

Michael Wendt

Born 1947 in Hamburg (Germany) as son of Max and Ilse Wendt, owners of a renowned dancing school in Hamburg, dancing has always been a vocation for Michael. He is married to Christa and has two children, Anja and Philip. Besides his IDO duties, Michael is self-employed with his event management company, EwendtS - Wendt GmbH, located in his home town Hamburg.

CAREER

Since 2021

IDO Honorary Lifetime President & Ambassador for Asia/Asia-Pacific

Since 2015

Honorary member of the ADTV (German Dance Teacher Federation)

Since 2014 - 2020

IDO President & Ambassador for Asia/Asia-Pacific

Since 2005

IDO Ambassador for Asia/Asia-Pacific

Extending IDO to India, Malaysia, Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, China, Indonesia as well as Australia and New Zealand and strengthening existing memberships.

Mr. Wendt is travelling to all parts of the world introducing IDO to new members.

2001 - 2007

Organizer

IDO World Hip Hop Championships in Bremen (Germany) with 3.000 – 3.700 dancers attending per year coming from more than 30 different countries and all continents.

Since 1998

IDO Vice President

Core member of the team who formed IDO and developed the organization into today's worldwide institution which was associated with other international dance institutions like IDSF (International Dance Sport Federation) and WDC (World Dance Council)

1998 – 2013

Chairman of the IDO Competition Committee

Ensuring that IDO events are organized based on requirements to make the competitions

Since 1997

Organizer IDO Dance Week in Riesa (Germany)

After organizing World and European Championships in Hamburg, Dresden and Berlin, Riesa was established for the Dance Week with 3.000 – 3.600 dancers attending per year coming from 54 different countries and all continents - a total number of around 70.000 dancers in 22 years.

1996

Member of the IDO Working Committee

Reorganize the International Dance Organization and to rebuild the constitution, by-laws and official rules book – especially being responsible for the competitions within IDO

Since 1995

IDO Official

Supervisor and IDO Judge

1995 – 2008

Chairman of TAF (The Actiondance Federation of Germany)

Member of the presidium of the TSIV

1992 – 1996

European Representative for FADI (Fred-Astaire-Tap Dance System)

Introducing FADI to dancing schools

1986 – 1995

Member of the Board of the *Crea Dance Company*

Resorts: Marketing & PR

Since 1979

Organizing galas and dance sport events

Moderating dance events in Germany, Hungary, Switzerland, Canada and USA

More than 100.000 dancers have competed at dancesport championships and other events Mr. Wendt has organized or moderated since

1975 – 1982

Vice president of the German Rock'n 'Roll Federation (DRV)

1969 – 1992

Owner *Tanzschule Wendt*

Managing the dancing school his father established in 1919

1968 - 1979

Chairman of the ADTV (German Dance Teacher Federation) Youth Department, dance sport trainer, dance teacher at the Tanzschule Wendt

Since 1968

Member of the ADTV (German Dance Teacher Federation)

EDUCATION

1966-1968

Dancing school *Tanzschule Hädrich* in Hamburg

Vocational training to become a professional dance teacher in social dances

1968

University of Hamburg

Psychology and Education

AWARDS

2014

Award presented to long standing friend of Gibraltar on the occasion of his appointment as IDO-president

2011

Golden Pin of the ADTV (German Dance Teacher Federation)

2010

Honorary Lifetime President of TAF

IDO Man of the Decade

2006 and 2007

Honoured by the *All Russian Dance Organization* as organizer of the IDO World Show- and Tap dance Championships in Riesa, Germany as the best dance competition world-wide.

2006

TAF Special Award for the effortless work for the interests of all dancers on national and international levels

2002

Honoured by the *North American Dance Championships* in Las Vegas (USA) for the contribution to the dance world and the dedication for the Organization of the World Tap Dance Championships.