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Mr. Raul Sanchez, Rua Sorocaba 594/101, Rio de Janeiro, CEP 22271-110, Brasil, Tel: (21) 5356092, Fax: (21) 5525395 advises us that the Panamerican Championship is from September 10th to 13th. 1998 in Cabo Frio.

For the JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS we enclose the forms which should be filled in and sent immediately to India. Please advise the organiser that you will take part, at least, so that he may make his plans. Tel: +91 11 6891983, Fax: 4671812.

Until now we asked that you put "ITF O Song Ho" on your cheques to ITF. Please change this to "ITF Ri Yong Son" as he is now the treasurer.

Photographs are required from the new member countries for the new printing of the encyclopaedia. Photos should be group photos, in colour, and of an A4 size. Would the following countries please send photos; Algeria, Armenia, Bosnia&Herzegovina, China, Czech, Georgia, Mexico, Slovenia, Cambodia, Granada, Haiti, Liberia, Nepal, Srpska, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Tatarstan. There may be others who are not in the encyclopaedia so please send a photo if you are not already in the encyclopaedia.

We ask you to use a typewriter or computer to print the details on the certificate application forms. Please only send forms in the layout sent out by the ITF. You must also send a list of the applicants on the form sent out by the ITF.

If you fax something to the ITF and follow it up by sending the same thing in the post then we ask you to mark on the letter that it has been sent already by fax. This would also apply to e-mail. It would save the same items being dealt with twice and in fact if you send something by one method then it is, usually, not necessary to send it again by another method.

It seems that the regulation about reduction in time of waiting between gradings is not clear. It is clarified here that there may be only 1 reduction period claimed for any 1 year no matter how many courses have been attended.

Some misunderstanding exists about what an examiner may and may not do. A seventh Dan may not take a grading for someone who wishes to be promoted to 6th, Dan, even if it is a grading by a 'panel'. There must be an 8th, Dan or higher present. Every examination for 4th, Dan and above must have the approval of the ITF before it may go ahead. For every person who wishes to be promoted to 4th, Dan or higher the ITF must be notified in writing at least 3 months in advance so that the period of waiting is checked. If the ITF have not been notified and you have not received a reply then you cannot be graded.

Forthcoming Events

Seminar 1998

Conducted by Gen. Choi Hong Hi

July - 31st. to August 2nd. - Whitburn, SCOTLAND Tel: +44 1501 744102.

August - 7th. to 9th. - Leicester, ENGLAND Tel: +44 1234 218416 Fax: 353218.

September - 25th. to 27th. - Alberta, CANADA.

November - 4th. to 8th. - JAMAICA - Tel: +1 876 9788935, Fax: 9629272, Pyongyang, KOREA. 25th. to 29th. - Beijing, CHINA.

1998

January - 8th. to 10th. - Melbourne, 15th. to 17th. - Brisbane, 22nd. to 24th. - Perth, AUSTRALIA.

February - 27th. to March 1st. - Denver, USA Tel: +1 303 4664963 Fax: 4663587.

Conducted by others

September - 3rd. to 5th. - UK - by Grand Master Rhee Ki Ha tel/fax: +44 141 7631177.

October - 1st. to 5th. - Venezuela - by Master Choi Jung Hwa.

Championships

Poland have applied to host the senior World Championships in 2001.

1998

July - Moscow International Youth Competition within the demonstration programme of World Youth Games 1998 - 10th. to 12th. - Tel/Fax:+7 095 9183222.

SEP - Korea Cup International - 10th. to 13th. in Pyongyang, Fax: +850 2 3814410, 10th. to 13th. - PANAMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP - Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, Tel: (21) 5356092, Fax: 5525395. USTF Goodwill Championship - 26th. in New Haven, USA, Fax: +1 203 2302411.

OCT - 10th. to 12th. - IVth. Junior World Championships in New Delhi, India tel: +91 11 6891983 fax: 4671812.

Italian Open - 23rd. to 25th. - Riccione, Italy - Fax: +39 6 66410084. 24th. North American Championship in Ottawa, CANADA.

Nov - Riga, Latvia - 14th. to 16th. - Tel/Fax: +371 2 995131.

1999

Xlth. World Championships - Argentina.

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

Other Events 1998

Promotions

Many congratulations to those who have been promoted.
1997

Vth Degree
Oct. - 15th. - Dong Kyu Chung - USA.
Nov. - 1st. - Marcello Franzotti - Italy.

Vth Degree
Sep. - 12th. - Richard Letts - USA.
20th. - Gary Dutcher - USA.
Oct. - 3rd. - Craig Stanley - Canada.

IVth Degree
Aug. 30th. - Andrey Beletskiy - Russia. 31st. - Pavel Stolyarov - Russia.
Sep. - 22nd. - Terry Wisniewski - Canada.
19th. - Chad Melton - USA.

1998

VIIIth Degree
Feb. - 1st. - Phap Lu - Canada.
Apr. - 8th. - Juan Lenti - Argentina.
May. - 16th. - Ally Teoh - Malaysia.

VIIIth Degree
Apr. - 5th. - Yury Kalashnikov - Russia, Jorge Puerto - Colombia. 11th. - Clint Norman - Canada. Pier Paolo Lecca - Italy, Peter Fischer - Germany, Ebel Barat - Argentina.
May - 16th. - Nelson Bernard Kirby - Malaysia.

VIIIth Degree
May - 16th. - Swee Hwa Tan, Vivian Yoke Ping, Kee Kun Teo, Azalina Othman, Eng Chai Tan - Malaysia.

IVth Degree
Jan. - 11th. - Gordon Bettess, Jason Lai - Australia. 24th. - Paul Joyce, Bernard Weinstock, Glenn Fox - USA.
May - 16th. - Peter Timik, A.V.S. Bathi - Malaysia.

The ITF is receiving many more enquiries than it should, this does not mean that the ITF do not welcome enquiries but there is a limited staff and a lot of work. We ask that individuals do not make enquiries to the ITF unless they have asked their national association first. Generally the national association should then ask the ITF and not the individual. This cuts out the amount of time spent by the ITF in answering telephone calls, faxes and e-mail. It seems that some people think that they can ask for information direct from the ITF and then keep up a correspondence. Sometimes we feel that it is only because they have just logged on to the internet and need someone to send an e-mail to. The ITF are very happy to receive requests for advice etc but we must put it in perspective. Most of the information asked for is able to be found in the newsletters and because we do not want to offend anyone we usually answer. For the future we shall not answer questions about items which can be found in newsletters or individual requests which we believe could have been answered by the national association. There has to be a system of priority for answering correspondence so please do not be unhappy if an answer takes a month, or more, to reach you. If you wish to telephoe the ITF for a quick answer then it is welcome but we request that you have all the necessary information at hand. For important items we ask that you fax to us so that we may be sure that we understand what you want and our written reply cannot be misinterpreted or misunderstood, we hope! The normal period from receiving certificate applications until we post the certificates is 1 month. If you do not receive your certificates after 6 to 8 weeks from the date you posted the applications then you should enquire about the certificates. Certificate applications are not actioned if the fees are not paid. YOU MUST HELP US BY TYPING THE CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS AND ONLY PUTTING 1 FIRST NAME AND 1 LAST NAME ON THEM.