Our photos show the leader of the Afghanistan TKD Association, which is actually located in Pakistan due to political difficulties, and some student black belts. Hed Mohammad Shirzai is doing a good job for the survival of the ITF in Afghanistan. If you can help in any way then please do so.

There was no newsletter in June or August and we anticipate that newsletters may be less frequent as we try to put things in the magazine.

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. The manuals in Spanish language are available from Master Tranjenberg from Argentina.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS SEMINARS

CONDUCTED BY GEN. CHOI HONG II
1997
OCTOBER - 24th. to 26th. - PERU. 30th. to Nov. 2nd. - Tucuman, ARGENTINA.

NOVEMBER
7th. to 9th. - Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA. 14th. to 16th. - PARAGUAY. 26th. to 30th. Kuching, MALAYSIA.

DECEMBER - 15th. to 17th. - POLAND.

1998
JANUARY - 4th. & 5th. - Queensland, AUSTRALIA. 9th. to 11th. - Melbourne, AUSTRALIA. 13th. to 15th. - NEW ZEALAND.

APRIL - 3rd. to 5th. - Ireland? 14th. to 16th. - Greece?

NOVEMBER - 4th. to 8th. - JAMAICA.

CONDUCTED BY OTHERS
1997
OCTOBER - 16th. to 18th. - Kohn, GERMANY - by Master Choi Jung Hwa.

1998
JUNE - 3rd. week - Hawaii - by Master Charles Sereff.
SEPTEMBER - 3rd. to 5th. - UK - by Grand Master Rhee Ki Ha.

CHAMPIONSHIPS 1997

NOV - 2nd. - Irish Nationals.
22nd. - Deutsche Meisterschaft (A+B Junioren) in Marburg. 23rd. (Senioren). 30th. - AsiaPacific in Kuching, Malaysia.

DEC - 13th. & 14th. - EURO JUNIOR in Poland. Turkmeistan Nationals.

1998
MAR - Irish open 14th. & 15th. in Dublin.
OCT - 10th. to 12th. - IVth. Junior World Championships in New Delhi, India.

1999
XIIth. World Championships - Argentina.

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
IVth. Degree

1997
VIth. Degree
Feb. - 16th. - Kim Sam Dok, Han Chol, Kim Yong Nam, Son Nam Ung, Pak Chol Min, Sok Min Chol - Korea.
Jul. - 11th. - Kim Yong Ho - Korea.

IVth. Degree
Feb. 16th. - Ri Nam Hyok, Em Song Il, Sin Il Ung, Ri Son I, Ho Bong Sik, Han Su Ok, Chang Hwa Ju - Korea.
Apr. - 12th. - Tan Eng Kiat - Malaysia. 13th. - Cleveland Bryan, Kou Iat Chio - Canada.
May - 31st. - Low Leong Tuck - Malaysia.
Jun. - 1st. - Dagoberto Castillo - Colombia.
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Vth. Degree
Jan. - 26th. - David Souter, Laurence Hand - UK.
Feb. - 15th. - Sondra Doebler - USA.
Jun. - 7th. - Karin Horn, Charles Avila, Gordon Jaks - USA.

As from 2nd. July 1997 Promotion reduction time will be as under:
A. For the first, official, international course taken, Degree members may claim a 6 month reduction from the waiting time for a promotion to a higher degree. There can be no other reduction taken at the same time as the 6 month reduction.
B. For every official international course taken 1st. and 2nd. Dans may claim a 1 month reduction from the waiting time for a promotion to a higher degree. There can be no 6 month reduction taken at the same time.
C. For every official international course taken 3rd. and 4th. Dans may claim a 2 month reduction from the waiting time for a promotion to a higher degree. There can be no 6 month reduction taken at the same time.
D. For every official international course taken 5th. Dans and above may claim a 3 month reduction from the waiting time for a promotion to a higher degree. There can be no 6 month reduction taken at the same time.

Fourth Degree:
Jan. - 11th. - Frederick Share - USA.
Feb. - 4th. - Ismo Kuukkonen - Finland.
Mar. - 1st. - Charles McGinnis - USA.

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

The ITF spends some time in chasing up people’s address changes. This is both time consuming and costly. For the future please note that when you change your address you should notify the ITF. If you do not notify the ITF of a change of address then it will not be chased up.

CONGRATULATIONS to Master Choi Jung Hwa on his appointment as SECRETARY GENERAL of the ITF.

With this newsletter we send a copy of the Human Weapon magazine to everyone. This is a publicity exercise and it will only be sent free this once. The magazine is available at US$15.00 for 1 year’s subscription, including postage. For clubs there is a discount for taking 50 or over and you can make money for your club.

News from Mr. Won Byong Ho about Germany advises that a junior tournament was held in the city of Hoecter on 7th. June with around 150 competitors. The school from Dortmund ran out winners. Mr. H. Lawynda, deputy Mayor of this city in the mid east of Germany, with a population of 30000 people, sent congratulations.

The OTPA announced awards to the following during the congress meeting: China, India, Paraguay, Honduras and Sweden. Some difficulty was experienced when trying to contact the above and if you have not been contacted then please get in touch with the OTPA.