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# **MARTIAL ARTS WORLD**



**I M G C**





# Activity of President Ri Yong Son for the last 8 years



Prof. Ri Yong Son who was elected the president of the IMGC at the 8th IMGC congress held in New Delhi, India in December 2015 has made the remarkable achievements in developing the IMGC and raising its international position and influence.

Thanks to devoted efforts of President Ri Yong Son to extend the ranks of the IMGC, the numbers of its IFs and NMGCs have been increased from 8 to 17, and from 34 to 38 respectively, and 2 IMGs and IMGC congresses were held with great success.

Thus he made a great contribution in adding vigor to the international martial arts movement around the world.

## Active contribution to the development of world martial arts as a core member of the IMGC



**2015-2023**



Prof. Ri Yong Son, the ITF President, was elected the President of the International Martial Art Games Committee at the 8th IMGC Congress held in New Delhi, India in December 2015.

## To increase the number of IMGC member organizations from 8 in 2015 to 17 in 2023







## **Organization of 2 International Martial Art Games (IMGs)**



***The 7th International Martial Art Games (29th Nov. - 4th Dec. 2017, Minsk, Belarus)  
14 disciplines with 3 200 participants from 72 countries***



***The 8th International Martial Art Games (31st Oct. - 3rd Nov. 2019, Carrara, Italy)***

***10 disciplines with 2 000 participants  
from 71 countries***



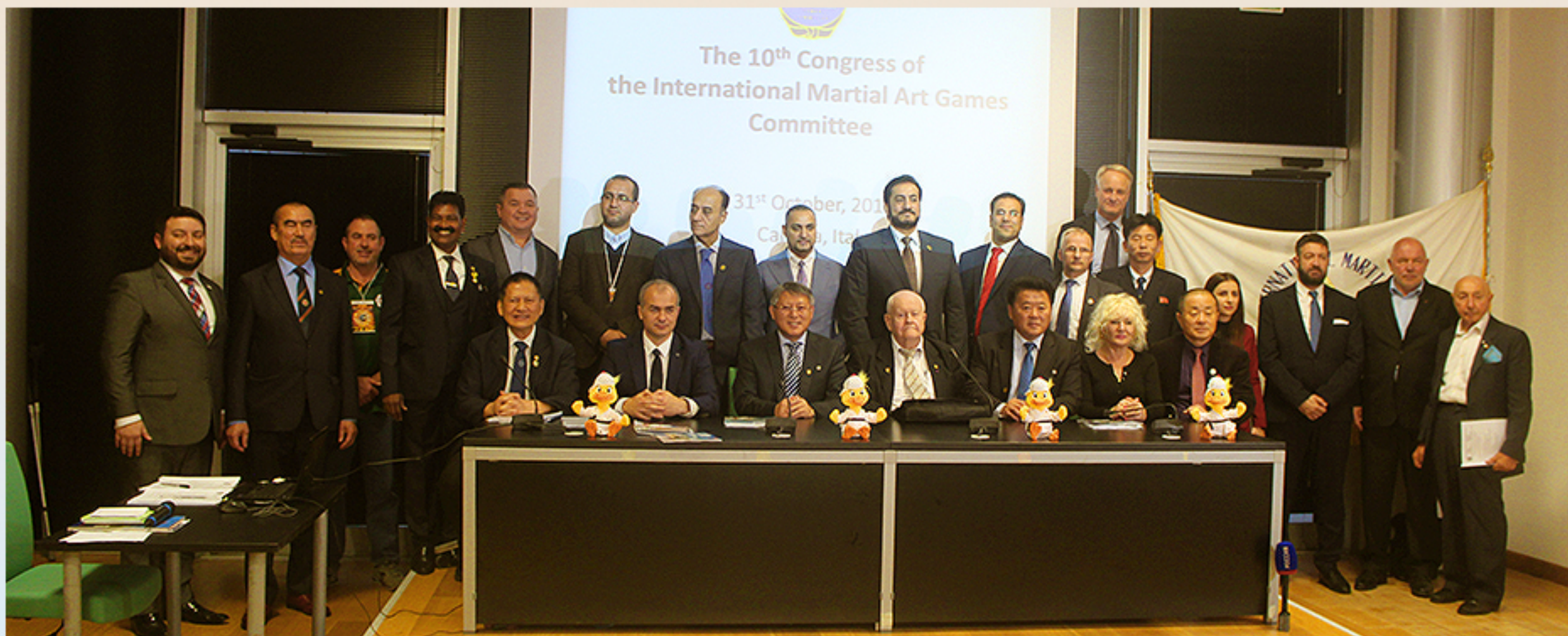




## **2 IMGC Congresses and numbers of EB meetings held**



***The 9th IMGC Congress (30th Nov. 2017, Minsk, Belarus)***



***The 10th IMGC Congress (31st Oct. 2019, Carrara, Italy)***



***The celebration of the 20th Anniversary of Foundation of the IMGC (16th - 20th Sep. 2019, Pyongyang, DPR Korea)***





**To foster solidarity with Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF) and other international organizations and figures of politics, society, culture and sports**



**Taekwon-Do Demonstration in Geneva UN Office in Switzerland in 2019**



**Taekwon-Do Demonstration in Vienna, Austria in 2019**



**ITF President Prof. Ri Yong Son with a Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in 2019**

**The ITF has brought a complete change as a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Code by further strengthening the function of its Anti-Doping Committee to establish material and technical basis for Anti-Doping activities at its 27th Congress held in 2019 and by regularly taking part in WADA meetings.**





# The ITF kept in close touch with the IOC and undertook Taekwon-Do Demonstrations in the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2018 Winter Olympic Games.

## Taekwon-Do Demonstration held in the Olympic Museum located in Lausanne, Switzerland in 2019





## IMGC EB meeting

The IMGC EB meeting will be convened in Astana, Kazakstan on August 20 during the period of the 22nd ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships to discuss and decide the venue for the 9th IMG in 2024 and other items concerning the IMGC work.

## 9th IMG

Amid the increasing enthusiasm for hosting the 9th IMG in 2024, Azerbaijan and Iran expressed their intentions to host the 9th IMG.

Following Azerbaijan and Iran the ITF Uzbekistan Taekwon-Do Association submitted an official letter of application to host the event.

The applications will be submitted to the IMGC EB meeting to be held in Astana, Kazakhstan on 20th August along with the research report of the IMGC HQs in order to discuss and decide the venue for the 9th IMG.

The 9th IMG planned to be held after COVID-19 pandemic will be a great gathering of IMGC members and all the other martial artists who hope to participate in it.

And it will serve as a world unique stage where they can fully display their skills and abilities.

The IMGC is doing the best with its member organizations for successful preparation for the event.

## Activities of IMGC member

An opening ceremony of the 2023 Spring National Sports Festival took place in Pyongyang, the capital city of the DPR Korea on March 17.

There was a Taekwon-Do demonstration of the Korean Taekwon-Do demonstration team during the ceremony.

A closing ceremony of the 2023 Spring National Sports Festival took place at the **Kim Il Sung** Stadium on April 28.

In the ceremony a Taekwon-Do demonstration was performed by Taekwon-Do players, instructors and young schoolchildren.





***The National Martial Arts Championship for the 2023 Spring National Sports Festival was held in Pyongyang, the capital city of the DPR Korea from 20th to 24th of April.***



***In the championship that were held at the Taekwon-Do Palace and the Taekwon-Do Holy Center, more than 400 famous players, coaches and working people from provincial Taekwon-Do teams and Paduk teams of Paduk Centres across the country took part in.***

***In the championship the players competed in several events including Taekwon-Do, Korean chess, Paduk and Wushu.***



***Pyongyang City took the 1st place in total standings and Kangwon Province and South Hwanghae Province took place the second and third places in the championship.***

***In the Taekwon-Do event Pyongyang City Taekwon-Do Team won a gold medal while South Hwanghae Provincial Team and Jagang Provincial Team won silver and bronze medals.***

***In the Paduk event Pyongyang City Paduk Centre Team won a gold medal while North Hamgyong Provincial Paduk Centre Team and North Phyongan Provincial Paduk Centre Team won silver and bronze medals.***

***In the Korean chess event Pyongyang City Team won a gold medal while Kangwon Provincial Team and South Hwanghae Provincial Team won silver and bronze medals.***

***The trophy cups, medals and diplomas were awarded to winners and to those who displayed successful and high technique and good sportsmanship.***





**The Open XI WKC European Championships for children, cadets, juniors and seniors was held from 5th to 8th of May 2023 in Antalya, Turkey.**

**Athletes from 10 countries and 3 republics of the Russian Federation took part in the championships.**

**Kazakhstan took the first place and the Russian Federation and Belarus took the second and third places respectively.**



**The World Pangration Athlima Federation organized the 9th World Pangration Athlima Championships from 17th to 19th of February, 2023 in Greece in collaboration with the Hellenic Pangration Athlima Federation.**

**Also from 31st of March to 2nd of April National Championship of Pangration Athlima took place in the city of Kamena Vourla, Greece.**



**Members of "Taekwon-Do Association of India" celebrated the 68th Anniversary of founding of Taekwon-Do in various states of India.**

**In the ceremonies held in Delhi, Karnataka, Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Maharashtra, they pledged to make this world a peaceful place as per the Oath of Taekwon-Do.**







*International Council of Sqay celebrated its 37th World Sqay Foundation Day on May 7, 2023 in Kashmir, India.*

*The celebration of the 37th World Sqay Foundation Day served as a wonderful occasion to showcase the traditional martial art Sqay of Kashmir, promote the development of martial arts and emphasize its significance and importance as well.*



**37<sup>th</sup> SQAY FOUNDATION DAY**



**Celebrating Across the Globe**



**7<sup>th</sup> May 2023**



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## Application for the IMG C membership

The International "Jang San'ati" Association has recently applied for admission to the IMG C.

The headquarters of this association is in Uzbekistan.

It has member organizations in over 30 countries including Brazil, Russia and Germany.

## Bids for advertising of the 9th IMG



**INTERNATIONAL MARTIAL ART  
GAMES COMMITTEE**



**IMG C**

The 9th IMG postponed due to the pandemic will be held in 2024.

All IMG C member organizations and any international and national martial arts organizations hoping to participate can take part in the games.

It is expected to bring together thousands of participants from more than 100 countries.

Since the lighting of the first IMG torch in Pyongyang, the capital city of the DPR Korea in 2004, 8 IMGs held in Asia, Europe and Oceania were widely broadcasted by famous TV companies, mass media and watched by many peoples of the world.

All companies or organizations which love martial art and have an interest in IMG C activities are welcome to take part in various advertising campaign during the 9th IMG in 2024.

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