

INTERNATIONAL TAEKWON-DO FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

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Dear ITF Members,

The year 2020 is coming to an end.

We thank you for all the confidence and trust during this very challenging time.

We hope that you and your loved ones are well and healthy and that the coming year will bring some relief.

We hope very much to be able to see you in person again soon somewhere around the globe!

The ITF Governing Body and ITF HQ send you season's greetings and wish you, your families and friends health and happiness for the coming year 2021.



2020 - YEAR OF ONLINE EVENTS

With more than 1,020 attendees and a large number of Masters and Grand Masters from more than 60 countries, the Online Taekwon-Do Technical Seminar took place. Between December 11th and 13th, the members of the ITF Technical and Instruction Committee: GM Héctor Marano, GM Ung Kim Lan, GM Pierre Laquerre, Mst. Paul McPhail, and Mst. Jerzy Jedut, shared their knowledge about various aspects of Taekwon-Do technique, for the first time entirely online. The contents were divided into 3 modules of 4 hours each. Throughout the Seminar, the instructors and teachers volunteered to demonstrate the patterns. At the end of each segment, the questions received via email or during the seminar were read and answered through the chat of the Zoom platform. The committee was supported by titled former or current competitors: Mst. Joliette Trân, Mst. Jarosław Suska, Mst. Lylían Doulay, Mst. Hector Mengoni, Mst. Alejandro Banega, Sbn. Marcelo Bordiez, Sbn. Isabelle Bond, Sbn. Patrick Vones, Sbn. Martin Gadea, Sbn. Sean O'Neil, Bsb. Maria Fernanda Sanchis, Bsb. Leslie Carolina Gadea Romero, Bsb. Marcin Wronowski, Kacper and Oliwia Pietrzela. The seminar was an exceptional way to learn and to share our passion for Taekwon-Do



THE 1st ONLINE TECHNICAL SEMINAR

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ITF TAEKWON-DO WORLD OPEN E-TOURNAMENT

The first ITF World Open E-Tournament in history turned out to be a remarkable success. 834 attendees from 38 countries representing 164 clubs worldwide took part in this event proving that one can participate in Taekwon-Do competitions and be successful even in the face of a pandemic.

From 3rd to 23rd October we could watch amazing online performances of Taekwon-Do by practitioners from around the globe.

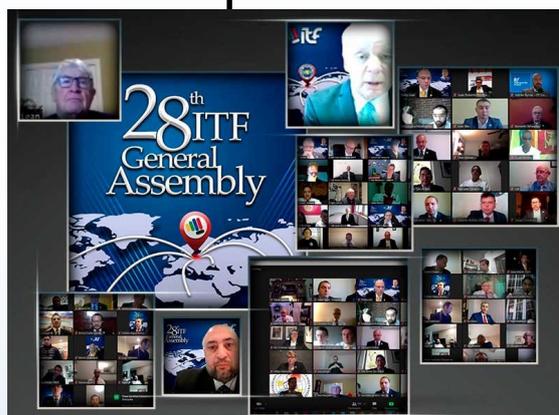
Master Harry Vones, the Chairman of the ITF IT Committee, President of ITF Germany and main organizer of the event, put all his efforts to conduct the e-tournament at the highest level.

For the first time in history the Taekwon-Do Adapted Exhibition OnLine was the part of the official ITF Championships and this project received many enthusiasts.



XXVIII ITF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Meeting via Zoom on 15th November 2020



The XXVIII ITF General Assembly took place online via Zoom application on 15th November 2020. There were 163 participants from 70 countries amongst them 53 with the rights to vote. The delegates used a special voting platform for handling General Meetings from SDG Systems, which possesses all the necessary security certificates. Five new National Associations were ratified, the Budgets for 2020 and 2021 and the 2021 calendar of events was approved. The delegates received all the material in a specially prepared Congress Book which included much information about the activity of ITF.

THE 1st ONLINE ADAPTED TAEKWON-DO COURSE

On 24th October, 31st October and 7th November 2020 the 1st Online Adapted Taekwon-Course took place. It was conducted in Spanish by Sbn. Leo Oros Duek and Bsb. Anabel Vicario from the ITF Inclusion Committee. Also present were: GM Paul Weiler - ITF President, GM Héctor Marano - the Chairman of the ITF Technical and Instruction Committee and GM Guillermo Ramisch, GM Jorge Condomí and Master Armando Villegas. In the course 142 participants from 24 countries took part. Topics of the seminar were amongst others: the use of language when referring to people with certain special conditions, the importance of early stimulation, the relationship with the family of a student with special abilities, safety rules, the sporting aspect and recommendations when structuring a class. The course gathered a lot of positive feedback. The English edition of the Adapted Course is expected to be held in the first quarter of the 2021.



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WOMEN'S SUPERCLASS

The ITF Women's Committee chaired by Master Valerie Forget from Canada is one of the most active ITF Committees. It has hosted two online Women's super classes.

The 1st meeting was held on June 14th. The classes were conducted by: Sbn. Soledad Serrano of Argentina, Sbn. Honey Ospina of Colombia and Sbn. Silvia Farigú from Italy.

The 2nd Women's Super Class was held on September 30th and was conducted by Master Virginia Dionisi from Belgium, Sbn. Julia Cross from Scotland and Master Annick Van Driessche – Member of the ITF Governing Body and President of ITF Belgium.

Despite the fact that the classes were aimed at women, many men also participated in the course. Both seminars gathered together over 300 participants.

The 3rd edition of the Women's super class is scheduled for January 10th, 2021 and will be conducted by some of the most renowned athletes of our federation: Sbn. Ekaterina Kozlachkova (Russia), Sbn. Katya Solovey (Ukraine), Sbn. Bo Rook (Netherlands) and the special guest – Isabelle Schander.



GRATITUDE TO ITF SPONSORS

The ITF Governing Body would like to thank its sponsors and suppliers, who with their support contributed to the promotion of our beautiful martial art and its philosophical wealth, and to the promotion of the International Taekwon-Do Federation in international arenas worldwide. We wish our partners many successes, perseverance in action, good health and all the best in personal life. The ITF looks forward to continued future common cooperation.

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NEW GRAND MASTERS IN ITF

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GRAND MASTER RUBEN SUAREZ
USA

PROMOTION DATE: 19.12.2019
A-9-7



GRAND MASTER DOUGLAS VAL
IRELAND

PROMOTION DATE: 12.05.2020
IRE-9-2



GRAND MASTER PETER THIBADO
USA

PROMOTION DATE: 20.07.2020
A-9-8



GRAND MASTER PER ANDERSEN
NORWAY

PROMOTION DATE: 05.10.2020
NO-9-1



GRAND MASTER CARLOS LOREFICE
ARGENTINA

PROMOTION DATE: 27.11.2020
AR-9-10



GRAND MASTER ARMANDO VLLEGAS
ARGENTINA

PROMOTION DATE: 18.12.2020
AR-9-11



IMPORTANT INFORMATIONS



The ITF HQ will be closed from
23rd December 2020 to 3rd January 2021.

HOLIDAYS BREAK AT THE ITF HQ

MEMORANDUM REGARDING DEBTS

As an international organization, we are aware of the changes that all countries have gone through in recent years, particularly in 2020 with the Coronavirus.

Similarly, we have a great responsibility with the 120 associations worldwide, and we must have the necessary resources to continue providing the corresponding service. We also want to ensure that all members are treated equally.

For this reason, we want to inform you that to regularize the administrative status of those members who have a plaques debt with the ITF, the Governing Body has decided to invite them to join a unique and exceptional Moratorium.

This Moratorium will be for all those who have any debt from January 1, 2016, to December 31, 2020.

Those who join this Moratorium will only have to pay the balance owed by regularizing their situation and **WITHOUT ADDITIONAL CHARGE.**

They will have a deadline to pay their debt until **March 30, 2021.**

After the deadline, the penalty for debtors will be a delay of xxx years for their next graduation plus 35% additional fee.

Keeping up with the ITF is also part of our job to keep growing.

ANNUAL FEE

From January 2021 the amount of the annual fee for all member organizations will increase up to 100 Euro (discounted according to ITF By-Laws clause 7.3.7., World Bank).

REPLACEMENT

From 1st January the price for replacement certificates will be the same as the price for a normal degree test. Any person who wishes to receive a replacement certificate from the International Taekwon-Do Federation must submit scans of all previous certificates in order to prove that the time periods between degree tests were preserved.

Additionally all requirements from point 7.1.7 ITF By-laws must be met.

Please note that only last degree must be replaced.

TEACHING LICENCES - PLAQUES

According with the ITF by-laws anyone from 4th degree planning to take future degree tests must pay the plaque (teaching license) annually.

ITF By-laws 7.1.2: In case a member Black belt from 4th to 9th degree does not pay the annual Teaching license (plaque) fee during a certain period of time, then the waiting time for promotion will be extended for a period of time equal to the period of the delay in payment without derogating from the duty to pay for the plaques. In addition the amount of the annual teaching license will be increased by 20%.

Please remember that each member must pay for plaques equal with their waiting time between degree test. 5th degree - 4 plaques, 6th degree - 5 plaques, 7th degree - 6 plaques, 8th degree - 7 plaques, 9th degree - 8 plaques

If this obligation has not been fulfilled by any of your members, they will need to bring this up to date by purchasing the missing plaques.