



**Greetings
from
the President of Iceland**

Dance is a fascinating fusion of art and skill, discipline and grace, firmness of mind and suppleness of body. When performed to music, movements become statements of splendour, and we marvel at the effortless way in which dancers combine them into an artistic whole.

Iceland is delighted to host these Nordic Open and IDSF International Open Championships and we welcome the opportunity that it gives dance-lovers to see such talented participants. Dancing has enjoyed growing appeal in Iceland and we have proudly followed the achievements of our country's representatives abroad. Now we have the opportunity to welcome visitors from far and wide to our country and enjoy fine contests on our home ground.

I wish all participants in the Nordic and IDSF Championships every success and know that we can all look forward to seeing an unforgettable programme of events.