid off – said Bojan Bjelić, the hope of eagles in the category of 72 kilos – I had great day. I had very good start right from the first fight, but still the second fight



BOJAN BJELIC IS BREAKING THE ICE

Bojan Bjelic bronze medalist at past World University Championships in Valencia announced good results at the press conference.

In the name of all my friends from the Serbian team I would like to say that we are ready for the next world challenge. We are in the phase of finishing preparations, for a month already. In the past months we had high amounts of the test competitions, this gives us additional confidence to show what we know and what we can do on the field of play. According to the schedule I'm competing on the first day I hope I will bring sport luck to our team – Bojan Bjelic stated.

was crucial for me, because I defeated the champion of the Universiade in Izmir.

In the Serbian representation, they don't hide the fact that Bjelić is one of their biggest aces in the sleeves, which is normal, because he literally crashed all his opponents on the Holland Open. He won first the Spaniard Anhel Mugnoz with a knock-out then the Englishmen Sebastian Mayer.

After the match, the English-

men came to me and congratulated me on the great fight. He wished me a lot of luck in my further carrier, which meant a lot to me in that moment – Bjelić was honest.

Bjelić doesn't hide that his stay in Iran has helped him a great deal in his carrier.

One-month stay in Teheran had positive influence on us, in psychical way in the first place. We are now full of self-confidence, what you can see in my fights but also in my matches with Marko Memarević, Stevan Rašić, Ninoslav Babić and Stanislav Kujundžić. If you look at the training methods, there are no revolutionary differences between Iranians and us. They have many sparring partners, a real army of great fighters and they are completely devoted to sport. There is no time for even one moment of relaxation when it comes to Iranians.

Good voice spreads fast and the news about great results of Bojan Bjelić came to the capital of Iran very quickly.

The coaches who worked with us on Azad University in Teheran had called me immediately to congratulate me. They have been telling us from the beginning that we have a great

potential and that medals are not just a dream. I am glad because I have won and justified their trust. However, I am even more glad because we will be their hosts on the World University Championship in Belgrade.

The path to the medal in Valencia and Eindhoven is not just the result of the good competition day, but the product of the systematic work.

I am glad that we in Galeb have a real professional team that takes care of us – we have conditional coach Dragan Jablan, psychologist Marija Srećkov, the people from Lama sport that provide us



with all the necessary vitamins, the nutritionist and off course coaches

Dragan Jović, Mario Lipsajt, Ljiljana Ljubojević, Uroš Todorović, Miloš Subotić. Will and

enthusiasm of Dragan Jović made their way to get to us even when our work has not been giving the wanted results. With the help of the entire team, I have managed to initiate, I hope, a whole range of excellent results of all of us in the representation. This is why I would like to thank in particular Dragan Jovic, all my friends from the club and the representation and my family – concluded Bjelić.

BEST GRADES IN THE STUDENT BOOK

Bojan Bjelić is not only an excellent athlete but also a very good student of Electro-technical faculty. Besides all his duties and choirs, Bjelić is also honorary coworker of the company PTT KIDS that has great understanding when it comes to his sports duties.

In many different TV shows, I listen to athletes that say that you can manage to synchronize everything. My opinion is that this is possible but you need to sacrifice a lot. In one particular segment, one side has to suffer always. When I have exams, it is normal to train taekwondo a bit less. Now, sport is the most important, this is why my faculty is lasting a bit more. I am conscious that this is the only possible way to go, because it is necessary to devote to the desired goal completely – emphasized Bjelić.

WELCOME TO BELGRADE

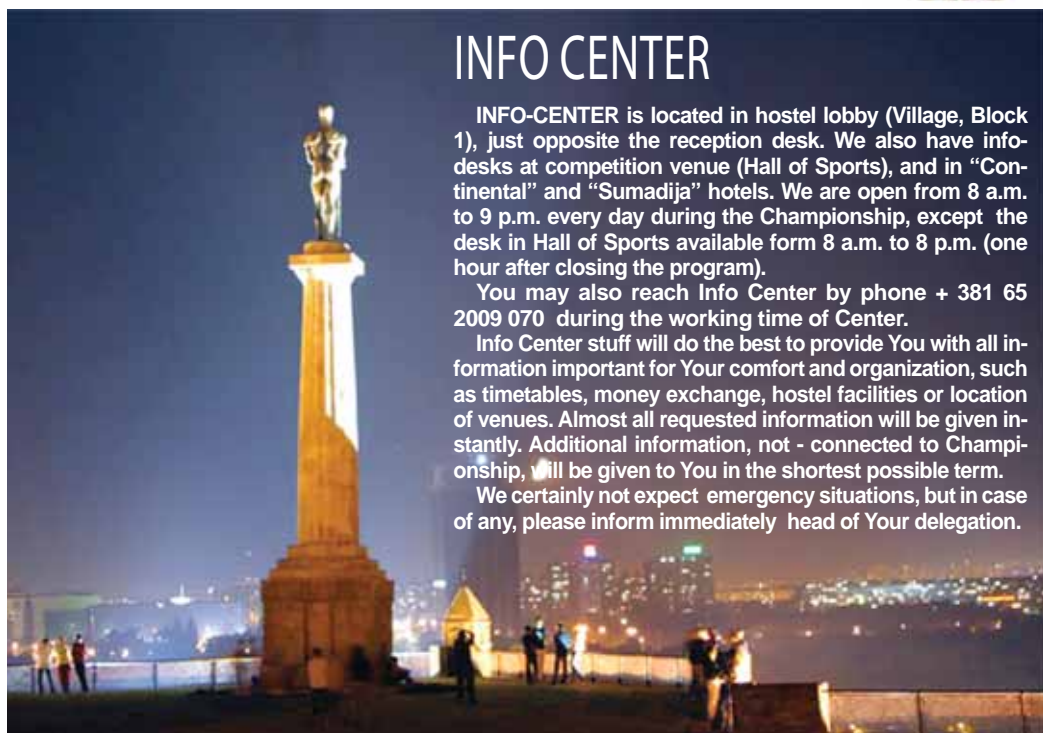


Belgrade is an unusual mosaic of civilizations that lasted many centuries, where everyone can find a little bit of what reminds them of home, but hidden in unique Belgrade's charm.

Belgrade is located at the crossroads of Eastern and Western Europe, on the Balkan Peninsula. It lies at the confluence of the Sava and the Danube Rivers. It is surrounded by rivers from three sides. Average altitude is 116,75 m above the sea level.

Belgrade is surrounded by two natural complexes: Panonska nizija (Pannonian Plane) with its grains and corn, on the north and Šumadija, with its orchards and vineyards, south from the Sava and the Danube rivers. The most prominent landmarks are the hills of Šumadija are Kosmaj (628 m) and Avala (511 m). Belgrade stretches south from the Sava and the Danube rivers, meaning this city extends over many hills. The highest point of Belgrade in the strict city area is Torlak (Voždovac), crkva Svete Trojice (Holly Trinity Church) 303,1m. The lowest point is Ada Huja 70,15m.

There is no similar place in the world where Oriental passion and European style are gathered in such a natural manner. Always caught between war and invasions from and between east to west, destroyed and rebuilt many times, Belgrade has no continuity of style. But it is widely enriched with vitality, a sense of humor and a cosmopolitan and inquisi-



INFO CENTER

INFO-CENTER is located in hostel lobby (Village, Block 1), just opposite the reception desk. We also have info-desks at competition venue (Hall of Sports), and in "Continental" and "Sumadija" hotels. We are open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day during the Championship, except the desk in Hall of Sports available from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (one hour after closing the program).

You may also reach Info Center by phone + 381 65 2009 070 during the working time of Center.

Info Center staff will do the best to provide You with all information important for Your comfort and organization, such as timetables, money exchange, hostel facilities or location of venues. Almost all requested information will be given instantly. Additional information, not - connected to Championship, will be given to You in the shortest possible term.

We certainly not expect emergency situations, but in case of any, please inform immediately head of Your delegation.

tive spirit. That is why it is never boring in Belgrade!

Living in Belgrade IS NEVER BORING! Almost every day there is some event, festival, exhibition, concert, match, show... starting from those local – for the local people to those big, international, on the world level. Other cities may be more exotic, but you can feel the true enchanting Balkan spirit only in Belgrade. It is the city where you can dance until dawn seven nights a week, where you can feel hospitality in the air.

In Belgrade you can try food and drink made in a most natural, organic way. Traditional cui-

sine means that everything is home-made and that everything has a home-made taste. As fans of the local smoked ham, barbeque, stuffed vegetable, special types of bread, salads, brine and cottage cream, most Serbian people eat a lot but stay enviously thin.

Many nightclubs, bars and restaurants on river banks contribute to the fact that Belgrade's nightlife is one of the wildest in Europe. Spectacularly beautiful young women that look like they have walked from the pages of Cosmopolitan, students, young people in sports outfits, musi-

cians and writers join hands in friendship while taking a walk down Knez Mihailova street, the pedestrian zone with plenty of luxurious stores or around Republic Square, with so many cafes under the open sky. Most Serbian people go out after 10 pm. It is exactly the reason why many places are open until the late hours of the morning. Always a grand atmosphere is made by people who just want to have fun, enjoy themselves with any kind of music – from "Procol Harum", "Electric Six" and even in Sinatra's ballads to Serbia's energetic pop music.

SPORTS HALL IN NEW BELGRADE

From 16th till 20th of July, New Belgrade's Sports Hall will host the best students, taekwondoka, participants of the X World University Championship.

As the oldest sports venue in this part of the town, Sports Hall has been developing a tradition of supreme sport clubs and A league championships since 1968. The Hall is originally named Palace of Sports, but is most widely known as the Sports Hall.

Basketball Club Partizan

first concurred its worldwide popularity on the basketball floor of this Hall with the names of Kicanovic, Delipagic, Divac, Paspalj, Djordjevic and Danilovic still echoing in the air.

During the past seasons Sports Hall hosted judo tournament within European Youth Olympic Festival (EYOF), while every November it opens its doors to the local Belgrade Galeb Trophy, largest and most important taekwondo competition in the Region.

