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# GOOD HARVEST YIELDED DURING THE 25<sup>th</sup> ADULT AND 16<sup>th</sup> JUNIOR & 2<sup>nd</sup> VETERAN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

The above Championship has successfully taken place in Barletta, Italy from 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Mar. this year and over 700 participants from 29 countries throughout the European Continent gathered in this Festival. The EITF under the presidency of Senior Master Anto Nobilo regularly organizes its Championship every year and it draws more attentions and attractions not only from the TKD brothers and sisters in Europe but also from the Taekwon-Do-Loving-Peoples in this planet year by year.



On 10<sup>th</sup> Mar. the EITF Congress was held and the ITF President Prof. & Dr. Chang Ung was invited to this Congress and congratulated the TKD peoples in Europe on their particular contributions to the intensification and promotion of the original TKD worldwide.



The Congress decided, first ever, to host the Children's Championship together with the above Championship from the next year. The next European Championship will be held in Tallinn, Estonia in Feb. 2011, in conjunction with the 4<sup>th</sup> International Martial-Art Games, where has been chosen as the place for the COLOURFUL CEREMONIES of the "European Capital of Culture 2011".



#### AMIABLE TALKS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENTS OF ITF AND IOC & SPORTS ACCORD

The ITF President Prof. & Dr. Chang Ung held the very fruitful talks on several occasions with the Presidents of IOC and Sports Accord in the friendly atmosphere in the periods of the Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, Canada, concerning the future of Taekwon-Do.

The IOC President expressed his concerns and attitude on the talks between ITF and WTF and put forward the principles for



Prof. Dr. Chang Ung and IOC President Dr. Jacques Rogge

solving the TKD matters in the nearer future, and the Sports Accord President also expressed his full supports to the views and proposals of the ITF President to cope with this issue.

Prof. & Dr. Chang Ung again met with the IOC President in Singapore on 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar. this year and asked for his sustained attention and efforts to settle it down as quickly as possible.



Prof. Dr. Chang Ung and Mr. Hein Verbruggen, the President of Sports Accord



During a Medal awarding ceremony in Vancouver

## INFORMATION FOR THE 9<sup>th</sup> JUNIOR & 4<sup>th</sup> VETERAN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TO TAKE PLACE IN BELARUS

- The above Championship will be held in the Indoor Stadium "Sports Palace" in Minsk, Belarus from 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> Aug. this year.
- As normally, the Technical & Umpire Seminar is scheduled on 22–23 Aug. with the fee of EURO 50,00 per participant and all NGBs must send 1 Umpire to this seminar who is going to be umpiring at the coming World Championship representing their countries. It is also open to members wishing to be qualified as the International Umpire from ITF, however, all the participants including the 1 Umpire from each country should pay for their HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS for 2 days of Seminar by themselves.
- The Masters' Seminar is also scheduled in the morning on 24<sup>th</sup> Aug. and 6<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt Holders and up are kindly invited to this seminar. The venue and time will be informed to the participants upon arrival in Minsk.

The detailed information for the coming World Championship will be delivered to the members soon and it will, as well, be available on ITF website (www.itftkd.org).



## ITF CONGRESS TO BE HELD IN MINSK, BELARUS

The 20<sup>th</sup> ITF Congress will take place in Minsk, Belarus on 24<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2010 during the 9<sup>th</sup> Junior & 4<sup>th</sup> Veteran World Championship.

Every NGB is permitted to dispatch up to 3 Representatives to the Congress in accordance with the ITF Constitution.

The notification letter for this Congress along with the Agendas will be informed to the members in due course.

## 5<sup>th</sup> ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP TO TAKE PLACE IN KAZAHSTAN

The 5<sup>th</sup> Asian Taekwon-Do Championship is going to take place in Almaty, Kazakhstan on 24-28 Apr. this year. The organizers have the full knowledge and experiences how to make this event successful and memorable as they have before organized these kinds of events in

their country.

The preparations for this event are now at the final stage and the  $5^{\text{th}}$  ATF Congress will be held during this Championship. The entire ITF members sincerely wish the participants greater success and achievements throughout the competitions.



#### MEMORIAL CUP TOURNAMENT FOR LATE GEN. CHOI HONG HI SCHEDULED IN CANADA

According to the decision of the 18<sup>th</sup> ITF Congress held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan in 2008, GM Park Jong Soo is authorized to host this tournament in Canada every year, where late Gen. Choi Hong Hi has spent most of his time with his family during his lifetime.

Last year, it was so successful & impressed and the participants were extremely excited as Mrs. Choi Chun Hi, the Widow of late Gen. Choi Hong Hi and her family members personally joined in that event.

GM Park Jong Soo has already arranged the above event in Canada again on the occasion of the "Taekwon-Do Day" on Apr. 11, this year.

The members willing to be part of this event are kindly advised to contact

GM Park Jong Soo at his e-mail;

jongpark2@hotmail.com at your earliest convenient time.

### 8<sup>th</sup> YEAR-MEMORIAL-SERVICE FOR LATE GEN. CHOI HONG HI IN PYONGYANG, DPR KOREA

A lot of Taekwon-Do Grand Masters and Masters as well as the Martial-Art Peoples regardless of their affiliated organizations are requesting the Korean Taekwon-Do Committee to conduct the 8<sup>th</sup> Year-Memorial-Service for late Gen. Choi Hong Hi on 15<sup>th</sup> Jun. this year. The Korean Taekwon-Do Committee therefore plans to host this ceremony before the tomb of late Gen. Choi Hong Hi in Pyongyang on 15<sup>th</sup> Jun. this year and invites, on this occasion, all the peoples to Pyongyang, DPR Korea. The attendees will miss Gen. Choi all the day including looking around the remains of late Gen. Choi exhibited in the "Taekwon-Do Palace" on the very day. The ITF HQ would like to recommend the persons wishing to attend this ceremony to get in touch with the Korean Taekwon-Do Committee at the e-mail; tkdkorea@co.chesin.com and copy should

be sent to the ITF HQ as well.

