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# focus on MUAYTHAI

PROMOTING THE BENEFITS OF THE SPORT OF MUAYTHAI  
AND PLANTING THE SEEDS FOR A SECURE FUTURE

## IOC Recognition Campaign Update

*“Muaythai towards highest sporting recognition”*

Recent months have been very exciting for Muaythai. The official launch of the campaign to achieve IOC recognition for Muaythai took place in Bangkok, Thailand. The Bangkok Convention Hall was packed to the brim with international dignitaries from around the globe. His Majesty the King of Thailand donated the “Kings Bhumibol” trophy for the event. Her Excellency the Prime Minister assigned His Excellency General Yuthasak Sasiprapha (Deputy Prime Minister and also the President of the National Olympic Committee of Thailand), to chair the event and she also donated a trophy for Female Muaythai

Some of the notable guests in attendance were:

- President of SportAccord, Mr Hein Verbruggen
- IOC Executive Board member and President of AIBA, Dr CK Wu
- President of the International World Games Association, Mr Ron Froehlich
- President of the World Muaythai Council, General Chetta Thanajaro
- IOC member for Thailand, Dr Nat Indrapana
- President of IFMA, Dr Sakchye Tapsuwan



- EMF General Secretary, Mr. Rafal Szlachta
- EMF Vice President EMF, Mr. Dmitry Putilin
- FAMA General Secretary, Mr. Mervyn Tan,
- FAMA Vice President, Dato’Shahnaz Azmi
- Uzbek super star and the golden voice of the official Muaythai anthem, Ms. Sevara Nazarkhan
- International celebrities Sonia Couling and Matthew Deane, hosting the event
- Representatives from over 30 embassies

Check out the official Souvenir Program at: <http://www.ifmamuaythai.org/muaythai-souvenir-program/>

## Muaythai Goes to The Emmy Awards!

Television’s highest honour has been bestowed on Muaythai. One of the top television series for Muaythai this year, *The Challenger Muaythai* has been nominated for an International Emmy Award as one of the top four shows in the category of “Non-Scripted Entertainment”. This November the world will be watching New York City for the Emmy Awards.



The nominees are:

- \* **The Amazing Race Australia**  
Australia
- \* **The Challenger Muaythai**  
Malaysia/Singapore
- \* **El Hormiguero (The Anthill)**  
Spain
- \* **Planeta Extremo (Extreme Planet)**  
Brazil



# 2012 IFMA World Championships

*Saint Petersburg, Russia ~ September 3rd-13th 2012*

The 2012 IFMA World Championships was an event of great skill and sportsmanship, magnified by an electrifying atmosphere. Hosted in the historic city of St. Petersburg, IFMA was greeted by a dazzling display of Russian culture. Around 2000 athletes, coaches and officials travelled to St. Petersburg for the World Championships this September.

Next October, St. Petersburg will host the 2013 SportAccord World Combat Games. The IFMA World Championships was a test event for the upcoming World Combat Games. The one year countdown has now begun, and anticipation is high!

To view results of this event, please visit : <http://www.ifmamuaythai.org/>

To view photos of this event, please visit the IFMA website World Championships 2012 Photo Gallery: <http://www.ifmamuaythai.org/photo-gallery-world-championships-2012-st-petersburg-russia/>



## 2012 IFMA General Meeting

St. Petersburg, Russia is a popular location this year for multiple sporting events and activities.

The IFMA Annual General Meeting took place during the World Championships, with over 100 countries attending. Some of the decisions made there will impact events slated to happen early next year as Muaythai Day 2013 on February 6th will include many activities throughout the week to compliment this special day.

## SportAccord Media Workshop

Representatives from the 15 Olympic and non-Olympic world-recognised combat sports federations descended upon the Park Inn Pribaltiyskaya Hotel this September.

A special workshop hosted by SportAccord and RUMA was held during the IFMA World Championships to promote the 013 World Combat Games. Topics dealt with how combat sports can improve media awareness, in order to more successfully promote their federations and sports.



# Malaysia Wins 2014 Bid!

## 2014 IFMA World Championships

Congratulations to Malaysia for winning the final bid for the IFMA World Championships 2014. This was awarded to the Malaysian Muaythai Association after a very impressive presentation by Mr Tony Nagamaiah, of the Malaysian Ministry of Tourism. The presentation featured Malaysia's inspired use of their "one world, one IFMA family" approach. The IFMA audience held their breath as Langkawi was presented as Malaysia's soon-to-be 'Muaythai island'. We look forward to working closely with Malaysia to create another great event!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Muaythai Day & IFMA World Cup**  
February 6-11, 2013  
Bangkok, Thailand
- **IFMA Junior World Championships**  
March 13-17, 2013  
Istanbul, Turkey
- **Arafura Games**  
May 11-18, 2013  
Darwin, Australia
- **Asian Indoor & Martial Arts Games**  
29 June - 6 July 2013  
Incheon, South Korea
- **SportAccord World Combat Games**  
October 18-26 2013  
St. Petersburg, Russia
- **SEA Games**  
December 11-22, 2013  
Myanmar

## MUAYTHAI DAY!

**February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

Annual Muaythai Day will be transformed this year into a spectacular celebratory event! Opening on Muaythai Day, the 6th of February, this special event will feature Wai Khru competitions, the best teams competing for the World Cup, referee and judge courses, and much more

Please contact us with any activities your federation or team has planned in honor of Muaythai Day.

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# Official Muaythai Anthem

*Performed by: Sevara Nazarkhan*

## **We Are Muaythai**

The science of eight  
Standing alone on the battlefield  
The promise of peace  
The promise of how to defend the weak  
Making a vow  
To the power of will  
Showing our skill  
Following through  
A fighter who's true never knows defeat

We are the art of heart and body - Muaythai  
Pride and honour we embody - Muaythai  
From a father to a son - Muaythai  
A spirit stronger than a gun - We Are Muaythai

Through wars and tears  
Unarmed but with love we train  
Showing no fear  
Knowing the years of joy and pain  
A hand in a glove  
Teaching our children to dare  
For one and for all  
Standing tall  
The art of eight limbs free and fair

We are the art of heart and body - Muaythai  
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