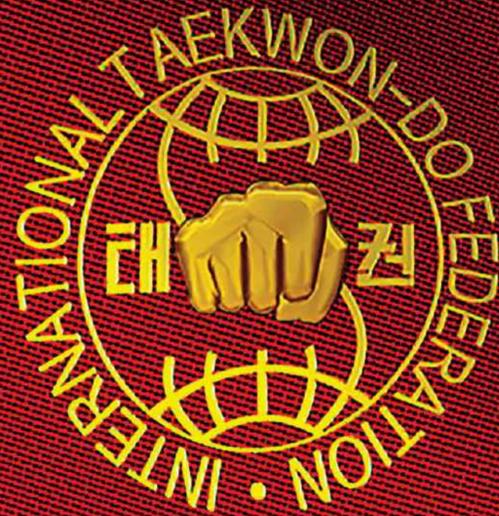


*New Leap,  
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# Strengthening the leading function of the ITF, marking a new milestone

The ITF has been invariably loyal to the ideal of Taekwon-Do originated by the 1st President of the ITF, Gen. Choi Hong Hi and it is constantly making its way along the road of development of Taekwon-Do.



Prof. Ri Yong Son, the former Executive Director General of ITF and Vice President of Korean Taekwon-Do Committee, was elected the 3rd President of ITF at the 25th ITF Congress which was held on August 26th, 2015 in Bulgaria.

## Forming a new leading organ of the ITF

The ITF further strengthened its leading function by building up a new leading organ with well-known figures who contributed to dissemination of Taekwon-Do and development of the ITF in the years 2015 and 2019.

 <b>Prof. Ri Yong Son</b> President International Taekwon-Do Federation	 <b>Prof. GM. Hwang Ho Yong</b> ITF Senior Vice-President Chairman of Technical & Education Committee	 <b>Prof. GM. Dr. Dato. Leong Wai Meng</b> Vice-President	 <b>GM. Adolfo Villanueva</b> Vice-President	 <b>Mr. Keo Remy</b> Vice-President	 <b>Mst. Mario Bogdanov</b> Vice-President	 <b>Prof. GM. Kim Ung Chol</b> Chairman of Tournament Committee	 <b>Mr. Kim Hyong Rak</b> ITF Secretary General	 <b>Mst. Kim Chol Gyu</b> ITF Director of Finance and Administration	 <b>Mr. Kim Myong Gun</b> President of the Asian Taekwon-Do Federation
	 <b>GM. Michael Prewett</b> President of European ITF Taekwon-Do Federation	 <b>GM. Osvaldo Rios Olivero</b> President of Panam Taekwon-Do Council	 <b>GM. Linda Low</b>	 <b>GM. Low Ming Tuck</b> President of Oceania Taekwon-Do Federation	 <b>Mst. Rajendran Balan</b>	 <b>Judge Annali Basson</b> President of Taekwon-Do Federation of Africa	 <b>Mst. Jaren Phillips</b>	 <b>GM. Leslie Hutchison</b>	 <b>Mst. Enrique Deacon</b>



# Enhancing the role of the ITF leading organ



**The ITF marked new milestones in its development by discussing and adopting important and principled issues in at the 3 Congresses and more than 10 EB meetings since 2015.**

**Adoption of a new rule to bring together categorical tournaments of the ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships at the ITF EB meeting in 2018,**

**Introduction of the ITF World Cup Taekwon-Do Games in 2019, Establishment of Anti-Doping rules, Introduction of online Taekwon-Do activities to cope with the world health crisis in 2020,**

**Instituting of Medical rules, Amending of Tournament and Umpire Rules to meet the developing demands of Taekwon-Do in 2021,**

**Decision to organize 4 age category tournaments in a TKD World Championships, i.e. Junior, Youth U-18, Adult and Veteran starting from the 22nd ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships (Aug. 2023, Kazakhstan)**





# Rapid expansion of NGBs, foundation of regional federations under the Asian Taekwon-Do Federation

**9 NGBs at the time of foundation of the ITF in 1966**

**Expansion and consolidation of NGBs from 127 in 2015 to 142 in 2023**

**Asia-Macau China, Oman, Saudi Arabia**

**America-Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Guyana, Panama,**

**Trinidad and Tobago, Ecuador**

**Africa- Chad, Congo, Gambia, Senegal,**

**Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan**

**Over 60 million practitioners**

The Asian Taekwon-Do Federation has been further consolidated and developed with the formation of the South Asian Taekwon-Do Federation and the Southeast Asian Taekwon-Do Federation in 2016 and the Central Asian Taekwon-Do Federation in 2022.



## 1st Central Asian ITF Taekwon-Do Championships (March 2023, Tashkent, Uzbekistan)



**Organizing the commemorative events with splendor, true to the wishes of Gen. Choi Hong Hi, the first President of ITF**



**The ITF has organized its major events with great splendor such as its 50th founding anniversary and 100th anniversary of birth of Gen. Choi Hong Hi in Pyongyang, the capital city of the DPR Korea, motherland of Original Taekwon-Do.**





**The commemorative event for the 50th anniversary of ITF Foundation (2016, Pyongyang, capital city of the DPR Korea)**



**Visit to the grave of Gen. Choi Hong Hi (2018, Pyongyang, capital city of the DPR Korea)**

**Visit to the Taekwon-Do Holy Centre**



**Commemoration of the 100th birthday of Gen. Choi Hong Hi (2018, Pyongyang, capital city of the DPR Korea)**





**Visit to the grave of Gen. Choi Hong Hi (2017, Pyongyang, capital city of the DPR Korea)**

**Commemorative events held in many countries greeting the 55th anniversary of the founding of the ITF**



**Prof. Ri Yong Son, the ITF President with Mrs. Han Chun Hi, the widow of Gen. Choi Hong Hi (2016, Canada)**



**Awarding ceremony of a doctor's degree in sports from the DPR Korea (2016, Pyongyang, capital city of the DPR Korea)**



**NGBs organized various events on the occasions of anniversaries of birth and passing away of Gen. Choi Hong Hi, naming of Taekwon-Do and founding of the ITF.**



# Rapid development of the Original Taekwon-Do techniques, Activation of its dissemination to the world

## A great leap forward in tournament system and its organization

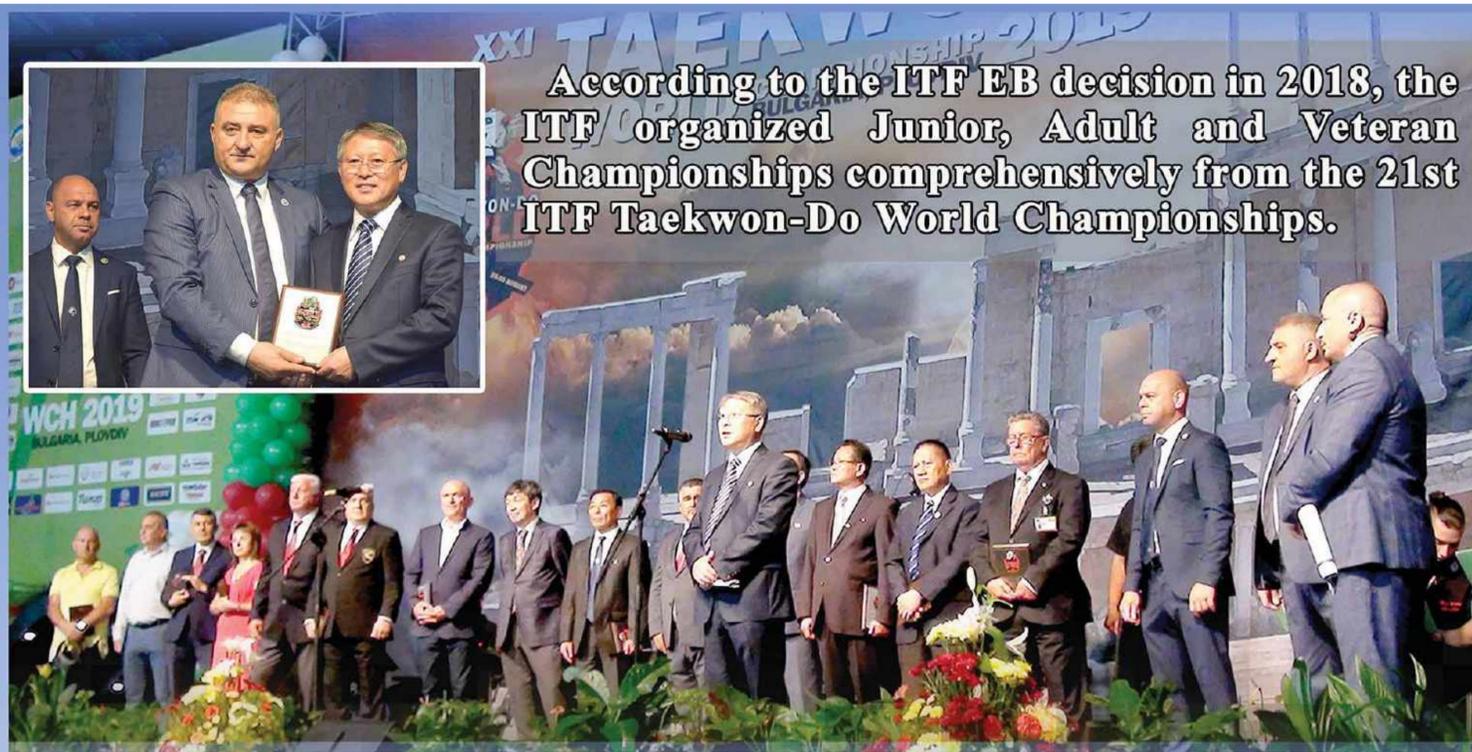


The 20th ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships held with great splendor in Pyongyang, DPR Korea, motherland of Taekwon-Do in 2017



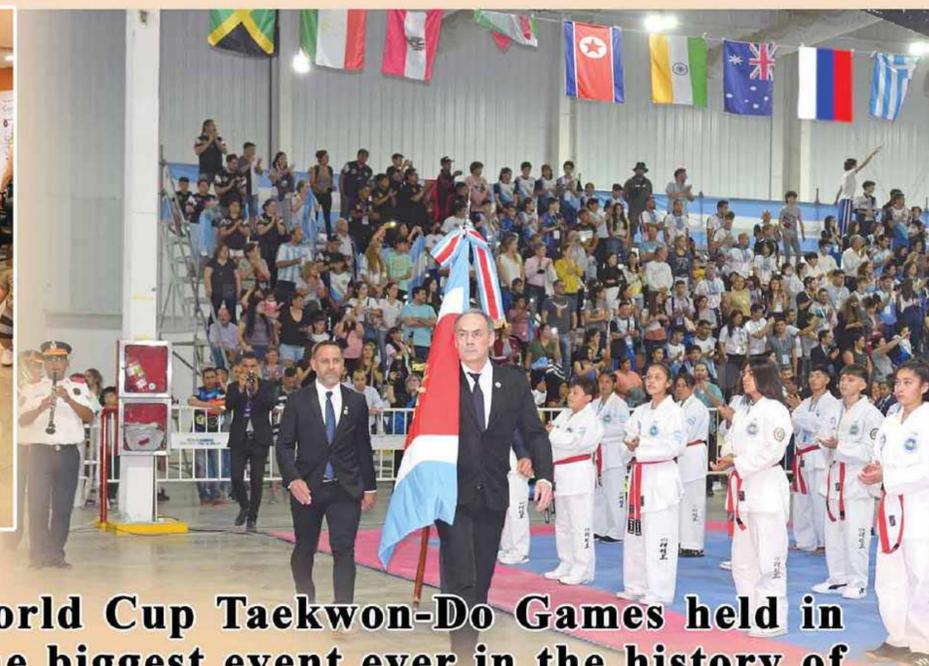
The 13th ITF Junior & 8th Veteran Taekwon-Do World Championships (2018, Belarus)

According to the ITF EB decision in 2018, the ITF organized Junior, Adult and Veteran Championships comprehensively from the 21st ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships.



**The 21st ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships (2019, Bulgaria)**

**The 1st ITF World Cup Taekwon-Do Games held in 2022**



**The 1st ITF World Cup Taekwon-Do Games held in Argentina was the biggest event ever in the history of ITF that allowed all practitioners of ITF NGBs, from the young to the old and from kup to dan holders, to take part in.**



# To put a spur to Taekwon-Do dissemination and conduct technical seminars with added vigor



**The 8th Asian Taekwon-Do Championships (2016, Kazakhstan)**



**Since 2015**

**Organizing continental ITF Taekwon-Do Championships more than 10 times**



**European ITF Taekwon-Do Championships (2016, Greece)**





**European ITF Taekwon-Do Championships (2021, Greece)**



**European ITF Taekwon-Do Championships (2022, Croatia)**



**South American ITF Taekwon-Do Championships (2016, Colombia)**



**1st African Cup Clubs (March 2023, Tunisia)**



# Organizing more than 500 ITF Taekwon-Do Championships by countries and regions



**DPR Korea**



**China**



**India**



**Tajikistan**



**Kazakhstan**



**Uzbekistan**



**Nepal**



**United Kingdom**



**Italy**



**Bulgaria**



**Russia**





**Honduras**



**Tunisia**



**Ethiopia**

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TAEKWON-DO  
ONLINE**

PATTERNS AND SEUNGHUI RUTINE

**WORLDWIDE  
CHALLENGE**



**ONLINE CORONA CHALLENGE**

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1ST BULGARIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ONLINE PATTERNS

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**ONLINE TAEKWON-DO COMPETITIONS**

**To ceaselessly undertake online Taekwon-Do Championships despite of the worst global health crisis**

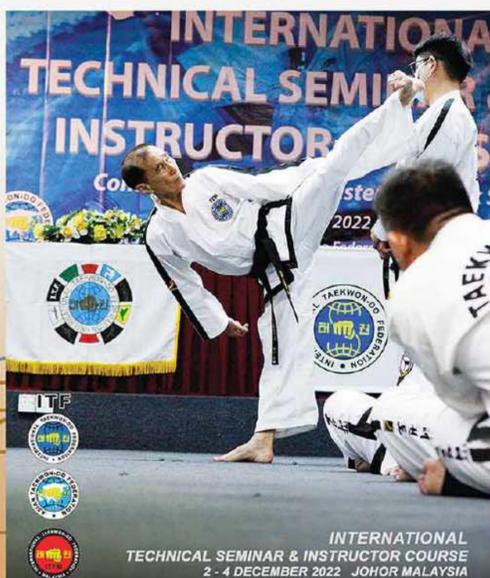
**Full demonstration of the superiority and vitality of the original Taekwon-Do as well as the indomitable spirit of the Taekwon-Doists**

**Organizing more than 200 international Taekwon-Do technical seminars,  
international instructor and umpires courses**





**Organization of ITF IT team with talented people in IT technology in 2020, To update a format and content of ITF website, Consolidation of its technical foundation for propagation and dissemination of the original Taekwon-Do**



태권도



# Consolidation of the international position of the ITF



For the last 8 years, the ITF has achieved unprecedented successes by making complicated and knotty international situation favorable to its activities.

## Active contribution to the development of world martial arts as a core member of the IMGC



Prof. Ri Yong Son, the ITF President, was elected the President of the International Martial Art Games Committee at the 8th IMGC Congress held in New Delhi, India in December 2015.

**2015-2023**

**To increase the number of IMGC member organizations from 8 in 2015 to 16 in 2023**



# Organization of 2 International Martial Art Games (IMGs)



**The 7th International Martial Art Games (29th Nov. - 4th Dec. 2017, Minsk, Belarus)**

**14 disciplines with 3 200 participants from 72 countries**



**The 8th International Martial Art Games (31st Oct. - 3rd Nov. 2019, Carrara, Italy)**

**10 disciplines with 2 000 participants from 71 countries**

**2 IMGC Congresses and numbers of EB meetings held**



**The 9th IMGC Congress (30th Nov. 2017, Minsk, Belarus)**



**The 10th IMGC Congress (31st Oct. 2019, Carrara, Italy)**



**The celebration of the 20th Anniversary of Foundation of the IMGC (16th - 20th Sep. 2019, Pyongyang, DPR Korea)**





# To foster solidarity with Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF) and other international organizations and figures of politics, society, culture and sports

The ITF engaged diplomatic actions in vigor with GAISF and other international organizations and figures of politics, society, culture and sports.



Taekwon-Do Demonstration in Geneva UN Office in Switzerland in 2019



Taekwon-Do Demonstration in Vienna, Austria in 2019

## Further strengthening of the ITF's function and role as a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Code

The ITF has brought a complete change as a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Code by further strengthening the function of its Anti-Doping Committee to establish material and technical basis for Anti-Doping activities at its 27th Congress held in 2019 and by regularly taking part in WADA meetings.



ITF President Prof. Ri Yong Son with a Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in 2019



WADA meeting held in Sydney, Australia (with WADA President, in Oct. 2022)





The ITF kept in close touch with the IOC and undertook Taekwon-Do Demonstrations in the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2018 Winter Olympic Games.



**The IOC President sent his congratulatory letter to the ITF President in February and March 2021.**

Lausanne, 15 February 2021

Dear Professor Ri,  
 Thank you very much for beautiful flowers you kindly sent me on the occasion of this Extraordinary Olympic Year. Your gesture was highly appreciated.  
 Please let me also wish you and your family and prosperous New Year. Wishing you all the very best, I remain.  
 Yours sincerely,



Lausanne, 15 March 2021

Dear Professor Ri,  
 Thank you for your message of congratulations and the beautiful flowers on the occasion of my re-election as President of the international Olympic Committee.  
 Your words mean a lot to me and I want you to know that I will do my utmost to live up to the trust placed in me.  
 Thanking you once again, I remain,  
 Yours sincerely,



**Taekwon-Do Demonstration held in the Olympic Museum located in Lausanne, Switzerland in 2019**

# Taekwon-Do celebrities who made great contributions to the founding and development of ITF

 <p><b>최홍희</b> Choi Hong Hi</p> <p>남자 Male 1916년 11월 9일 Born on Nov 9, 1916 조선사람 Korean 전 국제태권도연맹 총재 (1968년 3월~2002년 8월) First President of International Taekwon-Do Federation (Mar 1968~Jun 2002)</p>	 <p><b>장웅</b> Chang Ung</p> <p>남자 Male 1938년 7월 5일 Born on Jul 5, 1938 조선사람 Korean 전 국제태권도연맹 총재 (2002년 9월~2015년 8월) Former President of International Taekwon-Do Federation (Sept 2002~Aug 2015)</p>	 <p><b>황봉영</b> Hwang Pong Yong</p> <p>남자 Male 1948년 8월 15일 Born on Aug 15, 1948 조선사람 Korean 전 조선태권도위원회 위원장 (1996년 6월~2011년 6월) Former President of Korean Taekwon-Do Committee (Jun 1996~Jun 2011)</p>	 <p><b>백명철</b> Paek Myong Chol</p> <p>남자 Male 1958년 5월 31일 Born on May 31, 1958 조선사람 Korean 전 조선태권도위원회 태권도선수단 기술부단장 (2001년 4월~2003년 4월) Former Technical Vice Manager, Taekwon-Do Team, Korean Taekwon-Do Committee (Apr 2001~Apr 2003)</p>	 <p><b>황호영</b> Hwang Ho Yong</p> <p>남자 Male 1958년 5월 11일 Born on May 11, 1958 조선사람 Korean 국제태권도연맹 수석부총재 (2013년 3월부터 현재) Senior Vice President of International Taekwon-Do Federation (Mar 2013~)</p>	 <p><b>최덕신</b> Choi Duk Sin</p> <p>남자 Male 1914년 9월 17일 Born on Sept 17, 1914 조선사람 Korean 전 국제태권도연맹 상임고문 (1996년 3월~1999년 11월) Former Permanent Advisor to International Taekwon-Do Federation (Mar 1996~Nov 1999)</p>	 <p><b>전진식</b> Chon Jin Shik</p> <p>남자 Male 1922년 1월 25일 Born on Jan 25, 1922 조선사람 Korean 전 국제태권도연맹 수석부총재 (1990년~1995년) Former Senior Vice President of International Taekwon-Do Federation (1990~1995)</p>	 <p><b>리기하</b> Rhee Ki Ha</p> <p>남자 Male 1938년 3월 29일 Born on Mar 29, 1938 조선사람 Korean 전 국제태권도연맹 수석부총재 (2003년 6월~2011년 10월) Former Senior Vice President of International Taekwon-Do Federation (Jun 2003~Oct 2011)</p>	 <p><b>정우진</b> Jung Woo Jin</p> <p>남자 Male 1942년 2월 28일 Born on Feb 28, 1942 조선사람 Korean 국제태권도연맹 &lt;태권도리얼스&gt; 사장 (1981년부터 현재) President of Taekwon-Do Times (1981~)</p>	 <p><b>남태희</b> Nam Tae Hi</p> <p>남자 Male 1929년 3월 22일 Born on Mar 22, 1929 조선사람 Korean 전 아시아태권도연맹 위원장 (1988년 임명됨) Former President of Asian Taekwon-Do Federation (Appointed in 1988)</p>	 <p><b>박정래</b> Park Jung Tae</p> <p>남자 Male 1943년 9월 1일 Born on Sept 1, 1943 조선사람 Korean 전 국제태권도연맹 사무총장 (1984년~1989년) Former Secretary General of International Taekwon-Do Federation (1984~1989)</p>
 <p><b>한차교</b> Han Cha Kyo</p> <p>남자 Male 1954년 9월 29일 Born on Sept 29, 1954 조선사람 Korean 전 국제태권도연맹 경기위원회 위원장 (1973년 임명됨) Former Chairman of Tournament Committee, International Taekwon-Do Federation (Appointed in 1973)</p>	 <p><b>룡와이맹</b> Leong Wai Meng</p> <p>남자 Male 1952년 10월 28일 Born on Oct 28, 1952 말레이시아사람 Malaysian 국제태권도연맹 부총재 (2003년 6월부터 현재) Vice President of International Taekwon-Do Federation (Jun 2003~)</p>	 <p><b>베니 리베라</b> Benny Rivera</p> <p>남자 Male 1948년 12월 3일 Born on Dec 3, 1948 푸에르토리코 사람 Puerto Rican 국제태권도연맹 부총재 (2011년 9월~2013년 11월) Former ITF Vice President of International Taekwon-Do Federation (Sept 2011~Nov 2013)</p>	 <p><b>아돌포 빌라누에바</b> Adolfo Villanueva</p> <p>남자 Male 1951년 3월 9일 Born on Mar 9, 1951 아르헨티나사람 Argentine 전 국제태권도연맹 위원장 (2011년 9월~2015년 8월) Former President of Pan-American Taekwon-Do Council (Sept 2011~Aug 2015)</p>	 <p><b>피터 하키스</b> Peter Harkess</p> <p>남자 Male 1953년 9월 3일 Born on Sept 3, 1953 영국사람 British 전 국제태권도연맹 집행위원 (2007년 4월부터~2019년 8월) Former Member of Executive Board, International Taekwon-Do Federation (Apr 2007~Aug 2019)</p>	 <p><b>마이클 프리웨트</b> Michael Prewett</p> <p>남자 Male 1948년 6월 20일 Born on Jun 20, 1948 영국사람 British 유럽태권도연맹 위원장 (2011년 9월부터 현재) President of European Taekwon-Do Federation (Sept 2011~)</p>	 <p><b>라울 헤르난데스 보닐라</b> Raul Hernandez Bonilla</p> <p>남자 Male 1947년 2월 13일 Born on Feb 13, 1947 온두라스사람 Honduran 중앙아메리카태권도연맹 위원장 (1984년 8월부터 현재) President of Central American TKD-ITF Federation (Aug 1983~)</p>	 <p><b>린다 로</b> Linda Low</p> <p>여자 Female 1949년 8월 3일 Born on Aug 3, 1949 오스트레일리아사람 Australian 국제태권도연맹 집행위원 (2011년 9월부터 현재) Member of Executive Board, International Taekwon-Do Federation (Sept 2011~)</p>	 <p><b>김응철</b> Kim Ung Chol</p> <p>남자 Male 1956년 2월 27일 Born on Feb 27, 1956 조선사람 Korean 국제태권도연맹 경기위원회 위원장 (2006년 7월부터 현재) Chairman of Tournament Committee, International Taekwon-Do Federation (Jul 2006~)</p>	 <p><b>레슬리 하취슨</b> Leslie Hutchison</p> <p>남자 Male 1954년 3월 6일 Born on Mar 6, 1954 영국사람 British 국제태권도연맹 청소년 및 아로연맹 이사장 말레이시아태권도리얼스 위원장 (2015년 8월부터 현재) President of Pan-American Taekwon-Do Council (Aug 2015~)</p>	 <p><b>오스발도 리오스 올리베로</b> Osvaldo Rios Olivero</p> <p>남자 Male 1955년 4월 3일 Born on Apr 3, 1955 아르헨티나사람 Argentine 말레이시아태권도리얼스 위원장 (2015년 8월부터 현재) President of Pan-American Taekwon-Do Council (Aug 2015~)</p>
 <p><b>로밍탁</b> Low Ming Tuck</p> <p>남자 Male 1951년 11월 23일 Born on Nov 23, 1951 말레이시아사람 Malaysian 오세아니아태권도연맹 위원장 (2011년 9월부터 현재) President of Oceania Taekwon-Do Federation (Sept 2011~)</p>	 <p><b>탄척시</b> Tan Chek Si</p> <p>남자 Male 1951년 11월 20일 Born on Nov 20, 1951 말레이시아사람 Malaysian 아시아태권도연맹 부위원장 (2002년 9월부터 현재) Vice President of Asian Taekwon-Do Federation (Sept 2002~)</p>	 <p><b>존 윌리엄슨</b> John Williamson</p> <p>남자 Male 1957년 12월 30일 Born on Dec 30, 1957 영국사람 British 영국태권도연맹 위원장 (2012년 11월부터 현재) President of United Kingdom Taekwon-Do Association (Nov 2012~)</p>	 <p><b>웨인 브라운</b> Wayne Brown</p> <p>남자 Male 1958년 5월 20일 Born on May 20, 1958 영국사람 British 잉글랜드태권도연맹 위원장 (2015년 4월부터 현재) President of ITF England (Apr 2015~)</p>							

*We truly wish the ITF will fully discharge its responsible mission and duty to further the development of the Original Taekwon-Do.*