

Candidate Statement

Thomas Griesbaum

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Ever since I took up flying disc sports I have taken part in organizing the sport, both nationally in Germany and internationally in Europe (EFDF) and worldwide (WFDF). From 2003 through 2005 I attended the annual Sportaccord (assembly of international world sports federations, incl. IOC) as representative of WFDF and as part of my tasks as Technical Delegate for Flying Disc sports at the 7th World Games in Duisburg, Germany, in 2005. Currently, I consult the membership administrator of the Deutscher Frisbeesport Verband. As such I have gained ample experience at all work levels within disc sports volunteer organizations.

I think with this experience I would be able to represent European views and interests within the Executive Committee of WFDF.

I still play at a few Ultimate tournaments every year and try to go and visit European Ultimate Championships or World Championships when hosted in Europe. I was a staff member at the 2000 WFDF World Ultimate Championships and the 2010 WFDF World Junior Championships, both in Heilbronn, Germany. Also, through my early days of playing Flying Disc Freestyle and Disc Golf, I still have interest and (local) ties with these sports, e.g. with the local organizing committee of the 2015 FPA Freestyle World Championships in Karlsruhe. As such, I would say that I have a good knowledge of what the athletes of our sport want from WFDF.

WFDF is in the process of setting up continental Flying Disc associations, e.g. the newly founded Asian Flying Disc Association. My decade long experience with the European Flying Disc Federation might be of good help for the founding of further continental associations.

In my home office I am technically fully equipped for the tasks of a WFDF Secretary with PCs, printers, phone, fax, mobile (smart) phone, and broadband internet connection. Also, I have decent knowledge about creating and maintaining web pages and about usage of Web 2.0 networks (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Google+).

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