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**Report of the President at the
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Of Associated Wrestling Style (MCAWS "CMLA")**

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The Mediterranean Committee of Associated Wrestling Style "MCAWS" was created on August 10, 2008 during the Beijing Olympics, following FILA's Congress.

Its mandate was set to start from the Beijing Olympics in 2008 and come to an end at the London Olympics in 2012.

The MCAWS started gradually its activities early 2009. Various meetings were held in 2009.

- the first in Pescara on June 25, during the Mediterranean Games,
- the second in September during the World Championships in Herning
- and in Nice in November 2009 during the Deglane tournament.

As a result, it was decided to create a Mediterranean championship in three styles for senior category athletes; Turkey accepted to host the first championship of the Mediterranean countries which took place in Istanbul in may 2010.

14 countries were represented and 140 wrestlers competed. The meeting held during this event allowed member countries to establish the rules of the championships, create a newsletter and validate the amount of the contribution of countries and the different fees.

The following activities were conducted in 2010 by the MCAWS:

- 1st Mediterranean games held in Istanbul in may
- in June, it was represented in Egypt during the African Championship held in Cairo,
- In July it held a board meeting in Budapest during which the championship rules, the entry and membership fees, and the venue schedule were validated.
- In October, the MCAWS participated in a meeting with CALA and the Arab Union for the establishment of a form of technical and political solidarity cooperation.

The MCAWS held an office meeting in February 12, 2011 in Istanbul with among other items: the organization of the second championship that was to take place in Egypt, the establishment of coordination CALA - Arab Union - MCAWS and the Committee's financial situation due to political events in Egypt, the second championships were finally held in Budva Montenegro in June 2011, with the participation of 13 countries and 130 wrestlers.



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The third championships were held in Larissa Greece in May 2012, 15 countries were represented with over 160 athletes. A General Assembly of countries took place during the championship which highlighted Libya's membership application, the Committee's finances, the implementation schedule, the organization of the 4th championships and the elective General Assembly.

15 countries attended these championships. 19 other countries had expressed their wish to participate in Larissa Championships but economic and political difficulties prevented from coming.

Future organizations will set a target number of participating countries, explain why the dates of the MCAWS venues must be set well in advance to be integrated in FILA calendar, establish accessible financial participating conditions, organize a referee training session (more than 36 referees were trained in Larissa), maintain the organization of an open session before the championship coaching FILA-MCAWS course.

All Mediterranean championships were held in excellent conditions with media coverage, strong community and government organizations involvement but also with a spirit of solidarity of the Mediterranean union with its own cultural identity and approach.



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We will always remember those early organizations and we are convinced that senior championship must remain a priority of the MCAWS and it must be scheduled well in advance, between May and late June

The fourth championships could not take place in Alexandria Egypt in June 2013 for various reasons, late schedule, economic and political difficulties.

For 2013 we chose the formula of organizing cadet and junior categories Mediterranean championships to enable our young people to discover the Mediterranean region. But this event will not be in competition with the Mediterranean Games of Mersin. This formula for young people must be associated with a youth camp for cultural and sports exchanges. This young formula must take into account the school holiday periods.

At each championship, a preparatory meeting and a meeting is usually held. Office Meeting or executive committees shall be held during the continental championships (Europe and Africa), and / or during the World Championships, to validate the organization of events and their schedule.

A process of lobbying, communication was made during these phases with the creation of the confederation MCAWS - CALA – Arab Associated Wrestling Union. Its aim was to create a dynamic development. The newsletter, in place since May 2010, has released more than 7 numbers, and is an essential document and an information link between the countries of the Mediterranean.

A page on the FILA website is dedicated to MCAWS which completes the newsletter are archives all important documents: the results of the Mediterranean championship, newsletters, and reports ... Do not forget to create the logo of MCAWS

The MCAWS includes presently 25 countries.

First half of 2010 a MCAWS account was created at Credit Suisse related to FILA accounts. The passage from Credit Suisse to UBS was made in December 2012 at the request of the President of FILA. This approach increases the administrative operation but strengthens its management.

The financial operations of the MCAWS were borne in 2010 by the membership fees or 300 € per country, the engagement fee of 30€ per wrestlers to the championships, the organization fee of 500€ per style. The operating budget for the Olympics is 17.5 k € for products and 15.5 K € expensed. In a context of full financial year, the annual operating budget is 10 k € and product support on the basis of a single championship. Note that the collection of various taxes is 80%. An effort should be made for the membership fee as only 40% of member countries have paid.

The accommodation tax was set at 40€, it met one of our priorities; provide access to the largest number of countries. Note that the MCAWS as the hosts were involved in the operation and smooth functioning of the championship through financially supporting the teams or refunding commitments.



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The commitments to be taken for the next term are organizing a summer youth center or Mediterranean training camp for the preparation of wrestlers (itinerary or permanent camp in a country), the organization of a university of the Mediterranean Sea that has a social purpose education and sports (combining the teaching of Wrestling, a coaches training, leadership approach with administrative procedures managements and management, a health and hygiene training combining diet).

Another commitment we have not dealt with is looking for an economic partnership, media communication about this matter despite significant efforts that were made, particularly in Greece.

To conclude this report I would like to thank

- All the countries that have organized the Mediterranean championships namely, the Turkish Federation, the Federation of Montenegro and the Hellenic Federation.
- All countries that have participated in one or more championships. Note that 20 countries participated in the championships
- Our General Secretary M. Michel Dusson, FILA and the President of CALA Ibnou Mohamed Zahir who encouraged, supported and carried forward the creation of the Mediterranean Committee of Associated Wrestling Styles

I will not forget to thank leaders, volunteers and athletes for this passion that drove us, we people of the Mediterranean.

I remember the different logos used by the host countries which symbolize this passion, this common culture.

Mediterranean wrestling friendship (GRE)

Mediterranean wrestling unity (MNE) ,

Mediterranean is wrestling (TUR)

The championship of the Mediterranean countries is expected to become a key event of the FILA calendar.

The Mediterranean Committee of Associated Wrestling is a large bridge between three continents, Europe, Asia and Africa.

25 countries were at the origin of this unique gathering. Crossroad of cultures, economic area, and the Mediterranean union reinforces the old ties that unite, around the universal and humanistic values of Olympism, all the populations of the countries bordering the Mediterranean.

Wrestling is a beautiful sport and, with the help of the national federations, we can actively participate in the construction of peace in this beautiful region that is the Mediterranean.

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