



IKA'S BEST EVENTS AND PEOPLE IN 2009



Most important event of the year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official Kurash competitions at the 1st Asian Martial Arts Games in Thailand and the 3rd Asian Indoor Games in Vietnam • Introduction of the new Kurash discipline – Jang Kurash (Combat Kurash) to the International Kurash Association
Best championships	<p>VII World senior championships in Alushta, Ukraine Best male and female players from all continents of the world participated this event, which also featured for the first time the team World Cup competition among men and women</p>
Best international tournament	<p>V International Islam Karimov tournament in Greece This event is traditionally held on annual basis by the Greece Kurash Federation and the European Kurash Confederation and is dedicated to the Honorary President of the International Kurash Association and the President of Uzbekistan Mr. Islam Karimov. In 2009 strongest male players from around 20 countries of Europe, Asia and Africa competed for main money prizes of the event</p>
Best male athlete	<p>Mr. DALIRIAN Mostafa (Iran) The 2009 World senior champion and the winner of the 3rd Asian Indoor Games held in Vietnam in under 60 kg weight category</p>
Best female athlete	<p>Ms. OCHIRPUREV Lkhagvakhuu (Mongolia) The 2009 World senior champion and the winner of the 1st Asian Martial Arts Games in Thailand in under 57 kg weight category</p>
Best techniques	<p>Mr. JURAEV Sherali (Uzbekistan) The 2009 World senior champion and the winner of the 1st Asian Martial Arts Games in Thailand in under 90 kg weight category. He finished all his fights with Halol victories using variety of techniques.</p>
Best referee	<p>Ms. MOLLER Henriette (Republic of South Africa)</p>
Best national federation	<p>Thailand and Vietnam Both federations played crucial role in successful holding of the official Kurash competitions at the 1st Asian Martial Arts Games in Thailand and 3rd Asian Indoor Games in Vietnam</p>
Best continental federation	<p>Kurash Confederation of Asia The confederation successfully controlled the successful holding of the official Kurash competitions at the 1st Asian Martial Arts Games in Thailand and 3rd Asian Indoor Games in Vietnam – which are the continental models of the Olympic Games</p>
Best sponsor	<p>Zeromax GMBH</p>
Best public relation person	<p>Mr. KAMAGA Hideo (Japan)</p>