NEWSLETTER

November 2003

- ADDRESS FROM ITF HEADQUARTERS, VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Recently ITF put the letter impeaching the plots and manoeuvres of the betrayers against ITF on our website. They foolishly tried to deceive the loyal and honest TKD practitioners and to damage the image of ITF by circulating the letter with false information to IOC and GAISF. They asserted even in their letter that they never wanted the merger between ITF and WTF but wanted to co-exist. It was entirely against the final wish of late Gen. Choi Hong Hi and dream of all the TKD practitioners. Nevertheless, the world does not give them the opportunity to cheat the peoples in good mind. This is fact that they met with Mr. Schupp, the Director General of GAISF, in Monaco in May last year. But you should know his job as above-mentioned is to meet with the peoples and to have a talk with them about the development of all kinds of sports and sometimes he takes the photo with them because they used to ask him to do so, however, he never remembers them all. In this regard, their case was precisely same. Mr. Schupp told us he did not know who Tom MacCallum was. Of course, nobody turns his ear to their voice as you know well about their crime and scheme but we would like you to pay a high vigilance to their acts. For more information, let me ask you to visit the ITF website (www.internationaltaekwondo federation.com).

- REPORT OF “ITF GOODWILL MISSION TOUR” IN PAN AM CONTINENT

The ITF Delegation headed by Mr. Chang Ung, ITF President and IOC Member, accomplished the “GOODWILL MISSION” PAN AM TOUR to Canada, Cuba, Colombia, Peru, Chile and Argentina from Oct. 1 to Oct. 16, 2003. The purpose of this trip this time was to get the comprehensive and profound understandings about the real situation around TKD in this region and to consolidate the foundation of NGBs under ITF in each country. In everywhere, the Delegation was warmly received not only by the leaders of NGB but the high authorities of sports and NOC in each country. Furthermore, the Delegation had a constructive and fruitful talk with both ITF NGB and sports authority and got confirmation from the NOC in every country to give the active support to ITF organization in the future.
After the end of the mission of the Delegation, ITF received the many letters of thanks from those countries including Argentina, Peru and Chile because of the unexpected successes achieved by the Delegation. Please look at the ITF website.

- ITF REPRESENTATIVE VISIT GREENLAND

Member of ITF Executive Committee and President of PAN AM TAEKWON-DO COUNCIL, Master Phap Lu paid a visit to Greenland from October 22-26th, this year. Master Phap Lu was invited by the ITF Greenland Taekwon-Do Federation as the Guest of Honor for their 2003 Greenland National Championship. Master Lu also gave a special seminar to ITF members during his visit. The National Championship went very smoothly and successfully. Participants came from all parts of Greenland. They came by ships, cars and air. Greenland ITF Members have many talented competitors from all ages. They are warm-hearted people with great discipline. ITF Greenland received 100% support and grants from government. Under the leadership of Mr. Nuka Kleeman ITF Greenland is one of the eight recognized sport organization in Greenland Sports Confederation. Mr. Nuka Kleeman will be running for the Presidency of Greenland Sports Confederation in next month. We wish him all the best luck. It will be a great honor for ITF family. Next January Greenland will be the host of the North Artic ITF Taekwon-Do Championship. ITF President, Mr. Chang Ung, and the Pioneer of ITF Greenland, Grand Master Leong Wai Meng, will be the Special Guests. ITF Greenland would like to invite Master Phap Lu to return to Greenland next May for conducting an International Instructor Course. There are more than 100 black belts holders in Greenland. They dedicate a lot of time for developing ITF and Taekwon-Do in this beautiful Island for the last 25 years. Last month ITF Greenland celebrated their 25th anniversary. We wish them many more great years to come. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FORMATION OF NGB IN HONG KONG

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Master Phap Lu, the ITF NGB in Hong Kong will be inaugurated in November 2003. On behalf of the entire NGBs and TKD practitioners the world over, ITF would like to give the sincere congratulations to them.

WELCOME TO ITF

- FROM THE DESK OF CHAIRMAN OF INFORMATION COMMITTEE

We would like to ask NGBs to inform us through ITF Headquarters and website a few times as follows;
- The Participation List of Senior Adults (40+) Males and Females in 2004 1st Senior Adults World Championship in Malaysia. (ITF is doing a SURVEY of divisions in ages, we kindly ask you to send/SUBMIT detailed information of age, weight and rank of Senior Adults (40+) in your country who wish to participate in Malaysia to ITF Headquarters and website before December 31, 2003 DEADLINE).

- 2004 ITF Activities in your country

- Planning any International Events, International Instructor/Umpire Course, Seminar, Tournament (Please keep in mind you should get permission and approval from ITF for any International Activities.)

- The complete List of NGB’s name and address and correspondence information of Board of Directors in typewritten (ITF is going to make out the ITF Directory for your convenience, therefore, we ask you again to send the above-mentioned information to ITF not later than Dec. 15, 2003 by fax or e-mail and post.)

- ITF ACTIVITIES IN 2004

- January

North Artic Taekwon-Do Championship – Greenland (Mr. Nuka Kleeman; nukl@gh.gl
Fax; +299 322073)

Visit to Scandinavian Countries by Korean Taekwon-Do Demonstration Team (GM Leong Wai Meng and ITF)

3rd IMGC Conference – Cambodia (IMGC Secretariat; imgc@silibank.com Fax +850 2
3814539, 3814410 or ITF)

- February

From 14 to 15. 3rd Winternational TKD Open – Finland (Mr. Thierry Meyour;
www.jippii.fi/)

From 18 to 21. International Cup Havana 2004 (Mr. Julian Sanchez;
monzpte@informed.sld.eu Tel; +537 831 8731 Fax; +537 832 0456) (We ask all ITF
NGBs in PAN AM CONTINENT please contact Master Phap Lu, President of PAN AM
TKD COUNCIL, phaplu@rogers.com Tel; +1 613 2253006 Fax; +1 613 8224123 for
your complete correspondence address. We do not want you to be missed out from
the mailing list.)

Early February. ITF GOODWILL MISSION TOUR TO EAST ASIA (To all NGBs in
this region if you would like to invite ITF Delegation to your country, please contact ITF
Headquarters immediately before Dec. 2003 Deadline.)

End of February. Meeting of Executive Committee in Headquarters of ITF

- March

Early March. Meeting of Women’s Committee in Headquarters of ITF
Korean Taekwon-Do Demonstration Team European Tour in conjunction with ITF GOODWILL MISSION TOUR TO EUROPE

3rd Asian Taekwon-Do Championship in Cambodia

International Seminar in Australia (Master Jamie Moore; Fax +61 7 39016847)

International Instructor Course in Hong Kong (Please contact ITF Hong Kong, Sec. General Mr. Norman Law; masternormanlaw@msn.com)

- May

European Taekwon-Do Championship in Bulgaria.

Seminar in Copenhagen, Denmark

International Instructor Course in Greenland

- June

Umpire Seminar in Ireland conducted by GM Leong Wai Meng

- July

6th Junior World Championship & 1st Historical Senior Adults (40+) World Championship in Malaysia (Master Tan Chek Si; tcs8@tm.net.my)

International Umpire Course in Malaysia prior to the Championship

- August

From 26th to 28th. International Course in England UK (Mr. A. William; uktaekwondo@ic24.net)

- September

1st Historical IMGC Games in Korea

- October

2nd Memorial Cup Tournament for Gen. Choi Hong Hi in Canada (If any NGB is interested in this, please contact ITF immediately.)

- November

Pan Am Taekwon-Do Games in Lima, Peru (Mr. Enrique Deacon; paki@ec-red.com)

- December

Tournament “Cup of Peter the Great” in S. Petersburg, Russia (Mr. Shmelev; Fax +7 812 3763402, E-mail torser@mail.wplus.net)
To; All the NGBs under ITF
Fr; ITF HQ

25th September 2003

Ref; New Rates of Fee for the Black Belt Certificates

Dear Presidents of NGB,

On June 16, 2003 the Executive Committee of the ITF proposed a plan to temporarily lower the rates for black belt certificates as well as for discounted rates for countries with economic hardship.
The goal of this plan is to make the ITF more competitive with other martial arts organizations as well as to make black belt certificates more affordable.

The new Standard Rates for ITF Black Belt Certificates is as follows;

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This new standard rates include ONLY the amount which should be paid to ITF.
It does not include the amount of 25 % for both NGB and examiner.
This will take an effectiveness from 1st Oct. 2003, which means the testing date should be 1st Oct. this year.

Yours in TKD

Headquarters, ITF
October 14th, 2003.
Meeting in the Olympic Committee from Chile.

Senator Mercedes Oviedo and ATF Directors
October 14th, 2003.

Meeting in the Ilustrious Municipality of Viña del Mar of the Government of Chile.

Left to right, FETRECH Vicepresident Sr. Hugo Huerta, ITF Deputy Secretary General Sr. Ri Young Son, Taekwon-Do Republic of Chile Federation Secretary General Sr. Hugo Andrés Huerta, Panamerican Taekwon-Do Council President Master Phap Lu, ITF Member Master Dr. Andrés Mencia, Ilustrious Municipality of Viña del Mar Gobernor Dr. Jorge Kaplán, ITF President IOC Member Sr. Chang Ung, Ilustrious Municipality of Viña del Mar Chairman of Sports Sr. Ernesto Ortiz, Olympic Stadium of Viña del Mar Manager Sr. Francisco González, Taekwon-Do Republic of Chile Federation President Sr. Pablo Sabalain.
With Master Desimone (Vice President ATF)

With Master of ATF in the Press Conference