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### NEWSLETTER

#### **GREAT SUCCESS!!**

#### **ITF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP and CONGRESS in GREECE with MORE THAN 72 PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES**

It was a great success for the 13<sup>th</sup> ITF WORLD TAEKWON-DO CHAMPIONSHIP and CONGRESS in Thessaloniki, Greece. There were more than 72 countries in the CONGRESS and close to 1000 participants together with four Grand Masters, 50 masters, hundreds of instructors, black belt holders and supporters. Hotels were running out of rooms, food and drinks to meet the overwhelming crowd. This great and successful historical event showed the true loyalty and the solid unity of our REAL ITF members toward our beloved Founder, Gen. Choi Hong Hi, and the ITF family. No one can break us apart.

On June 12, 2003 ITF held an important Congress under the leadership of the new energetic and charismatic President, Mr. Chang Ung. Mr. Chang Ung's Presidency and leadership were recognized and endorsed by the IOC and GAISF (please see the attached copies from IOC and GAISF websites). The Congress ran very smoothly and constructively in a democratic process. A friendly atmosphere of unity filled the room. The President proposed governing policies and strategic plans were discussed. The action plans will be implemented and executed by the Executive Committee according to the last will of our beloved Founder. The President re-structured the ITF administrative organization, the constitution, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee and added new talented people from the four continents. The proposals obtained approval from the Congress unanimously (please see the attached document of the decision of the Congress). To enhance the ITF management the President invited professional and well known figures in the martial art field, Grand Master Woo Jin Jung, to be his special personal advisor and Dr. Kim Hee Young to be the ITF advisor. The Congress also approved the 1<sup>ST</sup> SENIOR ADULTS (40+) WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP. It will be held next July 2004 in conjunction with the next 7<sup>th</sup> ITF JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP in Malaysia.

Mr. Chang Ung injected a new working spirit with a professional attitude to the new Executive Committee. Every single night of the World Championship, at 11PM, the President called a meeting with the Executive Committee. Committee members were to check and re-evaluate the activities of the day. Immediate correction and actions were adopted and applied to enhance the quality of the Championship. These actions are applied at the Olympic games and proved very important for our championship.

The President took time to meet with different delegates, Grand Masters, Masters and Instructors. He discussed the future of ITF with them. He listened to their suggestions, opinions and their reports on their NGB's activities. Many priceless experienced suggestions were made from ITF members. The constructive conversation will definitely help our President and the Congress improve on and make further amendments to the newly approved ITF Constitution. Under this democratic, constructive, working relationship, the future of ITF is very bright and positive.

With close to 1000 participants it made this 13<sup>th</sup> World Championship much more competitive and challenging. Many WORLD CHAMPIONS were born (please see the Championship results). The Opening Ceremony was fantastic and thrilling. The ITF Demonstration Team presented the D.P.R. of Korea's talented and skillful instructors performance. The well-known demonstration team put on a very dynamic and amazing demonstration. Special Guests from the Government of Greece and thousands of spectators cheered and applauded their expertise. The Demonstration Team was invited by the Government of Greece to make a national tour. In this historical tour they captured the hearts of Greek people where they gained many new fans. ITF Taekwon-Do obtained the governments' and publics' full support for ITF participation in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Greece.

The Championship was a great success. It was well run and organized. We were thankful for the talented leadership of Mr. Chang Ung. He applied much of his IOC experience. With his professional and enthusiastic guidance ITF will be ready for the 2004 Olympic Games. The World Championship ended with a very emotional ONE YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE for our utmost respected Founder, Gen. Choi Hong Hi. We reflected what the beloved Founder had done during his lifetime; his achievements, his accomplishments. Many of his loyal followers paid their respect with lighted candles. They expressed their heart-felt feelings through speeches to the Founder and were steeped in deep thought through one minute of silence. We promise to unify our brothers and sisters in ITF and to continue the Legendary Founder's legacy by accomplishing the tasks he laid down for us before his departure.

The ITF President, Mr. Chang Ung, handed the ITF Flag to Mr. Jamie Moore, the next Championship host and announced the closing of the Championship. The cheerful participants crowded around the stadium to get a better view and the media crowded around the dignitaries for better photos.

We would like to thank the excellent work and warm hospitality of the host, Master Georgios Stilianides, and his dynamic organizing committee together with the great contribution of the ITF Chairmen of Tournament and Umpire Committees, Grand Master Park Jong Soo and Grand Master Leong Wei Meng along with their energetic Umpire Team and Committee Members.

WE WILL SEE YOU IN MALAYSIA 2004 AND AUSTRALIA 2005 !!!



## **Decision of the 14th ITF Congress**

**Thessaloniki, Greece**

**June 12, 2003**

**Attendants; 123 Representatives from 69 countries ( see attached )**

**Proxy; 6 countries ( China, Afghanistan, Brazil, Nicaragua, Cuba, Iran )**

**Total votes; 75**

**Simple majority; Approved unanimously**

### **Decision:**

- **Item 6. Decision to approve the decisions of the Special Congress which was held in Pyongyang, DPR Korea, on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2003.**

**The Congress recognised the Special Congress held in Pyongyang, DPR Korea, on 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep. 2003 was most justice and reasonable for the implementation of the last will of late Gen. Choi Hong Hi, the first President ITF.**

**Furthermore, electing Mr. CHANG Ung, the IOC member, as the 2<sup>nd</sup> President ITF at the Special Congress according to the last wish of late Gen. Choi, the founder of TKD, was the righteous way to keep the courtesy and conscience of disciples of Gen. Choi.**

**Therefore, the 14<sup>th</sup> ITF Congress approved the minutes with the entire support to all the decisions adopted at the Special Congress in Pyongyang.**

**For; Approved unanimously**

**Against;**

**Abstention;**

**Invalidity;**

- **Item 7. Approval of the decisions of the BD meetings.**

**The Congress approved the decisions of BD meetings held in Headquarters of ITF in Vienna, Austria on 16<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2002 and in Thessaloniki, Greece on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 2003.**

- **Item 8. Decision on the report of the President's activities.**

**Approving the report on the President's activities, the Congress requested that the President would continuously concentrate the full energy and endeavour to the completion of the tasks which were raised at the first speech made by the President after being elected as President at the Special Congress in Pyongyang.**

Besides, the some important issues that ITF should give priority to strengthen the organizational structure of ITF and to gain the recognition from the other International Sports Organizations and to solve the matter to make ITF competitors participate in Olympic Games and to achieve the merger of two TKD international bodies and to take every possible measures to enrich ITF were raised and accepted.

For; Approved unanimously

Against;

Abstention;

Invalidity;

- **Item 14. Decision on the reports of Chairman of Disciplinary Committee.**

The Congress unanimously approved the suggest of Disciplinary Committee as below;

With the approval of the decisions of BD meeting held in ITF Headquarters in Vienna, Austria on 16<sup>th</sup>, Nov. last year, the Congress decided to expel some persons including Mr. Tom MacCallum, the former acting Secretary General from ITF as requested by BD, who had intended to be loyal to Gen. Choi during his lifetime and betrayed him as soon as he passed away far from the courtesy and conscience of the real TKD disciples.

Mr. Russell MacLellan suggested that he would like to step back from ITF to give the freehand to the ITF President Mr. Chang Ung, the handpicked successor by Gen. Choi Hong Hi, on Nov.16, 2002, the very day when the BD meeting was held and it was confirmed by Masters Leong Wai Meng, Phap Lu and Benny Rivera at hotel Berger in Vienna, Austria same day evening.

It was approved by Congress and there was a vacancy in the position of senior Vice President. The Congress made a decision it should be replaced by another person.

The Congress also decided to expel the Polish TKD Federation, German TKD Federation, Spanish TKD Federation and Swedish TKD Federation from ITF, which took the choice to follow the Tom's group, the separatists, and reconfirmed to recognize only the AETF with Master Georgios Stilianides as President as decided at the BD meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2002. There was the decision at the Congress, as well, to accept the new NGB from Spain and Sweden and to encourage Germany and Poland to form the new NGB as soon as possible. All the participants agreed this was the crucial steps to keep the purity of orthodox TKD and to unite the ITF into one family.

- **Item 15. Decision on the amendment of Constitution.**

Giving attention to the points that the drafts of this Constitution and its By-law, Instructions and Appendices were delivered to the member of BD on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 2003 and revised according to the views of them collected until 15<sup>th</sup> Apr. this year and it was also checked by 2 lawyers in Singapore and Austria and then it was

distributed to the NGBs on 25<sup>th</sup> Apr. this year and modified again after accepting the opinions from them, the Congress decided to adopt it as requested. The Congress asked the members to give the views and opinions to the ITF Headquarters for making it better and it would be amended as quickly as possible.

For; Approved unanimously

Against;

Abstention;

Invalidity;

#### - Item 16. Elections

The Congress decided that, for the election of Vice Presidents, ITF has, at present, 3 Vice Presidents and 1 of them should be co-opted as senior Vice President and 2 more Vice Presidents from the continent of Oceania and America should be elected.

And it was also decided there should leave the rooms for continent of Africa for the position of Vice President and other positions.

For the election of Executive Committee, it should be 17 members and the President, senior Vice President, Vice Presidents, Sec. General, Deputy Sec. General and Treasurer should automatically be the member of EC.

In the meantime, ITF increased the number of members of Consultative Council from 7 to 9 in the Constitution adopted today respecting the testament of late Gen. Choi Hong Hi.

#### *The members of ITF leadership through the election are as follows:*

- Senior Vice President; GM Rhee Ki Ha

Nominated by the President and BD and approved by the Congress

- Vice Presidents; Grand Masters Park Jong Soo ( America )  
Grand Master Leong Wai Meng ( Oceania )

Nominated by the President and BD and approved by the Congress

#### Members of Executive Committee:

- Mr. Arne Hansen ( NOR )
- Master Georgios Stilianides ( GRE )
- Master Villanueva Adolfo ( ARG )
- Master Phap Lu ( CAN )
- Mr. Enrique Deacon ( PER )
- Master Hwang Jin ( JPN )

Nominated by the President and BD and approved by the Congress

Approved GM Hwang Kwang Sung as Secretary General, Mr. Ri Yong Son as Deputy Secretary General appointed by the President and Treasurer was to continue his job.

- **Item 17. Appointments.**

The members appointed to the respective posts by the President are below;

Members of Consultative Council:

- Chairman; Grand Master Leong Wai Meng ( AUS )
- Members: Mr. Jong Jae Hun ( PRK )  
Master Tan Chek Si ( MAS )  
Master Palmissano Eduardo ( ARG )  
Mr. Victor Poternak ( UKR )  
Mr. Thomas Brandt ( DEN )  
Master Michael Prewett ( WLS )  
Master Augustus Mitchell ( GRN )

Chairmen of Standing Committees:

- Chairman of Junior Committee- Mr. Ladislav Burian ( CZE )
- Chairman of Finance and Marketing Committee- Mr. Song Shuo Jing ( CAN )
- Chairman of Woman Committee- Jang Gyong Ok ( PRK )
- Chairman of Information Committee- Master Phap Lu ( CAN )

\* Other 6 Chairmen of SC would continue their job and the President would be the Chairman of Commendation Committee for the time being.

Presidents of Continental Federations:

- Asia: Mr. Hwang Bong Yong ( PRK )
- Europe: Master Georgios Stilianides ( GRE )
- Oceania: Grand Master Leong Wai Meng ( AUS )
- America: Master Phap Lu ( CAN )

ITF Internal Auditor: Mr. My Nguyen ( CAN )

ITF Lawyer: Dr. Christoph Leitgeb ( AUT )

Special Assistant to President: Grand Master Jung Woo Jin ( USA )

Permanent Advisor: Dr. Kim Hee Young ( USA )

- **Item 18. Decision on the venue for the 2004 Junior World TKD Championships and 2005 World TKD Championships.**

1. The venue for the 2004 Junior World TKD Championships

## Malaysia

The Congress decided the 1st Senior Adult Championship ( 40+ ) will be held at same venue and time when the Junior World Championship be held.

## 2. The venue for the 2005 World TKD Championships

### Australia

The Congress was precisely occasion to be the decisive milestone in keeping the spirit of orthodox TKD without any varying according to the testament of late Gen. Choi Hong Hi, the founder of TKD and in intensifying the unity in ITF and in encouraging the high degree holders and members of ITF leadership to fulfil their duties and in strengthening the function of NGBs and in gaining the broader international recognition by making the close tie with the other International Sports Organizations and in having a talk for merger of 2 TKD international bodies and in establishing the better atmosphere to take part in the Olympic Games and in making ITF dignified and enriched International Organization.

Therefore, all the participants unanimously agreed that this Congress could be regarded as event of unity, event of cleanliness and order in our family and event of fresh jumping.

## LEADERSHIP OF ITF

### - Executive Committee

President; Mr. Chang Ung ( PRK )

Senior Vice President; GM Rhee Ki Ha ( UK )

Vice Presidents; GM Park Jong Soo ( CAN )

GM Leong Wai Meng ( AUS )

Mr. Yuri Kalashnikov ( RUS )

Mr. Pak Si Ung ( PRK )

Secretary General; GM Hwang Kwang Sung ( USA )

Deputy Secretary General; Mr. Ri Yong Son ( AUT )

Treasurer; Mr. Son U Chol ( AUT )

Members; Mr. Arne Hansen ( NOR )

Master Georgios Stilianides ( GRE )

Master Villanueva Adolf ( ARG )

Master Phap Lu ( CAN )

Master Hwang Jin ( JPN )

Mr. Enrique Deacon ( PER )

### - Chairmen of Standing Committee

Technical Committee; Master Ri Yong Sok ( AUT )

Tournament Committee; GM Park Jong Soo ( CAN )



**Umpire Committee:** GM Leong Wai Meng ( AUS )  
**Promotion Committee:**GM Rhee Ki Ha ( UK )  
**Information Committee:**Master Phap Lu ( CAN )  
**Disciplinary Committee:** Master Georgios Stilianides ( GRE )  
**Junior Committee:** Mr. Ladislav Burian ( CZE )  
**Woman Committee:** Mrs. Jang Gyong Ok ( PRK )  
**Education Committee:** Master Hwang Ho Yong ( CZE )  
**Commendation Committee:** President ITF ( PRK )  
**Finance and Marketing Committee:**Mr. Song Shuo Jing ( CAN )

- **Consultative Council**

**Chairman:** GM Leong Wai Meng ( AUS )  
**Members:** Mr. Jong Jae Hun ( PRK )  
Master Tan Chek Si ( MAS )  
Master Palmisano Eduardo ( ARG )  
Mr. Victor Poternak ( UKR )  
Mr. Thomas Brandt ( DEN )  
Master Michael Prewett ( WLS )  
Master Augustus Mitchell ( GRN )

- **ITF Internal Auditor:** Mr. My Nguyen ( CAN )
- **ITF Lawyer:**Dr. Christoph Leitgeb ( AUT )

- **Presidents of Continental Federation**

**Asia:** Mr. Hwang Bong Yong ( PRK )  
**Europe:**Master Georgios Stilianides ( GRE )  
**America:** Master Phap Lu ( CAN )  
**Oceania:**GM Leong Wai Meng ( AUS )  
**Africa:** GM Leong Wai Meng temporally in charge

## **IMGC 'S NATIONAL GOVERNING BODIES**

We asked all ITF's NGBs try their best to form the IMGC NGBs in their countries at your earliest convenience. Please report your newly formed IMGC NGB to Master Phap Lu, IMGC Deputy Secretary General, [phaplu@rogers.com](mailto:phaplu@rogers.com) .

## **MERGING OF ITF & WTF**

Our ITF President, Mr.Chang Ung, is doing a great job on this issue. He is trying his best efforts to set up meetings with IOC President, Dr. Jacque Rogge, and WTF President, Dr. Un Yong Kim. Dr. Rogge's attitude toward the matter of merging is definite, he is ready to accept the decision and the outcome of both federations. Dr. Kim and Mr. Chang Ung agreed to have a preliminary talk in Seoul to prepare the 1<sup>st</sup> Round Talk between both delegations on the occasion of the World University Games to be held in Daegu in August. Mr. Chang Ung was invited as the VIP to attend this event. Furthermore, WTF confirmed to Mr.Chang Ung

that they ONLY keep in touch and recognized the ITF which is under the leadership of Mr.Chang Ung regarding the matter of TKD.

### **ITF WEBSITE and HUMAN WEAPON MAGAZINE ADVERTISEMENT:**

With the 3000 viewers daily at our ITF website we are starting to accept the international and National sponsorships in advertisement on our ITF Website, Human Weapons Magazine (50,000 copies) and Newsletter. If you have any corporations in your country are interesting to have a broader reach to a potential more than 130 countries with million members. Please contact Master Phap Lu at [phaplu@rogers.com](mailto:phaplu@rogers.com). **Please provide the ITF activities to ITF Webmaster so that we could put them on the website and the magazine.**

### **EVENTS CALENDAR:**

If you are planning to organize an International Instructor or Umpire Courses, an International event, First, please CONTACT YOUR OWN NGB, your NGB will discuss this with the CONTINENTAL PRESIDENT. An Official request and the permission to ITF Headquarter will be arranged at their earliest convenience. ITF Headquarter needs to make the proper planning and arrangement.

### **2003 ITF PLAGUE FEES AND YOUR ITF PLAQUE NUMBER**

Please send your 2003 ITF Plaque fee and your present plaque number to ITF Headquarter. ITF is working on the Official ITF Directory. This Directory will have the update of all NGBs and ITF affiliated schools with the active ITF members with the official plaque numbers. PLEASE DO NOT BE LEFT OUT. It is your responsibility as a National Governing Body and as an International Taekwon-do Instructor to report to ITF.

### **MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO WERE AWARDED ITF PRIZE AND TO THOSE WHO WERE PROMOTED TO 8<sup>TH</sup> AND 9<sup>TH</sup> DAN**

- Order of Loyalty

Master Georgios Stilianides ( GRE )

- Outstanding Instructor Medal

Master Gialamas Panagiotis ( GRE )

Mr. Elefterios Polydorou ( CYP )

Mr. James Henry ( USA )

- 9<sup>th</sup> Dan

Master Jung Woo Jin ( USA )

Master Leong Wai Meng ( AUS )

- 8th Dan

Master Georgios Stilianides ( GRE )

Master Hwang Jin ( JPN )

Master Phap Lu ( CAN )

Master Tony Phelan ( IRE )

Master Andy Mencia ( DOM )

Master Hwang Ho Yong ( CZE )

Master Han Chol ( BEL )

Master Kim Ung Chol ( BUL )

Master Kim Sam Dok ( PRK )

Master Pak Hyok Chol ( PRK )

Master Pae Ho Myong ( KAZ )