

Dear members of the AETF

**Easter holiday is soon upon us  
and we wish all our members a happy Easter.**

For many of us Easter will be a chance to meet and work on Taekwon-Do matters. In all European countries competitors and coaches are training vigorously towards the World Championship in Bled, Slovenia. We hope you take care during your trainings and avoid injuries, so that we can see you perform at your best, and hopefully make Europe the most winning continent at the World Championship. Europe is a strong Taekwon-Do continent, and we are strengthened by the close work and friendship between the countries on administrative level as well as on competitor level. We would like to urge all members to continue this development, and support the activities that are given on our continent; be that competitions or seminars. Please travel and meet other Taekwon-Do students, exchange knowledge, and make friends all over Europe.

AETF Tournament Committee will convene during Easter to discuss the upcoming European Championship, which is to be held in Tallinn, Estonia. Any comments, suggestions or points of interest to the tournament committee, is highly appreciated, and can be e-mailed to Burian Ladislav, Ivan Rajtr or Rita Helme. Information regarding the European Championship will be posted on the internet as soon as it is ready.

There have already been held several tournaments in Europe this year, and all of them have been a great success in regards to number of participating countries and number of competitors.

On February 18<sup>th</sup> the first Prof. Chang Ung Cup was held in Edinburgh, Scotland. Many prominent guests as well as 120 black belts from all over Europe got together and had a great time in beautiful Edinburgh. Prof. Chang Ung also graced the tournament with his presence, and there was a large gathering of European Masters at the tournament. The most important part though was a fair competition where the competitors displayed good Taekwon-Do.





On March 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> the Nordic Championship was held in Lojha, Finland. Competitors from the Nordic Countries meet every year to battle over the title Nordic Champion. Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Greenland had over 100 competitors taking part in individual and team events. The best overall country was Greenland with 35 gold medals and 58 medals total. At the championship we also had several prominent guests, Master Fikret Guler from Sweden and executive committee member Mr. Arne Hansen from Norway, amongst others. The championship was very successful and the attending countries were happy with their results. Next year the Nordic Championship will be held in Denmark.



We know that there have been more events held around Europe, and you are more than welcome to write to us, and we will post a brief summary of the competition or seminar in the newsletter. Please feel free to send us pictures as well.

Take care until we meet, and should you need to contact us, please do so on e-mail.

Yours sincerely,

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