

EDITORIAL

No surprise to the fact that Mr Athanasios Pragalos was elected for the third time as a President of the European Taekwondo Union (ETU) which is one of the biggest Sport Unions of the world. All the National Taekwondo Federations members of the ETU, expressed in this way their respect and trust to Mr Athanasios Pragalos and they did not submit any candidature for the President's position. To the contrary, they submitted in writing their full support. What really touched everybody



was Mr Athanasios Pragalos message at the ETU General Assembly, which amongst others mentioned the following: «Together we fight, together we achieve. Many times, during my service as a President of the ETU, I appealed for unify and sincere cooperation and good understanding to all the members of the ETU Ex. Co. and I paid special attention, to the maintenance of good relations between the member countries of the ETU. I would like to assure you that, I personally, and all the ETU Ex. Co. members, shall continue our efforts for the evolution of Taekwondo, an evolution which will give a high standard to our Championships and Tournaments especially at the Olympic Games». To Mr Pragalos has been sent the following congratulation letter by the President of the World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) Dr Chungwon Choue: «Dear Mr Pragalos, I would like to extend my congratulations to you on your reelection as President of the European Taekwondo Union (ETU). I have just returned from my trip to the United States and attend-

ed the closing ceremony of the 2nd WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships in Incheon, west Seoul. Under your strong leadership, I believe that the Olympic sport of Taekwondo will further develop in Europe and the ETU will further prosper. I look forward to seeing you soon. Sincerely Yours». Similar congratulation letters have been sent to the ETU President Mr Athanasios Pragalos, by many Sport personalities of the world. At the photograph Mr. Pragalos with his wife Chrysoula at the European Juniors Championships of Baku (2007).

Phivos Christou
Chief Editor



The Olympic Test Event of Beijing

It is worth mentioning that on the 26 and 27 of February 2008, will be held at the capital of China, Beijing, the Taekwondo Test Event for the Olympic Games of 2008. At this very important event are expected more than 120 selected athletes from many countries.

The Olympic Flame

More than 15.000 Torchbearers are expected to pass the Olympic Flame, hand to hand in many cities of several countries of the world.

The flame also is expected to pass from all the cities who hosted the Summer Olympic Games, bringing the light and joy of the Olympic celebrations.

The Olympic Flame will pass and from Lausanne, home of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and London, host city for the Olympic Games of 2012.

Undoubtedly the Olympic Flame will remind always the world the Olympic ideals and especially the Olympic Spirit, unity and peace and it will reaffirm that the Olympic Games are performed by people for people, a crowing moment for the human spirit, touching the heart and minds of everyone.

The Meaning of the Flame

The Olympic Flame is one of the most recognizable and sacred images of the Olympic Movement and is enduring symbol of the Olympic ideals of noble competition, friendship, peace, culture and education.

It symbolizes the very essence of the Olympic Games. From the day it is kindled in Greece until it is extinguished, signaling the end of the Olympic Games, the sharing of the Flame deeply touches everyone. In ancient Greece fire symbolized the creation of the world, as well as renewal and light.

The ancient Greeks explained the reasons of fire on earth through the Myth of Prometheus, who



stole fire from the Gods to give to man.

Throughout the years the Torch Relay (Olympic Flame) has served as an emotional centerpiece to the start of the Olympic Games.

The celebration of the Flame

The celebrations of the Olympic Flame will be held at the magnificent Olympic Stadium of Beijing. In the meantime the celebrations of the Olympic Flame, will give the opportunity to more than 5 billions

TV spectators and to the thousands of the spectators to live unforgettable moments of emotion and enthusiasm.

• At the photograph the Nacional Coach of France Myriam Baverel who won silver medal at the Olympic Games of Athens (2004).

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2007 General Assembly of ETU Baku

*Another four
years President
of the ETU
Mr Athanasios
Pragalos*

By Gerrit Eissink

The General Assembly of the European Taekwondo Union (ETU) elected Mr Athanasios Pragalos as its President at the General Assembly, held on the 25th of October 2007 at the Hyatt Hotel of Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan. The above General Assembly undoubtedly was the most historical General Assembly of the ETU, the biggest and well organised Tae-

kwondo Union of the World. Fortyone member countries of the ETU participated the above Assembly. It is worth mentioning that Mr Kamaladdin Heydarov, President of the Azerbaijan Taekwondo Federation, Vice President of the World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) and Chairman of the Organizing Committee, honored the General Assembly with his

present. In the meantime the above General Assembly elected fourteen persons for the new Executive Council of the ETU for the next four years, as follows:

Eissink Gerrit
Netherlands – 49 votes
Klyuchnikov Evgeny
Russia – 48 votes

Musayev Fuzuli
Azerbaijan – 44 votes
Cito Angelo
Italy – 40 votes
Colmenero Manuel
Spain – 39 votes
Christou Phivos
Cyprus – 35 votes
Klawiter Stefan
Germany – 35 votes





Boo Ference
Sweden – 35 votes
Joyce Gerry
Ireland – 29 votes
Sahin Metin
Turkey – 27 votes
Holt Thommas
Denmark – 26 votes
Gruber Heinz
Germany – 25 votes
Patakfalvy Miklos
Hungary – 23 votes
Prot Franjo
Croatia – 22 votes

The rest votes allocated as follows:
21 for Castellanos Jesus (Spain), 21 for Likhadzievski Anatoli (Belarus), 20 for Piarulli Roger (France), 18 for Samandzhiya Lesik (Ukraine), 14 for Leban Rudolf (Slovenia), 14 for Madar Michel (Israel), Sougne Luc

(Belgium), 13 for Chatzimina Jo (Greece), 13 for Nowicki Dariuz (Poland), 9 for Stenholm Jesica (Norway), 8 for Moschc Norbert (Austria), 5 for Sagirkaya Ali

Assembly, the ETU President Mr **Athanasios Pragalos**, appointed as follows the new Executive Council of the European Taekwondo Union (ETU):

**The new elected members
of the Executive Council of the
ETU for the next four years.**

(Turkey), 3 for Makinen Jarkko (Finland), 3 for Cehlar Josef (Slovakia).

The new ETU Executive Council

After the elections of the General

Klawiter Stefan
Vice President
Klyuchnikov Evgeny
Vice President
Musayev Fuzuli
Vice President
Boo Ference
Vice President

Eissink Gerrit
Secretary General
Christou Phivos
General Treasurer
Colmenero Manuel
Ex. Co. Member
Gruber Heinz
Ex. Co. Member
Cito Angelo
Ex. Co. Member
Sahin Metin
Ex. Co. Member
Joyce Gerry
Ex. Co. Member
Holt Thommas
Ex. Co. Member
Patakfalvy Miklos
Ex. Co. Member
Prot Franjo
Ex. Co. Member

The ETU Cash Auditors

After the elections of the new Ex. Co. of the ETU, the General Assembly elected by acclamation, for the next four years, and the Cash Auditors of the ETU: Mr. Buitenhuis Fred (Netherlands), Mr. Rajkaj Istvan (Hungary) and Mr. Vidic Stanko (Croatia).

ETU Referees Director

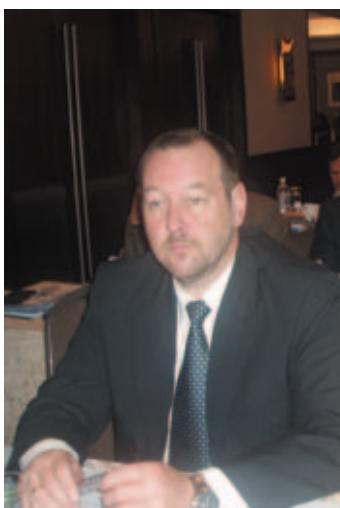
The President of the European Taekwondo Union (ETU), Mr Athanasios Pragalos, reappointed also and Mr Chakir Shelbat from Sweden, at the post of the Director of the ETU Referees.

The ETU Committees

The President of the European Taekwondo Union (ETU) Mr Athanasios Pragalos, according to the Status of the ETU, is expected, at the Meeting of the Executive Council of the ETU which will be held very soon, to appoint and the persons for the several Committees of the ETU.

The European Championships

The agenda of the General Assembly of the ETU included many important subjects amongst others there were and the deci-





sions of the locations of the following European Championships:

- Cadets**
Zagreb (2009)
- Juniors**
Trelleborg (2009)
- Seniors**
St. Petersburg (2010)
- Team**
Baku (2010)
- Poomsae**
Outstanding (2009)

The President's Report and Message

Before the elections the President of the ETU Mr Athanasios Pragalos, the Secretary General Mr Gerrit Eissink and the General Treasurer Mr Phivos Christou, presented their

Reports. The Report of the President amongst other mentioned the following:

I would like once again to refer to

cere cooperation and good understanding to all the members of the ETU Executive Council and I paid special attention, to the mainte-

I assure you that I will continue to have a fruitful cooperation with all the members of the Ex. Co. of the ETU and especially with the ETU member countries.

my last message "together we fight, together we achieve". Many times, during my service as a President of the European Taekwondo Union (ETU), I appealed to unify and sin-

nance of good relations between the member countries of the ETU.

My new message, in this General Assembly, is again on the same line. I would like today in this General

Assembly, to point out that, I am extremely happy and very proud from the fact that all the ETU Committee (Chairman and Members), the General Secretary Mr Gerrit Eissink and the General Treasurer Mr Phivos Christou, who also is the Chief Editor of the ETU Magazine, have worked efficiently having as a purpose the real development and upgrading of the Olympic Sport of Taekwondo in all aspects. I assure you that I will continue to have a fruitful cooperation with all the members of the Ex. Co. of the ETU and especially with the ETU member countries. Dear Friends, in concluding I would like to assure you that, I personally, and all the ETU Ex. Co. members, shall continue our efforts for the evolution of Taekwondo, an evolution which will give a high standard to our Ch/ships and Tournaments especially at the Olympic Games.





The 2007 European Juniors

FRANCE FIRST, BRITAIN SECOND, CROATIA THIRD, GERMANY FOURTH

The capital of Azerbaijan Baku with tradition in Taekwondo and in Sports generally hosted for the second time the European Juniors Taekwondo Championships (Male and Female) in which took part more than 600 athletes, coaches, referees and officials from 41 countries. The above very important Championship has been organised with great success by the

Taekwondo Federation of Azerbaijan with the cooperation of the European Taekwondo Union (ETU). At the Opening Ceremony amongst others were present and the Minister of Sports of the Azerbaijan who congratulate the Chairman of the Organizing Committee Mr Kamaladdin Heydarov who also is the President of the Taekwondo Federation of Azerbaijan and the ETU President

Mr Athanasios Pragalos. At the above championship which was very successful, France won the first place with 4 gold medals and one bronze, Britain the second with 3 – 1 – 2, Croatia with 2 – 3 – 0 and Germany the fourth with 1 – 2 – 2. It is must be noted that Russia, Azerbaijan, Turkey, Spain and Greece won gold medals. Analytically the results of the above European Championships (Male –

Female) are as follows:

Male – 45 kg:

1. Scott Atkinson GBR
2. Arventii Vladislav MDA
3. Vladimir Dalakliev BUL
3. Chiaramida Dario ITA

Male – 48 kg:

1. Gurbanov Eldar AZE
2. Japaridze Vakhtang GEO
3. Serkan Tok TUR



3. Khomenko Oleksandr UKR

Male – 51 kg:

1. Stipe Jarloni KRO
2. Tahir Gülec GER
3. Recep Yazici TUR
3. Krasimir Tomanov BUL

Male – 55 kg:

1. Assaraf Samuel FRA
2. Jordan Gayle GBR
3. Joan Mari Molina ESP
3. R. P. R. Bragança POR

Male – 59 kg:

1. Ayet Labidi GBR
2. Baglivo Steeven ITA
3. Mikayliov Nijat AZE
3. Muzaev Viskhadzhi RUS

Male – 63 kg:

1. Belhadj Yassine FRA
2. Yunus Sari TUR
3. Benjamin Zeiger GER
3. Manuel Barros Couso ESP

Male – 68 kg:

1. Ismayilzade Sabuhi AZE
2. Luka Slavuj KRO
3. Craig Eden GBR
3. Beloufa Yassin FRA

Male – 73 kg:

1. Aaron Cook GBR
2. Ibragimov Magomed RUS
3. Kolodziejczyk Kamil POL
3. Karlis Orleans LVA

Male – 78 kg:

1. Tzello Nikolaos GRE
2. Ugur Aktas TUR
3. Hatowski Piotr POL
3. Colic Nikola SRB

Male + 78 kg:

1. Shakhbsnov Aydemir RUS
2. Lamarmora, Gianluigi ITA
3. Bahmalov Aydin AZE
3. Tatarivov Oleksiy UKR

Female – 42 kg:

1. Sümeyye Karashmet GER
2. Carmen Pulido Ruiz ESP
3. Duygucan Demirdelen TUR
3. Bokova Yana UKR

Female – 44 kg:

1. Engovatova Yana RUS
2. Stela Simunic KRO
3. Baghirova Reyhan AZE
3. Laura Cejas Porcel ESP

Female – 46 kg:

1. Tran Emillie FRA
2. Fabienne Schneider GER
3. Anna Dimitriou CYP
3. Barbara Ducz HUN

Female – 49 kg:

1. Coutant Maeiva FRA
2. Reuvers, Treesje NLD
3. Maksimaya Nastassia BLR





3. Gammatsaeva Kamilla RUS

Female – 52 kg:

1. Julia Weinberger GER
2. Marina Sumic KRO
3. Benedict Agnieszka POL
3. Jennifer Agren SWE

Female – 55 kg:

1. Antonija Zeravica KRO
2. Edina Kotsis HUN
3. Zaneta Rodovska CZE
3. Popova Mariya UKR

Female – 59 kg:

1. Musso Maeva FRA
2. V. Grammatikopoulou GRE
3. Wiczorek Katarzyna POL
3. Nur Tatar TUR

Female – 63 kg:

1. Furkan Asena Aydin TUR

2. Michelle Sole DNK

3. Julia Swietkowiak GER
3. Maria Vasilakakou GRE

Female – 68 kg:

1. Sandra L. Rodelas ESP
2. Baryshnikova Anastasia RUS
3. Eleftheria Trianti GRE
3. Ayse Sari TUR

Female + 68 kg:

1. Iellouche Flora FRA
2. Fulya Yildizdal TUR
3. Bianca Walkden GBR
3. Szypulska Emilia POL

Congratulation Azerbaijan for the real friendly and hearty hospitality to all the members of the Executive Council of the European

Taekwondo Union during their stay in Baku.

The next European Juniors

The next European Taekwondo Juniors Championships (Male • Female) will be held in Trelleborg of Sweden in 2009.

It is worth mentioning that the beautiful city of Trelleborg is very famous for the International sports activities and especially for the very successful A' Class Taekwondo Tournaments of the ETU.

For the above European Championships, the officials of the Taekwondo Federation of Sweden they are very optimistic.

The 2008 ETU Annual Fees

The Ex. Co. of the ETU and the General Treasurer of the ETU, Mr Phivos Christou, would like to remind once again all the member countries of the ETU for the 2008 ETU Annual Fees.

All the member countries of the ETU must arrange their outstanding Annual Fees to the General Treasurer of the ETU before March 2008.

Failure to do the above, according to the last decision of the ETU Ex. Co. will result to the suspension from the European Taekwondo Championships.





The ETU A' Category Tournaments

*Have been
organized with
success*

More than 4.000 athletes, coaches, referees and officials took part at the 2007 ETU International Taekwondo Tournaments A' category (A' class), which have been organized with success under the auspices of the European Taekwondo Union (ETU).

In the meantime the 2008 ETU International Taekwondo Tournaments A' category will be held at several cities of Europe, with the official authorization of the ETU as follows:

9 – 10 February:
Trelleborg – Sweden

16 – 17 February:
Eindhoven – Netherlands

8 – 9 March:
Hamburg – Germany

5 – 6 April:
Herentals – Belgium

26 – 27 April:
Alicante – Spain

24 – 25 May:
Baku – Azerbaijan

28 – 29 June:
Innsbruck – Austria

15 – 16 November:
Zagreb – Croatia

22 – 23 November:
Paris – France



The Olympic Tournaments

ISTANBUL THE LAST CHANCE FOR THE EUROPEAN ATHLETES

More than 700 athletes, coaches, referees and officials from 105 countries took part at the Olympic Qualification Taekwondo Tournament of the World Taekwondo

Federation (WTF), which was held from 28 to 30 September 2007 in Manchester, the beautiful city of Great Britain, which hosted many International sport activities and Championships.

All the games of the above very difficult Olympic Tournament, were very dynamic, and owing of that some high level strong athletes, from countries with great tradition in Taekwondo, like Spain, Turkey,

Russia, Azerbaijan and Holland, remain outside from the medals and of course (for the moment) outside from the Olympic Games of 2008, which will be held in Beijing of China.



At the Olympic Tournament of Manchester 8 (eight) athletes, 3 Male and 5 Female from Europe, have been qualified at the Olympic Games of Beijing.

The 8 European athletes (male - female) are as follows:

- two from France
- two from Italy
- one from Germany
- one from Greece
- one from Britain
- one from Croatia

Analytically the results of the Olympic Tournament of Manchester are as follows:

Male - 58 kg:

1. Mu Yen Chu TPE
2. Levent Tuncat GER
3. Tshomlee Go PHL

Male - 68 kg:

1. Son Tae Jin KOR
2. Gessler Viera Abreu CUB
3. Burak Hasan AUS

Male - 80 kg:

1. Sebastien Michaud CAN
2. Steven Lopez USA
3. Mauro Sarmiento ITA

Male + 80 kg:

1. Mickael Borot FRA
2. Daba Modibo Keita MLI
3. Cha Dong Min KOR

Female - 49 kg:

1. Shu Chun Yang TPE
2. Daynellis Montejo Poll CUB
3. Ivett Gonda CAN

Female - 57 kg:

1. Lim Su Jeong KOR
2. Veronica Calabrese ITA
3. Premwaew Chonnapas THA

Female - 67 kg:

1. Gwladys Epangue FRA
2. Hwang Kyung Seon KOR
3. Sandra Saric CRO

Female + 67 kg:

1. Kyriaki Kouvari GRE
2. Sarah Stevenson GBR
3. Rosario Espinoza MEX





Last Chance for the European athletes

Istanbul is the city, which will organise the ETU Olympic Qualification Taekwondo Tournament next January.

This very important and difficult Olympic Tournament, will give the opportunity (last chance) to all the high and best athletes, male and female, of Europe to claim a place at the Olympic Games of 2008, which will be held next August at the capital of China, Beijing.



Amongst the athletes, who will fight in the beautiful and historical city of Istanbul (Turkey), for a place at the Olympic Games of Beijing, there are and the best and strongest athletes of Spain, Russia, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Holland and other, five countries with great tradition in Taekwondo, which for the moment, did not succeed last September at the Olympic Qualification Tournament of Manchester.



WTF Official for the Olympic weight categories

Concerning the short limit of the Taekwondo Olympic categories, some years ago, before the Olympic Games of Athens (2004) the ETU Magazine published a very interesting interview from a very high Taekwondo official which amongst others said:

«Since Taekwondo has been provisionally adopted as a medal sport at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, possible efforts should be concentrated for promotion of Taekwondo as a mandatory program of all the future Olympic Games, especially by enhancing the spirit of fairplay as well as the level of techniques.

It is natural that many countries will lay stress on training the contestants of the four (4) Olympic weight categories for the time being until the category will be increased».





The 2007 European Cadets

*Russia won the first place
Azerbaijan the second and
Croatia the third*



Nearly 500 competitors, coaches, referees and officials took part at the European Taekwondo Cadets Championships, which was held at the capital of Hungary, Budapest from 7 to 9 July 2007. At the above very interest championships Azerbaijan won the first place at the Male categories and Russia the second place. At the Female categories

Croatia won the first place and Russia the second place. It is worth mentioning that overall Russia won the first place, Azerbaijan the second, Croatia the third, France the fourth, Serbia the fifth and Turkey the sixth place.

At the Opening Ceremony the President of the European Taekwondo Union (ETU) Mr

Athanasios Pragalos said the following:

«The second European Taekwondo Cadets Championships gives the opportunity to the Olympic, World and European Champions of tomorrows, you, to gain experience during this young age and in the future become better than today's senior category champions. The

ETU will continue its effort for the evolution of Taekwondo, an evolution which we all witness by seeing the increase in the number of Taekwondo athletes despite the big competitiveness in this sport. On behalf of the Executive Council of the ETU, I would like to wish all the best to the Organizing Committee of the European Cadets Championships and to welcome the



Representatives of the ETU member countries who came to the beautiful capital of Hungary Budapest to take part in this very important Championships».

Analytically the results of the above championships are as follows:

Male – 33 kg:

1. Huseyn Mehrliyev AZE
2. Bugarin Luka KRO
3. Lyzun Oleksandr UKR
3. Kilicaslan Nedim TUR

Male – 37 kg:

1. Güzelay Semih TUR
2. Jovanovic Miodrag SRB
3. Denisenko Alexey RUS
3. Svirski Andrei BLR

Male – 41 kg:

1. Firstov Aleksey RUS
2. Slauski Kiryl BLR
3. Gonzalez Dario ESP
3. Bodulica Marko SWE

Male – 45 kg:

1. Ozdamirov Magomed RUS
2. Khomenko Oleksandr UKR
3. Ozturk Abdul sahmed FRA
3. Arventii Vladislav MDA

Male – 49 kg:

1. Faig Tanriverdiyev AZE
2. Henriette Nicolas FRA
3. Lazic Ivan SRB
3. Minin Konstantin RUS

Male – 53 kg:

1. Imran Zalov AZE
2. Gülec Tahir GER
3. Lundqvist Daniel SWE
3. Shrubau Klim BLR

Male – 57 kg:

1. Kolesov Igor RUS
2. Puntunet Romain FRA
3. Batistic Marko KRO
3. Niaborski Piotr BLR

Male – 61 kg:

1. Khayal Mammadov AZE
2. Jankovic Aleksandar SRB
3. Lopar Milan AUT
3. Tadevosyan Artem RUS

Male – 65 kg:

1. Sabuhi Ismaylzada AZE
2. Roditis Georgios GRE
3. Chumankin Alexander RUS
3. Matsukevich Ihar BLR

Male + 65 kg:

1. Aydin Bahmalov AZE





2. Kharko Artem RUS
3. Benayoun Jordan FRA
3. Gonzalez Oscar ESP

Female – 29 kg:

1. Kustova Yulia RUS
2. Maljkovic Sanja KRO
3. Franz Simone AUT
3. Naumovska Aleksandra SRB

Female – 33 kg:

1. Boudet Aurelie FRA
2. Tuncer Seyma TUR
3. Valueva Anastasia RUS
3. Nothaft Roxana GER

Female – 37 kg:

1. Lagan_ Silvana ITA
2. Frömming Anna lena GER
3. Ljubojevic Ivana SRB
3. Piperaki Aikaterini GRE

Female – 41 kg:

1. Usanovic Marina KRO
2. Basci Didem TUR
3. Farida Azizova AZE
3. Calvar Katia ESP

Female – 44 kg:

1. Ben Tahar sondess FRA
2. Simunic Stela KRO
3. Emelyanova Alexandra RUS
3. Maratou Konstantina GRE

Female – 47 kg:

1. Zaytseva Alexandra RUS
2. Braun T_mea HUN
3. Schönegger Christina AUT
3. Gürbüz Seyma TUR

Female – 51 kg:

1. Perisic Dajana SRB
2. Kammenou Eleni-Anna GRE
3. Shafirir Kadan ISR
3. Kögel Ramona GER

Female – 55 kg:

1. Silutina Daria RUS
2. Taoussara Faiza FRA
3. Milanovic Josipa KRO
3. Gülec Rabia GER

Female – 59 kg:

1. Letica Diana KRO
2. Jablanov Jelena SRB
3. Deloglan Maria RUS
3. Diola Timothea CYP

Female + 59 kg:

1. Siprak Maja KRO
2. İlk Gülbahar TUR
3. Sophie Dickson GBR
3. Ivanova Olga RUS





2008 European Seniors

WILL BE HELD AT THE BEAUTIFULL CITY OF ROME (ITALY) NEXT APRIL

Rome the organizing city of the Olympic Games of 1960 and of many European and World Sport Championships, will organize the European Seniors Taekwondo Championships of 2008, which is the biggest event of the European Taekwondo Union (ETU).

erees, officials) a pleasant and memorable stay in Rome, which is one of the most beautiful cities in the world, with natural, historical and cultural aspects.

The Preliminary Time Table of the European Seniors Taekwondo Championships is as follows:

The Italian Taekwondo Federation and the European Taekwondo Union (ETU) ensuring the success of the 2008 European Seniors Championships of Rome

At the above big sport event over 40 countries are expected. The organizers are doing their almost to achieve the best European Seniors Taekwondo Championships. In the meantime the Italian Taekwondo Federation and the ETU they are ensuring the success of the above great sport event and for all the participants (athletes, coaches, ref-

7 – 8 April:

Registration of participating teams from 09.00 to 20.00 hrs

9 April:

International Referee Meeting from 10.00 to 13.00 and Head of Team meeting and drawing lot

10 April:

Preliminary Contests, Semi Finals, Finals under 54 kg, under 58 kg (Male), under 47 kg, under 51 kg (Female) and the Opening Ceremony

11 April:

Preliminary Contests, Semi Finals, Finals under 62 kg, under 67 kg (Male), under 55 kg, under 59 kg (Female)

12 April:

Preliminary Contests, Semi Finals, Finals under 72 kg, under 78 kg (Male), under 63 kg, under 67 kg (Female)

13 April:

Preliminary Contests, Semi Finals, Finals under 84 kg, over 84 kg (Male), under 72 kg, over 72 kg (Female) and the Closing Ceremony It is worth mentioning that on the 8th of April will be held also the meeting of the Executive Council of the European Taekwondo Union (ETU) from 10.00 to 12.00

Winners of 2005 and 2006

At the last two European Seniors Championships Men and Women held at Latvia in 2005 and at Germany in 2006, the following countries were at the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh places:

Latvia 2005:

1. Turkey	3 - 3 - 2
2. France	3 - 0 - 3
3. Spain	2 - 3 - 1
4. Russia	2 - 1 - 2
5. Netherlands	1 - 2 - 2
6. Germany	1 - 1 - 4
7. Azerbaijan	1 - 1 - 2

Germany 2006:

1. Spain	3 - 0 - 4
2. Netherlands	2 - 1 - 2
3. Germany	2 - 1 - 1
4. Italy	2 - 0 - 3
5. Turkey	1 - 3 - 1
6. Azerbaijan	1 - 3 - 1
7. Russia	1 - 2 - 4



World Seniors of Beijing

MORE THAN 355 JOURNALISTS FROM 116 COUNTRIES

More than 900 athletes, coaches, referees and officials took part at the World Seniors Taekwondo Championships, which was held with success last May, at the capital

of China, Beijing, the organizing city of the Olympic Games of 2008. At the above very difficult championships Korea won the first place at the Male categories, second Iran, third Spain, fourth Taipei and fifth

Thailand. At the Female categories Korea won the first place, China the second, Canada the third, Spain the fourth and Taipei the fifth.

Analytically the medalist (winners)

of the above championships are as follows:

Male – 54 kg:

1. Choi Yeon-ho KOR
2. Chutchawal Khawlaor THA
3. Batykulov Aslan KAZ
3. Rodolfo Osornio MEX

Male – 58 kg:

1. Jose Antonio Ramos ESP
2. Guillermo Perez MEX
3. Tamer Bayoumi EGY
3. Lee Sun-jae KOR

Male – 62 kg:

1. Filip Grgic CRO
2. Nacha Punthong THA
3. Rafik Zohri NED
3. Ferreira Marcel BRA

Male – 67 kg:

1. Gessler Viera Abreu CUB
2. Omid Gholam Zadeh Asl IRA
3. Song Myeong-seob KOR
3. Dennis Bekkers NED

Male – 72 kg:

1. Sung Yu-chi TAI
2. Nesar Ahmad Bahavee AFG
3. Tommy Mollet NED
3. Hadi Saei Bonehkoal IRAMale



Male 78 kg:

1. Steven Lopez USA
2. Jang Chang-ha KOR
3. Sebastien Michaud CAN
3. Balars Toth HUN

Male – 84 kg:

1. Bahri Tanrikulu TUR
2. Tavakgul Bayramov AZE
3. Park Min-soo KOR
3. Chilmanov Arman KAZ

Male + 84 kg:

1. Daba Modibo Keita MAL
2. Morteza Rostami IRA
3. Nam Yun-bae KOR
3. Zrouri Abdelkader MOR

Female – 47 kg:

1. Wu Jingyu CHI
2. Yaowapa Boorapolchai THA
3. Yang Shu-Chun TAI
3. Charlotte Craig USA

Female – 51 kg:

1. Brigitte Yague ESP
2. Ana Zaninovic CRO
3. Tazhigulova Nazgul KAZ
3. Yajaira Peguero DOM

Female – 55 kg:

1. Jung Jin-Hee KOR
2. Tseng Yi-Hsuan TAI
3. Yaimara Rosario Ferrer CUB
3. Andrea Rica ESP

Female – 59 kg:

1. Lee Sung-hye KOR
2. Hamide Bikcin TUR
3. Diana Lopez USA
3. Watcharaporn Dongnoi THA

Female – 63 kg:

1. Karine Sergerie CAN
2. Park Hye-mi KOR
3. Mona Solheim NOR
3. Nia Abdallah USA

Female – 67 kg:

1. Hwang Kyung-seon KOR
2. Epangue Gwladys FRA
3. Sandra Saric CRO
3. Helena Fromm GER

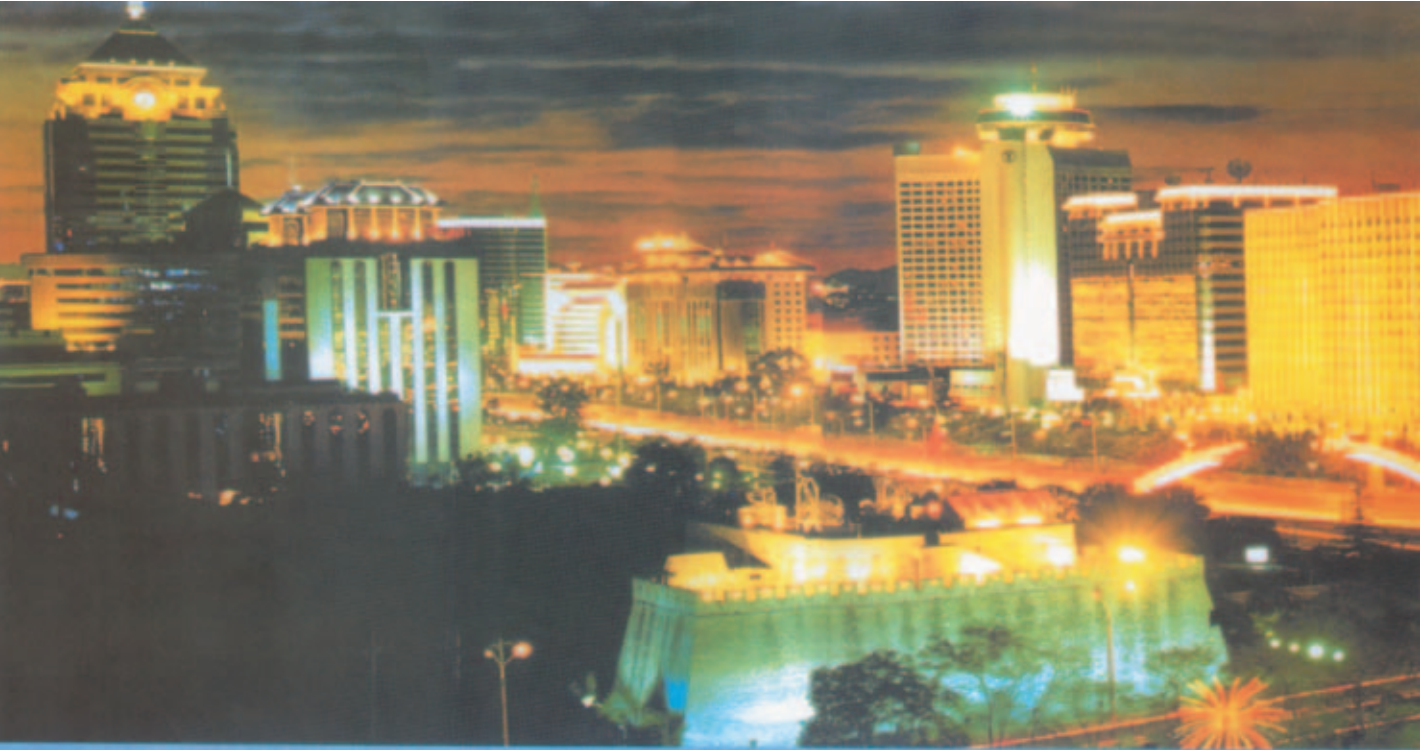
Female – 72 kg:

1. Maria Espinoza MEX
2. Lee In-jong KOR
3. Luo Wei CHI
3. Silva Natalia BRA

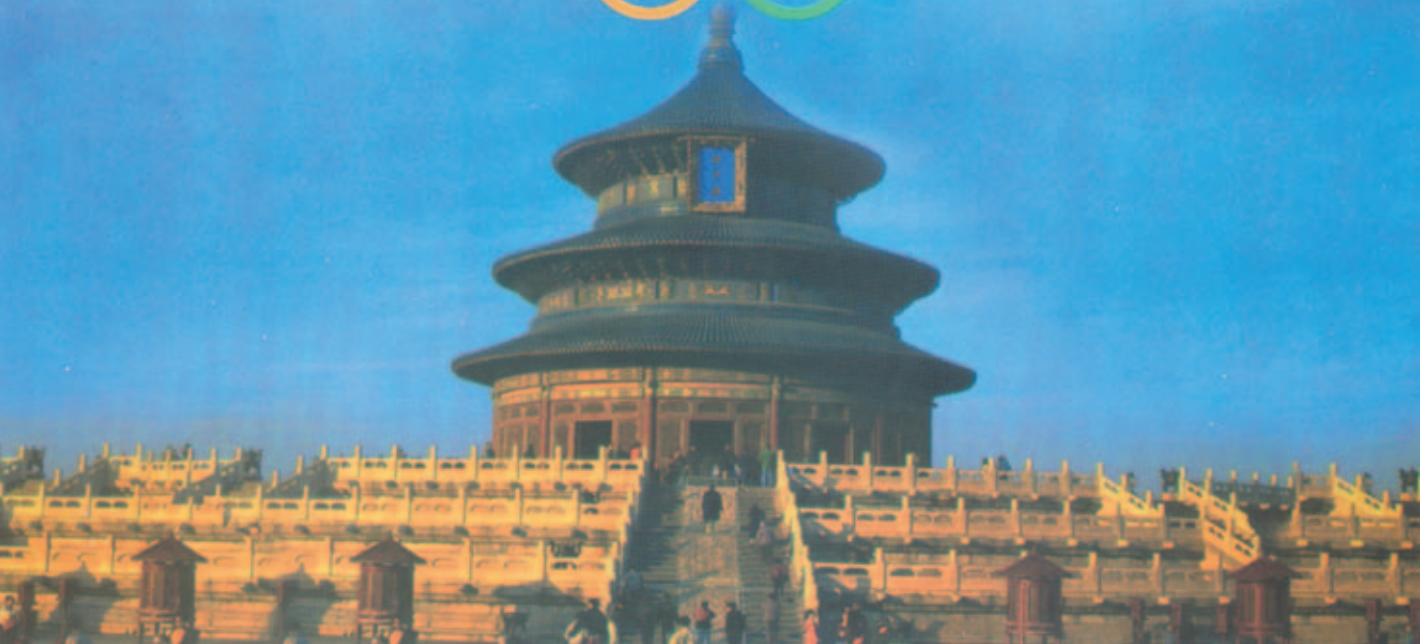
Female + 72 kg:

1. Chen Zhong CHI
2. Han Jin-sun KOR
3. Tsui Fang-hsuan TAI
3. Castrignano Daniela ITA





TAEKWONDO AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES OF BEIJING



The Balkan Taekwondo Union

*The new elected
Executive
Council of the
Union*



During the European Juniors Championships of Baku, the President of the European Taekwondo Union (ETU) Mr Athanasios Pragalos with the cooperation of the Balkan countries, members of the ETU, formed at an official meeting, the members of the Executive Council of the Balkan Taekwondo Union as follows:

President

Metin Sahin TUR

Vice President

Ivan Banchevsky BUL

Vice President

Predrag Kovacic SER

General Secretary

Konstantin Apostol ROM

General Treasurer

Zeliko Pulic B & H

The main target of the Balkan Taekwondo Union amongst others is the cooperation and good relationship with the ETU and the continuation of the Taekwondo Championships with the participation of all the Balkan countries: Greece, Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania,

Moldova, Serbia, Albania, FYROM, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro.

At the photograph above the new elected Executive Council of the Balkan Taekwondo Union with the President of the European Taekwondo Union (ETU) Mr Athanasios Pragalos. At the photograph below Mr Metin Sahin the President of the Balkan Taekwondo Union and of the Turkish Taekwondo Federation with Mr Ali Sagirkaya member of the Ex. Co. of the Turkish Taekwondo Fed.

The European Team Championship

*Will be held
in Turkey
after August*

After the Olympic Games of Beijing and specifically after August 2008, Turkey will organize the European Taekwondo Team Championships (Male • Female).

It is worth mentioning that at the last European Taekwondo Team Championships, held in Trelleborg of Sweden,

Turkey won the first place, at the category of Men, France the second and Azerbaijan the third place.

At the category of Women Turkey was again the winner, Russia the second and Spain the third winner.



