



# Russian Dance Sport Union

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Dear Heads of the National DanceSport Federations!

I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to all members of the World DanceSport Federation which are interested in the establishment of the European DanceSport Union and elected me at to head the EDSU.

As the President of the Russian DanceSport Union I would like to assure you that Russia's position will remain unchanged with regards to the establishment of the European DanceSport Union. Russia is a big country which pays close attention to the sports culture and its popularization. Our Union is accredited by the Ministry of Sport of the Russian Federation that places confidence into the importance of sports development, including DanceSport, in Europe and all around the world.

Nowadays there is a clear understanding that the development of DanceSport is aimed at becoming a part of the Olympic family and this is not possible without the establishment of EDSU. Being supported by the Ministry of Sport of Russia and my colleagues – members of EDSU, I would like to reassure you in the rigidity of the decision regarding the establishment of Union and realization of future plans formulated at the EDSU Statutes, which are aimed at strengthening and further development of sporting traditions in Europe.

It was a surprise for us to find out that the representative of the Russian Federation Anastasia Titkova is a member of the WDSF Working Group, as we have never received a request or an invitation to delegate our representative from the WDSF. Moreover aims and goals of the above mentioned Commission remain totally unclear and in the view of the recent developments it seems that the Commission was established in order to make obstacle to the creation and development of the European DanceSport Union, without which, I have to note, becoming an

Olympic sport is virtually impossible.

It is not a secret that Russia hosts the highest amount of WDSF tournaments, and even recently we all believed that WDSF could bring our common dream to life and promote DanceSport into the Olympic program. From our side we have made fierce efforts to reach this aim during the last two years, but unfortunately became witnesses of wrong actions or even lack of any actions from the WDSF, what had led to a dramatic decrease of our chances to become an Olympic Sport in the near future.

It is well known, that WDSF authorities make efforts to include DanceSport into the program of the first European Olympic Games. The result is also well known – DanceSport is out of the list. Does it worth mentioning that only by joint efforts of all Federations and establishment of EDSU we will be able to fix and change the situation and reach our goal.

Notwithstanding the fact that we have had a lot of meeting with the WDSF President, to my regret we couldn't reach a positive result, therefore there was made a decision to organize EDSU in order to promote DanceSport in European countries.

According to EDSU Status the Union is an absolutely open organization which welcomes all interested partners.

However I am a bit confused with the idea of Mr Freitag to establish a similar European organization as this will only bring confusion and obviously will work against implementation of DanceSport into the Olympic movement.

I am convinced that WDSF will be able to accept the organization, established by the WDSF member-federations on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in Moscow, and will find an opportunity to build a constructive cooperation with EDSU.

*RDSU President*



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