WFDF Youth and Sport Commission

Role of the WFDF Youth and Sport Commission:

- to advise the WFDF Board of Directors on Youth and Sport issues
- to co-ordinate efforts to increase global participation of young people in Flying Disc sports
- to develop ideas and initiatives to promote and develop Flying Disc sports for young people on all continents
- to deliver advocacy on youth questions in Flying Disc sports

Nelli Andersson - First introduced to Ultimate in 1987, Nelli Andersson competed in her first Swedish national championship in 1989, and has since competed at the national, continental and international levels. From 2002 to 2004 and from 2009 to 2012, she coached the Under 20 Women's team representing **Sweden**, and is currently coach of the Under 23 Women's team. Andersson served as secretary of the Carnegie Ultimate Sports Club for ten years and as a board member for the Swedish Frisbeesport Federation from 2002-2003. *A* journalist, Andersson is employed as a communications officer at Chalmers University of Technology, department of Computer Science and Engineering.

Tiina Booth – In 1992 Tiina Booth founded the Amherst Invitational, the oldest high school Ultimate tournament in the United States. Co-author (with Michael Baccarini) of the *book* *Essential Ultimate* published in 2006, Booth serves as coach of the boys' varsity Ultimate team at Amherst High School where she was instrumental in obtaining "varsity sport" status for the sport – one of the few high schools in the **USA** with such a designation. A three time national and four time regional champion in the US, ARHS is also a perennial contender for the Spirit Award at any tournament they attend. In 1998 Booth co-founded the Junior National Ultimate Championship and coached the US Juniors National team at the World Championships in 1998, 2000, and 2004, bringing home two gold medals and one bronze. In 2001 Booth began the National Ultimate Training Camp, the oldest high school overnight camp in the country and in 2007 she founded the Ultimate Coaches and Players Conference with George Cooke. Booth retired three years ago as an English teacher at Amherst Regional High School, after 23 years of teaching. Her current passions include sports psychology and its application to the game of Ultimate; she offers mental toughness clinics to coaches of ultimate and other sports.

Eric Delafortrie – A Frisbee player for more than three decades and founder of the team Funkadelic (now called Jester), Eric Delafortrie served as co-chair of the 1988 World Ultimate and Guts Championships in Leuven, **Belgium**, the same year in which he began coaching at the youth level. He remained as coach of Belgian juniors until 2012. He has recently relocated to the United States.

Mark Kendall – Since founding the Ultimate team at North Texas State University in 1981, Mark Kendall has competed and won at the highest levels in both the **USA** and **Germany**. He organized and coached the Stuttgart University team from 1988 until 1991, when he then founded the Junior Team "The Kids" in Massenbach. Named as player/coach of the German National Team from 1986 to 1988, he has concentrated since that time on workshops for junior coaches and school teachers in Germany, helping others to get organized to provide juniors the opportunity to play Ultimate at tournaments, training camps and the local community. He has served as tournament director for German and World Ultimate championship events, and currently serves as a member of the European Ultimate Federation Youth sub-committee. He is currently employed at plant controller at Emhart Teknologies – Tucker, a Stanley Black & Decker Inc. Company.

Dario Lucisano – A member of the Board of the Italian Flying Disc Federation since 2010, Dario Lucisano also serves as chair of the Junior Committee and as coordinator and coach of the Junior National teams of **Italy**. In addition to serving as President of the Padova Ultimate Frisbee Club and captain and coach of an open team and coach of a junior beach Ultimate team, he has taught Ultimate to students ages 14-18 in physical education classes since 2009. Lucisano has served as Spirit chair of the European Ultimate Federation since October 2012 and teaches math and physics in Padova.

Romano Ludovic – A member of the French Flying Disc Federation since 2007, Romano Ludovic has served as director and manager of the junior national teams of **France** since 2008. He has competed as an athlete (mixed and open) at the national, European and World Championship level since 2005. Since 2010 Ludovic has been employed as departmental director union national school sport – Loire atlantique – Nantes where he organizes school sporting events for more than 1,000 children.

Prof. Fumio Morooka – A member of the WFDF Board since 1992, Fumio Morooka has also served a president of the **Japan** Flying Disc Federation since 2009. A SportAccord Council member from 2009 to 2011, he has been a positive force in efforts to enhance the recognition of disc sports within the greater international sports community, including the addition of Flying Disc sports in the IWGA World Games for which he served as executive director and technical director for disc sports first participation in the 2001 World Games in Akita. Professor and chair of the Department of Health and Physical Education at Sophia University in Tokyo, Morooka is also a Board member for the Japan Olympic Academy, executive director of the Japan World Games Association, a Board member of the Japanese Society of Life-long Sports as well as numerous other sports and leisure associations in Japan.

Luis Rodriguez – Since 2003 Luis Rodriguez has been actively directing programs in **Colombia** using Ultimate as tool for developing life skills and to promote peaceful co-existence and solve disputes through sport. As founder and director of Project Play Colombia, he has facilitated programs in more than ten cities reaching people ages 12-35. Rodriguez also serves as director and field coordinator for Metamoros Corporation, a program which works with the children from the families of injured or deceased soldiers and policemen and helps them develop team skills for peace building and community development. He has competed with, coached and managed numerous teams at the local (including high school and college programs using Ultimate as a tool for developing life skills), national and international levels since 2002.

Dominick Smyth – Since September 2011, Dominick Smyth has been employed as Head Coach of Dublin Youth Ultimate, **Ireland**, a company established to introduce young people ages 4-18 to the sport of Ultimate Frisbee and to provide training to teachers and youth group leaders in the skills and techniques required to teach Ultimate and establish schools leagues. An Ultimate player since 1998, he has competed in both Europe and North America, and served as tournament director for the 2012 World Junior Ultimate Championships in Dublin.

Dan Tapuach – is the CEO at – "Flow – The **Israeli** Flying Disc Association" since 2012. In 2012 he started to work as Head of Documentation, videography and editing for "Ultimate Peace and has served as a President of the board at – "Flow – The Israeli Flying Disc Association" from 2011 to 2012. Between 2011-2013 he served as Head of delegation and director of logistics for the Israeli national teams (7) at "Flow" for EYUC 2011, EUC 2011 and WJUC 2012 and the Windmill Windup. Since 2011 he is a Head Coach for the Israeli women's under 20 national team and since 2010 a Coach at "Ultimate Peace". A former Director of events & productions at "Flow" he is a Freelance Video Editor in various documentaries for Ch 2 (Channel 2 – the most important network in Israel) and for the private market. Dan holds a BSc in Psychology and business from Tel Aviv University.