

NEWSLETTER

March 2005

THE EC MEETING HELD IN PRAGUE, CZECH

The first Meeting of Executive Committee of the year was successfully held in Prague, Czech on 11-12 February 2005.

The entire EC Members and the relevant persons including Chairmen of Standing Committee attended the meeting.

The comprehensive and sensitive issues were discussed and the decisive and important decisions taken at the meeting for the future of ITF.

In particular, the EC members agreed to support the talks with WTF to form the “Coordination Committee” for the first step of integration of two TKD Bodies in the world right after the election for WTF President in April this year.

The minutes of this meeting was forwarded to IOC President and he expressed his appreciation on it.

You should have already received the minutes of this meeting, however, if you did not, then please visit ITF homepage.

THE EUROPEAN UMPIRE COURSE IN SUCCESS

The European Umpire Course coincided with the EC Meeting in Prague, Czech from 11th to 13th Feb. this year.

The AETF organized this course for European umpires for the forth coming AETF Championships, however, there were umpires from all the continents who arrived including Japan and Uzbekistan totaling over 80 in number who were more than welcome and contributed to the course.

The course was conducted by Master Prewett Chairman of AETF Umpires along with his committee and in collaboration with Grand Master Leong Wai Meng Chairman of ITF Umpire Committee, and it was enjoyed by all the participants.

The practical and productive suggestions and views were exchanged between the conductors and attendants and the important suggestions from the very experienced and

well qualified participants were taken to the discussions for improving and updating rules of ITF Tournaments.

THE BIGGEST FESTIVAL OF THE AETF TAKES PLACE IN IRELAND

The 11th Junior and 20th Senior European Taekwon-Do Championships will take place in Dublin, Ireland on 8th-10th April 2005.

The AETF makes great contributions to getting ITF more united and improving the techniques of original TKD both in the European region and in the world wide through this annual event.

The ITF would once again like to extend its congratulations to the AETF and the organizers of this championship and wish them and all the participants great success in both the competition and celebrations afterwards.

THE 14th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN AUSTRALIA

As well known to the world, the 14th ITF World Championships will be held in Australia from 9th to 14th July 2005 according to the decision of the 14th ITF Congress held in Greece on 12th June 2003.

The organizers of this Championship are at present doing their utmost to make this event the best and memorable.

The 15th ITF Congress will be coincided on July 12, 2005 in the period of the Championships.

The notification of this Congress and agendas is enclosed with this Newsletter.

As having already informed you through the e-mail, you will get the special offer for your return airfares(approx. USD 250.00 per person) from Singapore to Brisbane, Australia at the Singapore Airline and ITF would like to remind you please contact the Singapore Airline in your country.

And please keep in mind it will be available only until the end of March this year. You are as well advised through this occasion to have the contact with Mr. Burn in charge of the visa for the participants at the Organizing Committee at his e-mail; d_burn@rocky.big.net.au RIGHT NOW. All the peoples wishing to attend this event should submit your details including Name, Gender, Birthday, Nationality, Passport No, Date of Issue and Expiry, Current Address, etc. to the Organizing Committee in time in order to facilitate the procedures for your visas.

WELCOME AND SEE YOU ALL AT THIS CHAMPIONSHIP AND CONGRESS !!!

CELEBRATION OF THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDATION OF “TAEKWON- DO”

This year is ever significant and a memorable one to all of TKD brothers and sisters. As you are well aware, General Choi Hong Hi, our beloved founder, formed the ITF on the 11th April 1955 the art which was born in Korea and now covers the Globe. To celebrate the “50th anniversary” there are two major events organized on the 11th April 2005 in Pyongyang DPR Korea including the courtesy visits to the grave of General Choi Hong Hi and the Legacies exhibited in the Taekwon-Do Palace. On the 10th April in Dublin to culminate with the conclusion of the European Championships.

If anybody would like to join the Celebration scheduled in Korea, please contact the Korean TKD Committee at the e-mail; tkdkorea@co.chesin.com or imgc@silibank.com and Fax; +850 2 3814539 or +850 2 3814410 without delay for your entry visa to Korea.

MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PUERTO RICO TKD FEDERATION AND CROATIAN TKD FEDERATION

The members were increased among ITF family. It was well known to everybody that ITF decided to accept the Puerto Rico Taekwon-Do Federation wishing to come back to ITF as the member of our family at its Executive Committee Meeting held in Prague, Czech on 11-12 Feb. this year. Also Master Toni Nobilo, the famous Lawyer and one of the original Masters in Europe who helped pioneer Taekwon-Do into Eastern Europe attended the meeting at ITF Head Quarters 26th February 2005 on behalf of the Croatian Taekwon-Do Federation and expressed their desire to rejoin. Both these federations left us when General Choi Hong Hi, the father of the Taekwon-Do family, passed away and left with the group who did not wish to follow the General's last

wishes. They have taken this action because they now possess an accurate account of the facts.

We will be able to welcome them back and re-new old friendships in the forth coming World Championships in Australia and European championships in Ireland.

We are pleased to welcome them back.
