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## NEWSLETTER

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### ***SEASON'S GREETINGS & HAPPY NEW YEAR !***

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#### **ITF President Welcomed by IOC President**

There was a warm reception at the IOC HQ for ITF President Prof. Chang Ung by IOC President Dr. Jacques Rogge on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2005.

The IOC President welcomed the ITF President and held the talks in the atmosphere of friendship and cordiality.

The ITF President informed the IOC President of the recent situation around Taekwon-Do including the outcomes of talks held between ITF and WTF.

The IOC President fully understood it and expressed his deep concern to the proceedings of on-going talks and eventually, supported to continue the talks with WTF for the best solution of the Taekwon-Do issue in keeping with the benefits and interests of all Taekwon-Do practitioners across the world as well as in keeping with the Olympic Charter and Ideal.

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#### **Warm Congratulations to Master Benny Rivera and Puerto Rico Federacion Nacional de Taekwon-Do**

On behalf of the whole TKD brothers and sisters over the world, ITF would like to present its warm congratulations to Master Benny Rivera and Puerto Rico Federacion Nacional de Taekwon-Do having celebrated the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its foundation with the honor and pride.

And the sincere congratulations go to all the participants and volunteers, as well, who have greatly contributed to making this event memorable and significant.

Through this event, ITF showed again to the world its strength and unity with over 400 competitors in attendance from 12 countries including Canada, USA, Chile, Colombia and Guatemala.

ITF President Professor Chang Ung was kindly invited to this event as the guest of HONOR and he had the very important talks with the Masters from several countries, particularly with the Masters from USA during his stay in Puerto Rico. ITF President has also paid the protocol visits to the high and important figures, accompanied by Master Benny Rivera, including the Parliament of Puerto Rico and IOC Member in this country, and met with the journalists more than 5 times for the TV interviews.

The outcomes of the competitions were as follows;

PUERTO RICO was the OVERALL WINNER, followed by 2<sup>nd</sup> ARGENTINA, 3<sup>rd</sup> COLOMBIA, 4<sup>th</sup> CHILE, 5<sup>th</sup> USA AND 6<sup>th</sup> REP. DOMINICA

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### **Successful Umpire Seminar in Greece**

The Umpire Seminar was successfully held in Greece from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October this year. The AETF organized it and over 100 participants took part in this seminar from the region of Europe.

It was really a great opportunity for the Umpires to update them with the new tournament rules.

During the seminar, the creative and productive opinions and ideas for making ITF stronger and more popular in Europe were exchanged among the participants.

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### **The New ITF Tournament Rules to be Applied from 2006**

As decided at the Congress held in Australia on 12<sup>th</sup> July this year, the new tournament rules will be applied from the 7<sup>th</sup> Junior & 2<sup>nd</sup> Veteran World Championships which will be held in Sofia, Bulgaria in July 2006.

These rules have already been delivered to all the NGBs and available at the ITF website ([www.itfkd.org](http://www.itfkd.org)).

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### **Notification from ITF HQ**

Through this opportunity, you are kindly requested to renew your schools or clubs (PLAQUE) for 2006 with the appropriate fee by the end of January 2006.

When you send the membership fee for your schools, please inform ITF of the number of your PLAQUE as well.

This would be a great assistance to the work of ITF.

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