

## 39. Ms. Maria Rosario BORELLO CASTILLO



Current Position: WT Council Member  
 Date of Birth: March 23, 1950  
 Gender: Female  
 Nationality: Guatemala / Argentina  
 Language: Spanish, English, Italian

### A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

- **WT Executive Council Member for the last twenty-five years:** *this experience has given me a deep understanding on how our institution works.*
- **Board of Arbitration Member:** *a thorough knowledge and expertise of the WT Competition Rules and Interpretation and WT Statutes have given me the opportunity to officiate in elite events such as qualifying tournaments, world championships, world cups, and Olympic Games (Sydney 2000, Athens 2004, London 2012, Rio 2016), all of them during the last twenty-five years.*
- **Recognitions: Various received from COI:**
  - 2020-***Award by the Korean Ministry of Culture, Sport and Tourism for outstanding contribution of Taekwondo.*
  - 2017 -***The Women and Sport Achievement Diploma, presented by Dr. Thomas Bach President of IOC*
  - 2012-***“Cruz Olímpica” award given by the Guatemalan Olympic Committee for services to the community*
  - 2009** *IOC The Women and Sport Achievement Diploma, Presented by Dr. Jacques Rogge, President IOC.*
  - 2005** *IOC The Women and Sport Achievement Diploma, Presented by Dr. Jacques Rogge, President IOC*
  - 2004-***IOC Sport Excellence Award Sports, Presented by Dr. Jacques Rogge, President IOC*
  - 2003-***Award Medal by the President of the Korean Republic. Dr. Roh Moo-Hyun*
- **Social programs, especially to empower women:**
  - Developed projects: Tipulcan Project:** *Girls have been given the tools to fight against ethnic, social and gender exclusion and to achieve the participation and commitment of women in sports through Taekwondo. Presently, I am implementing “Taekwondo for me” focused on human trafficking victims under the support of ACNUR. These girls are safeguarded by fiscal and government authorities in refuges because their lives are in danger and cannot go out.*

### B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

- *Retired*

## C. Education

- *Bachelor in Fine Arts*

## D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

*I am committed to continue working to support the WT Mission and Vision, as I have been doing, especially in the following areas:*

- 1) **Good Governance:** *I will contribute to get to the A1 group in the ASOIF ranking in regards with good governance and humanitarian programs of social reinsertion; programs in which we are still working; my efforts and leadership have led Guatemalan Federation to get the 1st place, among 46 local federations, of good governance under the audit of government institutions such as Ministry of Finance and audit authorities.*
- 2) **Gender Equality:** *International Olympic Committee 2020-2025 Agenda is bound with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and thus each Member National Association (MNA) is to be an active partner so the World Taekwondo be a Federation to set the road for gender Equality. Initiatives such as the 1st World Taekwondo Gender Equity-Women Leadership Forum and the 1st the World Taekwondo Open Women's Taekwondo Championship in Saudi Arabia, which have been praised by IOC president, should continue.*

*As far my personal involvement in this area is concerned, my NOC has appointed me as chair of the Committee for "Social Reinsertion through Sport". This is a pilot project whose object group are the girls and women victims of human trafficking and home violence and abuse. It is devastating to hear their stories, their drama and their psychological and physical damage. However, we have found that, through group therapy and Taekwondo classes, we have increased self-esteem and empowerment. This is a project that will be applied at a national level including all other sports.*