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We commence this year, 1988, with hope in our hearts. Our regret is that there is nothing new to report from the IOC. It would appear that they have given us no choice but to go to the International Court with our case. We are appealing one more time for them to act in accordance with their past promises and in accordance with their charter. However, the Olympics are only for the few and the majority of us have our sights set upon this year's world championships and that is a piece of history in itself. It is the first time in the history of TKD that the World Championships will have been held in a socialist country. It is a puzzle how the IOC can ignore the fact that the WTF cannot field even 1 person from the socialist countries and yet they are about to have a demonstration in 1988. We know of course that their propaganda had it that the ITF were only a 'family concern' but there has to be a good case for investigation within the IOC as to their closed door policy. We shall see.

Vith. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - RULES

As you all know our research was geared towards your wishes and experience. The Chairman of the Umpire Committee has for some time now had the new rules formulated to come into operation for the Olympics. They are not really new rules but instead of having so many divisions, which pleased more people, they have been trimmed down. Our intention was to commence after this championship on an international level, although they have been tried out at national level.

Many people wanted the new divisions to commence immediately but the hosts of the championships thought that it was not a good idea. However, it would appear that the pressure of opinion has had its effect. The host country sent letters and eventually sent a delegation to this HQ to state their case for having the new divisions introduced. Their considered opinion was that it would not affect the championships and since the event is being widely covered by the media it would certainly help the ITF. It does not affect the competitors except that there will not be so many medals to compete for.

It has been decided, since so many people have expressed a desire for the new divisions to be introduced, that they will be introduced if possible and without causing problems. We therefore list the changes and include them with this newsletter. Should you have an objection to the changes then we wish you to write to us at this HQ. Implementation will then rest with the body of opinion of the members.

It will not mean that your entries for the event are not now valid. It simply means that where you would have been in an 'A' or 'B' category that you will now all be in one category. For TUL there will now be 3 categories.

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VITH. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following items are connected with the championships so please read all of them carefully and where relevant then comply with the requests.

UMPIRE SEMINAR

This is being held on the 5th. & 6th. of April in Budapest and we require to know how many people will attend. You must be an ITF class 'A' or 'B' qualified umpire and have a certificate. Full accomodation and board will be provided. Please write to the HQ in Vienna giving details of yourself and confirm your attendance.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Everyone who attends, in whatever capacity, must send 2 passport size photographs to the ITF HQ at least 3 weeks in advance. Please ensure that your name is written on the reverse. There may be no facility at the event for photographs.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES

It is most important to know the times of arrival, whether by air, rail, etc. and the date. Transport will be provided **only** for those people who have given full details of their arrival, including flight no etc. to this HQ by March 15th. Departure date, time should also be given.

TELEVISION

The event will be given extensive coverage by Hungarian TV. We earnestly ask you to contact your national TV system and ask them if they are interested in obtaining any of the coverage. The ITF have been offered the master film from which videos can be made. Anyone who is interested in this, in any way, should contact this HQ.

EMBROIDERED BADGES

Mr. Harmat Laszlo has expressed a desire to have 100 embroidered ITF badges for the event. Anyone who can assist with this should please contact this HQ immediately.

DOBOK

You are reminded that this must be worn and we give the official description:

This was introduced in 1982 and consists of shirt, pants and belt. The shirt and pants must be white in colour and the ITF badge is worn on the left hand side of the shirt. On the back of the shirt is a logo which symbolises an evergreen tree incorporating the words 'Taekwon-Do' in English and Korean, also the letters 'ITF'. On the pants the letters 'ITF' should be printed on the outside of both legs. This should be at approximately knee level. This is the basic uniform to be worn by grade members.

Degree members will wear the basic uniform with the addition of black piping, 3 centimetres wide, around the bottom edge of the shirt.

CONGRESS

This will be held on 7th. April in Budapest. The agenda will be circulated later. Should you have any items which you wish to be included then please write to this HQ giving details within 1 month as we wish to give the delegates an opportunity to have a mandate from their Governing Bodies.

A reminder that all delegates must have written confirmation from their Governing Bodies that they are official delegates. Two delegates per member governing body are permitted to attend and since this is an election year then those delegates will become the ITF directors for the following 3 years.

Relevant extracts are printed from the Constitution and Rules:

RULES

3. NATIONAL GOVERNING BODIES

These should be associations or federations operating under a constitution approved by the ITF. They are responsible to the ITF for their affairs.

CONSTITUTION

2. Affiliated members will be all, officially founded, National TKD Organisations which use the methods and techniques developed by the Founder of TKD, Gen. Choi Hong Hi. TKD organisations of all countries of the world may acquire membership, irrespective of race, religion or nationality of their members.
2. Each member organisation is authorised to nominate up to 2 representatives for the Directors' Meeting of the ITF. These representatives should be appointed in such a way that their activity is secure up to the time of the date of proper appointment and confirmation of their successors by the ITF.
5. All members of the ITF are entitled to participate in the Congress. Only affiliated members may give their votes.
6. A quorum of the meeting of the Congress will be formed when not less than a majority of the total representatives and if not less than 1/3rd. of the affiliated organisations, exceptional circumstances apart, are present. In case one of the representatives is not available to attend the Congress he can delegate his vote to the other representative with the provision that it will be counted towards the quorum. / Resolutions which change the statutes of the Federation or disband the Federation need a 2/3rds. majority of votes. / Each representative can only take the vote of one other representative.
7. The appointment of the representatives to participate in the Congress has to be confirmed by the member organisations which they represent, and has to be forwarded to the Secretary General of the ITF. In cases where one member organisation only sends one representative, this one will be entitled to give the other representative's vote. Each representative represents, basically, the organisation of his country.

ITF YEARBOOK

We take the opportunity to remind you of the publication of the first issue of this yearbook. It is, as is always the case, a good idea which needs your support. Without people buying the book it cannot be viable and we did request you to order it, as many copies as possible. Please send your orders direct to Expressions Graphics Enterprise at 2578 Privet Crescent, Mississauga, Ontario, L5B 2S4, Canada. The cost is \$16.00 which should be sent as an **international money order and not private cheque.**

NOTE THAT ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE SENT DIRECT TO THE PUBLISHER AND NOT TO THE ITF.

At the moment there are not enough subscribers. One more time we ask that you order your copies now. It is pointless sending an entry and then not supporting it. Please let us see a response which is equal to the numbers of practitioners and not 1 per country.

COURSES

The following International Instructor/Umpire courses are scheduled:

February

1st. to 12th. in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Contact Mr. LUQUE Manuel P., President, Fed. TKD Rep. Argentina, Brasil 693 - 5° `J`, Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA.

March

21st. to April 2nd. at the ITF, HQ in Vienna. Application forms should be sent to this HQ as soon as possible.

June

10th. to 19th. in Toronto, Canada hosted by Mr. Rim Song Hack. Contact Mr. TRAN Trieu Quan, President, CTFI, 2773 Chemin St. Louis, Ste. Foy, Quebec G1W 1P1, CANADA.

24th. to July 9th. in Pottstown, USA. Contact Mr. MURRAY James, Director Region 4, USTF, 100 W. Schuylkill Road, Route 724, Pottstown, Pasadena 19464, USA.

July

18th. to 30th. in London, England. Contact Master RHEE Ki Ha, President, UKTA, 36 Woodberry Avenue, Harrow, Middlesex HA2 6AX, ENGLAND.

It has become necessary to point out that short weekend courses are not a practical proposition for qualifying people. Weekend training is fine for a seminar or to update techniques. Therefore please do not request Master Park to visit for a weekend when the intention is for qualification. For the future Master Park's time would be better spent in taking courses of at least 1 week's duration with a view to qualification as international instructor/umpire. This would better serve the ITF.

SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

It is with great pride that we report that Mariann Engrich, of Hungary has been chosen as sportswoman of the year in her own country. This is a great honour and we give our many congratulations to Mariann.

Hopefully we will get a profile with pictures of her for the Human Weapon!

Vth. World Championships Medals

We apologise for the fact that some people still have not received their medals. Unfortunately the ITF still do not have all of them but they have been promised and we therefore hope to have all of them with us in Budapest. To ensure that our records are correct will all those who are awaiting medals please inform us.

Vith. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

We remind NGBs' that you should bring your National Flag with you to Budapest and it should be about 3 metres x 2 metres in size.

We also request that you bring a cassette tape of your National Anthem (song).

We also give you a last chance to submit your list of competitors for the championships. We appreciate that you may wish to select your team later but we must have a list of individual competitors by February 19th. **latest** and this includes individual entry forms with photographs. Following this date there will be no other entries allowed and forms will be returned to you. This applies to everyone.

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