



# UNITED WORLD WRESTLING OCEANIA

## 2017 Oceania Wrestling Annual Report

Part I. The following report summarizes activities for the Oceania Wrestling Council that took place in 2017.

- I. On Thursday, March 09, 2017, the Oceania Wrestling Council held its Annual General Assembly in Pirae, Tahiti. Election of executive committee officers and executive members, to serve for the next Olympiad, were held and the results are as follows:

Executive Officers:

- Mr. Antonio I. Aquino (GUM) - President
- Mrs. Marlene Pouri-Lane (NZL) - Vice President
- Mr. Clark Graham (FSM) - Secretary
- Mr. Brian Stannet (NZL) - Treasurer (\*Co-optive member)

Executive Members:

- Mr. Brown Nataua (KIR)
- Mr. John Tarkong Jr. (PLW)
- Mr. John Saul (AUS)
- Mr. Ethan Lake (ASA)

- II. The Oceania Wrestling Council held one event and participated in six United World Wrestling sanctioned international events. The following summarizes the list of international events that wrestlers and federations from Oceania participated in:

- a. January 17–19, 2017 – Klippan Lady Open in Klippan, Sweden
- b. March 08–10, 2017 – Oceania Championship in Pirae, Tahiti (*photo a*)
- c. June 03–04, 2017 – Grand Prix of Germany in Dormagen, Germany
- d. August 01–06, 2017 – Junior World Championship in Tampere, Finland
- e. August 20–25, 2017 – Senior World Championship in Paris, France
- f. September 04–10, 2017 – Cadet World Championship in Athens, Greece
- g. September 18–26, 2017 – 5th Asian Indoor & Martial Arts Games Ashgabat, Turkmenistan (*photo b*)
- h. November 21 –26, 2017 – U23 World Championship in Bydgoszcz, Poland



Photo a - 2017 Oceania Championship — Pirae, Tahiti



Photo b - 2017 Asian Indoor & Martial Arts Games — GUM  
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### Part II. Development

- I. Athlete Development Programs — To help promote wrestling in Oceania and replenish each country's national team ranks for future teams, Oceania Wrestling invests a great deal of time and effort working closely with United World Wrestling to promote grassroots programs and works toward providing more opportunities for the development of our region's youth wrestlers.

a. More than Medals Camp. United World Wrestling conducted the More than Medals Camp for Asia and Oceania in Sukhothai, Thailand on July 24, 2017 to August 02, 2017. Wrestlers from Asia and Oceania who met the Youth Olympic Games age criteria participated in the ten day camp and had the opportunity to learn from four time Olympic Gold Medalist Kaori Icho of Japan and three time World Champion Martine Dugrenier of Canada. Topics covered ranged from wrestling technique to health and wellness tips. Additionally, participants learned strength and conditioning exercises using wrestling equipment from wrestling master educator Ivan Ivanov of Suples, Ltd. Overall the camp was a major success with fifty-two athletes representing sixteen countries participating in this development opportunity (*photo c*).



Photo c - 2017 UWW More than Medals Camp — Sukhothai, Thailand

- II. Senior Athlete Development — To address the development of our region's senior athletes, Oceania Wrestling worked closely with United World Wrestling and provided training camp opportunities aimed at advancing our elite wrestlers leading up to competitions.

a. Women's Elite Camp. United World Wrestling's Elite Women's Camp offered our female elite athletes the opportunity to undergo long term training in Finland. The training camp focused on providing our region's elite female wrestlers the ability to train alongside other world level elite athletes on a daily basis. Athletes received structured training by United World Wrestling certified coaches.

b. Senior World Championship Training Camp. Leading up to the 2017 Senior World Championship in Paris, France, United World Wrestling hosted a training camp for athletes participating in the World Championship. Athletes from Oceania had the opportunity to fine tune their technique by UWW certified coaches, and most importantly were able to practice with other world level wrestlers from around the world.



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III. Education – To aid the effort to improve the quality of wrestling in our region, Oceania Wrestling worked closely with United World Wrestling’s development department to promote the development of coaches and referees through instructional courses aimed at improving each participants’ overall knowledge in wrestling techniques and rules. As a result, the following summarizes the development programs for coaches and referees that took place in 2017.

a. Referee Course: A referee course was conducted as part of the scheduled program for the Oceania Championship on March 05 – 10, 2017 in Pirae, Tahiti. The course was conducted by a United World Wrestling Referee Educator and provided each participant with the opportunity to receive lessons covering wrestling rules and technical scoring situations.

b. Level I Coaches Course: United World Wrestling held a Level I coaching course for coaches from Asia and Oceania as part of the program events during the More than Medals Camp in Sukhothai, Thailand on July 24 – August 02, 2017. Coaches received instructions from United World Wrestling Educators. Instruction provided afforded each attending coach the opportunity to improve their overall knowledge in technique, training, rules, and the preservation of athletes. The program was a success with twenty-eight coaches attending the Level I course.

c. UWW Coaching Educator Course: On November 03–13, 2017 United World Wrestling held its first Coaching Educator Course in Manchester, England. An open call for each Oceania member federation to submit their nominees to attend the course was extended and only two federations submitted their nominees. Mr. Matthew Aquino from Guam and Mr. Larry Uwelur from FSM were selected to attend the educator course. Both individuals successfully completed the course and are now certified UWW Coaching Educators (photo d).



Photo d - 2017 UWW Coaching Educator Course — Manchester, UK

IV. Meetings – To help build positive rapport with key members of Regional NOC’s, Regional Sports Federations, and member federations of United World Wrestling, UWW - Oceania attended key meetings that were crucial in laying the foundation for development of wrestling in the Oceania.

a. ONOC Annual General Assembly / OSFO Workshops: On March 28 – April 01, 2017 UWW - Oceania President, Mr. Antonio I. Aquino and UWW Oceania RDO, Mr. Ilai Manu attended the the ONOC Annual General Assembly in Nadi, Fiji. Attending this event proved to be beneficial in promoting wrestling to member NOC’s in the region and restarting relationship with NOC’s that once had wrestling programs. As part of the events, Mr. Aquino attended the OSFO workshops and was able successfully represent





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UWW - Oceania Wrestling as the newly elected president for the regional wrestling federation (photo e).



Photo e - 2017 ONOC AGA / OSFO Workshop — Nadi, Fiji

b. UWW Bureau Meeting: On August 20–25, 2017 UWW–Oceania President, Mr. Antonio I. Aquino attended the bureau meeting in Paris, France. The overall meeting was a successful event in that Mr. Aquino was able to gain valuable insight on rules, events, and decisions that affect the wrestling world and how such changes and decisions relates to the Oceania Region. Mr. Aquino was also able to network with other bureau members with the primary objective of creating opportunities for development of athletes in Oceania (photo f).

c. UWW Development Commission Meeting: On August 24, 2017 UWW–Oceania President, Mr. Antonio I. Aquino attended the UWW Development Meeting. The meeting afforded Mr. Aquino the opportunity to introduce himself as the newly elected president of Oceania. More importantly, the meeting allowed Mr. Aquino to present his vision for Oceania and things needed to help develop member federations and athletes in Oceania (photo g).



Photo f - 2017 UWW Bureau Meeting — UWW Oceania & UWW Americas



Photo g - 2017 UWW Development Commission Meeting

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Antonio I. Aquino".

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