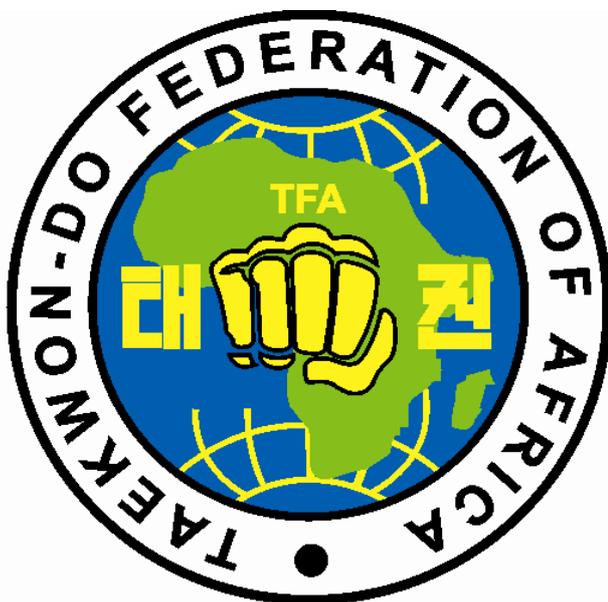


# TAEKWON-DO FEDERATION OF AFRICA



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## Greetings from the President of the Taekwon-Do Federation of Africa

I am greatly honoured to introduce myself as the President of the African International Taekwondo Federation to all instructors and students of Taekwon-Do on the continent of Africa. I am particularly honoured to also be a student of Taekwon-Do and to be able to assist in promoting and building our wonderful sport on the continent of Africa.



Judge Basson in Uzbekistan

I have competed as a First Dan (Veteran) in Bulgaria and as a Second Dan (Veteran) in Uzbekistan and have had the privilege to meet many students and instructors from our continent. I have also had the privilege of attending the world championships in Malaysia, Slovenia, and St Petersburg where I also met many senior participants and instructors from various African countries. It was especially wonderful to see how students from the African continent supported one another and the wonderful unity that exists between us as Taekwon-Do students from Africa.

I believe that it is essential to all students of Taekwon-Do that we as students and instructors on the continent of Africa stand together and promote our wonderful sport. By uniting as a continent we will be able to promote our sport and continue to strive to reach our full potential.

My vision is to grow Taekwon-Do in Africa. I am however, aware of the fact that I cannot do so on my own and that I need the assistance from all instructors and students from the continent. I also hope that all of you will take the opportunity and correspond with me on a regular basis and share the achievements and struggles of your students.

### **News letters**

I would like to invite all countries to send me photos and news of your students for inclusion in our newsletter. We know that there are talented Taekwon-Do students on our continent and would like to know about your achievements. I especially invite instructors to send me news about achievements and tournaments for inclusion in our newsletter. I have included in our first newsletter news about the first Africa International Taekwon-Do Centre in Pretoria.

## Senior Master Kim Jong Su

Senior Master Kim Jong Su (8th Dan from the Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea) has been in South Africa for a number of years and will be here for another three years. He is an accomplished and well-respected eight Dan and also the Deputy Chairperson of the ITF Umpire Committee.



Senior Master Kim Su teaching a women's self defence class

Senior Master Kim is the full-time instructor and the TFA Technical Director. He gives seminars and private training to any student who is willing to improve their skills. Students from all over Africa are of course always welcome to come and train with Senior Master Kim in our full time Taekwon-Do Centre. You are also welcome to do your grading in South Africa. We know that we might be far from you but we are willing to assist with travelling and accommodation arrangements should you wish to come to South Africa.



Senior Master Kim Jong Su

If you have the necessary funds available you are also welcome to invite Senior Master Kim to your country for a seminar and to do the grading of students. Please contact me should you wish to invite Senior Master Kim Jong Su to your country.

We are very privileged to have such a senior and accomplished Master in Africa. I hope you will take the opportunity to train with him whether in South Africa or in your own country as he is available to present technical seminars in other countries in Africa. Invite him and share in his knowledge!

**17th ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships: Pyongyang,  
DPR Korea. 6 – 12 September 2011**

I hope to see many of you at the 17th ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships in Pyongyang, DPR Korea on 6 – 12 September 2011.



I intend arranging, with the kind permission of the DPKR

Taekwon-Do Federation, for a conference hall to enable the members of the TFA to hold its second meeting. It is therefore important that instructors and/or representatives of the various African countries inform me whether they will be attending the Championships in the DPRK.

I will give further details of the venue and time of the meeting nearer to the Championships. I will also furnish you with a proposed agenda for the meeting. Kindly inform me as soon as you are able to attend and also who from your country will be attending the Championships.

Finally, existing times await us and I hope that you will all share in the vision of the TFA to build our wonderful sport.

Yours in Taekwon-Do

Judge Annali Basson

President: Taekwon-Do Federation Africa

# Opening of the African International Taekwon-Do Centre



The logos of the TFA and Tong Il Dojang

The Taekwon-Do Federation of Africa (“TFA”), the ITF Continental Federation for Africa, was founded on 20 March 2009 by representatives from Mozambique; Morocco; Ethiopia; Zimbabwe; Lesotho; Madagascar; and South Africa. Also present was Ms Ri Yong Son, ITF Executive Director and Mr Kim Chol Gyu, ITF Treasurer.

This event was of extreme importance for the art of Taekwon-Do in Africa. The vision and mission of the TFA is to grow Taekwon-Do on the African Continent and to improve the proficiency and technical skills of all Taekwon-Do practitioners.

It was thus with great excitement that the President of the Taekwon-Do Federation of Africa, Judge Annali Basson, opened the Africa International Taekwon-Do Centre in Groenkloof, Pretoria on 9 October 2010.



Judge Basson

The opening coincided with Judge Basson’s birthday and it was attended by the North Korean Ambassador to South Africa, the SA-ITF Executive President, Mr Dirk Nel, Mr Evan Brown, the President of the Zimbabwe NGB, Mr Tony Ribeiro, the Vice President of the Mozambique NGB and various members of the SA-ITF Executive Committee, including Federation Heads Karel and Annari Wettmar, Michelle Rahl and Mark Dias.

The Centre was the culmination of a long held dream by Judge Basson to create a dedicated



The Africa International Taekwon-Do Centre

Taekwon-Do Centre and Dojang in Pretoria which could also serve as a 24 hour Dojang and Taekwon-Do Centre.

She was supported by her mother, Mrs Johanna van Dyk as well as her two sons, Andre and Dion. Andre is a 3rd Dan and the Assistant Instructor at the Africa International Taekwon-Do Centre.

Judge Basson created a centre which is custom build for Taekwon-Do, including a full size competition Tatami mat, heavy punch bags, mirrors and even a television set to be used as a visual aid during seminars and classes. The Centre also has two bathrooms, complete with showers and a kitchen. It operates as a 24 hour Dojang, with private classes during the day and group classes during the evening.

The Chief Instructor at the Centre is Senior Master Kim Jong Su, 8th Dan Master and a delegate from the Korean Taekwon-Do Committee.



Senior Master Kim Jong Su presenting Judge Annali Basson with a Letter of Appreciation



Senior Master Kim Jong Su, Judge Basson and her sons, Andre and Dion

Welcoming everyone to the opening, Ronel Rust, Director Legal of the SA-ITF and the TFA,

thanked Judge Basson for being an inspiration to everyone and truly living according to the tenets of Taekwon-Do. She added that Judge Basson truly created a home for the TFA in Pretoria. In her speech, Judge Basson stressed the importance of cooperation between all countries in Africa and also the importance to grow and expand Taekwon-Do. She expressed the sincere wish that this Centre will contribute to these goals.

Her hard work and dedication was also noticed by the ITF and she received a special congratulatory message from the ITF President, Professor and Doctor Chang Ung, which was read out to the guests present.

Furthermore, Senior Master Kim Jong Su presented Judge Basson with a Certificate of Appreciation from the ITF President, Professor and Doctor Chan Ung.



During his speech, Mr Dirk Nel, President of the SA-ITF, warmly congratulated Judge Basson and expressed his delight at the opening of the Centre, as it is a milestone in the history of Taekwon-Do not merely in South Africa but also on the Continent of Africa.

During the opening guests were treated to Taekwon-Do demonstrations which consisted of team patterns, self defence and sparring. Also performing a team patterns was Judge Basson and her two sons, Andre and Dion.

SA-ITF President,  
Mr Dirk Nel

The sparring demonstration was performed by Giovanna Barbosa (8yr old) and Miguel Dos Reis (9 yr old). Their demonstration was met with huge applause from the guests. The Tigers showed enthusiasm and great technical ability, showing once more that Taekwon-Do can be practiced by anyone, regardless of age.

The Africa International Taekwon-Do Centre is also involved in more than teaching students. It is involved in fund raising efforts for an ITF Taekwon-Do School in Hillcrest, KwaZulu-Natal.



Tiger Sparring



Senior Master Kim, Judge Annali Basson and the Zimbabwean delegation, led by the NGB President, Mr Evan Brown.

This school, run by Boosabum Jason van Deventer is the first Special Needs Taekwon-Do class on the Continent of Africa. The school is dependent on the financial support of others as it is located in one of the poorer parts of South Africa.

We are delighted and excited by the opening of the Africa International Taekwon-Do Centre and believe that it will serve as another platform for taking Taekwon-Do in Africa to new levels of excellence.

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Guests at the opening of the Africa International Taekwon-Do Centre. In the middle is Judge Annali Basson. Second from the right (seated) is Senior Master Kim Jong Su.

# OTHER NEWS

## **Grand Master Leong Wai Meng visits South Africa**

Taekwon-Do students in South Africa were very fortunate to have participated in a seminar on the 6th of November 2010 conducted by Grand Master Leong Wai Meng.

The Seminar took place in Pretoria at the Taekwon-Do Federation of Africa Centre. The seminar covered umpiring, moral culture and meditation. Present were Senior Master Kim Jong Su from South Africa, Senior Master Han Chol Jong from Lesotho, TFA President Judge Annali Basson as well as several instructors.



### **International Instructor Seminar in South Africa**

On 31 October 2010, Senior Master Kim Jong Su presented an International Instructor Seminar at the Africa International Taekwon-Do Centre in Groenkloof, Pretoria.

Present were fifteen South African fourth and fifth Dans, all of whom completed the course successfully.

This is another important milestone in the development of the TFA and the growth of Taekwon-Do on the African continent.



# Judge Basson in the Taekwon-Do Times

## Annali Basson

President of the Africa Taekwon-Do Federation

Annali Basson started Tae Kwon Do when her son Andre was 13 and she was 41 years old. Although her son took to TKD like a fish to water, she says she "was absolutely clueless for the first three months." She states, "Sine wave was the weirdest concept and I could not understand the difference between a turning kick and a sidekick." But soon she started to understand the principles of Tae Kwon Do and began to love the discipline and challenges of the sport.



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Today, she is a third-dan. Her son Andre is now 21, also a third-dan and will soon grade for his fourth-dan. They train together three to four times a week with Master Kim Jong Su, eighth-degree. She says, "Of course, I am slower than my son and of course, my kicks and punches are slower and not as powerful. However, it is a wonderful sport to do with your children and no matter what the age difference is, you can stand in the front row with younger students and simply enjoy this challenging sport."

She took part in the 1<sup>st</sup> ITF Veteran World Championships in Bulgaria, winning a silver in sparring and a bronze in patterns. In Uzbekistan at the 3<sup>rd</sup> ITF Veteran World Championships, she earned a silver medal in self-defense and a bronze each in sparring and patterns. She also won a gold in the Africa Cup for patterns and hopes to continue to compete.

Two years ago, Annali Basson was appointed as a judge. There are very few female judges in South Africa and the challenge is not only to combat gender barriers but to ensure that justice is being done to every individual and every

legal entity who brings a case before the court. Annali states, "Tae Kwon Do has permeated every sphere of my personal and professional life. Few people who have not done a martial art will understand how the sport brings self-discipline and calmness to your life. Not only has the sport amazing health benefits, it also strengthens your character and enhances your willpower to exceed not only in your sport, but in your professional and personal life."

She has been elected as president of the Africa Taekwon-do Federation. She is deeply honored to have been chosen to be the caretaker of this young organization. Under her leadership, a dojang is being built in the capital city of South Africa. Currently, Tae Kwon Do

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receives no government sponsorship in South Africa, and many instructors must lease halls at great expense to teach their students. She hopes that the new dojang, that will be available to all instructors, will support the growth of Tae Kwon Do in her country. She is acutely aware of the challenges of uniting a diverse continent but remains hopeful that the spirit of Tae Kwon Do will unite all students for the greater good. ❤️

