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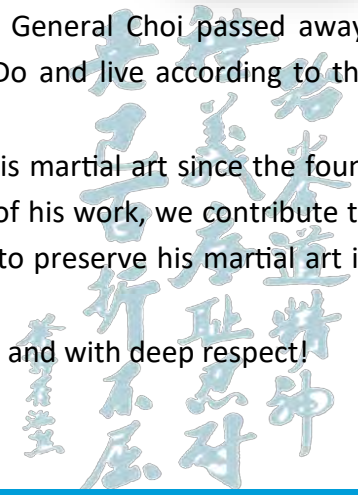
On 15th June 2002, at the age of 84, the Founder of TKD, General Choi passed away. He inspired people around the world to practice Taekwon-Do and live according to the "Do" philosophy.

Millions of students worldwide have learnt and passed on this martial art since the foundation of TKD. By commemorating him and by reminding us of his work, we contribute to preserving his legacy and this should be the duty of us all – to preserve his martial art in it's origin.

In memory of the Taekwon-Do Founder General Choi Hong-Hi and with deep respect!

GM Paul Weiler

ITF President



ITF Women Committee - Technical Super Class

On 14th June, 2020, the first of the 3 super classes organized by the ITF Womens Committee, was held.

Classes was conducted by:

Soledad Serrano of Argentina, 5 times world champion.

Honey Ospina of Colombia 4 times world champion.

Silvia Farigú, 7 times world champion.

GM Paul Weiler – ITF President and Master Valérie Forget, chair of the Womens Committee, the opening speeches focused on the creation of the women's committee, gender equality. Ms. Soledad Serrano during her class focused on performing unique technical exercises and games with special elements using household items. Secondly, Honey Ospina, showing all her technical deployment, with elite exercises to improve kicks and posture. The final class was conducted by Silvia Farigú who explained development of dynamic exercises for Sparring, and focused on elongation and flexibility exercises.

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Exclusive seminar for Masters and Grand Masters

On 25th June, for the first time in the history of the ITF, an exclusive seminar for Masters and Grand Masters was held. The seminar was conducted through the ZOOM application, and all the available places were completely booked.

The seminar was conducted by the members of the ITF Technical Committee led by GM Héctor Marano.

There were 100 participants from more than 20 countries who participated. Among them were present from the ITF authorities, members of the Board of Directors, Chairs and members of ITF Committees. During the seminar all 24 patterns were discussed. Masters Nick Symonds from England and Steven Legrow from the United States performed a few patterns. At the end of the seminar all the participants could also ask their questions and discuss about technical matters. This was an unprecedented and uniquely enriching experience that we hope will be repeated very soon for all the Masters who were unable to participate this time.



Dear President,

We would like to thank you for your contribution to the 2020 International Day of Sport for Development and Peace. As the world faces an unprecedented health crisis, your contribution helped to send a strong message of global solidarity and unity, and to put in place concrete actions to give hope to communities. Your participation, together with the peace-through sport movement mobilization, reached 117 million people on social media with the #WhiteCard campaign and 209 digital projects were registered in the www.april0.org platform.

April 2020 sent a strong signal of global brotherhood, team spirit and respect of the rules and forged cooperation that transcended walls and borders. The peace-through-sport movement and stakeholders have risen to the task, implementing creative types of contributions to support the fight against the pandemic.

Following the call from H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco, Patron of Peace and Sport, our Champions for Peace responded to the appeal and many of them raised awareness among their fans by posting #WhiteCards on social media, including President of Paris 2024 Tony Estanguet, 1998 football world champion Christian Karembeu, Olympic champion in athletics Yohan Blake, Pyros Dimas the three-time Olympic weightlifting champion and the President of the Ukraine Olympic Committee Sergey Bubka. With the combined involvement of famous athletes such as Teddy Riner, Carl Lloyd and Mike Tyson, it was possible to convey the positive values of sport and push to help people stay active and healthy at home.

Set up by Peace and Sport in 2014, the #WhiteCard campaign has mobilized, from the Principality of Monaco, an increasing number of actors with 98 million people reached in 2019 and 117 million in 2020. This year, additionally, in a superb wave of mobilization and solidarity, Sport bodies, NGOs, international organizations, Governments and project leaders organized digital events such as webinars, contests and innovative gatherings, creating social ties and fellowship despite confinement which were registered in the www.april0.org platform.

We would like to thank you in particular for all the efforts undertaken to mobilize your members, athletes and fans confined at home. The involvement of your organization strongly contributed to reaffirm the unique power of sport to bring people together, even from distance, and the important role it plays in society, improving physical and mental health and fostering a safer, more equitable and inclusive world.

The message behind the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace and the #WhiteCard has taken on its full meaning in 2020. As sport must continue reinforcing our bonds with each other, we remain at your full disposal to continue this joint effort and stand together, to envision and shape the future we want.

Yours sincerely,

Joël BOUZOU OLY
President and Founder
- Peace and Sport -
L'Organisation pour la Paix par le Sport

Didier DROGBA
Vice-President
- Peace and Sport -
L'Organisation pour la Paix par le Sport

On 6th April, members of the International Taekwon-Do Federation took part in the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP). They took up the challenge in very creative ways and participated in the celebrations.

The idea of unity, through sport was spread across the globe!

The 2020 digital #WhiteCard campaign was an amazing success and reached 117 million people on social media, and we are very proud that ITF members were a big part of this number.

The ITF office received an official thank you letter from Joël Bouzou, President and Founder of Peace and Sport, and Didier Drogba, Vice-President, in appreciation of our meaningful involvement in the 6th April 2020 celebrations.

We are looking forward to the 2021 edition, and we are sure that our members will be celebrating this event just as eagerly as this year, and contribute to the peace-through sport movement!

Due to many questions received at the International Taekwon-Do Federation Office, we would like to explain that list of 4th to 9th degree members on the ITF website is connected to the **teaching licenses (plaques)** in the ITF Online Database system.

At the moment on the website under the following link : <https://www.taekwondoitf.org/our-members/itf-grandmasters-masters/> are listed the members who have paid and then confirmed in the ITF Database Online teaching license.

Holders of valid plaques are automatically listed on the website.

Usually by 31st March the list is showing the plaques valid in the previous year and those paid in the current year. After this deadline the system shows the plaques paid in the current year only. However, this year during the COVID-19 pandemic we extended the deadline of payment until the 30th June. The ITF Database Online settings were not changed to the new date, therefore, as soon as National Associations, Allied associations or Recognized Clubs proceed with their request for the plaques 2020 and with the payment, the plaque holders should appear on the website.

There are two requirements

1. You must be holder of a 4th degree
2. You must have valid plaque for current year

On Friday, 5th June, 2020, a general meeting of the Israeli Association of Taekwon-Do was held in Haifa. The purpose of the assembly was to choose a new board. In summary, the results of the elections are:

- President: Mr. Leonardo Oros Duek
 - Senior Vice President : Mr. Mario Cosacow
 - Vice President : Mr. Sergey Harchenko
 - Treasurer: Mr. Luis Sajnovetzky
 - CEO: Mr. Artiom Harchenko
 - Board Members: Mr. Danny Roth, Mr. Jorge Orman, Ms. Keren Aljanati, Ms. Sharon Temis
 - Special Guest: Sabum Nim Brian Sajnovetzky.
- The newly elected President, thanked all members for their election, and especially thanked the outgoing president of the Israeli Association of Taekwon-Do, Master Cosacow and the former President Sabum Nim Danny Roth, for their contributions to the union over the years.



On Monday, 15th June, 2020, Original Taekwon-Do Federation from USA, (TFA) held its first democratic election to elect new officers and board members who were elected for a 4-year term.

Candidates for positions had a chance to meet with instructors and school owners prior to the elections. During two Zoom meetings they had the opportunity to introduce themselves and to answer voters questions.

After the elections the following members were chosen:

- **Officers:** Master Nunez (President), Mr. Davila (Treasurer), Master Saccareccia (Secretary General)
- **Board Members:** Grand Master Suarez, Master Ramirez, Master Affatigato, Master Cancelliere, Master Kerner, Master McNamara, Master Young, Mr. Foley



On Sunday the 28th of June I.T.F. Netherlands held their general assembly. This year the general assembly was very important as the members had to vote for a new board of directors. Chosen for the board of directors for the next four years are:

Tim Kool (President), Bo Rook (Secretary General), Henno Kleijwegt (Treasurer) , Jeroen v/d Veerdonk (General board member).

During the assembly the committee's annual reports were also discussed in detail, additionally financial matters and plans for future development were discussed. At the end of the meeting other matters were raised , and the newly elected Board as well as the previous administration answered some questions of the participating members.



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IMPORTANT DATES

ANNUAL FEE PAYMENTS

In accordance with the ITF Board of Directors decision made during ITF Board of Directors meeting, which took place online 21.06.2020, from January 2021 all ITF members will be obliged to pay yearly annual fee.

Currently the Annual Fee is paid by National Associations and Allied Associations, from the beginning of next year this will be also obligatory for members with Club Recognized status.

CORRECTION OF ITF FEES

Dear ITF members,

The International Taekwon-Do Federation office would like to inform you about changes in prices for different requests in the ITF database which you have asked questions about recently.

According to ITF by-laws section 7.3.7 all countries, are assigned to the appropriate percentage of rates at a level consistent with the level of economy of the given country defined by the World Bank Group .

The rates were not raised in the ITF Database. We found an error in which the percentage of the exam rates were incorrectly calculated. As we corrected the error, the rates have changed slightly. The majority of incorrectly settled amounts concerns WBG Level 2 countries which pay 75% of fees.

WATCH OUT FOR FAKE E-MAILS

We have been informed recently, that some of our members received fake emails with request for help from GM Paul Weiler, ITF President. We would like to draw your attention to the following important fact:

The only one, official e-mail address of **GM Paul Weiler, ITF President** is: **p.weiler@itf-d.de**

The only one, official e-mail address of **Mst Tadeusz Loboda, ITF Secretary General** is: **itfoffice@itftkd.sport**

What is more we would never ask you for financial support on behalf of the Board as well as privately.

Therefore **please ignore all e-mails sent from addresses other than the official ones**. And always if you have any doubts you can contact our office in order to clarify any items.

In addition, rumours are spread in order to create unrest among the members. It is also claimed that the ITF is supporting an e-tournament organised by FEDART. **This is false information because this organisation is not a member of the ITF yet and ITF only supports members!** We would like to point out again that instructors, who travel to other countries to hold seminars there, should not interfere in association matters!

30.06.2020

Teaching licence (Plaques) - all plaques should be paid before this date. After 30.06.2020 the amount for plaques will be increased by 20%.

30.06.2020

Annual Fee - Annual fee must be paid before 30.06.2020. After the deadline the amount for Annual fees will be increased by 20%.

07.09.2020

All documents for GAISF application must be sent to the ITF office. Documents must be sent in both digital and hard copies.

15.11.2020

XXVIII ITF Congress Online will take place. Please save this date.

23-28.05.2021

Sport Accord Convention - annual World Sport & Business Summit, hosted in Ekaterinburg, Russia