



The ITF now have the facilities to allow members to transact with their VISA cards. The visa may be used for all transactions including certificate fees but there is a surcharge of 4% on all transactions. Please quote your card number

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It is rather unfortunate that we have to report this but due to some unfortunate events in Malaysia the MITF and Master Sabree Salleh have been expelled from the ITF. There is a new association being formed and we shall advise you when it is completed.

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Honduras have applied to host the Junior World Championships and Poland have applied to host the Euros in the year 2000. Italy have applied to host the XIIth. World Championships in the year 2001.

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We ask you to use a typewriter or computer to print the details on the certificate application forms. Please only send forms in the layout sent out by the ITF. You must also send a list of the applicants on the form sent out by the ITF.

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Information has been received that the XIth. World Championships in Argentina will be held in October 1999. We hope to have full details in the next newsletter.

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**Mr. Vladimir Ardzhevanidze, 4th. Dan, Georgia**



It seems that the regulation about reduction in time of waiting between gradings is not clear. It is clarified here that there may be only 1 reduction period claimed for any 1 year no matter how many courses have been attended.

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Some misunderstanding exists about what an examiner may and may not do. A seventh Dan may not take a grading for someone who wishes to be promoted to 6th. Dan, even if it is a grading by a 'panel'. There must be an 8th. Dan or higher present. Every examination for 4th. Dan and above must have the approval of the ITF before it may go ahead. For every person who wishes to be promoted to 4th. Dan or higher the ITF must be notified in writing at least 3 months in advance so that the period of waiting is checked. If the ITF have not been notified and you have not received a reply then you cannot be graded.

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Another misunderstanding is with the international courses. Everyone who wants to grade to 4th. Dan and higher must attend an international course after their last grading and before the testing for the new degree. Please note that the course for qualifications to international instructor or umpire must be taken at the same time as qualification to 4 Dan or afterwards. Any other course does not qualify. The ITF rules state that you must be 4 Dan or over to qualify for international status and so a course cannot be taken before that time.

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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS SEMINARS

1998

CONDUCTED BY GEN. CHOI HONG HI  
**NOVEMBER** - 4th. to 8th. - JAMAICA -  
Tel: +1 876 9788935, Fax: 9629272.  
Pyongyang, KOREA. 25th. to 29th. -  
Beijing, CHINA.

CONDUCTED BY OTHERS  
1998

CONDUCTED BY MASTER CHOI JUNG HWA  
**OCTOBER** - 28th. to November 1st. -  
Papendal, NETHERLANDS, Phone +31  
50 3181401.

1999

**JANUARY** - 8th. to 10th. - Melbourne,  
15th. to 17th. - Brisbane, 22nd. to 24th. -  
Perth, AUSTRALIA.  
**FEBRUARY** - 27th. to March 1st. -  
Denver, USA tel: +1 303 4664963 fax:  
4663587.

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## CHAMPIONSHIPS

1998

**OCT - 10th. to 12th. - IVth. Junior World Championships** in New Delhi, India tel: +91 11 6891983 fax: 4671812.  
Italian Open - 23rd. to 25th. - Riccione, Italy - Fax: +39 6 66410084.  
**NOV** - Riga, Latvia - 14th. to 16th. - Tel/Fax: +371 2 995131.

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1999

**JAN - 10** - Oceania Invitation Championships - Melbourne, AUSTRALIA, Phone +61 3 97433686.  
**OCT** - XIth. World Championships - ARGENTINA, Phone +54 1 2816552.  
**APR** - 24 + 25 - USTF Nationals - Odessa, Texas, USA, Phone +1 303 4663587.

2000

Junior World Championship, Honduras have applied to host this.  
Euros, Poland have applied to host this.

2001

XIIth. World Championships, Italy have applied to host this.

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**We remind you that for Continental Championships you must have written permission from the ITF.**

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## OTHER EVENTS

1998

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## PROMOTIONS

Many congratulations to those who have been promoted

1997

### VIth. Degree

Oct. - 10th. - David Drysdale - USA.

### Vth. Degree

Aug. - 27th. - James Murphy - Canada.

Oct. - 10th. - Joan Drysdale - USA.

### IVth. Degree

Nov. - 6th. - Rodolfo Tognola - Argentina.

Dec. - 27th. - Marcelino Canelo, Adrian Martin - Argentina.

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### VIIIth. Degree

June- 1st. - Leong Wai Meng - Greenland.

### VIIth. Degree

June- 6th. - Reneé Sereff, Robert Wheatley - USA.

August. - 2nd. - Peter Harkess, Leslie Hutchison - UK.

### VIth. Degree

Apr. - 25th. - Fred Barkley - Canada.

June - 6th. - Robert Haynes, Jonas Pologe- USA. 23rd. - Artie Shoonover - USA. Paul McPhail, Evan Davidson - New Zealand.

### Vth. Degree

Apr. - 25th. - John Cacioli, Vincent Affatigato - USA.

May - 20th. - Sergio Barriga - USA.

June- 6th. -Robert Loveman, Sylvia Thibado- USA. 23rd. - James Rimmer - New Zealand.

Aug. - 9th. - Thomas Denis -UK.

### IVth. Degree

Jan - 6th. - Gary Roberts, Brian Nicholls - Australia.

Mar. - 28th. - Andres Gutierrez - Argentina.

Apr. - 15th. - Maximo Lopez, Gustavo Riera, - Argentina. Evgeni Voznesenski - Russia. 25th. - Carlos Patalinghug, Laura Plante, Gregory Coutu - USA. Christopher Reid - Canada.

May - 8th. - Mario Fuertes - Argentina.

10th. - Marcel Pauly - Belgium.

June - 6th. - Barney Montano, Bob Ito, Nicholas Brummell- USA. 23rd. -

Graham Patterson, Danny Ward, Jeanette Joe - New Zealand. Lance

Birch - Australia. 27th. - Michael Erdman - USA.

Jul. - 20th. - Dennis Haynie - USA.

Aug. - 2nd. - Derek Gilmour, Anthony McKenna - UK.

9th. - Anthony Wilcox - UK.

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The ITF is receiving many more enquiries than it should. This does not mean that the ITF do not welcome enquiries but there is a limited staff and a lot of work. We ask that individuals do not make enquiries to the ITF unless

they have asked their national association first. Generally the national association should then ask the ITF and not the individual. This cuts out the amount of time spent by the ITF in answering telephone calls, faxes and e-mail. It seems that some people think that they can ask for information direct from the ITF and then keep up a correspondence. Sometimes we feel that it is only because they have just logged on to the internet and need someone to send an e-mail to. The ITF are very happy to receive requests for advice etc but we must put it in perspective. *Most of the information asked for is able to be found in the newsletters* and because we do not want to offend anyone we usually answer. For the future we shall not answer questions about items which can be found in newsletters or individual requests which we believe could have been answered by the national association. There has to be a system of priority for answering correspondence so please do not be unhappy if an answer takes a month, or more, to reach you. If you wish to telephone the ITF for a quick answer then it is welcome but we request that you have all the necessary information at hand. For important items we ask that you fax to us so that we may be sure that we understand what you want and our written reply cannot be misinterpreted or misunderstood, we hope! The normal period from receiving certificate applications until we post the certificates is 1 month. If you do not receive your certificates after 6 to 8 weeks from the date you posted the applications then you should enquire about the certificates. Certificate applications are not actioned if the fees are not paid. **YOU MUST HELP US BY TYPING THE CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS AND ONLY PUTTING 1 FIRST NAME AND 1 LAST NAME ON THEM.**

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