A Very Merry Xmas
and
a Happy New Year
to all of you
from all of us.

Even although we did not achieve our
quota of 6 newsletters this year, there
were bulletins also, we shall try to print
a newsletter every two months next
year.

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CALENDARS are now on sale and
they are at bargain prices. Single
calendar order costs US$4.00 plus
postage. Over 50 calendars at $3.00
plus postage. All colour action photos,
this is a must for you for next year.
Prices for large quantities on request
from ITF.

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The ITF have a new E-mail number
which is
101641.631@Compuserve.com.

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The ITF April World Conference
Seminar 1997 will be held from the
11th. to 13th. in Toronto, Canada.
During this time the ITF Tuls will be
filmed and letters are being sent out to
ask selected people if they are willing
to be there to perform a pattern for this.
As well as individual patterns there will
be group patterns and everyone who
attends should take their Dobok with
them.

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An application has been received from
Argentina for the Xlth. World
Championships to be held there in
1999. They have Government and
Corporation support.

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For the 10th. World Championships we
ask umpires of "A" qualification who
wish to officiate to send their details to
the ITF HQ.

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Gen. Choi Hong Hi pictured with the participants at the highly successful seminar in Tucuman, Argentina, where we are informed that over 10,000 students became new members of the ITF.

Photo above shows Mr. Mario Troiano, 6th. Dan and Mr. Edgardo Villanueva, 5th. Dan, ex-coaches of the Argentina team. They are the producers and reporters of the successful television martial arts programme, especially for Taekwon-Do, which is seen in Argentina, Chile, Peru, Uruguay, Brazil, Bolivia and Paraguay. They invite all the ITF members to be a part of their programme by sending them any kind of information and videos about their TKD activities such as tournaments, seminars, etc. Interested parties please contact TV ARTES MARCIALES, Av. de Los Incas 4002(1427), Buenos Aires, Argentina.

At a Martial Arts reunion in Portugal the ITF put on a demonstration which included the Nomo-chagi over 9
people and Hosin-nai shown in our photos. The President of ITF Portugal, Mr. Armando Ribeiro, is standing
supervising the self-defence.
The ITF magazine subscription begins from March 1997 but if you apply now then you may have the December magazine for this year free. You should apply now to take advantage of the very good introductory prices. A single subscription only costs US$15.00 which is for 1997 and will be 4 magazines. ORDER NOW.

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 Hi

1997

MAY
Syria? Malaysia? Japan?

JUNE
1st. week - CANADA.

JULY
China, Korea.

OCTOBER
31st. - PERU.

NOVEMBER
7th. - Tucuman, ARGENTINA. 11th. - URUGUAY. 14th. - Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA. 20th. - PARAGUAY.

CONducted by Master Charles Sereff.

Spring 1997 in Denver, USA.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

1997

FEB - 5th. - Open Nationals in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. 9th. - 1st. English Open in Reading.

MAY - EURO SENIOR in Slovenia.

JUL - 1st. to 10th. - Xth. World Championships in St. Petersburg, Russia.

DEC - Turkmenistan Nationals v 1998

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

FEB - a martial arts festival(IMGC) in Antananarivo, Madagascar. Anyone who is interested to demonstrate there please write to the ITF through your NGB.

APRIL - 11th. to 13th. - ITF April World Conference Seminar.

MAY - 30th. to June 5th. - the 30th. Anniversary of TKD in the UK.

PROMOTIONS

Many congratulations to those who have been promoted.

1996

VIIth. Degree
JUN - 23rd. - Miguel Nasini-Argentina.

VIIIth. Degree

Vth. Degree

IVth. Degree

OCT - 20th. - Jose Garcia, Ramon Carbonell - Puerto Rico. 27th. - Ladislav Burian, Miroslav Galbac - Czech Republic.

With effect from this newsletter the ages for Junior Championships will be kept strictly to 13 years old to 17 years old and will go by the date of birth. If a competitor has a birthday during the event which makes them eligible for some days but not others then this should be told to the ITF before the event so that a decision can be made about eligibility, but it is anticipated that if someone has a birthday during the event that it will not disqualify them.

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 extra to the 1 of reduction of 6 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 promotions to 4th Dan and above, or seminars taken, must ALL HAVE ITF APPROVAL FIRST.

The next issue of the magazine will have an article on Plyometrics in it but the diagrams are not included. The diagrams will be in the 1st. "real" issue of the magazine which will be in March 1997. The magazine, which will be published quarterly will continue to have such interesting articles so don't miss your copy by ordering now. It goes without saying that we would consider it bad form for the articles in the magazine to be copied for use by people who do not subscribe. Please support us in this.