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Dear Members and other interested parties

False rumours and incorrect information concerning the IDSF and international competition eligibility appears to be circulating among some dance circles within New Zealand. This press release provides the correct information.

Myth One:

“The IDSF is preventing couples from dancing in Blackpool and the UK Internationals.”

These championships are open to the World and are neither IDSF nor WDC events. The IDSF does not prevent IDSF athletes from attending these events. It is true that the Italian and Russian national governing bodies prevent athletes reflecting a rivalry between these two nations and the UK. This is not within the jurisdiction of IDSF to control and is not IDSF policy.

Myth Two:

“DanceSport New Zealand prevents couples from dancing in Blackpool.”

DanceSport New Zealand endorses the right of any New Zealand dancer to compete in these championships. Every officer and delegate of DanceSport New Zealand personally supports this position and encourages every dancer to aspire to compete at this and other significant international championships.

In future, if you are confronted with disconcerting information concerning DanceSport New Zealand, its officers or delegates, or the IDSF itself, we welcome requests for information. You can learn more about the IDSF by visiting their website: www.idsf.net. As DanceSport New Zealand continues its development we intend to implement at our AGM in March 2010 a communication policy and launch a national website to ensure our members are kept well informed.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William Joyce".

William Joyce
President