



ITF CONGRESS – 27 JULY 2025

The International Taekwon-Do Federation (ITF) convened its annual Congress on **27 July 2025**, with representation from ITF member countries through Independent 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**. **Master Trevor Nicholls**, ITF Vice President and Secretary General, was appointed Chairman of Congress, and **ITF Japan** was entrusted with responsibility for recording the official minutes.

INO/Country Reporting

Due to time limitations, Congress agreed that all INOs and MOs would submit **written reports** covering membership status and activities undertaken during **2024–2025**. These reports are to be submitted to ITF Administration by **the end of August 2025**.

Presidential Election

The term of ITF President **Grandmaster Choi Jung Hwa** reached its conclusion during this Congress. No advance nominations were received. The Secretary General nominated Grandmaster Choi Jung Hwa for re-election, which he accepted. Congress **unanimously voted** to re-elect him for another term. The President reaffirmed his commitment to uphold the ITF Constitution and thanked members for their continued confidence.

Appointments and Organisational Developments

The President confirmed several organisational developments and appointments:

- Establishment of a new **Ethics Committee sub-department** dedicated to the study of Oriental philosophy, reinforcing Taekwon-Do's moral and ethical foundations. Officers to be appointed.
- Establishment of a **Research and Conduct Committee**, co-chaired by **Master Michel Demers (Canada)** and **Master William Howard (USA)**.
- **Grandmaster Nestor Galarraga** appointed Chair of both the **Technical Committee**.
- **Grandmaster Gordon Jue** appointed Chair of the **Promotions Committee**.
- **Master Suzan Crochet** appointed Chair of the **Dispute Resolution Committee**.
- **Grandmaster Jose Maidana** appointed Chair of the **Tournament Committee**.
- **Master Fernando Perez** appointed Chair of the **Umpire Committee**.
- **Grandmaster Michael Muleta** appointed **Under Secretary of ITF**.
- **Master Troy L. El Bey (Canada)** appointed **Assistant to the President** for official duties.
- **Mr. Chris Cheung** to continue as **Executive Secretary**, managing the President's personal affairs.
- **Grandmaster Volmir Ligay** appointed **ITF Vice President**.
- **Master Trevor Nicholls** appointed **ITF Vice President** and **Secretary General**.

The President emphasised the importance of humility, ethical conduct, and service to Taekwon-Do, and clarified appropriate communication channels within the administration.

ITF Tour Proposal

Congress was introduced to a proposal for an **ITF Tour** by **Master Edimir Kawakubo**. Full details will be circulated separately to member organisations.

ITF Sports and Media Report

The Congress received a strong report on ITF sports promotion:

- The current World Championship was **live-streamed globally**, reaching over **140 media channels**.
 - Social media performance included approximately **800,000 Instagram interactions** and **2 million TikTok views**.
 - Total accumulated viewership exceeded **10 million**, significantly enhancing ITF's visibility and sponsorship potential.
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Future Events and Cultural Initiatives

Congress reaffirmed the importance of all ITF events, including **IIC, ICC, and IUC**, and highlighted the need to further promote Taekwon-Do philosophy, history, and tradition.

Cultural initiatives discussed included proposed educational trips to **Korea**, reflecting the historical martial arts influences on Taekwon-Do. A consolidated proposal will be prepared for circulation to members.

Future World Championship Host

Interest in hosting a future World Championship included Kyrgyzstan and other European hosts, citing strong membership bases and suitable facilities. ITF Congress voted **Ireland** as the host country for the **2028 World Championships**.

70th Anniversary of ITF – March 2026

Congress discussed plans to mark the **70th Anniversary of ITF**, founded on **22 March 1966**:

- A commemorative event is planned for **22 March 2026** at the **Josun Hotel, Korea**, ITF's founding location.
 - All INOs and MOs are expected to send **one to two representatives**.
 - Members were invited to submit ideas and proposals by **21 September 2025**.
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Congress Closure

With no further business, the ITF Congress was formally closed.

This summary is published for information purposes and reflects key decisions and discussions of the ITF Congress held on 27 July 2025.