



ITF CONGRESS – 1ST AUGUST 2014

The International Taekwon-Do Federation (ITF) convened its Congress on **1st August 2014** (held every 6 years in line with the Constitution and Presidential office tenure. There was representation from ITF member countries through Instructors-in-Nation Organisations (INOs) and Member Organisations (MOs), alongside Grandmasters and appointed officers.

Congress Opening

The Congress was formally opened by the ITF President, Choi Jung Hwa, and handed the Chair to the Secretary General.

Presidential Election

The Secretary General informed members of the Congress the term of office for the President has reached tenure. There have been no nominations to the role and the Secretary General asked Grandmaster Choi Jung Hwa if he would continue in this role as the incumbent President for a further six years, 2014-2020. The President responded to confirm his willingness and thanked Congress for their support for him.

INO/MO Country Updates

Prior to the meeting, INO/MO members were asked to submit reports on their country progress and/or challenges. Any outstanding reports are still expected by the ITF.

Appointments and Organisational Developments

The following roles and responsibilities were confirmed for 2014-2017:

President's Board appointments:

- **Grandmaster Volmir Ligay - Vice President.**
- **Grandmaster Trevor Nicholls - Vice President.**

Special appointment:

- **Master Parm Rai - Special Assistant to the President.**

President's Committee Chair appointments:

- **Grandmaster Han Sam Soo - Promotions Committee.**
- **Grandmaster John Tompkins - Ethics Committee.**
- **Grandmaster Nestor Galarraga - Tournament and Umpire Committee.**
- **Master Parm Rai - Technical Committee.**
- **Master Robert Wheatley - Scientific and Research Committee.**
- **Master Jose Maidana - Expansion Committee.**
- **Mr Valery Kang - Business Committee.**
- **Master Antonio Troiano - Martial Arts Committee.**



Office appointments:

- **Master Trevor Nicholls - Secretary General.**
 - **Master Michael Muleta - Administration Co-ordinator.**
 - **Miss Ashley Nicholls - Certificates, Status Cards and Web Processing.**
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IIC Expiry

The Executive explained to the members present that International Instructor Course accreditation and Umpire accreditation will last for a period of three years. The official certificate will only be issued once and, by attendance to a sanctioned course, will renew the certificate for a further three years.

A reminder, all Dojangs must be registered with the ITF, all Black Belts must be in possession of a Status Card, renewed annually, and all Kup members must be registered either online or with an annual card.

2016 World Championships

United Kingdom presented their bid to host the 2016 World Championships. This was accepted by the members, the host city being Brighton.

Any Other Business

Executive Officers confirmed that all relevant Companies House responsibilities have been met.

No other business was raised.

Congress Closure

ITF Congress was formally closed.
