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## **WARM CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ENTIRE ITF MEMBERS WHO HAVE BROUGHT THE BRILLIANT ACHIEVEMENTS AT THE 17TH ITF TAEKWON-DO CHAMPIONSHIP**

As having been well known to the world, the 17<sup>th</sup> ITF Taekwon-Do World Championship took place in Pyongyang, DPR Korea on 6-12 Sep. this year with over 1,000 athletes from more than 80 countries across the world in attendance.

Through this Championship, the ITF has fully demonstrated its might and strength to the world and the participants have fully showed their skills and abilities as well.

During the Championship the 21<sup>st</sup> ITF Congress was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September and the major decisions were unanimously reached at the Congress for making the ITF stronger and more dynamic in a short time and the ITF Executive Board members except for the President were newly elected. The term of the President is a six-year period and was decided at the 19<sup>th</sup> Congress held in Russia during October of 2009. The Sport Accord President Mr. Hein Verbruggen and Mrs. Choi Chun Hi, the Widow of late Gen. Choi Hong Hi, attended the Championships. Their presence was felt by all and was definitely a great boost of encouragement to the entire membership.

The ITF also enjoyed the corporate sponsorship from the KORYOLINK and ORASCOM and would never forget the tremendous contributions made by them. The entire ITF sincerely looks forward to continuously working with them in the future.

**On this occasion, we would like to offer out heartfelt thanks to the participants including the athletes, umpires, officials, volunteers, journalists and sponsors who played the KEY ROLES in producing the due success of this Championship!**

**Our sincere thanks go to Mr. Hein Verbruggen, the President of Sport Accord, and Mrs. Choi Chun Hi, the Widow of late Gen. Choi Hong Hi, who stayed with us during the Championship!**

**Our thanks also go to the KORYOLINK and ORASCOM who made unexpected and mammoth contributions to making this Championship unforgettable and memorable by sponsoring this Championship!**

**Our SPECIFIC THANKS go to the DPR Korean Government and Pyongyang Citizens who have rendered every possible assistance and unsparing physical collaboration for the success of this Championship from the stage of preparations to the end of the events!**

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## **ITF EB MEMBERS NEWLY ELECTED**

At the 21<sup>st</sup> ITF Congress held in Pyongyang, DPR Korea on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2011, the entire ITF Executive Board members with exception of the President were elected with term of 4 years from this year. This followed the nomination process as outlined in the ITF Constitution.

The elected members are as followings;

- Vice Presidents: Ms. Annali Basson (South Africa) – African Continent  
GM Benny Rivera (Puerto Rico) – Pan American Continent  
Mr. Kim Kyong Ho (DPR Korea) – Asian Continent  
SM Anto Nobilo (Croatia) – European Continent  
GM Leong Wai Meng (Australia) - Oceania
- Secretary General: GM Phap Lu (Canada)
- Executive Director General: Master Ri Yong Son (DPR Korea)
- Treasurer: Mr. Kim Hyong Rak (DPR Korea)
- Members: Mr. Dirk Nel (South Africa)  
GM Ricardo Desimone (Argentina)  
Master Rajendran Balan (India)  
SM Peter Harkess (UK)  
Mr. Mario Bogdanov (Bulgaria)  
SM Linda Low (Australia)

The Presidents of Continental Federations approved at the Congress are below:

- Africa; Ms. Annali Basson (South Africa)
- America; GM Adolfo Villanueva (Argentina)
- Asia; Mr. Kim Kyong Ho (DPR Korea)
- Europe; SM Michael Prewett (UK)
- Oceania; SM Low Ming Tuck (Australia)

We wish them all the best in fulfilling their responsible duties for the ITF.

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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO WERE PROMOTED TO GRAND MASTER**

On behalf of the ITF, we would like to offer our WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS to those who were promoted to Grand Master 9<sup>th</sup> Dan, the Highest Rank in Taekwon-Do.

**GM Robert Howard (Ireland)**

**GM Phap Lu (Canada)**

**GM Hwang Ho Yong (DPR Korea)**

**GM Kim Ung Chol (DPR Korea)**

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## **10<sup>TH</sup> JUNIOR & 5<sup>TH</sup> VETERAN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TAKES PLACE IN SLOVAKIA**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Junior & 5<sup>th</sup> Veteran World Championship will be held in Poprad-High Tatras in Slovakia from 19<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> of August 2012.

The Slovakia ITF Taekwon-Do Association has already formed the Organizing Committee and launched its job for making this Championship success.

As all the members are well aware, the Organizing Committee is not able to guarantee the success of the Championship without the active co-operations and collaborations from all of our members.

Please keep in touch with the Organizing Committee for the smooth preparations of the coming Championship, which will also help to insure a better experience for you and your competitors.

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## **18<sup>TH</sup> ITF TAEKWON-DO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

At the 21<sup>st</sup> ITF Congress, Sofia, Bulgaria has been chosen as the venue for the above Championship to be held in 2013.

There were several countries competing to bring this honor to their countries at the Congress. However, Sofia Bulgaria finally succeeded in gaining the most support from the delegates voting after the respective presentations were made.

We congratulate Sofia, Bulgaria and sincerely wish them all the very best.

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## **AGE RULES FOR JUNIOR TO BE APPLIED FROM NEXT YEAR**

We would like to draw your attention to the following provision in the ITF Tournament Rules, which has been decided at the 21<sup>st</sup> ITF Congress, with regard to the age eligibility for Junior to attend the competitions from next Junior World Championship to be held in

Slovakia in 2012.

**“Article 12. Competitors participating in all ITF Junior Taekwon-Do Championship must be 14-17 years old. It means the participants must not reach 18 years of age on 1st Jan. of the year of Championship and must not be younger than 14 years of age on 31st Dec. of the year of Championship, and must be 1st, 2nd, or 3rd degree ITF black belt certificate holders.”**

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## **YEARLY PLAN OF NGB FOR 2012 REQUIRED**

As advised normally, every NGB must submit the Yearly Plans for 2012 to the ITF HQ by the end of Nov. this year.

NGBs should particularly have a contact with the ITF Technical & Education Committee and Umpire Committee to set up the plans for the International Courses and get the permit from ITF in advance.

The ITF HQ is not responsible for any mistakes committed by NGBs in this regard.

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