We are all saddened by the loss of our beloved leader, the Founder of Taekwon-Do, Gen. CHOI HONG HI. He passed away on 15th June 2002 and was buried in Pyongyang on June 17th. The photograph above is of Gen. Choi's gravestone in the Patriotic Martyrs' Cemetery in Pyongyang. It says “Choi Hong Hi, Teacher, President of the International Taekwon-Do Federation, Birthdate 1918 November 9 and date of passing away.” Everyone has the chance to visit the grave in Pyongyang. On 22nd September 2002 a memorial service will be held in Pyongyang and enclosed with this newsletter are instructions about how to go about preparing for the visit. We ask that you take careful note of what is required. For those of you who will travel there is a form to be filled in. This form is being sent to all national associations and you should ask them for a copy of it. The book of condolences on our website www.itf-generalchoi.com has been signed by many people and if you have not signed it then you can do so now. We thank everyone who has extended their sympathy to the wife and family of Gen. Choi. Many people have already held memorial services and it would be nice to send the details to the ITF. In life he taught us with a physical presence but his memory will linger on and will continue to guide us with a spiritual presence.
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OTHER EVENTS

Vith. Dan

SEP - 23 - Alejandro Yapuncic - ARGENTINA.

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DEC - 10 - Viktor Potemak - UKRAINE.
28 - Kenneth Hanco - CANADA.

IVth. Dan

SEP - 23 - Alejandro Veyssiere - ARGENTINA.

DEC - 16 - Norma Caffaro, Daniel Gonzalez, Walter Rodriguez, Emilliana Camicondo - ARGENTINA.

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VIIIth. Dan

APR - 30 - Arthur de Silva - ENGLAND.

MAY - 21 - Robert Howard - IRELAND.

VIIIth. Dan

MAR - 16 - Pierre Laquerre - CANADA.

APR - 6 - Stanley Martin - USA.
8 - Earl Weiss - USA.

Vith. Dan

FEB-22 - Augustine Evans - USA.

MAR - 9 - Mahesh Bhana - NEW ZEALAND.
10 - Derek Blackburn - ENGLAND.

23 - Robert Howard - IRELAND.

MAY-17 - James Murphy, Saint Thind - CANADA.

Vith. Dan

MAR - 10 - David Hirst - ENGLAND.
23 - Andrew Birthistle - IRELAND.

APR - 1 - Moeun Dara - CAMBODIA.
6 - James Retic, Donald Kerer - USA.
28 - Marius Oltan - ROMANIA.

MAY - 17 - Peter Clair - CANADA.

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MAR - 10 - Les Baker, Andrew Glastby, James Norris - ENGLAND.
John Reilly - SCOTLAND.
16 - Sharon Cormier - USA.
23 - Trevor McIntyre - AUSTRALIA.
David Hodson - ENGLAND.
31 - Janitzio Moreno, Nicholas Symonds - ENGLAND.

APR - 1 - Syantionio Aquino - CAMBODIA.
2 - Gabriel Fiorentini, Alessio Cervetti - ITALY.
6 - John Murphy, David Rice - USA.
Marc Gaudet - CANADA.

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