TO THE MEMBERS OF FIFA

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World Masters Games

Dear Sir or Madam,

Following the decision of the Executive Committee at its meeting on 29 September 2009 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to support the inclusion of futsal in the inaugural World Winter Masters Games to be held in Bled, Slovenia, from 25 to 31 January 2010, we are pleased to provide you with the following information related to the World Masters Games.

The International Masters Games Association was founded by international sports federations, and is recognised by the International Olympic Committee. The organisation encourages mature athletes from all over the world to practice sports regularly, with the awareness that competitive sport can continue throughout life and improve personal fitness.

FIFA is pleased with the inclusion of futsal on the programme for the World Winter Masters Games and would like to encourage its members to participate in the event. If you are interested in registering for the Games, or would like to receive additional information, please visit www.2010mastersgames.com or refer to the attached leaflet.

Yours faithfully,

FIFA

[Signature]

Jérôme Valcke
Secretary General

cc: - FIFA Executive Committee
    - Confederations
    - International Masters Games Association
With its beautiful natural surroundings, **BLED** is a jewel among the Alpine resorts. The lake with its island, unspoiled nature just few steps away, historical sights, many sport and cultural activities are just few attractions that impress the visitors of Bled. 

The city of Bled has hosted many international and national sport events. The vicinity of the hotels and restaurants as well as to the capital Ljubljana enable athletes the best conditions.

**You have the opportunity to have an Olympic style experience!**

Athletes from the whole world will come to the beautiful town of Bled and compete at the first World Winter Masters Games. Everyone can join the Games – recreational sportsmen, former Olympic or World champions, sport lovers or winter enthusiasts, the only criteria is an age limit of 25 years.

Futsal will be taking place in several different locations in Kranj, Bled and Kranjska Gora.

**KRAJN** is cultural, historic and university town in North West part of Slovenia. The restored old houses and squares in the city center are great to visit in the winter and summer time. The town is perfect starting point for many tourist attractions and is only 20 minutes away from the capital Ljubljana and 20 minutes from Bled.

Small but beautiful town **KRANJSKA GORA** in Julian Alps is surrounded with ski slopes and cross-country skiing trails. Amazing nature like Lake Jasna, source of Sava River and Tamar Valley is what gives special feeling to this winter pearl.

International federations, among which also belongs the International Football Federation (FIFA), under the International Masters Games Association have decided to offer master sportsmen around the world the opportunity to compete in their favourite winter sport and feel the excitement of big sport events.

**You can still register! These are the Games for you!**
World Winter Masters Games will be held for the first time between 25 and 31 January 2010 in Bled, Slovenia and are unique possibility for you to get an "olympic style" experience and feel the excitement of the biggest sports events in the world.

Games include competition in Alpine Skiing (Kranjska Gora), Cross Country Skiing and Biathlon (Pokljuka), Ski Jumping (Krannj and Tržič), Ice Hockey (Bled, Jesenice and Krannj) and as presentation sport also Indoor Football or Futsal which will be held in eight different sports hall around Bled.

World Winter Masters Games are run under the International Masters Games Association IMGA recognized by International Olympic Committee. Founders of IMGA and consequently the World Winter Masters Games are International federations among others also FIS, IIHF, IBU and FIFA whose sport disciplines are on the program of the Games.

More then 2,000 people from 42 countries already registered to be part of this season biggest winter event for recreational athletes. By now more then 500 alpine skiers, around 400 cross-country skiers, 200 ski jumpers, 100 competitors in biathlon and over 30 Ice hockey teams have registered to have "Olympic" style experience. In addition futsal teams from many countries decided to register.

**Participation**

World Winter Masters Games are for everyone regardless of the level of the sports proficiency. The only criteria are the age group, as you have to be older than 25 years until 31 December 2009.

There are no national teams, you are representing only your self and you can enter individually to this event.

**Sports & Venues**

Futsal in Kranjska Gora, Radovljica, Kranj (3 locations), Šenčur, Cerklije.

The distances between the venues are from 5 to 35 minutes.

**Program**

Tournament

Teams are playing minimum 3 matches in a group. Quarter final and semi-final matches are played according to the number of teams. Final matches.

Playing time is:

- 25+, 30+ 2 x 30 min
- 35+, 40+ 2 x 25 min
- 45+, 50+ 2 x 20 min
- 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+ 2 x 15 min

Halftime 10 minutes.

Detailed program will be issued as soon as possible.

**Age Categories**

25+, 30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, ...

Age category according to the age of the youngest player.

Minimum 7 and maximum 12 athletes per team.

Age as off December 31, 2009.

**Registration**

There are three ways to register:

1. Register online at [www.2010mastersgames.com](http://www.2010mastersgames.com)
2. Send your complete registration form with the proof of payment to fax number +386 4 279 19 05.
   
   Your registration could be paid by bank transfer or money order.
3. Mail your complete registration form to:
   
   SI SPORT Ltd, Poslovna cuna A37, 4208 Šenčur, Slovenia, Europe.
   
   Your registration could be paid by bank transfer or money order.

For any corrections on your previous registration please contact: [info@2010mastersgames.com](mailto:info@2010mastersgames.com)

**Registration fee:**

Team entry fee 500 EUR
Payment
Bank: SKB Banka d.d. Ljubljana
Account number: 03126-1061223446
Swift code: SKBASI2X
IBAN: SI56031261061223446
Beneficiary: SI SPORT d.o.o., Poslovna cona A37, 4208 Šenčur, Slovenia, Europe
- All commissions and charges for payment are payable by the client order (terms of commission: OUR).
- Proof of payment should be attached to the entry form.
- Please do not register more than once!

Important dates
25 December 2009 Because so many athletes still wants to be part of one of the biggest event and have “Olympic” style experience the deadline for registration have been extended.

Social
World Winter Masters Games are all about meeting sportsmen from the whole world and having fun also when not competing. The accompanying program in Bled will be available for competitors as well as for the masters’ family and friends.
Opening ceremony will be held on January 25 in Bled, closing ceremony will be held on January 30 in Kranjska Gora. Everyone will be invited and will have the possibility to end successful Games with a great party.
During the week also special gatherings will be organized in Kranj or Bled.

Accommodation
Organizing committee offers special rates for participants and accompanying people. Wide variety of hotels for every pocket are available at the www.2010mastersgames.com. Book your room directly at accommodations.2010mastersgames.com or send request to info@2010mastersgames.com.
Accommodations to ski jumpers will be in Kranj, reservations thru organization.

Special prices for groups:
3% for 1 - 9 people
5% for 10 – 19 people
10% for 20 people and more

All prices are per room
HOSTEL KRANJ**
Hostel Kranj is a hostel near the centre of Kranj, close to central bus station (walking distance) and by one of the futsal arenas in Kranj. Basically equipped rooms are clean and prepared for new sportsmen. Close by (around 5 minutes walk) is also grocery store and a bar.

- Price per person per night with breakfast in double room: 18 EUR
- Price per person per night with breakfast in triple room: 16 EUR

HOTEL MARINŠEK***
Hotel Marinšek is a brand new hotel which is located near main highway Jesenice – Ljubljana, 12 km from Airport Joze Pucnik Ljubljana and just 5 km away from city Kranj. Comfortably equipped rooms and additional offers like Wellness and bowling make stay even more interesting. At the hotel is also a well known restaurant with Slovenian and international cuisine.

- Price per person per night with breakfast in double room: 31 EUR
- Price per person per night with breakfast in single room: 41 EUR

HOTEL CREINA***
Renovated hotel in center of Kranj, 5 minutes drive from ski jumping hills in Kranj and 15 minutes drive to Trzic. Hotel has also own restaurant and café bar and is in walking distance to all tourist attractions in Kranj.

- Price per person per night with breakfast in double room: 40 EUR
- Price per person per night with breakfast in single room: 60 EUR

HOTEL KOKRA****
Hotel Kokra is situated in Brdo – the Slovenian protocol area and offers guests high standard rooms. Hotel is surrounded with nature and is therefore amazing place for relaxation and pleasant stay.

- Price per person per night with breakfast in double room: 70 EUR
- Price per person per night with breakfast in single room: 90 EUR

Transportation
Transportation from airport to hotels as well as to venues will be organized for affordable prices.

Organizer
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# Registration Form

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**By filling out and submitting the application form, I grant my permission to the organizer to process and use the stated information for direct marketing purposes. I declare that the information I have supplied is true and correct. Furthermore, I declare that I am healthy, prepared in every aspect to participate in the competition, and that my physical fitness level is appropriate for the competition which I am entering. I agree to follow the organizer's instructions and to compete at my own risk. I declare that I will not file any claims or lawsuits against the organizer for any injury, loss, or damage which may arise in consequence of participation in this event. I agree that the information I have supplied can be used by the mass media and that material relating to this event on which I am featured, including, but not limited to, photographs, films, videos, and interviews, can be used without my asking for any kind of reimbursement.**

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