



Bulgaria out to bring home the medals



by Mark Buckton

Whilst the 2007 Sumo World Championship has thus far largely been a mixed bag of absences coupled with limited attendances, Bulgaria have recently signalled their intent in the event by submitting to SFM an official press release list of the athletes they will be taking to Thailand - both in the senior and junior classifications.

For those after more info on this major amateur sumo nation, visit their homepage at:

www.sumobg.com and head back to Sumo Fan Magazine in the days ahead of the tournament to see an interview with Executive Director of the Bulgarian Sumo Federation, Liliana Kaneva (pictured).

Bulgarian participants:

Stiliyan Georgiev, cat. – 85 kg and team competition: Champion World Cup; 2 times World vice-champion and 2 times World bronze medalist; 4 times European champion, 5 times European vice-champion and 4 times European bronze medalist.

Todor Dzhurov, cat. - 115 kg and

team competition: 2 times World vice-champion and World bronze medalist; World Cup vice-champion and bronze medalist; 2 times European champion, 3 times European vice-champion and 4 times European bronze medalist.

Petar Stoyanov, cat. + 115 kg and team competition: 2 times World vice-champion, 3 times World bronze medalist; 8 times European champion, 4 times European vice-champion and 7 times European bronze medalist.

Hristo Hristov, cat. Open and team competition: 2 times World vice-champion and World bronze medalist; European vice-champion and European bronze medalist.

Galina Ivanova, cat. - 80 kg and team competition: World vice-champion and World bronze medalist; European bronze medalist.

Tsvetana Bozhilova, cat. + 80 kg and team competition: 5 times European bronze medalist; World vice-champion and 2 times World bronze medalist.

Rumen Iliev, cat. – 80 kg and team

competition (Juniors): 5th place European championship (cadets), 2007.

Radoslav Atanasov, cat. – 100 kg and team competition (Juniors): European bronze medalist (cadets), 2007.

Ivan Kachakov, cat. + 100 kg and team competition (Juniors): European vice-champion (cadets), 2007.



Liliana Kaneva