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CHANGE OF ADDRESS - Please note that the ITF address has changed to the one given above. The secretariat building has not changed its location, it is in the same place and the telephone numbers etc remain the same.

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Included with this newsletter (for national associations only) are the invitations and paperwork for the *Xth. World Championships in St. Petersburg, Russia*. We ask that you confirm that you will take part by THE END OF FEBRUARY with numbers of competitors, officials and others. Please do this so that the organising committee can make their plans for the number of people expected. Anyone who requires a special letter of invitation to enable them to get a visa should ask the organisers direct and tell them exactly what should be written in the invitation. The address is: Mr. Michael Shmelev, Chairman Xth. ITF World Championships, Narodnogo Polchenya av. 2, Sankt-Petersburg 198216, Russia, Telephone(7) (812) 2551534 or 2648792, Fax(7) (812) 2553402. **PHOTOGRAPHS** are wanted for everyone and we ask that you send 3 passport size photographs with your name and country written on the back. Transport, hotels etc is being looked after and we ask that you do everything officially through the organisers. As with the last junior championships, if you decide to book your own hotel then you will be responsible for all your own arrangements for transport and everything. The organisers and the ITF will take no responsibility for you.

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The **Congress** meeting will most likely be organised for the 2nd. of July. If this does not suit then please advise us. Umpire seminar will be held on the 1st. and 2nd. of July

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Our photos above and at the end of column 1 were taken at the Panam Championships November 9 to 11 in Regina, Canada. The colourful costumes and dancing entertained the crowd in the stadium while the picture above shows Gen. Choi Hong Hi entering the arena escorted by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Argentina were overall winners while Canada were runners up. Many thanks to Mr. Clint Norman for sending photos, results in quick time and releasing it to the press. Well organised, and we ask that other organisers do the same. Especially story and photos to the ITF.



7th. Greek National Seminar held in Nea Agchialos August 1996. Full story in Human Weapon.



Mr. Brian Mathews sent a thank you letter for the help and support of the ITF in setting up a TKD School in Frankenfels, Austria. He says that he is off to a good start with 40 new members. Mr. Mathews, who has Irish origins, is 3rd. from the right in the seated row. An example of the help given by the ITF, big or small.



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The ITF April World Conference Seminar 1997 will be held from the 11th. to 13th. in Toronto, Canada. Those of you who need visa letters please ask Master Choi Jung Hwa now at fax (1) (905) 8039424. The 11th. will be for a banquet to celebrate the 42nd. birthday of TKD. 12th. is for technical seminar/filming. 13th. will be a policy conference. As well as individual patterns there will be group patterns and *everyone* who attends should take their Dobok with them.

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An application has been received from Argentina for the *XIth. World Championships* to be held there in 1999. They have Government and Corporation support.

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For the 10th. World Championships we ask *umpires of "A" qualification* who wish to officiate to send their details to the ITF HQ. As usual there will be a two day seminar beforehand.

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The ITF magazine subscription begins from March 1997. You should apply now to take advantage of the very good introductory prices. A single subscription only costs US\$15.00 which is for 1997 and will be 4 magazines. ORDER NOW.

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Please note that if we print anything at peoples' request that we take no responsibility for the details being wrong.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SEMINARS

CONDUCTED BY GEN. CHOI HONG HI
1997

FEBRUARY - 22nd.&23rd. - JAPAN.
MAY - 1st. week - CANADA. 15th. to 17th. - Cambodia. 21st. to 23rd. - SYRIA.

JULY - China. Korea.

OCTOBER - 31st. to Nov. 2nd. - PERU.

NOVEMBER

7th. to 9th. - Tucuman, ARGENTINA.
11th. & 12th. - URUGUAY. 14th. to 16th. - Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA.
20th. to 23rd. - PARAGUAY.

DECEMBER - 10th. to 12th. - Poland.

CONDUCTED BY MASTER CHARLES SEREFF.

Spring 1997 in Denver, USA.

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CHAMPIONSHIPS 1997

MAY - 1st. to 4th. - **EURO SENIOR** in Slovenia.

JUL - 1st. to 10th. - **Xth.**

World Championships in

St. Petersburg, Russia.

NOV - 22nd. - Deutsche Meisterschaft (A+B Junioren) in Marburg. 23rd. (Senioren).

DEC - 13th. & 14th. **EURO JUNIOR** in Poland. Turkmeistan Nationals.

1998

OCT - 9th. to 12th. - **IVth. Junior World Championships** in New Delhi, India.

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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

1997

APRIL - 11th. to 13th. - ITF April World Conference Seminar.

MAY - 30th. to June 5th. - the 30th. Anniversary of TKD in the UK.

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PROMOTIONS

Many congratulations to those who have been promoted.

1996

VIIth. Degree

MAY- 11th. - Yeow Cheng Watt - Malaysia.

VIth. Degree

MAY -11th.- Chee Moon Piow - Malaysia.

AUG. - 24th. - Fabian Nunez - USA.

Vth. Degree

MAY-11th.- Lee Hok Heng , Billy Soon Tian Lye , Alex Lee Min Pong, Toh Khek Tong - Malaysia.

SEP.- 28th.- John Jacob - Ireland.

OCT. - 27th. - Tadeusz Loboda, Jerzy Jedut - Poland. Michiel Rombout-Holland.

NOV.-11th.- Ruaki Kaiou - New Zealand.

IVth. Degree

MAY-11th.- Yong Kin Chong, Kong Yoon Chai - Malaysia.

JUL.-19th.- Kaki Srinivasa Rao - India.

AUG. -11th. -Timur Semeneev, Yuri Nefyodov - Russia.

SEP. - 8th. - Lawrence Sanchez-Olivier - UK. 9th. - Rhee Kang-Hae - UK.

29th. - Martha Todd, Gustavo Hernandez - USA.

OCT. -13th. - Terry Donnelly, Kenneth Wheatley - Ireland. 15th. - Barry Storton - UK. 27th.- Paul Dekker,

Stephen Tapilatu, Robert van der Werf - Holland. Krzysztof Jonski , Jan Klimiuk,

Tomasz Mendrzejewski, Marek Mendrzejewski , Krzysztof Pawlik, Jaroslaw Suska , Andrzej

Udro , Jerzy Litwinski - Poland.

Swavek Dydiszko, Orjan Eriksson - Sweden. Elaine O'Toole , Roy Bertrand

- UK. Florin Tamas - Canada.

NOV. -12th.- Vladimir Machota - Czech Republic.

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In order to encourage people to attend *seminars* with Gen. Choi Hong Hi, on a regular basis, it has been decided to give *a reduction to the waiting time.*

This is separate from the 1 of reduction of 6 months which is currently allowed, but please note that the two cannot be combined. If the 6 month reduction is claimed then a further reduction cannot be claimed at the same time. The extra reduction time will be 1 month per year for 1 or more seminars attended in that year. This means that if a seminar(or more than one) is attended in 1996 then 1 month may be deducted from the waiting time. If a seminar(or more than one) is attended in 1997 then 2 months (1 for 1996 and 1 for 1997) may be deducted from the waiting time.

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There are now many master degrees in the ITF but we advise that promotions to 4th. Dan and above, or seminars taken, must ALL HAVE ITF APPROVAL FIRST.

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