Vth. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

These are being held in Malaysia from 6th. to 9th. August 1986. Information from the host, Mr. Sabree Salleh, is expected to be circulated in the near future but it would be good to know how many countries anticipate sending a team. Please write to Mr. Salleh at Persekutuan Taekwon-Do Malaysia (ITF), Mr. Sabree Salleh, No. 44 Jalan SS 14, Subang Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia, and let him know how many competitors and officials will be going.

Please write now if you intend going even although, when the time comes, you are unable to go and send a copy of YOUR LETTER TO THE ITF in VIENNA. It is most disheartening for the organizers when they do not receive replies and then suddenly two weeks before the event people expect to arrive and be taken care of when they write at that time.

ADDRESSING OF MAIL

Master Park Jung Tae has taken up his appointment, as Secretary General of the ITF, as from September 1st. All official correspondence with the ITF should be addressed to the International Taekwon-Do Federation, Stollgasse 8/2, 1070 Wien, Austria. Mail will be handled by the Under Secretary General, Mr. Tom Mac Callum, and should you wish mail to be dealt with personally by Master Park then you should put his name before the ‘ITF’ on the address.

COURSES FOR INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

These will be held at the Taekwon-Do Centre in Vienna, commencing on the 1st. of March and the 1st. of September in each year. Degree members of IVth. Dan and above are eligible to take the Instructor and Umpire combined course which will be of two weeks duration and cost $ 200.00 (US). The course will provide instruction for the International Instructor and International Umpire qualification. Examinations will be given at the conclusion of the course, your qualification assessed, and the appropriate certificates issued.

SPECIAL PROMOTION COURSES IN MARCH & SEPTEMBER

IIIrd. Dan members will be eligible to take a 6 week course (2 weeks International Instructor & Umpire and 4 weeks Promotion) for qualification to IVth. Dan, after having held their IIIrd. Dan for a minimum period of 30 months, at a cost of $ 500.00 (US). The course will include instruction for International Instructor and International Umpire qualification.

IIInd. Dan members will be eligible to take a 2 week course for qualification to IIIrd. Dan, after having held their IIInd. Dan for a minimum period of 18 months, at a cost of $ 200.00 (US).
Ist. Dan members will be eligible to take a 2 week course for qualification to IIInd. Dan, after having held their Ist. Dan for a minimum period of 12 months, at a cost of £ 200.00 (US).

Gradings held at the conclusion of courses will cost £ 15.00 (US) per applicant and certificates will cost the normal ITF fee.

Everybody is welcome to train at the centre in Vienna. Training within normal classes will be given without charge for 1 or 2 weeks but will not include personal tuition and, of course, will be given only if it does not disrupt the normal class because of too many people being present or other such reasons. Personal tuition will be given on a 1 week course basis at a cost of £ 100.00 (US).

For all International and Special Courses you should write to the ITF in Vienna, in advance, giving your name, age, and qualification held. You should also have the permission of your National Association. All course fees, grading fees and certificate fees must be paid to the ITF at least 1 month in advance of the course commencement date with cheque or money order payable to the ITF.

You should also send 2 passport size photographs plus 1 x 3.5cm long by 2.5cm broad photograph (this 1 small one only for promotion certificates, for the small card you get with the certificate).

For every certificate you may be awarded you must send photographs.

1986 INSTRUCTOR & UMPIRE COURSES

These will commence on Saturday 1st. of March at the TKD Centre at 10 a.m. and Monday 1st. of September at the TKD Centre at 10 a.m.

ACCOMMODATION CAN BE ARRANGED AT £ 10.00 (US) per night.

APPLICATIONS FOR ITF CERTIFICATES

All applications to the ITF for certificates for Dan (Degree) must be made accompanied by the completed "Application Form", a copy of which is enclosed, and 2 passport size photographs plus 1 x 3.5cm long by 2.5cm broad photograph with applicant's name written on the reverse of the photos.

TOURNAMENT DATES

All members are asked to send to the ITF, 1 year in ADVANCE, their proposed Major Tournament dates. This is especially necessary to co-ordinate Inter - National events in order to avoid major events clashing with one another.

YOUR CO-OPERATION IS APPRECIATED.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE FOUNDER OF TAEKWON-DO

A 35 x 26cm photograph of General Choi Hong Hi may be purchased from the ITF at £ 15.00 (US). This photograph will be extremely useful for copying to use for publicity purposes or to frame for your dojang.

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KUP (GRADE) CERTIFICATES

These are available to National Association members for students on promotion to a higher grade. They have General Choi Hong Hi's signature on them and may be obtained from the ITF. The cost is £ 1.00 (US) each and they are sent to you as blanks for you to fill in the details yourself. You simply order the certificates from the ITF and enclose the appropriate cost.

SOUTH PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

These are being held in Wellington, New Zealand, on October 19th. & 20th. You will no doubt have had your invitation by this time but please ensure that you have replied. Correspondence may be sent to the President of the South Pacific TKD Federation, Master Yun Young Ku, 8th. Degree at Collingwood Street, Albion, Q. 4010, Australia, or telephone 262-2603.

GREENLAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

These will be held in Narssaaq on the 24th. & 26th. October. Should you wish to know more then write to Mr. Leong Wai Meng, Chief Instructor, at Post Box 434, 3900 Godthab, Greenland, tel: 900(299)22280.

NORWAY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

These will take place at Tromsøe on November 23rd.
Enquiries should be sent to Mr. Jan Erik Lehn, Chief Instructor at TKD Centre, Nygata 24, N-7000, Trondheim, Norway, tel: 0047-755-3472.

You should all be aware by this time that the ITF have taken steps to ensure that the future administration is run properly. Up to this present time there has not been a uniform method of dealing with the issue of certificates (some countries number their own), or the annual fee to the ITF for recognition plaques etc. This is now being corrected and it may mean that some people will be asked to do something which is different to what they were doing previously, however your co-operation is asked for to ensure that the future will be uniform within the ITF for all things.

When sending for certificates for Black Belt promotions then the correct form must be used and completed properly, signed by the Instructor and endorsed by the President of respective area. Fees should be enclosed as should two passport size, and one 3.5cm x 2.5cm, photographs with the applicant's name written on the reverse.

Any member organization of the ITF must pay £ 200.00 (US) on affiliation with the ITF. The affiliated organization will then be sent a "MAIN" Plaque. The annual fee to be sent to the ITF, commencing 1 year later, is £ 150.00 (US). Also a "BRANCH" Plaque should be applied for all branch schools and the cost is £ 80.00 (US) for the first year and £ 50.00 (US) for the 3 following years after which no fee has to be paid.

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The ITF records need updating, one reason being the need to know all the members and their certificate numbers, and the other is to have comprehensive figures to be able to give to the I.O.C., for example. All National Organizations are asked to give the following information to enable the ITF to have an overall "picture" of the situation worldwide:

1. A list of all Black Belts with Degree held, certificate number and date of promotion to that degree.

2. The numbers of ITF students practising in each town e.g. Vienna - 200.

3. The numbers of:
   A. Karate practitioners in each town.
   B. WTF " " " " .
   C. Other " " " " e.g. Kung Fu.

It is understood that your fist reaction might be to say that this is impossible but with a little bit of goodwill towards your own Organization (ITF) you should be able to do it. It is understood that you may not be able to do it for towns where there are no ITF practitioners (is there such a place?! surely there cannot be many!, if there are then what are you doing about it?.) but we thank you for doing it in the town where you practice. Do your best and let us show the IOC what the ITF are made of.

In conclusion may we ask all of you to put your full name and address on the reply. Future correspondence will only be sent to those who support the ITF and if we don't know that you are out there then we cannot help you. The list of addresses we have may not be complete or may be incorrect, PLEASE WRITE TO US!!!

General Choi Hong Hi and Master Park Jung Tae send you their best wishes and ask for your co-operation.

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