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CHANGE of ITF TELEPHONE and FAX NUMBERS

The new numbers are as per the letter heading and are:

Telephone and fax (1) 2925509. Telephone and answering machine (1) 2928467.

CONGRESS

We enclose the minutes of the congress. Should you have any queries or disagree with the minutes then please write and tell us immediately.

AWARDS

We enclose a list and congratulate those who were honoured.

IOC

Enclosed is a statement from our President about TKD in the Olympics. Also enclosed is a statement from the administration of the ITF.

YEARLY PLANS

Please send a copy of your plans for 1995/1996 to this office.

IAPT

A new form for applications to the IAPT has been sent out. The address is Mr. Chon Jin Shik, Chairman IAPT, 3-6-1 Honmachi, Fuchu-city, Tokyo, Japan, 183, Tel: (423) 356321, Fax: 356333. Please use the new form when applying for membership or upgrading your membership. As from now, all memberships and payments of US$30.00 and above should be sent to the IAPT direct. Payments below $30.00 should be sent to this office and will be forwarded at 3 monthly intervals to the IAPT. WE REMIND YOU THAT YOUR CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS LIST SHOULD HAVE THE IAPT PAYMENTS RECORDED IN THE COLUMN PROVIDED. ONLY THIS WAY WILL THE ITF HAVE A RECORD. Do not send any application forms to the ITF but send them direct to the IAPT office.

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS

We remind you that all certificate applications should be on the new forms (you may print out the forms from your own computer but the format must be exactly as the format sent out with no additions) and should be accompanied by the CERTIFICATE APPLICATION list, this applies even for 1 certificate and also applies to applications for international instructor and umpire certificates.
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BRONZE / TERRACOTTA BUST OF GEN. CHOI HONG HI

Enclosed is a leaflet about this exciting offer. All enquiries to Sereff TKD please.

2nd. JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

These will be held in the Torwar Sport Hall in Warsaw from 9th. to 11th. June 1995. Please contact Mr. Tadeusz Loboda, President Polski Zwiazek TKD, 20-880 Lublin, ul. Nowowiejskiego 1/38, Poland, Tel: (48) (81) 730606(Home) or Fax: 25061.

PHOTOS

Enclosed are some photos from Greece of which some are of their summer camp. This camp has been held regularly for over 4 years and the training is 6 hours per day for 10 days. The one in Nidri Lefkadas was the fifth and had 55 members training.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SEMINARS - with Gen. Choi Hong Hi

NOVEMBER - 5 to 7 in Canada (contact Master Andre Blake). 18 to 20 in Italy. 25 to 27 in UK.

DECEMBER - 1 to 4 in Honduras.

1995

JANUARY - Australia? Philippines? Poland?

FEBRUARY - 17 to 19 in Santa Barbara, USA.

APRIL - 3 to 6 in Cologne, Germany.

MAY - Nicaragua? Puerto Rico? Netherlands?

JUNE - 25 to 27 in Colorado, USA.

JULY - Africa and Middle East?

SEPTEMBER - Lithuania?

OCTOBER - in Colombia, Peru, Paraguay, Chile, Argentina.

CHAMPIONSHIPS


1995

APRIL - 7 to 9 Euro Seniors in Germany. Santa Cecilia in Brazil.

May - VIth. Friendship in Brazil.


October - Latvian Nationals.

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

PROMOTIONS

Many congratulations to those who have been promoted.

VIth. Degree

1994 Jun 10 - Brazil - Raul Sanchez.
1994 Jun 11 - USA - Paul de Baca.
1994 Jul 30 - Argentina - Roberto Saenz.

Vth. Degree

1993 Sep 19 - UK - Gary Miller.
1994 May 21 - USA - Kevin Humphreys.
1994 May 26 - Colombia - Luis Hernandez.
1994 Jun 11 - USA - Kent Hups.
1994 Jul 30 - Australia - Dararith Nak.

IVth. Degree

1993 Sep 05 - UK - Keith O'Sullivan.
1993 Nov 11 - - Michael Miller.
1994 May 21 - USA - Glen Graham.
1994 Jun 11 - USA - Pamela Neidig.
1994 Jul 30 - Australia - Peter Barbour, Michael Muleta.
TAEKWON-DO IN THE OLYMPICS

During the period of time from August 28th. to September 6th. 1994 the IOC held various meetings and the 103rd. IOC Session in Paris, France. The ITF believing that TKD would be discussed sent members to Paris. Despite the IOC having regular procedures, they manipulated them so that the Programme Commission which had rejected WTF as a potential sport in the IOC Games was bypassed. What then is the purpose of the programme commission? None at all would seem to be the logical answer. The Executive Committee of the IOC, which includes Un Yong Kim who is a Vice President of the IOC, President of GAISF and President of the WTF, voted for WTF to be in the year 2000 Games. It was related that the Australian authorities asked for it to be included. What kind of a deal was struck to allow this to happen we wonder? Upon trying to talk to some IOC members about the situation we were met with answers such as "Kim is the boss of TKD, so talk to him" or were told that they could do nothing to help our case. This would support our belief that the decisions were made long before the supposedly democratic process within the IOC. The members of the 103rd. Session were not even allowed to debate the subject but told to vote after 1 minute.

It is significant that the 'grass roots' of the IOC want to have more say in the running of the IOC and that this is borne out by a suggestion which was made that the athletes become more involved in the administration of the Olympic ideal, and the comments received strong applause. There are many people talking against the way the IOC conducts its affairs. While acknowledging that the IOC needs large sums of money it is the ethics involved in the obtaining of these large sums of money which bears scrutiny. Why should a man like Un Yong Kim be able to block proper, democratic, decisions of the IOC, especially about TKD when he is not a practitioner.

The WTF will present what they call TKD in the year 2000, for only those games and not any others. Our task must continue to make the IOC realise that we are who we say we are, 'the true innovators and inheritors of the truly Korean Taekwondo'. Let Kim answer to the Korean people for his use of a bastardised version of something he calls TKD. The WTF sparring has produced too many deaths. The ITF system is correct and the IOC must be made to realise that the WTF system is too dangerous. The WTF are gradually changing their whole system to emulate the ITF. They are stealing our rights and honour piece by piece. We must continue to ask for our rightful place. You must put pressure on your National Olympic Committee and the WTF. Without this our task is made that much more difficult. However, this is not the end of our struggle for recognition or to make the IOC and the WTF realise that a merger of the two federations is the proper solution for the future.

Gen. Choi Hong Hi, our President and the Founder of TKD, asks the leaders of the national governing bodies and instructors to tell the students and the public that TKD was not born for the Olympics but for another important purpose, to be developed and expanded as a true martial art.

T.T. MacCallum

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