Xth. World Championships in St. Petersburg, Russia.

We ask that you confirm that you will take part with numbers of competitors, officials and others. Please do this so that the organising committee can make their plans for the number of people expected. Anyone who requires a special letter of invitation to enable them to get a visa should ask the organisers direct and tell them exactly what should be written in the invitation. The address is: Mr. Michael Shmelev, Chairman Xth. ITF World Championships, Narodnogo Polchena ya av. 2, Sankt-Petersburg 198216, Russia, Telephone(7) (812) 2551534 or 2648792, Fax(7) (812) 2553402. PHOTOGRAPHS are wanted for everyone and we ask that you send 3 passport size photographs with your name and country written on the back. Transport, hotels etc. is being looked after and we ask that you do everything officially through the organisers. As with the last junior championships, if you decide to book your own hotel then you will be responsible for all your own arrangements for transport and everything. The organisers and the ITF will take no responsibility for you. The ENTRY FEE per competitor is $50.00 so please take note. UMPIRES please send your details to this office in Vienna if you wish to officiate at the championships. Umpire seminar will be held on the 1st. and 2nd. of July. Umpires are expected to wear the proper dress and to attend the seminar beforehand.

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The Congress meeting will most likely be organised for the 2nd. of July. If you have any items for the agenda then please advise us.

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It seems that the stocks of the MANUALS have run out and we would like to print another batch. Please write and inform us if you would like to order the manual. Normally we would like to have orders for 50 or more.

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Mr. Phap Lu has been awarded the Ottawa Centre Canadian Leadership Award for an outstanding contribution to the Ottawa community. The award ceremony was held on 20th, April when the award was presented by member of Parliament Mac Harb. CONGRATULATIONS.

A martial arts magazine has printed a letter where the person states that the ITF has certified a five year old for 1st Dan. We cannot find such a certification but if it exists then it is certainly a mistake. Please note that the ITF will not entertain an application for CHILDREN under the age of 8 years old for certification.

For the 10th World Championships we ask umpires of "A" qualification who wish to officiate to send their details to the ITF HQ. As usual there will be a two day seminar beforehand.

Please note that if we print anything at peoples' request that we take no responsibility for the details being wrong.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS SEMINARS
CONDUCTED BY GEN. CHOI HONG H1
1997
MAY - 30th. to June 1st. - CANADA.
JULY - China, Korea.
SEPTEMBER - 1st. to 3rd. - Haiti?
Malaysia? Cambodia? Syria?
OCTOBER - 31st. to Nov. 2nd. -
PERU.
NOVEMBER 7th. to 9th. - Tucuman, ARGENTINA.
11th. & 12th. - URUGUAY. 14th. to
16th. - Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA.
20th. to 23rd. - PARAGUAY.
DECEMBER - 15th. to 17th. - Poland.

Conducted by Others
JUNE 1998 - 3rd. week - Hawaii - by
Master Charles Sereff.

CHAMPIONSHIPS 1997
MAY - 1st. to 4th. - EURO SENIOR in Slovenia.
JUN - Romanian Nationals.

JUL - 1st. to 10th. - Xth. World Championships in
St. Petersburg, Russia.
AUG - 28th. to 31st. - HCAC Haitian open in Port au Prince.
SEP - 12th. - Nationals in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
28th. - Puerto Rican Nationals.
2nd. - Irish Nationals, 22nd. -
Deutsche Meisterschaft (A+B Junioren)
in Marburg, 23rd. (Senioren).
DEC - 13th. & 14th. EURO JUNIOR in Poland, Turkmeistan
Nationals.

1998
MAR - Irish open 14th. & 15th. in
Dublin.
OCT - 9th. to 12th. - IVth. Junior World Championships in New Delhi, India.

We remind you that for Continental Championships you must have written permission from the ITF.

OTHER EVENTS 1997

PROMOTIONS

Many congratulations to those who have been promoted.

1996

Vth. Degree
Mar. - 21st. - Mario Pons - Spain.
Vth. Degree
Oct. - 13th. - Kenneth Wheatley-Ireland. (Due to an error this was quoted as 4th. degree in last issue.)
Dec. - 7th. - John Evans - USA.

IVth. Degree
Sep. - 3rd. - Fetouli Kaled - Austria.
Nov. - 16th. - Jose Rosales .Raul
Luciw-Argentina. 17th. - Gustavo
Frusin, Miguel Vives, Agustin
Muguerza, Carlos Frusin, Hector
Mengoni, Hugo Digiogiovanni, Miguel
Quintana, Gabriel Cova, Jorge Zuger,
Federico Pascual, Rafael -Duarte
,Alberto Maidana - Argentina.
28th. - Victor Gutierrez - Argentina.
Dec. - 7th. - Carlos Martin-Spain.

April

Francisco Estigarribia - Argentina, Ed Lubow , Stuart Detlesfen , Angela
Troxel , Tricia Fitzpatrick, Ikuko
Lubow - USA.
21st. - Roberto Leiva-Argentina.
1997
VIIth. Degree
Apr. - 25th. - Earl Weiss - USA.

Vth. Degree

IVth. Degree
Jan. - 19th. - Paul Dahlen - USA.

In order to encourage people to attend seminars with Gen. Choi Hong Hi, on a regular basis, it has been decided to give a reduction to the waiting time. This is separate from the 1 off reduction of sixth months which is currently allowed, but please note that the two cannot be combined. If the 6 month reduction is claimed then a further reduction cannot be claimed at the same time. The extra reduction time will be 1 month per year for 1 or more seminars attended in that year. This means that if a seminar (or more than one) is attended in 1996 then 1 month may be deducted from the waiting time. If a seminar (or more than one) is attended in 1997 then 2 months (1 for 1996 and 1 for 1997) may be deducted from the waiting time.

There are now many master degrees in the ITF but we advise that gradings for promotions to 4th. Dan and above, or seminars must ALL HAVE ITF APPROVAL FIRST.

An ITF tie has long been awaited but the plans are for two to be introduced. The first will be a formal tie in dark blue with the ITF badge and yellow, blue and white stripe to reflect the colours of the badge, the second will be an informal tie and we submit some suggestions. There is another suggestion which we have no design for but it would be on the lines of repetitive figures which would be Gen. Choi Hong Hi in the heavenly hands ready position. This is the one which is favoured. Should you have any other designs then please submit them. The ties are planned to be silk as we would like a classy item. The costs will be a little bit more.