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In knapp zwei Monaten finden in Zürich (OK-Präsident Leo Chin) die 42. Europameisterschaften der European Karate Federation statt. Vom 6.-8. Februar 2015 messen sich die besten Athletinnen und Athleten um die höchste Krone im europäischen Karatesport. Nach der glanzvollen Elite-Europameisterschaft 2011 in Zürich-Kloten, sowie den Junioren/Frauen Europameisterschaften 1986 in Sitten und den Elite Europameisterschaften 1978 in Genf wiederum ein Top-Event in der Schweiz. Zum ersten Mal wird dabei die Kategorie U21 als offizielle Europameisterschaft ausgetragen.

Programm

Freitag, 6. Februar: Kata Einzel alle Kategorien, Kumite U16 (Jugend)

Samstag, 7. Februar: Kata-Team, Kumite Junioren, **Eröffnungszereemonie**

Sonntag, 8. Februar: Kumite U21, Abschlussparty



Initial Greetings

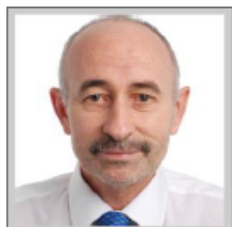


After having been in Zurich in the 2011 Senior EKF Championships, we all feel extremely satisfied to visit you again for these 42nd European Junior, Cadet and 7th U21 Championships. This event will inaugurate new competition categories approved in 2014 for the U21, and some changes in the competition rules that for sure will help to make the event better and more attractive

I take again this opportunity to recognize the work developed by the Swiss Karate Federation during these last years. For me it is a model of efficiency, responsibility, quality and well doing. It has always been a pleasure to work with the SKF, and in all the before mentioned I want to make a special mention to its President Rolland Zolliker, who has always made things easy inside a positive atmosphere of help and collaboration.

The celebration of this event in Switzerland is something well deserved by the Swiss Federation and I can say, without any doubt, that these 42nd European Junior, Cadet and 7th U21 Championships are going to be a new success of our sport in the Continent, a new success of the EKF Federation thanks to the inestimable contribution of one of its outstanding members as it is the Swiss Karate Federation.

Antonio Espinós
WKF PRESIDENT



Welcome to Zurich, Switzerland – a country looking back on a long tradition of karate.

The Swiss karate community and Switzerland as the host country of the forthcoming European Championships in February 2015 are looking forward to an outstanding event where many excellent athletes will gather to perform and compete. Karate as a sport has been established in our country in the early 60s.

Bernard Cherix, who introduced karate to Switzerland, was one of the founding members of today's European Karate Federation. The Swiss Karate Federation already held European Championships in Geneva in 1978, in Sion in 1986 and in Zurich in 2011. This fine tradition in addition to a highly motivated organizing committee provides a sound basis for a successful tournament.

The city of Zurich is located at the heart of Europe and is an important financial, cultural and social focal point of Switzerland. Its extraordinary geographic location on the northern shores of Lake Zurich, the lovely view of the Alps on the horizon, the various recreational areas nearby and its urban diversity and multicultural flair add to the many attractions the city has to offer.

We consider it an honour and a pleasure to host the European Karate Championships 2015, offering the cosmopolitan city of Zurich the chance to emphasize and strengthen its place in the world of karate once more. We all are looking forward to this and to an exciting and inspiring tournament.

Roland Zolliker

PRESIDENT OF THE SWISS KARATE FEDERATION



It all starts with movement – people meet, move, participate in sports, compete, organize tournaments. For a short moment, all that counts is to win or to lose. But in fact, what matters in the long run are the countless hours of exercise – sport as a continuous, repetitive and intense movement.

Karate consists mainly of a continuous repetition of certain movements. Concentration, precision, internalisation of sequences and physical training are the main focus. During a competition you can see clearly how many hours have been spent on training and whether the sequences have been internalized. The right movement makes all the difference – and for that you have to train hard.

During the European Karate Championships Juniors, Cadets & U21 2015 in Zurich more than 800 young competitors between the age of 14 and 20 are going to perform demanding katas which they have been practising for many hours and advanced kumite bouts for which they have had an intense training.

The ZKS – the Cantonal Association of Sports of Zurich, umbrella organisation of 60 sport associations, 2300 sport clubs with 345 000 sportsmen and sportswomen in the canton of Zurich wishes the young karatekas a competitive European Championship with fair play, joy and contentedness. We wish them during the whole training year stamina, the willingness to help each other and much enjoyment out of the movement.

We are hoping for an exciting and successful competition with enthusiastic spectators and sportsmen and sportswomen.

A very warm thank you to the organizing committee for getting the Championships into Zurich, the „Canton of Sport“, as well as for their commitment in organizing the European Karate Championships Juniors, Cadets & U21 2015.

With kindest regards

Yolanda Gottardi
CEO CANTONAL ASSOCIATION OF SPORTS OF ZURICH