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JAPAN INTERNATIONAL TAEKWON-DO FEDERATION

The President of JITF has written to the ITF requesting photographs of Masters or Instructors of non-Asian origin. JITF intends to issue a handbook to promote and encourage the expansion of TKD in Japan and they require action photos. They request that you be kind enough to send photographs and negatives and promise to return them to you soon after they have used them. They do not need photos of Asians as they can get those themselves. The President, Mr. Chon Jin Shik, also put in his letter this message, "Let's make an effort to expand our loving Taekwon-Do around the world", and that sounds like a good idea for a motto.

Negatives and photos should be sent to President, Japan International Taekwon-Do Federation, Sakura Group Co. Ltd., #1-10-13 Miyamachi, Fuchu City, Tokyo, Japan. We hope this request will receive your attention as this is the sort of item which promotes friendship and brings people closer together. Please treat this as urgent as they are required now.

YUGOSLAVIA

We hear from Mr. Toni Nobilo that things are going well. Last month they opened 4 new TKD Schools and 2 karate clubs have joined the TKD, his own school also enrolled 80 new members. As Toni says "not bad for a beginning", how about you? let's hear of your success stories. As a lead in for the World Championships they intend to have a competition for selected teams in March and that certainly seems to be the way to make sure that you are 'match ready'.

TITLE AND FUNCTION

In order to ensure that people understand the correct procedure for protocol, in the future, this paper will be circulated at a later date. However it is necessary at this time to ensure that everyone knows the correct procedure when addressing each other, especially in the training hall. Too many people are detracting from the importance of the achievements of those who have studied hard and taken many years to achieve their qualifications. False claims of Master Status from 4th. Degree upwards do nothing to enhance someone's reputation when they do not have the experience to back up the title. Too many people try to boost their own egos without regard to the damage being done to those who are entitled to use the 'Master' title properly. It is understood that some people use the title of master because they simply were not aware of the fact that a master is someone of 7th. or 8th. Degree. However we ask all degree holders to use the appropriate titles from now, and they are listed below:

1st. to 3rd. Degree - Assistant Instructor(when necessary) - (BOOSABUM).

4th. to 6th. Degree - Instructor - (SABUM).

7th. & 8th. Degree - Master - (SAHYUN).

9th. Degree - Grand Master - (SASUNG).

First to third degree will only be called assistant instructor when they have been duly qualified by their national organisation. Fourth to sixth degree will only be called instructor when they have been qualified by the ITF to International Instructor. As an example of how it will be used in class — at the commencement of the class the senior student will say:

For assistant instructor - Charyut(attention)/Boosabum Nimgeh(respect for the assistant instructor)/Gyong Neh(bow).

Of course the title will alter depending on the person being shown the respect.

CANADA

We have received a letter from the President of the Canadian Federation requesting that the ITF uphold their conference decision only to issue certificates to Canada when they have been approved by the Federation. This is standard practice for the ITF now and it applies to all countries and not only to Canada. All applications for certificates from the ITF must have the signature of the President of that country before the ITF will accept them.

Mr. Tran Trieu Quan also tells us that the Federation is doing well and that they have had some WTF clubs join them. This sort of success is a reflection of the way that the Canadian Federation strive to perfect everything from regulated gradings to competitions. Alesson for all to copy.

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS

When sending to the ITF for certificates it is necessary to have everything filled in on the form and to send photographs and fees. The forms must be signed by the President of your country's Governing Body and must be accompanied by two passport and one 3.5×2.5 cm photographs. For fourth Dan and above they must also have a seperate 'Personal History' attached. ALL INFORMATION ASKED FOR ON THE FORM MUST BE GIVEN OR THEY WILL BE RETURNED.

ITF lapel badges will only be sent for lst. Dan certificate applications and you should quote the ITF life membership card number.

ALL APPLICATIONS FOR ITF CERTIFICATES MUST BE SENT TO VIENNA WITHIN 1 MONTH OF THE GRADING DATE. TAKE NOTE OF THIS 'WITHIN 1 MONTH'.

Anyone who requires certificates WHICH HAVE BEEN OUTSTANDING FOR SOME TIME must apply <u>WITHIN 1 MONTH OF RECEIVING THIS LETTER</u>. People are sending for certificates for gradings which have taken place many months before and this could lead to abuse of the system and also disappoints the students when they do not receive the certificates which they have applied for. Please co-operate with us on this as we try to update everything.

KEEPING UP TO DATE

It is noticeable that some coutries are not keeping abreast of the latest techniques and this will lead to disappointment and disputes in the future. The ITF does not stand still in the development of TKD both in the everyday training and in competition. Should you not keep up to date with the latest training methods then you will not fare too well internationally at gradings, or competitions, and therefore it is vitally important to have refresher courses regularly. Master Park Jung Tae is the Chairman of the ITF Instruction Committee and is willing to travel to other countries to give seminars on the latest developements. You would do well to have Master Park visit as you could benefit, not only from the training, but the publicity from having such a person visit. Should you ignore this advice then you could find that you have prejudiced your countrmen's chances of success at future events.

INTERNATIONAL EVENT

There will be a tournament in April between Greenland and Canada, again as a preparation for the World Championships. The venue will be in Godthab and more details will follow.

UMPIRE COURSES

People who are coming to Vienna for umpire courses should have the following items as part of their kit:

Gym Shoes(white) / Shirt, Long Sleeved(white) / Slacks(ITF blue) /

Socks(white) / Tie(navy blue, plain, with no other colours or decorations) /
Stopwatch / Whistle.

TOURNAMENT DATES

In newsletter no.l we asked you to let us know your major tournament dates at least l year in advance. Please be good enough to let us know even your minor tournament dates as we can show the IOC a progressive system.

AFFILIATION FEES

This is repeated to remind you that the ITF needs your support in all areas and of course in the financial area. Lots of people do not pay fees and then wonder why the ITF cannot do anything. All main gyms should pay the \$200.00(US)\$ affiliation fee and a 'Main' Plaque will be sent. The annual fee thereafter is \$150.00(US)\$. Branch gyms should send \$80.00(US)\$ for the first year's affiliation and they will be sent a 'Branch' Plaque. The annual fee for the next three years is \$50.00(US)\$ following which there is no fee to be paid.

COMPETITION RULES

We are updating the print of the competition rules and would like to have your comments on the existing ones. Should you feel that there is something which you would like to see changed then please advise us immediately in order that we may study your proposals.

LIM WON SUP

This is a reminder that Lim Won Sup has been expelled from the ITF in accordance with the ITF Rules Article 78. 6). This follows the Disciplinary Committee recommendation from their hearing and ratification by the Directors at their meeting in Vienna in July. Members should be aware that he no longer has any standing with the ITF and you should have no further communication with him unless the situation is resolved at a later date.

NECESSITY OF ITF CERTIFICATE AND MEMBERSHIP

We remind all of you that you must have an ITF certificate and membership to participate in all tournaments as a black belt. This includes your national tournaments as that is part of the agreement with the ITF. Nobody will be allowed to compete in any ITF tournaments at black belt without a certificate and membership so please take note for the World Championships. It would be a great pity to go all the way to Malaysia only to find that you are not permitted to enter the tournament.

NEW MEMBER COUNTRIES

The following countries have now joined the ITF and we wish them success: Bangladesh; Bulgaria; Ethiopia; India; Mozambique; Philippines; Rumania;

Zambia; Zimbabwe.

The ITF has 73 countries in membership and we are ever expanding as time goes by.

NEW DOBOK

These are available from the headquarters in Vienna and all practitioners are to be encouraged to wear them. It has taken some time to have these made available and following some delay in production and finalising of type of material etc. you are invited to order. Up to $180 \, \mathrm{cm}$ costs $20.00 \, \mathrm{US}$ per uniform including postage, $182 \, \mathrm{cm}$ and above costs $22.00 \, \mathrm{US}$ per uniform including postage. The ITF has not yet made the

wearing of these compulsory but it is proposed for the future and therefore the earlier you start ordering decent quantities the more likely it is that costs will be kept to a minimum. It will be good for our public image to have the same uniform and people will be less confused about who is who, the best technicians will then be identified as ITF instead of all being indistinguishable. The suit itself is very smart and will encourage pride in the students.

ENCYCLOPAEDIA

These are now available and ready for despatch at the warehouse. A price list is attached but note that USA orders are to be satisfied from the USA to save on costs. For orders in the USA contact Master Chuck Sereff direct. Others please contact us in Vienna for your orders.

These volumes include all the latest techniques and you may be very surprised to know how much you have not known before. Excellently illustrated, the patterns are photographed from many angles and even overhead, these are a must for all serious students, not to mention instructors of the real Taekwon-Do.

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Since the new encyclopaedia is available it is an appropriate time to remind people that there has been a pattern change. Ko-Dang is being replaced by JU-CHE and Master Park Jung Tae has been giving seminars to familiarise students with this change. Since the encyclopaedia came out there has been an increase in new techniques and JU-CHE, although having most of the movements of Ko-Dang, has had some other, more difficult, moves added. The addition of these, more difficult moves, is felt to be appropriate to be practised at that stage as it is possibly the peak of a student's ability, depending on age of course. Ko-Dang was chosen to be replaced as it was the last person in the historical events chosen for TKD patterns. JU-CHE means completely self-supporting and is most appropriate at this time.

COURSES IN MARCH & SEPTEMBER

Anyone coming for the course must let us know as soon as possible the actual dates that they will be staying so that accommodation may be booked. There is limited accommodation available close to the centre at \$18.00 to \$25.00 for 2 people per night in a twin room, including from continental breakfast at the cheaper end to a bit more substantial at the other. There would be shared washing and shower facilities at these prices. Do not expect to be staying at a high class hotel for these prices. Other hotels are available of course at about \$44.00 per night for 2 people sharing a twin room, it is up to you what you would like to have but we must be told at least 1 month in advance and if you want to be sure then at least 2 months in advance. Please note that when you order accommodation then you must pay for it if you do not come for the course. All costs are in US currency.

A reminder that should you be planning to come for a course that we would like advance notification. Should there be a large number of applications then the first come/first served principle would apply, apply early to ensure your place on the course.

All details were of course given in newsletter no.1.

A REMINDER THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ALL DETAILS ASKED FOR IN NEWSLETTER NO.1

with regard to black belts and certificate numbers. Also details of the numbers of martial arts practitioners in your country. DON'T DISAPPOINT US, some people have alr eady replied and we give thanks for your promptness.

Since the transfer, and handling of things from Vienna, it has gone quite well. However, as was anticipated, a few people have found that the increase in efficiency means that they are now being asked to follow procedures which they were not being asked to follow previously. Human nature being what it is, some people have been slightly annoyed to find improvement has to be made by both parties. With the permission of General Choi Hong Hi and the Executive Committee of the ITF it is our intention to function properly in accordance with laid down procedures. This we know will surprise some of you initially however it is unfair for some people in the Federation to be doing things properly while others are allowed to do as they wish, and this applies no matter how high the ranking is. The ITF is now a mature organisation which is seeking to be recognised internationally at top levels. This means that our procedures must be able to be scrutinised in fine detail and found to be faultless or as near so as human error allows. We are insisting that the correct procedure be followed with regard to all gradings, instructor/umpire qualifications and issuing of certificates. All application forms for ITF certificates must be signed by the President of the ITF Governing Body for that particular country. International Instructor qualification from the ITF is required before someone can grade students and students can only be graded as listed:

IVth. Degree can only grade up to 2nd. degree (not including from 2nd. to 3rd.). Vth. & VIth. Degree can only grade up to 3rd. degree.

VIIth. Degree can grade up to 5th. degree but MUST have ITF permission, in writing, to grade anyone to 4th. and 5th. degree. Also MUST have 2 other International Instructors as witnesses.

Lots of people seem to be proud to say that they are ITF members but they do not seem to be proud to support their organisation financially. Some people do not pay membership affiliation fees, or certificate fees, or life membership fees. THIS DOES NOT ALLOW THE ITF TO SUPPORT YOU. Certificates are always available, life membership cards will be available from end of November and then always thereafter. You are reminded that students can become life members at the same cost of \$10.00(US), however we also remind you that \$5.00 goes to the school for support and you only send \$5.00 to the ITF. Plaques will be available from mid January and always thereafter. There is no excuse for not having all your fees up to date and we expect to see your fees being paid soon. Give us your support and we can bring great benefits to you in the future because of our international connections.