

Oceania Weightlifting Federation News

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OCEANIA WEIGHTLIFTING FEDERATION PRESIDENT SPEAKS AT THE UNITED NATIONS

The OWF President H.E. Marcus Stephen, recently addressed the Debate at the 63rd session of the United Nations General Assembly. Marcus spoke very strongly on environmental issues and global warming which has big implications for the Pacific Islands region.

We wish Marcus all the very best in his endeavour to take his country back to economic sustainability. It appears that he is applying the same principles of commitment, discipline and perseverance as he did during his illustrious career as an athlete. Marcus won 7 gold and 5 silver medals at the Commonwealth Games, silver medal at the World Championships and was 13 times Oceania Champion. He competed at three Olympic Games and four Commonwealth Games.



He is presently a member of the IWF Executive Board.

3RD COMMONWEALTH YOUTH GAMES, PUNE- INDIA



The 3rd Commonwealth Youth Games (weightlifting) was held in Pune, India on October 13-17. Twenty-five countries took part in the weightlifting event of which eleven came from the Oceania region.

Fiji came out on top in the medal tally from the region by winning one gold and one silver medal. The gold went to Manueli Tulo in the 56kg category with a 219kg total whilst the silver went to Maria Liku in the 58kg category with a total of 154kg. Samoa won one gold medal with Mary Opeloge in the 69kg category with a total of 191kg. Whilst Nauru finished up with a bronze medal in the 48kg category with Utako Aliklik totaling 128kg.

The next games will be held in 2011 in the Isle of Man.

2008 COMMONWEALTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, LIMASSOL- CYPRUS

The 2008 Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships for Seniors and Juniors will be held in Cyprus on December 3rd–7th. The final entries have come out and they can be viewed on the Oceania weightlifting website www.oceaniaweightlifting.com Twenty countries are taking part.

2009 IWF WORLD CUP, MONT DORE- NEW CALEDONIA

The 2009 IWF World Cup which was scheduled for January 14th–18th in New Caledonia has now been postponed to May 3rd–7th, 2009. The reason for this was that the OWF Institute building in Mont Dore –New Caledonia would not be fully completed by the Opening Ceremony in January. Therefore the IWF has decided to postpone the World Cup to the month of May, in order that the Institute is fully completed.