



ITF CONGRESS – 2ND AUGUST 2007

The International Taekwon-Do Federation (ITF) convened its Congress on **2nd August 2007** (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, who reflected on this being the first Congress following the 2001 Rimini election and the 2002 Special Congress electing Choi Jung Hwa as President of the ITF.

INO/MO Country Updates

INO/MO members participating in Congress were invited to give a verbal update on activities within their countries. These were given and received by the President, along with his Executive appointed in 2002. All reports were reflective of the passing of Gen Choi but positive towards continuing his legacy.

Presidential Election

The first order of Congress was to elect the President of the International Federation for the period 2007-2014. Senior Masters informed member countries attending that there had been no other nominations for the position of President. Senior Masters duly confirmed the appointment of Choi Jung Hwa as the incumbent President. President Choi accepted the position and thanked the members accordingly.

Appointments and Organisational Developments

The President confirmed the following appointments:

- **Master Nestor Galarraga** appointed Chair of both the **Tournament and Umpire Committee**.
- **Master Robert Wheatley** appointed as Chair of the **Promotions Committee**.
- **Master Trevor Nicholls** appointed **Secretary General**.
- **Master Ligay** appointed as **Vice President**.
- **Mr Michael Tibollo** appointed **Legal Advisor**.
- **Mr Parm Rai** appointed as **Special Assistant to the President**.

The President thanked all the appointed officers for accepting their roles and responsibilities.

Future Events

The President confirmed that International Instructor Courses (IICs) will continue in the same format as were conducted by Gen Choi. It is hoped that he will reach all the continents during the next six years.

2010 World Championships

South Korea delivered a presentation to host the World Championships in 2010. This was unanimously accepted by Congress and confirmed South Korea will be the next host country for the World Championships.

Canada did propose and was accepted but now will run the 2012 World Championships, recognising that there may be a penalty for cancelling the venue secured for 2010.

Any Other Business

Executive Officers confirmed that Companies House responsibilities have been completed.

Congress Closure

ITF Congress was formally closed.

