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1 YEAR AFTER THE ELECTIONS IN INZEL



Dear Grandmasters, Masters, Instructors and Country Representatives!

Before I come to the actual subject of this message, I would like to wish all our members and their families the best of health.

We can only hope that the situation caused by the coronavirus will soon have a good end.

Incredibly we have to pinch ourselves to realise that a year has already passed since the last elections of the ITF in Inzell, April 2019.

It has been an extremely labor intensive year for a number of reasons and the transition period has not been as smooth as we all expected. Nevertheless it is full of many activities that were successful:



The addition and expansion of Committees, such as: Audit Risk and Compliance Committee, Athletes Committee, Business and Marketing Committee, Coach Committee, Do and Ethics Committee, GM Promotion Committee, Inclusion Committee, IT Committee, Women Committee. These new committees are needed to meet today's requirements for recognition by international sports organizations (e.g. GAISF). Furthermore they are a useful addition to the existing committees, because the challenges are greater in an expanding Federation. Already the first weeks of their work have shown that they approach their new tasks with a lot of enthusiasm, verve and expertise. Luckily we can count on members who bring an enormous amount of knowledge and experience to the table. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all the committees and working groups for their work so far. It is reassuring to know that we have so much potential in our organization. Success in the past has been based on good cooperation between the ITF Executive Board and Standing Committees and this will be the key to our future success.



Reviewing and correcting ITF documents and finances

Documents and papers from our member organisations had to be viewed and processed with an enormous amount of time in order to obtain an overview of the actual member status and the process is not over yet! This measure must be seen in the context that we want to seek GAISF membership and must properly submit the application. The same applies to finances in the ITF and many documents have caused more questions than clarification.




A new Legal Counselor – Mr. Efraim Barak, who is an expert in Sport Law and Consultancy, started his work on June 1st 2019. With his help all sponsorship contracts and championship contracts were revised and reissued. Furthermore the seminar contracts were updated. Many member cases regarding policies and procedures were also clarified.





New Constitution – we have found many examples that our statutes and by-laws do not harmonize with each other and sometimes make contradicting statements, they also contained a lot of deficiencies. Together with our lawyer we started preparing updates of the constitution and eliminate the legal errors.





New By-laws – all 17 Committees prepared their **Terms of Reference** and these all had to be brought into one format. This task is coming to an end and soon you will be able to see its effects.


 **New Website** – is finished and went online on May 3rd. With the old website there were considerable problems in technical but also in organizational respect. You can find more information about the website later in this newsletter.

 **Newsletter** - every second month the ITF is preparing a newsletter in three languages in English, Spanish and Russian!


 **65 Years of Taekwon-Do** - the ITF planned a grand celebration for the 65th anniversary of establishing Taekwon-Do. Unfortunately Korea the event couldn't be realized even though 300 people declared their willingness to participate in this event. In the future, we will try to organize equally spectacular events for our members.


 **Trademark** - had to be completely revised. Trademarks have been checked and renewed where necessary. We have also directed oppositions in two cases of illegal registration in Argentina and Puerto Rico.


 **WADA** - Thanks to the amazing work of the Medical & Anti-Doping Committee and its Chair Sbn. Sabina Mason the International Taekwon-Do Federation signed the WADA compliance code 2015. Thanks to this, we fulfilled all the criteria and have now been a full WADA member continuously since 2009.


 **Sport Accord Convention** - Since 2010, we have been a regular participant in the SA Conventions, ITF representatives take part in promoting Taekwon-Do during one of the biggest sport conferences in the world. For the first time in history the ITF Board of Directors decided to buy a stand that would promote our martial art even more.

 **Preparation for GAISF Application** - the ITF Board of Directors decided that for the third time in history we will submit an application to join GAISF. We applied for the first time in 2004 later in 2010 and now we want to submit during the General Assembly GAISF-2021. We are convinced that we meet all the conditions to become an ordinary member. For our last application submitted in 2010 we received the following opinion from the people responsible for the membership in GAISF "... The ITF-Spain application is excellent in so far as it is complete, comprehensive and met all the procedural requirements ...". We have now started the process of collecting the documentation according to the latest GAISF requirements. And we believe that our application will be evaluated similarly as the last time.

 **Moving ITF office to Poland** - It took lots of work to move all the documents, certificates and merchandise to Poland. The ITF Office staff needed to revise all the documentation sent to the office. Also adjusting the printers to certificates issued by the ITF took some time, because we wanted to be sure that our members received nice certificates for their achievements. Everyday we receive many questions and requests which we carefully check. The ITF office staff strives to provide the highest quality service. The ITF Office workers are happy to help our members in any case which is why do not hesitate to contact them.

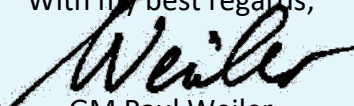
 **New projects** - We have started many new projects, examples of which are: Korea Event, Adapted TKD, Middle East and the Gulf Region development, Central America and the Caribbean development, Coach training, Courtesy Campaign and Concussion Policy.

 **ITF Strategy** - Building a new value. The ITF Board of directors created a road map for years 2020 –2023 which is a strategy that includes an action plan for the coming years, defines the mission, goals and activities that contribute to the development of Taekwon-Do in the world.

 **New ways of work** - Due to the pandemic of Covid-19 the ITF decided to contact all member countries representatives via the ZOOM platform, also seminars and lectures conducted by Chairs and the ITF Committees are conducted with this application. Moreover, the ITF Board of Directors has the opportunity to discuss more often and already three board meetings have been held online on the following dates 4th April, 17th April and 3rd May. The next ITF Board of Directors meeting is planned for 24th May 2020.

In addition, further extensive projects are planned and already in progress.
I wish you all good health and that we can soon be active again as usual.

With my best regards;


GM Paul Weiler

DEGREE APPLICATION REGULATIONS

On this occasion we would like to point out the following regarding the application for Dan certificates: To apply for a replacement certificate, copies (e.g. scanned copy) of the original certificates must be submitted.

National Dan certificates, as issued by some countries, are not accepted for the application of a replacement certificate! In case of any doubt, the ITF Executive Board must take a decision!

At the Board Meeting on April 19th 2020 it was decided that replacement certificates should be charged at full price for the person's most recent degree and they must present copies of all earlier certificates. This regulation comes into force from **01.01.2021**.

All instructors are obliged to pay their annual plaque fee = teaching license (compare also the by-laws Art. 7.2.3 International Instructor).

Every international instructor must have a instructor license. Only they are allowed to wear the black stripe on the jacket and pants.

The proof of annual payment of the instructor license is one of the requirements for the next graduation level.

If you have any questions, please contact the ITF HQ.



NEW ITF WEBISTE



Due to the fact that we have received many notifications of errors appearing on the old page, the new website is now available for our members. The Development & Communications Committee worked hard to prepare a new & better website for the ITF.

We encourage all our members to visit the new website as often as possible to keep abreast of everything that is happening in the International Taekwon-Do Federation

Website is working under following link:

www.itftkd.sport



ITF COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE WORKING FOR ITF DEVELOPMENT

From Argentina, Scotland and Israel, Adapted Committee members Anabel Vicario, SBN John McIlvaney and SBN Leo Oros Duek, released the work map for 2020-2021.

Some of the most important points of the conversation were how to help to the instructors to lose their fear of working in Adapted Taekwon-Do and creating Adapted Taekwon-Do regulations for future competitions.

The Committee appreciates the constant support of our President GM Weiler who, before taking office, committed to this project. Soon we will have more information for all our members around the world. The Taekwon-Do ITF Inclusion Committee met for the first time.



The second meeting of the year of the Harmony Committee chaired by Gastón Casero, and with the presence of Eduardo Quinteros, Mayevi Galindo and David Charlton.

Working remotely to implement new content for the courses and thinking about new projects for times to come.

The ITF Taekwon-Do Children's Development Committee keep working.

From the cities of London (England), Cortona (Italy) and Atibaia (Brazil), the members of the Committee GM Donato Nardizzi, M. Ernesto Santaniello and Sbn Fabián Izquierdo, carried out a review of progress in some of the projects established for this year and a enforced correction of other plans.



ITF Taekwon-Do Children's Development Committee introduce our members to the new facebook page **ITF Taekwon-Do Kids**

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/itftaekwondokids/>

We guarantee that it is worth visiting, especially as it contains a lot of useful content and graphics created by Sbn Fabián Izquierdo, which can be very useful when conducting classes with the youngest Taekwon-Do students.



Taekwon-Do Kids celebrate the **Earth Day**





ITA Strategic Plan 2020-2023

At the Annual Meeting held on January 19th, 2020 the Irish Taekwon-Do Association launched the new ITA Strategic Plan 2020 – 2023.

The document outlines the ITA key goals and objectives for the next four years, as decided by ITA members.

In this matter ITA is for sure an example for the ITF Members. Thanks to the fact that the "Irish Taekwon-Do Association" is working strategically, it is an organization that in a very short time has received the recognition of Sport Ireland, the authority tasked with the development of sport in Ireland.

The documents can be downloaded from the ITA Website



On April 28th the International Taekwon-Do Federation organized the world's first Zoom seminar. A new experience in which grand masters from all over the world and national leaders from the 5 continents participated.

This event led by ITF President GM Paul Weiler and lecturers GM Marano (Technical), GM Nardizzi (Kids), Master Benzaquen (Umpires), SBN Gauthier (Do) SBN Oros Duek (Adapted) and SBN Casero (Harmony).

Each of them presented on the main points of the committees they lead, and answered questions asked by the participants.

On April 25th the first zoom conference was held with the leaders of Central and South America. Besides the ITF President, ITF Secretary General and ITF Treasurer also present was the Chair of the Central and South America Federation Master Abelardo Benzaquen. Perfectly assisted with the leaders of each country who fulfilled their responsibilities with very good feedback for everyone and the issues discussed.



On April 26th President GM Paul Weiler, Secretary General Master Tadeusz Loboda, and Treasurer, Sbn Leonardo Oros Duek met with the Caribbean leaders. The Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Anguilla, Barbados, Cayman Islands, Grenada and Saint Maarten were present.

It was a very productive meeting where leaders were updated on the ITF news and the concerns of the region could also be heard.



On May 9th President GM Paul Weiler, Secretary General Master Tadeusz Loboda, and Treasurer, Sbn Leonardo Oros Duek in the company of the Africa Development Team and the African Taekwon-Do Federation President Mr. Tamrat Feyessa conducted a meeting with the African member countries representatives.

During the meeting the development of Taekwon-do in Africa was discussed. membership matters, GAISF application process and many other topics.