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Great participation expected for Bremen 2014

The online registration of athletes for the 22nd World Senior Championships in Bremen has now closed and the names of the participants are disclosed.

Over the next week, all karate eyes will turn to Bremen, Germany. From Wednesday 5th to Sunday 9th of November, around 900 athletes from at least 107 nations will compete to become the new World Karate Champions of one of the 16 existing categories.

In individual categories, 8 champions of the last edition in Paris two years ago, will fight to hold on to their title of world champions, namely **Alexandra Recchia** (France, Fem -50Kg), **Lucie Ignace** (France, Fem -55Kg), **Kayo Someya** (Japan, Fem -68Kg), **Nadège Ait Ibrahim** (France, Fem +68Kg), **Antonio Diaz** (Venezuela, Male Kata), **Magdy Hanafy** (Egypt, Male -67Kg), **Luigi Busa** (Italy, Male -75 Kg) and **Enes Erkan** (Turkey, Male +84Kg).

Along with the reigning World Champions, most of the Grand Winners of 2014 season will also be present in Bremen. The French **Alexandra Recchia** is the only athlete with both titles. The other Grand Winners, **Sara Cardin**, (Italy, Fem -55Kg), **Anita Serogina** (Ukraine, Fem -61Kg), **Inga Sheroziya** (Russia, Fem -61Kg), **Helena Kuusisto** (Finland, Fem +68Kg), **Vu Duc Minh Dack** (France, Male Kata), **Luca Maresca** (Italy, Male -60Kg), **Dome Szegedi** (Hungary, Male -67Kg), **Stanislav Horuna** (Ukraine, Male -75kg) and **Berat Jakupi** (FYR of Macedonia, Male -84Kg), will thus fight to win their first world title in the senior category. Their successes all along the year in major events point them out as favorites of their respective categories.

Reigning champions and Grand Winners will however face fierce competition in all categories, with between 45 and 74 competitors depending on the category.

Hosts Germany included a full team of 22 athletes, including **Jonathan Horne**, (Male +84Kg and Male Team Kumite), four time European champion and European Team Champion in 2012; but also **Maria Weiß** and **Silvia Sperner**, world champions of the Female Kumite Team. Two local competitors from the Bremen region will also participate, **Andreas Bachmann** (from Bremerhaven) and **Oliver Henning** (from Bremen). They both are European Male Team Champions (2012).

The World Karate Championships will take place in Bremen for the first time and in Germany (after Munich 2000) for the second time. About 600 volunteers and helpers will support these Karate World Championships. From all over Germany, but also from abroad they have stepped forward to support the largest event in the history of German Karate Federation.

The complete list of registered athletes and further detailed information can be found on the dedicated section of the World Senior Championships on the WKF website:

<http://www.wkf.net/world-championships-main/senior/> or on the official website of the event: www.karate2014.de

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