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NEWSLETTER

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TALKS WITH WTF

Pursuant to the negotiation among both Presidents of ITF and WTF, chaired by IOC President, held in IOC HQ on June 3rd, this year, the Talks between ITF and WTF took place twice in Beijing, China.

The 1st Talk was held on June 27-28th, 2005 and the 2nd one held on August 30th, 2005.

As all of you were well aware through your experiences in the past, we could say it was a big event for both sides to sit and talk face to face.

This is why it means the end of the history of slandering and antagonizing each other.

At the talks, both sides agreed, in principle, to merge the two international bodies for Taekwon-Do into one in the future and firstly to try to find out the possible way to jointly take part in the forthcoming Olympic Games by ITF and WTF.

The 3rd round Talk would be held soon.

For more detailed information, you are cordially requested to access the ITF website (www.itftkd.org).

THE 14th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND 15th CONGRESS ENDED IN SUCCESS

The 14th World Championships were successfully held in Caloundra City in Queensland, Australia from 9th to 14th July this year.

At the Championships, over 450 competitors from 50 countries across the world were gathering and fully showing their abilities and skills as well as sharing the friendships and solidarity among themselves.

There were the colorful events during the Championships including the aboriginal performances at the opening ceremony, which gave the great impression to the

participants. In one word, this was an extreme festival to all the competitors and spectators.

Everybody attended this festival enjoyed it and made a tremendous contribution to making it success.

The special CONGRATULATIONS to the overall winner countries DPR KOREA, CZECH and RUSSIA!

Apart from it, the specific awards were given to the individuals and countries having done their best for the success of this event.

In the period of the Championships, the 15th Congress took place under the participation of the Representatives from 60 countries including the proxies.

This Congress became the turning point to have ITF more professional one by updating the tournament and umpire rules.

All the issues raised at the Congress including the relationships between IOC, ITF and WTF were profoundly and comprehensively discussed and unanimously approved by the participants.

The minutes of Congress are enclosed.

THE 7th JUNIOR & 2nd VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIPS BE HELD IN BULGARIA

The one of the issues which were seriously consulted at the Congress was precisely concerned with the venue for the above Championships.

As you have already known, Philippines was selected as the venue for the above-mentioned Championships at the extraordinary Congress held in Malaysia in 2004.

However, all the participants in the Congress suggested to move the venue of this event to another country due to the certain reasons which the Philippines NGB has agreed.

As the results of votes, Bulgaria has been chosen as host for this event.

Consequently, the 7th Junior & 2nd Veteran Championships will take place in Sofia, Bulgaria in 2006.

According to the decision of the Congress, the 16th Congress was to be coincided during the 7th Junior & 2nd Veteran Championships.

Please be advised to have the contact with Mr. Mario Bogdanov, the President of Bulgaria Taekwon-Do Federation, at his e-mail; bft_itf@abv.bg or fax; +359 73 833480.

THE 15th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TAKE PLACE IN SLOVENIA

The 15th World Championships will be held in Slovenia in 2007.

The Slovenian Taekwon-Do Association determined to make this event best and memorable one in ITF history and all the participants in the Congress expressed the

sincere congratulations to them for their achievements and greater successes in the future works.

For further information, please keep in touch with Mr. Zeljko Gvozdic, the President of Slovenian Taekwon-Do Federation, at his e-mail; zeljko.gvozdic@siol.net or fax; +(386 4) 5315270, 2023103, 2011450.

THE NEW TOURNAMENT AND UMPIRE RULES

The most significant thing at the last Congress was that the new Tournament and Umpire rules were unanimously adopted.

The Congress decided it would be applied from the 7th Junior & 2nd Veteran Championships to be held in Bulgaria in 2006.

The new rules are available on ITF website and the CD Rom covering these rules was distributed to each national association at the end of Congress.

If there is a national association which dose not purchase it, please feel free to contact the Korea Taekwon-Do Committee at its e-mail; tkdkorea@co.chesin.com or fax; (+850 2) 3814539, 3814416.

It costs USD 30.00 per one including the postal fee.

In addition, the age divisions for Junior, Adult and Veteran were decided as follows;

Junior: 14 - 17 years old

Adult: 18 - 39 years old

Veteran: 40 years old and up

NOTIFICATION

Through this opportunity, all the national associations are kindly requested to submit the yearly plan for 2006 to ITF HQ by end of November this year.

In particular, the countries where are going to organize the international seminars and tournaments should inform the plans to ITF HQ for its approval.

It would be the great assistances to ITF works.

ITF DIRECTORY REPRINT IN 2006

As you know well, ITF has first ever printed the ITF Directory this year for the conveniences of the members and it was distributed to each NGB at the last Congress held in Australia.

All the members were very happy with it, however, some mistakes were found in the Directory.

Therefore, ITF is going to print it again in 2006 for the correction.

For the success of this work, every NGB should inform ITF HQ of its accurate address, Tel, Fax numbers and e-mail as well as its Logo and national flag by 15th November this year if there is a NGB that wishes to make it correct in the Directory newly printed.

You are allowed to send this through the e-mail or by CD Rom.

ITF has no responsibility for any mistake in reprinting if any NGB fails to carry out its duty by the deadline set forth by ITF.
