

World Taekwondo Election 2025 Candidate Profile Book



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CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT

ONE (1) CANDIDATE FOR ONE (1) SEAT

1. CHOUE Chungwon





1. Dr. CHOE Chungwon

- Current Position: WT President
- Date of Birth: December 20, 1947
- Language: English, Korea
- Gender: Male
- Nationality: Republic of Korea

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

- During my presidency, I was able to work closely with the Council, MNAs and CUs to achieve the following:
- Installed a Taekwondo statue at the Olympic Museum in 2023, which reflected WT's status in the Olympic Movement and in commemoration of WT's 50th founding anniversary
- Promoted universality of Taekwondo with global membership now standing at 213 Member National
- Associations (and one Refugee Taekwondo Team), and supporting them through development programmes
- Allocated Olympic Games revenue to Member National Associations and Continental Unions for capacity building and growth of Taekwondo worldwide
- Oversaw the inclusion of Para Taekwondo for the Paralympic Games in Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024, with LA28 confirmed
- Launched new events and properties including: Poomsae championships (2006), Para Taekwondo championships (2009), Cadet championships (2012), Grand Prix Series (2012), Grand Slam Champions Series (2017), Women's Open (2021), Virtual Taekwondo (inclusion in the Olympic Esports Games in 2023), Grand Prix Challenge Series, GMS
- WT was showcased by IOC as an "IF Sustainability Case Study" for achieving gender balance in referees in Rio 2016 Olympic Games (first combat sport to do so)
- Launched Taekwondo Peace Corps in 2008, Demonstration Team in 2009, and Taekwondo Cares programme in 2016. The Cares programme benefitted thousands of youths and underprivileged
- Demonstration Team achieved global stardom in America's Got Talent and similar shows in Italy and France, which contributed to promotion of Taekwondo at grassroots level
- Oversaw statutory changes to allow hijabs to be worn during competition in Beijing 2008 Olympic Games and in WT events from 2009
- Introduced Protector and Scoring System in 2007, instant video replay system, and enhanced referee training, which has contributed immensely to Taekwondo's status as a fair sport and core sport in the Olympic Programme
- Introduced athletes' ranking

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

Humanitarian pioneer:

- THF and WT were awarded Olympic Cup by the IOC in 2023, in recognition of efforts to promote peace and health through Taekwondo
- Represent Taekwondo at Olympic Refugee Foundation and working closely with the IOC, ORF and UNHCR in promoting peace and enhancing lives of refugees and displaced persons
- Launched Hope and Dreams Sports Festival for refugee youths in Azraq and Za'atari refugee camps in Jordan
- Refugee athletes selected for Tokyo 2020 for first time (participated in 2021)
- Launched Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation in 2016, and have signed MOUs with at least 10 sports in the Olympic and non-Olympic movements

Global recognition of WT:

- WT was recognised as “Federation of the Year” by Peace and Sport (2016) and FISU (2019)
- Taekwondo is the third largest sport in FISU sports programme in terms of number of medals and participation

Governance:

- Established WT Reform Committee in 2004 to implement new governance structure and fairness into Taekwondo (WT has achieved A2 ranking in ASOIF governance review of Olympic IFs since 2020)

Sport diplomacy:

- Signed Protocol of Accord with North Korea-led International Taekwon-Do Federation in 2014, resulting in joint demonstrations at the Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 and many other occasions, and contributed to peace-building through sport
- WT was only the second international sport federation to be invited to present at the 1st Paris Peace Forum (2018)

C. Education

- Ph.D., International Politics, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium (1984)
- M.A., International Politics, Fairleigh Dickinson University, USA (1974)
- B.A., Economics, Kyung Hee University, Korea (1970)

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

If I am re-elected as President of World Taekwondo, I will do my utmost to foster unity and harmony within

the Taekwondo family, and strive together to be one of the most respected international sports federations.

Together, I will commit to:

- Establish a permanent WT headquarters in Korea
 - Increase Taekwondo medal events in multi-sport games including Olympic Games
 - Refine PSS and uniforms to make Taekwondo a more attractive and marketable sport
 - Continue expanding WT's humanitarian initiatives to more regions and more beneficiaries
 - Enhance WT's marketing activities to better support MNAs
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CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT

*ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY FAMILY NAME, GROUPED BY CONTINENT

SIX (6) CANDIDATES FOR THREE (3) SEATS

AFRICA (1)

1. EL HILALI Driss

ASIA (1)

2. YANG Jinbang

EUROPE (1)

3. PRAGALOS Athanasios

OCEANIA (1)

4. KOTSIFAS John

PAN AMERICA (2)

5. LOPEZ DELGADO Juan Manuel
6. PARK Chun Jae



1. Mr. EL HILALI Driss

- Current Position: WT Council Member • Gender: Male
- Date of Birth: July 19, 1961 • Nationality: Morocco
- Language: Arabic, English, French, Tamazight

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

- Please refer to the attached file to download the full experience package of Mr. Driss EL HILALI :
<https://www.mediafire.com/file/4hyi4sl6ttgandi/life+sport+path+LAST+VERSION+2025.pdf/file>
- 21-22 February 2015: Alexandria- Egypt Technical Delegate for the AFTU African Alexandria Open.
- 27 February to 1st March 2015: Luxor- Egypt Technical Delegate of the 2nd Luxor Open.
- 14-18 September 2015: Brazzaville – Congo Technical delegate of the 11th all African Games.
- 15-18 April 2016: Manila-Philippines TD of Asian Olympic Qualification Tournament Games Rio 2016.
- 18-20 May 2016: Egypt TD of the African Poomsae Championship.
- 20-22 May 2016: Egypt TD of the African Para TKD Championship.
- 17-23 July 2016: Ramallah- Palestine TD of the Palestinian Open G1.
- 17-20 February 2017: Egypt TD of the 4th Egypt Open.
- 12-22 May 2017: Baku CSB Member for the Islamic Games.
- 02 October 2017: Palestine Technical Delegate of the 2nd Palestinian Open G1 and Junior Arab TKD Championships.
- 22 June to 1st July 2018: Spain CSB Member for the 18th Mediterranean Games.
- 18-28 July 2018 : Algeria TD of the 3rd Edition of the African youth Games.
- 6-8 September 2018: Palestine TD of the 3rd Palestinian Open G1.
- 18-20 February 2019: Hurghada-Egypt Competition supervisory Board Member for Para African Championship.
- 21-25 February 2019: Egypt CSB Member for Egypt Open Championship.
- 21-23 August 2019: Morocco Technical Delegate of the 12th All African Games.
- 01-03 November 2019: Palestine TD of the 4th Palestinian Open G1.
- 25 MAY 2021: Japan Honorary Attendant on the international training certification courses held by ARTU via Zoom.
- 19-22 February 2021: Morocco TD of the African Olympic Qualification Tokyo2020

- 23-28 July 2021: Japan CSB for Olympic Game Tokyo2020.
- 1-5 JULY 2022 Attending as CSB to The Mediterranean Games held in Algeria
- 13-08 AUGUST 2022 CSB Member during the 5th edition of Islamic Solidarity Games Turkey.
- 11 FEBRUARY 2023 Technical Delegate upon Egypt TKD Open Cairo.
- 17-18 FEBRUARY 2023 TD upon WT President's Cup Egypt Cairo.
- 01-03 JUILLET 2023TD upon World TKD Team Championships in Chuncheon, Republic of Korea
- 05-15 JUILLET 2023 Head of Team of morocco Sports Delegation Arab Sports Games
- 05-06 NOVEMBER 2023 WTTD the African tkd Championships ivory-Coast.
- 12-17 NOVEMBER 2023 WT TD World Cup Seoul tkd Championships
- 01-03 JULY 2024 WT TD World TKD Cup Championships Cheongcheong.
- SEPTEMBER 2024 Appointment to attend to the award ceremony for the winners of Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.
- 03-07 OCTOBER 2024 TD Junior World tkd Championships.
- 05-07 FEBRERUARY 2025 WT TD upon Arab Cup Championships G1 in Fujairah.
- 09-13 FEBRERUARY 2025 WT TD Fujairah Open G2Championships in Fujairah.

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

- 2018-2022: WMC World Martial Committee Member
- 2019-2023: IFMA Vice President
- 1995-2002: NOA Secretary General of the National Olympic Arts (les arts olympiques)
- 1983 -2017: RCMA President of Moroccan Royal Association for Martial Arts.
- 2008 -2017: CCS Founder Member of the Capital Club for Sports Rabat City.
- 2000 -2017: RGA Founder Member of Riyad Gym Association Rabat City.
- 2011-2015: UCSA Sport Development Committee Member at the Association of African Sports Confederations
- 2010: Kukkiwon Executive Board Member Board Member of Many Sport and Cultural National Associations Morocco.
- 2019-2025: WMC Anti-Doping Committee Member Kickboxing 6th Degree belt
- 2019 UASF Member of Union of Arab Sport Federations
- 2023-2027 CNOM Member of Morocco Olympic Committee

C. Education

- Academic study Level

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

My vision for World Taekwondo over the next four years is to drive the organization into a new era of inclusive growth, innovation, and global influence. I believe in a World Taekwondo that leads by example— an organization that empowers all its members, regardless of geography, economic capacity, or competitive level.

I aim to expand access to resources and opportunities for developing nations and ensure a stronger presence of Taekwondo across all five continents. Through targeted investment in youth development, education, and grassroots programs, we will secure the future of our sport by inspiring the next generation of practitioners and leaders. In parallel, I will prioritize digital transformation—streamlining administration, embracing data-driven decision-making, and modernizing communication tools to better connect with athletes, federations, and fans around the world. I am also committed to strengthening gender equality, supporting para-taekwondo with concrete actions, and making diversity a central pillar of our identity. By enhancing international partnerships and promoting Taekwondo as a tool for peace, cultural dialogue, and social development, we can expand its relevance on the global stage. Above all, I will advocate for transparent governance, ethical leadership, and collaborative decision-making—ensuring that WT remains a beacon of excellence, unity, and resilience in the world of sport.



2. Mr. YANG Jinbang

- Current Position: WT Council Member • Gender: Male
- Date of Birth: October 9, 1957 • Nationality: Republic of Korea
- Language: Korean, English, Chinese

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

- President, Korea Taekwondo Association (Jan. 2021 – Present)
- Vice President, ATU (2021-2025)
- Council Member, World Taekwondo (2019-2025)
- Director General, World Taekwondo (May 2016 – Feb. 2018)
- Chair, Technical Committee, World Taekwondo (Nov. 2013-May. 2018 – Dec. 2020)
- WT Technical Delegate for;
 - 1) 2014 Nanjing Youth Olympic Games (Taekwondo)
 - 2) 2020 Wuhan Summer Military Games (Taekwondo)
 - 3) 2015 Chelyabinsk WT World Taekwondo Championships

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

- Professor, Yongin Univ., Korea, 1997 – 2023
- Professor, Beijing Sports Univ., China, 1994-1995
- Professor, Kyungil University, Korea, 2024- current

C. Education

- Bachelor : Economics, Yongnam Univ., Korea 1984
- Master : Physical Education, Seoul National Univ., Korea, 1986
- Ph. D. : Sports Education, Univ. of North Carolina, US, 1996

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

- Fostering Deeper Communication Among Key Stakeholders

As Vice President, I will actively cultivate deeper, more practical dialogue among coaches, referees, competition managers, and athletes. By building stronger communication networks and sharing best practices, we can elevate the quality of coaching and

competitions worldwide, fostering a global Taekwondo community that is more open, knowledgeable, united, and resilient.

- Building up the Working Collaboration with MNAs and Kukkiwon

I am also dedicated to tackling the urgent issues faced by MNAs with Kukkiwon. By promoting a more productive and respectful partnership through close cooperation and constructive negotiations, we can make sure that MNAs' needs are properly heard and addressed, leading to innovative joint initiatives that benefit both MNAs and Kukkiwon.

- Promoting Inclusive, Democratic Governance

Furthermore, I will promote open and inclusive communication among MNAs, officials, coaches, school owners, and athletes. By actively seeking diverse perspectives and creating platforms for open dialogue, we can build a stronger foundation for democratic governance and more responsive decision-making within WT. This approach will empower all stakeholders, strengthen trust, and help us grow Taekwondo globally in both quality and reach.

- Supporting WT's Global Humanitarian Mission and Olympic Leadership

Finally, I will work closely with fellow Council members, the WT Secretariat, and especially the President to ensure the success of WT's key projects and business initiatives. It includes elevating WT's role as a leading Olympic sport governing body and expanding our humanitarian efforts worldwide. Together, with your support, we can create a more progressive, transparent, and sport- and athlete centered future for World Taekwondo.



3. Mr. PRAGALOS Athanasios (Sakis)

- Current Position: WT Vice President
- Date of Birth: August 20, 1964
- Language: Greek, German, English
- Gender: Male
- Nationality: Greece

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

As a steadfast leader of European Taekwondo for over two decades, Sakis Pragalos brings a proven track record of vision, stability, and transformation. Under his presidency, the European Taekwondo Union (ETU) has become a model of excellence, with a legacy of innovation, athlete empowerment, and strong governance.

Now, as a candidate for Vice President of World Taekwondo, Sakis is ready to serve the global Taekwondo community with the same clarity of purpose and unwavering dedication. He intends to do this in full support of dr. Choue as President of World Taekwondo.

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

- 1990 – 1995: International Referee
- 1992 – 1996: Secretary General European Taekwondo Union
- 1999 – present: President European Taekwondo Union
- 1999 – 2017: Council member World Taekwondo Federation
- 2017 – present: Vice-president World Taekwondo

C. Education

- TEFAA - Science of Physical Education and Athletism

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

- A Global Platform for Athletes

Sakis envisions a Taekwondo landscape where opportunities flourish across all levels. He will champion the expansion of competition formats for youth, para-athletes, and new audiences, ensuring World Taekwondo events reflect inclusivity and global reach. Building on his experience with the European Grand Prix and Cadet initiatives, he will promote fresh, engaging formats that appeal to athletes, fans, and broadcasters worldwide.

- Education, Technology & Broadcast Excellence

Having pioneered the digitalization and professional media coverage of European Championships, Sakis will bring this expertise to the global stage. He supports a unified platform for education, certification, and digital learning for referees, coaches, and administrators across continents. His goal is to make World Taekwondo the benchmark in media reach and stakeholder education.

- Good Governance & Federation Empowerment

A strong advocate of transparency and service-driven governance, Sakis will work to modernize World Taekwondo's administrative systems, making processes more efficient and federations better supported. He will advocate for standardized systems in Dan certification, club recognition, and merit-based award structures that uplift National Federations and encourage excellence.

- Recognition & Unity

With a vision of global solidarity, Sakis will initiate recognition frameworks that celebrate contributions from all member nations. Inspired by the ETU's Gala and Awards model, he plans to bring the global Taekwondo community together annually to honor its pioneers, emerging talent, and volunteers.

- A Steadfast Voice for Olympic Integrity

Sakis remains fully committed to Taekwondo's Olympic status and its global evolution. He will work to ensure that Taekwondo remains a dynamic, modern, and respected sport within the Olympic Movement, reflecting values of fairness, universality, and athlete focus.



4. Mr. KOTSIFAS John

- Current Position: Former WT Vice President
- Date of Birth: March 30, 1959
- Language: English, Greek
- Gender: Male
- Nationality: Australia

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

- Vice President - World Taekwondo
- President - Oceania Taekwondo Union
- Council Member - World Taekwondo
- Secretary General - Oceania Taekwondo Union
- President - Sports Taekwondo Australia
- 5th Dan – Kukkiwon

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

I am an experienced lawyer with over 34 years in legal practice, specializing in both sports and immigration law. I currently serve as a member of Australia's National Immigration Tribunal, where I adjudicate complex matters, including refugee and protection visa appeals. In 2021, I was honored to secure Australian refugee visas for several female Taekwondo athletes from Afghanistan, ensuring their safety and future in sport.

My commitment to sport spans more than three decades. I have over 30 years' experience in sports governance, having served as a World Taekwondo Council Member for the past 10 years in my capacity as President of the Oceania Taekwondo Union. My leadership has focused on regional development, integrity in governance, and increasing athlete opportunities across Oceania.

In 2000, I was appointed by the Australian Olympic Committee to manage the Australian Taekwondo Team for the Sydney Olympic Games. In 2004, I was personally appointed by IOC Member and then AOC President John Coates to manage five sports—Weightlifting, Wrestling, Fencing, Modern Pentathlon, and Synchronized Swimming—at the Athens Olympic Games.

In recognition of my service to Taekwondo and Australian sport, I was awarded the Australian Sports Medal by the Prime Minister in 2000.

With a unique combination of legal expertise, Olympic-level sports administration, and deep regional and international Taekwondo experience, I bring a vision for a more democratic, transparent, and inclusive World Taekwondo. I am committed to reform that benefits every member nation—large or small—and ensures that our athletes, federations, and regions all have an equal voice in shaping our sport's global future.

C. Education

- Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Economics
- Post Graduate Diploma in Labour Relations Law

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years**A Bold Vision for a Democratic and United World Taekwondo**

As Vice President, I will work to build a fairer, more inclusive, and globally representative World Taekwondo—one that reflects the values of our sport and empowers all its members.

One Member, One Vote

All MNAs must have equal voting rights and access to WT benefits. No nation should be excluded from decision-making or support. Every MNA, large or small, must have a seat at the table.

True Continental Representation

WT Council members representing each continent must be elected only by MNAs from their region. Allowing outside votes weakens accountability and undermines regional voice. Let each continent speak for itself.

Leadership by Elected Officials

A democratically elected Executive Committee must oversee daily operations. Currently, the President and unelected staff make all decisions—this is outdated and undemocratic. Like other international federations, WT must modernize.

Empowering CUs in Governance

Continental Unions must nominate WT committee members. At present, these are appointed solely by the President. This must change to reflect shared ownership and ensure regional expertise guides global policy.

Global Development & Financial Equity

We must provide core administrative funding to all MNAs and significantly invest in grassroots development—especially in the poorest nations across all continents where Taekwondo remains underdeveloped or unsupported.

Olympic Qualification Reform

The current Olympic qualification system must be restructured to allow more nations a realistic pathway to qualify athletes. The Games should reflect global participation, not just regional powerhouses.

A Global Forum for the Future

WT must host a bi-annual conference of all MNAs and CUs to collectively shape its strategic direction and vision. This will be a platform for unity, transparency, and progress.



5. Mr. LOPEZ DELGADO Juan Manuel

- Current Position: WT Vice President
- Date of Birth: June 9, 1962
- Language: Spanish, English
- Gender: Male
- Nationality: Mexico

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

- 2021 - 2025 Pan American Taekwondo Union President
- 2014 -2021 Council member World Taekwondo
- 2015 - 2021 Vice President WT Pan-AM
- 2009 - 2016 Mexico MNA President
- Kyorugi IR and Hanmadang referee
- 3rd in the 2000 Olympic Games Referee ranking
- Taekwondo Master, 7th Dan

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

- 2001-2002 President of the Municipio de Teocaltiche, Jalisco, México
- General Sport Event Coordinator
- High School Teach
- University Professor

C. Education

- Bachelor Degree in Business and Administration

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

In recent years taekwondo has advanced remarkably and is heading towards new horizons, but all changes require attention to the realities facing our regions. From my position as President of the Pan American Taekwondo Union, I have witnessed and found solutions to the challenges that the Pan American region faces.

But I am aware that these challenges are not unique to our region. As Vice President, I will be able to bring the vision that the experience of leading an economically and geographically challenging region has given me.

Under the guidelines of WT, I will be able to collaborate in the development of strategies, based on

my history within taekwondo, since I have had the opportunity to develop in different roles, founded my own taekwondo school, being an international referee, president of the national federation, Council Member of the PATU, and finally with great honor and humility, the achievement that brings joy to my heart, being the president of the PATU.

I aspire as Vice President, to be the voice of the different groups that I have been able to experience, to be able to contribute ideas that lead taekwondo and World Taekwondo, to be recognized as one of the best international federations. Setting the legacy of what will be the taekwondo of the future.

We have conquered the Olympic territory, being incorporated into the program and aiming to add new modalities. We are a sport that seeks invocation, that adapts and thrives. The path of my life has given me the strength, humility and tenacity to fight for an ideal and it is my desire to bring to success the principles that mobilize the World Taekwondo, to every corner of the globe, to every group, demonstrating that, in this great family, we all have a place.



6. Mr. PARK Chun Jae

- Current Position: WT Council Member • Gender: Male
- Date of Birth: January 9, 1960 • Nationality: USA
- Language: English, Korean

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

With over 55 years of dedication to Taekwondo as a welter weight world champion in 1982, 9th Dan Grandmaster, educator, and leader, I have consistently pursued the harmonious integration of Taekwondo's physical and philosophical values. As a long-serving Professor at George Mason University and a member of the Kukkiwon Board and World Taekwondo Council, I have championed educational reform, global outreach, and ethical governance. In the United States, I have established the U.S. Congressional Taekwondo Club, where I teach Taekwondo to members of Congress.

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

- Director of global relations, the Center for Sports Management, George Mason University, USA
- Faculty, taught Sports related subjects over 20 years, George Mason University, USA
- Commissioner of the National Unification Advisory Council, Republic of Korea Presidential Advisory Body, 2015
- Sr. Vice Chairman of Board of Trustee, Washington Korean School.
- Special Assistant to President of Korean Olympic Committee, 1986

C. Education

- Ph.D. In Social Psychology of Leisure sports, University of Maryland, 1995
- MA. in Sports Science, Korea national Sports University, 1985
- BA. in Physical Education, Korea National sports University, 1983

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

If elected, I will lead with decisive action and a clear policy agenda centered around innovation, inclusion, and institutional growth. My two primary initiatives are as follows:

- Incorporating Breaking (Kyukpa) as an Official WT Competition Discipline.
Following the success of Kyorugi and Poomsae, I will champion the global integration of Breaking (Kyukpa)—including Demonstration and Creative Breaking—as a full-fledged

competition category within World Taekwondo's official program. Breaking represents more than technique; it is a powerful display of mental focus, physical precision, and team-based creativity. Through high-level individual and team competition, Breaking captivates audiences with thrill, intensity, and spectacle, whether in-person or through media broadcasts. Enhanced media exposure will increase commercial value and attract new sponsorship opportunities. By formalizing this discipline, more athletes across WT member nations will be engaged, strengthening our athlete pipeline. This also lays the groundwork for Breaking to potentially be recognized as an Olympic discipline in the future, expanding Taekwondo's global visibility and appeal.

- Securing NCAA Recognition for Taekwondo as an Official Collegiate Sport in the United States

I will work to ensure Taekwondo's official inclusion in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) program. This effort will involve coordinated advocacy with:

World Taekwondo leadership.

The U.S. Congress and Senate.

School boards and education departments.

Local Taekwondo clubs and communities.

Formal recognition by the NCAA will dramatically reduce dropout rates among young Taekwondo practitioners by providing a clear academic pathway—including college recruitment, scholarships, and athlete development.

Additionally, I will promote the establishment of a National Taekwondo Day through U.S. Congressional legislation, thereby elevating Taekwondo's brand power, cultural prestige, and grassroots participation nationwide.

My Commitment: Through these bold initiatives, we will not only broaden Taekwondo's reach and reputation but also empower a new generation of practitioners to pursue Taekwondo as both a life passion and a competitive future.

CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL MEMBER

*ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY FAMILY NAME, GROUPED BY CONTINENT

THIRTY-FOUR (34) CANDIDATES FOR FOURTEEN (14) SEATS

AFRICA (3)

1. BINGA Margaret Elizabeth (Ms.)
2. EGUEH Fardouza (Ms.)
3. SHAABAN Mohamed (Meedo)

EUROPE (10)

16. BINEV Slavtcho (Slavi)
17. CITO Angelo
18. HUEBL Alexander
19. KOLVART Mihhail
20. PANKA Anna (Ms.)
21. SAHIN Metin
22. SAMANDZHYIA Lesik
23. TANRIKULU Bahri
24. TEREKHOV Anatoly
25. VASSALLO Anna (Ms.)

ASIA (12)

4. ALZEYOUNI Ahmed Hamdan
5. CHING Man Chun Louis
6. DAWANI Nadin (Ms.)
7. JUNG Kook Hyun
8. KIM Byung Hee (Ms.)
9. KIM Jung Heon
10. MOAWAD Hadwah (Ms.)
11. RANA Prakash Shumsher (Ms.)
12. SAEI BONEHKOHAL Hadi
13. SHAMIYEV Kudrat
14. SHIRGAONKAR Namdev Sampat
15. ZHU Linfang

OCEANIA (5)

26. BURNS Lauren (Ms.)
27. ISKANDAR Hassan
28. MAGABLEH Maher
29. OH Jin Keun
30. PACE Linda Siew Sien (Ms.)

PAN AMERICA (4)

31. BORELLO CASTILLO María Rosario (Ms.)
32. KIM Inseon
33. MANDEL VAISMAN Mario
34. WARWICK Richard



1. Ms. BINGA Margaret Elizabeth

- Current Position: WT Council Member • Gender: Female
- Date of Birth: June 14, 1973 • Nationality: Nigeria
- Language: English, Yoruba, Hausa, Idoma

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

- Two -Times African Champion [Gold Medalist, All African Games 1999, 2003]
- National Champion [undefeated for 18 years:1989 – 2007]
- World Taekwondo International Referee – Class

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 1994-Present Nigeria Customs Service
- Deputy Controller of Customs- percent [another promotion pending soon]
- 1999 National Referee
- 1987-2006 Taekwondo [Athlete]

National Athlete

- 2001-2003 Team Captain, National Team
- Undefeated Nationally for 18 years with 45 Gold Medals Won
- 2013-2017 Taekwondo [Admin] Vice-President, Nigeria Taekwondo Federation
- 2017-2020 President Nigeria Taekwondo Federation
- 2014-Present Taekwondo [Referee] World Taekwondo Federation International Referee, Class 2

AWARDS

- 2014 | Inductee, World Taekwondo Hall of Fame
- 2014 | Best Referee Commonwealth Taekwondo Championships
- 2013 | Kukkiwon Award
- 2005 | Nigeria Customs Service Award of Excellence
- 1996 | Best Female Player, Nigeria Army Taekwondo Championships
- 1996 | Nigeria Customs Service Outstanding Performance 1992 | Ahmadu Bello University Sport Award
- 1991/92 | Ahmadu Bello university Zaria Student Union Govt. Award of Honours

LEADERSHIP & MEMBERSHIP ROLES

- First Female president of Nigeria Taekwondo Federation
- First Female to represent Africa on Board World Taekwondo
- Appointed CSB to the 1st female World Championship REYADH
- Executive Board Member, Nigeria Olympic Committee
- Chairperson, Nigeria Olympic Women Committee
- Member, World Taekwondo Africa Referee Committee
- Member, Nigeria Taekwondo Federation Women Department
- Member, Institute of Security Management and Operation, Nigeria (ISMOU)
- Member, Africa Police Taekwondo Confederation [APTAC]
- Captain Team Nigeria [Taekwondo]
- First Female Nigeria International Referee
- First Female to Win an International Medal for Nigeria.
- First Female Captain, Lagos State Team to The National Sport Festival
- Vice President, Nigeria Taekwondo Federation [2013 – 2017]
- Chairperson, Nigeria Taekwondo Referee Department [2013 – 2017]
- Member, NTF Referee Council Electoral Committee [2000]
- Member, West Africa International Referees Association
- Finalist, World Referee Selection for Rio 2016 Games

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

- 1994 Present Nigeria Customs Service
- Deputy Controller of Customs of Nigeria, another promotion pending soon
- 1987 – 2006 Taekwondo (Athlete) National Athlete
- 2001, 2003 Team Captain, National Team
- Undefeated Nationally for 18 years with 45 Gold Medals Won
- 2013 – 2017 Taekwondo (Athlete) Vice-President, Nigeria Taekwondo Federation
- 2017 – 2020 President Nigeria Taekwondo Federation
- 2014 Present Taekwondo (Referee) World Taekwondo Federation International Referee, Class 2

C. Education

- 2014 Obafemi Awolowo University
- Conflict Management and Resolution (Post-Graduate Diploma)

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- 2008 University of Calabar
 - Environmental Education (Bachelor of Environmental Education).
 - 1997 National Institute for Sport Lagos Coaching (Diploma)
 - 1993-1994 Ahmadu Bello University Zaria
 - Physical and Health Education (Diploma)

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

I align completely with World Taekwondo's stated long-term mission to "develop and grow Taekwondo throughout the world, from a grass roots level all the way through to an elite level, to provide all with the opportunity to play, watch and enjoy the sport regardless of age, gender, religion, ethnicity or ability."

- My Vision is empowering women, girls through sport, fostering inclusive communities, and inspiring generation of strong, confident and passionate athletes, leader and change agent and bring ideas and possibly be part of operational teams that will help World Taekwondo achieve its stated mission.
 - Help strengthen existing frameworks for supporting woman participation in taekwondo globally through cost-effective, sustainable programs.
 - Building a more peaceful world by advocating for the inclusion, development of taekwondo sport in all global space.
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2. Ms. EGUEH Fardouza

- Current Position: MNA President
- Date of Birth: November 2, 1972
- Language: French
- Gender: Female
- Nationality: Djibouti

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

I bring over twenty years of experience in sports administration, education, and leadership to my candidacy for World Taekwondo Council Member. My journey in the sports world has been multifaceted, having served as a Physical Education Teacher, Pedagogical Advisor, and sports Administrator. My contributions have shaped the sports landscape in Djibouti and Africa, specifically within the Djiboutian sports movement, where I have actively worked to establish and develop the Djiboutian Taekwondo Federation, which was officially recognized by World Taekwondo in 2016.

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

As Vice-President of the Djibouti National Olympic and Sports Committee and Vice-President of ANOCA, I have gained invaluable experience in strategic leadership, governance, and international cooperation within the sports sector. My tenure at ANOCA has deepened my understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing sports organizations across the African continent, which I believe will contribute to a more inclusive and diverse perspective within the World Taekwondo Council.

Further, my role as a Pedagogical Advisor at the Djibouti Ministry of National Education has provided me with a unique perspective on integrating sports education within national curricula, fostering the next generation of athletes and coaches. I have witnessed firsthand how sports can be used as a tool for social development, empowerment, and national unity. This holistic approach to sports development is at the heart of my vision for the future of Taekwondo.

C. Education

Enhancing Athlete Development and Well-being with Athlete-Centered Policies:

As a former educator, I understand the importance of nurturing athletes' skills, mental resilience, and physical well-being. I will advocate for the implementation of holistic training programs that focus on the athlete's long-term development, not just in competition but also in life beyond Taekwondo.

This includes improved mental health resources, coaching education, and pathways for athletes to transition into roles as coaches, officials, or mentors after their competitive careers. Promote initiatives that prioritize athlete welfare, education, and post-career opportunities while enhancing competition formats to increase global audience engagement.

Sustainable Growth & Innovation: Support digital transformation in education, judging, and broadcasting to modernize the sport and broaden its appeal to younger generations.

Unity through Diversity: Champion cultural exchange, gender equality, and intercontinental collaboration to build bridges and reduce barriers within the Taekwondo community.

Promoting Gender Equality and Diversity: One of the core values of Taekwondo is respect, and I believe we must continue to create an environment where gender equality, inclusion, and diversity are prioritized. I envision greater representation of women, people with disabilities, and athletes from underrepresented communities in leadership roles, both at the local and international levels. I will advocate for policies that actively promote equitable opportunities for all Taekwondo practitioners, regardless of background or geography.

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

My vision as a Council Member of World Taekwondo is centered on inclusive growth, sustainable development, and global collaboration to contribute to a more unified, innovative, and inclusive future for World Taekwondo.

If elected to the Council, I will work toward the following goals: Expanding the Reach of Taekwondo Worldwide My goal is to expand Taekwondo's presence in emerging and underserved regions.

Through strategic partnerships with national federations, Olympic Committees, and other sports organizations, I will work to ensure that Taekwondo is accessible to more people, particularly in regions where resources are limited. This includes the development of grassroots programs, the establishment of more training centers, and supporting initiatives to reduce the barriers to participation in the sport.

Effective governance is essential for the long-term success of any sport. Drawing from my experience in the Djibouti National Olympic and Sports Committee and ANOCA, I will work to strengthen governance structures within World Taekwondo and national Taekwondo federations. This will include enhancing transparency, accountability, and the development of long-term strategic plans to ensure the sport's sustainable growth.

Strengthen support for emerging Taekwondo nations by improving access to training, funding, and international opportunities ensuring that every athlete, regardless of geography, has a pathway to excellence.

I am committed to raising the profile of Taekwondo on the global stage, leveraging my experience in sports administration and international relations. As Vice-President of ANOCA and my work with African sports federations, I will build strategic relationships with international sports organizations, media partners, and sponsors to ensure that Taekwondo continues to thrive as a leading Olympic sport and a global force for positive change.

In summary, my qualifications in sports governance, education, and Taekwondo development, coupled with my strategic vision, to World Taekwondo's mission of fostering a more inclusive, equitable, and sustainable future the sport.



3. Mr. SHAABAN Mohamed (Meedo)

- Current Position: WT Council Member • Gender: Male
- Date of Birth: October 2, 1978 • Nationality: Egypt
- Language: Arabic, English, French

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

- Paris 2024 Olympic Games Technical Delegate
- WT Council Member (2021-25)
- WT Games Chairman (2017 – now)
- WT Vice Chair of Technical Committee (2015-17)
- Egypt National team member (1994-2004).
- Head of Egypt high performance Sport (2012-16)
- Egypt Board Member (2012 – 17)
- WT Africa Technical Chairman (2014 – 17)
- 7th Dan black belt
- WT Education Expert

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

- Finance Head of Global Business Units at Logitech – Logitech company (Switzerland, 2018 – now)
- Finance Director Financial Analysis & Strategic Planning – Mondelez Company (North America, 2016-2018)
- EAMEA Finance Director Food & Beverage Division – Mondelez Company (UAE, 2013-2016)
- Near East Region CFO – Procter & Gamble company (Egypt, 2011 – 2013)
- Finance Manager Merger & Acquisitions - Procter & Gamble company (Switzerland, 2009 – 2011)

C. Education

- Bachelor's degree of Finance – Major in Accounting and minor in business (Ain Shams)

University, 1995 –1999)

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

Over the next four years, my vision for World Taekwondo is rooted in unity, innovation, and growth. I am committed to strengthening the global Taekwondo family by enhancing collaboration between Member National Associations, promoting transparency in governance, and investing in the next generation of athletes, coaches, and officials. Our sport is evolving, and so must our leadership. I envision a future where every stakeholder feels empowered and heard, and where inclusivity, diversity, and fair play are not just values—but visible realities at every level of our organization.

To achieve this, I will champion initiatives that modernize our competition formats, expand digital engagement, and elevate the profile of Taekwondo on the global sporting stage. I believe in leveraging technology to make our events more dynamic and accessible, while also ensuring that athletes' welfare and development remain at the core of our mission. From grassroots programs to elite pathways, I am committed to fostering a culture of excellence, integrity, and opportunity. Together, we can build a more connected, forward-looking World Taekwondo that honors its traditions while embracing the future.



4. Mr. ALZEYOUNI Ahmed Hamdan

- Current Position: WT Council Member • Gender: Male
- Date of Birth: July 1, 1973 • Nationality: UAE
- Language: Arabic, English

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

- Executive Board Member, World Taekwondo – 2021 - Till Now
- Executive Board Member, UAE National Olympic Committee – 2018 – 2024
- President, UAE Taekwondo Federation – 2017 - Till Now
- CEO, Fujairah Martial Arts Club – 2015 – 2023
- Over 20 years of senior leadership roles in Fujairah Police Department

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

- Director, Office of the Crown Prince of Fujairah – 2023 - Till Now
- Over 20 years of senior leadership roles in Fujairah Police Department

C. Education

- Ph.D. in Public Law – Mohammed V University, Rabat (2022)
- Master's in Law – Al Jazeera University (2016)
- Bachelor's in Legal & Police Sciences – Police College (1997)

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

My vision is to lead Taekwondo into a new era of growth, excitement, and inclusivity by building on its core values and leveraging innovation, ethics, and global outreach.

We aim to enhance the sport's appeal by developing game rules that elevate excitement and audience interaction. Through improved technical structures and more dynamic competitions, Taekwondo can inspire broader participation and cultivate a stronger global fan base.

In line with our commitment to social responsibility, we strive to expand Taekwondo's presence in underprivileged and conflict-affected regions. By supporting refugees and youth through training programs, in partnership with volunteers and the World Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation (THF), we position Taekwondo as a tool for hope, empowerment, and peace.

We are dedicated to strengthening Para Taekwondo by raising technical standards and ensuring inclusive, well-organized competitions. Our goal is to guarantee its continued recognition in the Paralympic Games and reinforce Taekwondo's status as a sport for all.

Integrity remains at the heart of our mission. We will combat unethical practices and promote fair play, discipline, and strong values to uphold Taekwondo's global reputation for sportsmanship and respect.

To boost Taekwondo's visibility, we propose a strategic media and marketing campaign that showcases



5. Mr. CHING Man Chun Louis

- Current Position: MNA President
- Date of Birth: July 27, 1978
- Language: English, Mandarin, Cantonese
- Gender: Male
- Nationality: Hong Kong, China

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

- 2021- Present President: Hong Kong, China Taekwondo Association (HKTkda)
- 2009 - 2021 Vice President: Hong Kong, China Taekwondo Association (HKTkda)
- Leadership Role:
 - Achieved historic Olympic taekwondo qualification for Hong Kong at the 2024 Paris Olympics, overseeing elite athlete development and securing the region's first-ever Olympic taekwondo representative (Men-68kg).
 - Led the successful organization of the 2024 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships, showcasing excellence in event management and elevating the profile of the sport globally.
 - Led HKTkda to unprecedented success in international competitions, with athletes achieving 70 gold, 60 silver, and 90 bronze medals across senior, junior, and cadet divisions (2021–2025).
 - Strong leadership and organizational abilities in managing a national Taekwondo association and high-profile events.
 - Spearheading the strategic direction and operational management of the HKTkda, driving initiatives to promote and enhance Taekwondo in Hong Kong.
 - Cultivating partnerships with local and international Taekwondo entities to foster collaboration and participation in key events.
- Competitive Achievements Under My Leadership (2021–2025)
 - Senior Squad Training Team
 - 2025 CK Classic International Open: 5 Golds
 - 2025 CJ Vietnam Open: 5 Bronze
 - 2024 Canada Open: 1 Gold
 - 2024 Taipei City Cup: 2 Golds
 - 2024 Australian Open: 1 Silver
 - 2023 CK Classic: 4 Golds
 - 2023 World Championships: Top 17 Finish
 - 2022 Taipei President's Cup: 2 Golds
 - 2022 Asian Championships: 3 Bronze
 - Junior and Cadet Squad Training Team
 - 2025 CK Classic: 6 Golds
 - 2025 Korea Open: 1 Gold, 2 Silver, 1 Bronze
 - 2024 Thailand Open: 5 Golds

- 2023 East Asian Youth Games: 1 Gold, 6 Bronze
- 2022 Asian Cadet Championships: 1 Bronze
- Poomsae Squad Training Team
- 2025 National Club League (Jiangsu): 4 Golds
- 2024 Bulgaria Open: 2 Golds
- 2023 World Championships: 1 Gold
- 2022 Asian Poomsae Championships: 3 Bronze
- 2021 ATU President's Cup: 1 Silver
- Technical Credentials
- 9th Dan Black Belt (HKTkDA)
- Honorary 7th Dan certificate (Kukkiwon Seoul)

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

- Jun 2017 -Present Chairman and Managing Director: PT International Development Corporation Ltd (HKEX:0372hk)
- Aug 2018 - Present Deputy President: STX Corporation (Korea Listed, KRX: 011810)
- Nov 2018 - Present Chairman and Executive Director: Balama Resources
- May 2011 - Present Chairman: UBezTT International Investment Holdings (BVI) Ltd

C. Education

- 1997 - 2001 Bachelor of Arts in Economics Boston University

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

To elevate the sport's reach and impact by focusing on three key pillars:

- **Global Expansion and Accessibility:**
Planning to expand Taekwondo's presence in underserved regions, promoting grassroots development and accessibility. By fostering partnerships and initiatives that support global participation, aim to make Taekwondo a sport that transcends borders and cultures.
- **Innovation and Athlete Development:**
Embracing technology and modern training methodologies, enhance athlete development programs and coaching standards. By investing in research and innovation, seek to push the boundaries of performance and create a platform for sustained excellence in Taekwondo competitions worldwide.
- **Humanities Programs Implementation:**
There will be a focus on implementing humanities programs, especially in Greater China and Asia. By infusing cultural and educational components into Taekwondo training, the intention is to foster a more holistic and enriching experience for practitioners in these regions.



6. Ms. DAWANI Nadin

- Current Position: WT Council Member • Gender: Female
- Date of Birth: April 20, 1988 • Nationality: Jordan
- Language: Arabic, English

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

- Taekwondo 5 Dan Black Belt / Olympic Athlete / National Team player 2001-2012
- Competed at three Olympic Games: Athéna 2004 / 5th place, Beijing 2008, London 2012
- Twelve official World Taekwondo (WT) medals:
 - 2012 Asian Taekwondo Championships - Vietnam - Gold Medal
 - 2011 Asian Taekwondo Qualification for London - Gold Medal
 - 2010 Asian Games 2010-Guangzhou - Bronze Medal
 - 2008 Asian Taekwondo Championship -China - Silver Medal
 - 2007 Asian Taekwondo Qualifications for Beijing– Silver Medal
 - 2006 World Cup Taekwondo Team Championships – Bangkok – Bronze Medal
 - 2006 Asian Taekwondo Championship- Bangkok - Bronze medal
 - 2005 Asian Taekwondo Junior Championships - Kazakhstan – Silver Medal
 - 2004 Asian Taekwondo Qualifications for Athens- Bronze Medal
 - 2003 Asian Taekwondo Junior Championships - Vietnam – Bronze medal
 - 2002 Asian Taekwondo Championships - Jordan – Bronze medal
 - 2001 Asian Taekwondo Junior Championships – Chinese Taipei – Gold Medal

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

- Certified Educator in the IOC Career+ Program, (IOC), Global 2018 to Present
- Member of the IOC Athletes Commission, (IOC), Global 2016 to 2024
- Diploma IOC Certificate in Safeguarding Officer in Sport 2021 to present
- Member of the IOC Athletes' Commission, (IOC), Global 2016 to 2024
- Member of the IOC Olympism 365 Commission, (IOC), Global 2022 to 2024
- Member of the IOC Culture and Olympic Heritage Commission, (IOC), Global 2022 to 2024
- Deputy Chief de Mission to the Islamic Solidarity Games, (IOC), Konya, Turkey 2021
- Certified Educator in the IOC Career+ Program, (IOC), Global 2018 to Present
- Member of the IOC Sport and Active Society Commission, (IOC), Global 2018 to 2021

- Co-chair of the Athlete Commission at World Taekwondo, World Taekwondo Federation, Global 2017 to 2021
- Chair of the Athletes' Commission at World Taekwondo, World Taekwondo Federation, Global 2017 to 2021
- Chief de Mission at the Tokyo Summer Olympic Games, (IOC), Tokyo, Japan 2020
- Chief de Mission at the Rio Summer Olympic Games, (IOC), Rio, Brazil 2016
- Deputy Chief de Mission to the Pan Arab Games, (IOC), Algeria 2015 to 2023
- OCA Athletes' Committee Member, Olympic Council of Asia, Global 2015 to 2024
- Chief de Mission at the Nanjing Youth Olympic Games, (IOC), Nanjing, China 2014

C. Education

- Master of Arts in Olympic Studies Cologne, Germany German Sports University (Thesis submission in 2025) 2019 to 2022
- Diploma IOC Certificate in Safeguarding Officer in Sport Switzerland International Olympic Committee (IOC) 2021 to 2022
- Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration Amman, Jordan University of Jordan 2010
Achieved a GPA of 3.04

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

As a former Olympian and current Council Member, I remain deeply committed to the continued growth and evolution of World Taekwondo. My vision for the next four years focuses on athlete empowerment, global development, innovation, and integrity.

- **Athlete-Centered Progress:** Athletes are the heartbeat of our sport. I will prioritize their voices, advocating for better support systems. Focus more on Educating Athletes on different topics.
- **Global Growth & Inclusion:** We must expand our reach by investing in grassroots programs, supporting national federations in developing regions, and growing Para Taekwondo. My goal is to make Taekwondo accessible and impactful across all continents.
- **Gender Equity & Youth Empowerment:** I will continue advocating for gender balance in leadership and competition, and for creating pathways that empower the next generation of Taekwondo leaders.
- **Good Governance & Transparency:** Integrity must guide our decisions. I am committed to strengthening governance structures, promoting financial accountability, and upholding the values of the Olympic Movement.

By working together with clear goals and strong leadership, we can take World Taekwondo to the next Level.



7. Mr. JUNG Kook Hyun

- Current Position: WT Council Member • Gender: Male
- Date of Birth: March 15, 1962
- Nationality: Republic of Korea
- Language: Korean, English

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

- 4 Times World Taekwondo Champion (1982, 1983, 1985, 1987)
- 88 Seoul Olympic Gold Medalist
- 2 Times Asian Champion (1986, 1988)
- Director, Kukkiwon(2018-2021)
- Secretary General, Taekwondo Promotion Foundation (2018-2021)
- Director, Taekwondo Peace Corps (2018 - Present)
- Council Member, World Taekwondo (2013 - Present)
- Chairman of Technical Commission World Taekwondo (2013 - Present)
- Technical Delegate, World Taekwondo (2016, 2017, 2023, 2024)
- Director, Korea Taekwondo Association (2013 - 2021)

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

- Dean of the College of Health and Human Development, Korea National Sport University (2017-2018)
- Director of The Wellness Program for Top Managers, Korea National Sport University (2017-2018)
- Director of Academic Information Center, Korea National Sport University (2009-2011)
- Director of Future Hope Organization
- Vice President of the Korean Martial Arts Society
- Vice President of the Korean Society of Sports Science

C. Education

- Ph.D. from Myongji University (2002)
- Master's degree from Korea National Sport University (1990)
- Graduated from Korea National Sport University

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

- Integration: I will establish a systematic and fair support system to reduce disparities between member nations and enable everyone to grow together.
 - Growth: I will strengthen integrated education and certification systems and develop customized support programs for balanced growth across World Taekwondo.
 - Innovation: I will enhance global competitiveness through innovative strategies centering the World in the Taekwondo market, revitalizing international competitions, and expanding cultural exchange to promote Taekwondo's values worldwide.
 - Specific Policy Implementation Plan
 - Establish transparent and accountable governance: To ensure all member nations receive fair support and opportunities.
 - Strengthen integrated education and certification systems: To support the nurturing of professional talent for athletes, coaches, and referees.
 - Develop customized support programs: To promote balanced growth considering the characteristics of each member nation.
 - Revitalize international competitions and expand cultural exchange: Aiming to activate Taekwondo in the World region and spread its values.
 - Digital Innovation: Leading AI Judging and Virtual Taekwondo: Create new fan experiences through advanced AI judging and the establishment of virtual Taekwondo
 - Athlete-centric Welfare: Support mental health and retirement decision-making through the 'WT Champion Mindset Program
 - Strengthening Financial Independence: Diversify revenue through sponsorships, broadcasting rights, and digital licensing
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8. Ms. KIM Byung Hee

- Current Position: ATU Council Member
- Date of Birth: September 1, 1976
- Language: Korean, English, Malay
- Gender: Female
- Nationality: Republic of Korea

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

- ATU Council Member
- Kukkiwon 8th Dan
- Technical Director of Brunei Taekwondo Association
- Coach of Brunei Taekwondo National Team (2001-2024)
- Referee at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games
- Best Referee at the 2023 World Championships
- Top 58 Referee Paris 2024 Olympic Games
- WT Educator
- WT Technical Delegate
- Best Referee at the Chuncheon Korea Open Championships (2015)
- Best Referee at the US Open Championships (2017)
- Referee Oath at the World Championships
- CSB at the Asian Championships (2019)
- Referee Oath in World Championships (2022)
- Technical Delegate in China Open (2023)
- Conduct Seminar IOC Olympic Solidarity Program Timor- Laste (2023)
- CSB in Asian Open Championships (2024)
- Conduct Seminar IOC Olympic Solidarity Program Cambodia (2024)
- TD in CJ Vietnam Open Championship 2025
- Experience international Referee for 13 years
- WT International Coach Level 2
- WT International Kyorugi Referee Level 1
- WT international Poomsae Referee Level 2
- Kukkiwon Hanmadang Referee

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

- Peaceful Unification Advisory Council Member, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Korea (2019-2025)
- Business in Food and Jewelry

C. Education

- Graduate 4 years university 1995-1999 (Bachelor of Physical Education. major Taekwondo)
- Yong-In University South Korea

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

- Empowering Young People through International Exchange and Exposure to Competition has always been and will continue to be a sport that changes young people's lives, and having experience overseas is an important and necessary step in developing an all-rounded and instantly competitive athlete on the world stage. Through these efforts, we will develop programs that push Taekwondo, deepen its core values, and provide opportunities for members to excel in sport.
- Annual Overseas Training Camp: The overseas training camps will pair regional athletes from Asia, Europe, the Americas, and other opportunities to participate in training sessions, cultural exchanges, and learning opportunities with each other. This will expose the athletes to techniques, competition styles, the competitiveness of different nations, and global trends. which is critical to developing their future performance potential. All these experiences will help reinforce resilience, friendship, and mutual respect and support, integral to the Taekwon-do philosophy. They will also allow our athletes to succeed internationally.
- Improving the standard for Instruction and Technical expertise: Behind every great athlete is a great coach. To uphold excellence and equity, we must continually build the capacity, professionalism of instructors, referees, and technical officials.
- Strengthening Inclusive Leadership: Fostering Women and Youth Leaders: Introduce special programs to nurture young and female Taekwondo practitioners. Support for the Underprivileged and Marginalized Regions: Launch collaborative projects for refugees, persons with disabilities, and Taekwondo practitioners in underdeveloped countries.
- Transparent and Innovative Governance: Introduction of Digital Administration: Build a digital platform to ensure transparent decision-making and communication within ATU.
- Enhancing Ethical Standards: Establish an Executive Committee Code of Ethics to ensure fair and accountable operations.
- Sustainability & Alignment with Global SDGs: Implement Initiatives Aligned with UN SDGs (Health, Education, Gender Equality, etc.)



9. Mr. KIM Jung Heon

- Current Position: WT Poomsae Committee Chair
- Date of Birth: September 15, 1969
- Language: Korean, English
- Gender: Male
- Nationality: Republic of Korea

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

- Qualifications:
 - World Taekwondo(WT) 3rd level TD. 2021
 - WT Educator. 2019
 - WT Intl. Referee license in Poomsae. 2012
 - WT Intl. Referee license in Kyorugi 2013
 - Korea Taekwondo Association (KTA) Coach license. 1993
 - KTA Referee license in Kyorugi (1993)
 - KTA Referee license in Poomsae. 2010
 - Kukkiwon 8 Dan. 2019
- Experiences:
 - World Taekwondo
 - WT Poomsae committee Chairman. 2017 ~ present
 - Proposed & planned The Online 2020 WT Poomsae Championships.
 - WT Ad-hoc Beach & Urban committee Chairman. June,2020~Aug.,2021
 - WT Ad-hoc election committee Member. April,2021
 - WT CU Ad-hoc committee Coordinator. Oct.,2020
 - 2017 Muju World TKD Championships. Executive member. Mar.2016
 - TD, Gangwon-Chuncheon 2025 WT Demo. & Breaking Championships.,
 - TD, Hongkong 2024 WT Poomsae Championships.
 - TD, Gangwon-Chuncheon 2023 WT Beach/Demo. & Breaking Champs.,
 - TD, 2022 WT Online Poomsae Championships.
 - TD, Chengdu 2021 FISU World University Games
 - TD, Goyang 2020 WT Poomsae Championships.
 - TD, Tehran 2019 The 9th Asian Club Champs
 - TD, Taipei 2018 WT Poomsae Championships.
 - TD, Taipei, 2018 the 2nd WT President's Cup Asian-region and more.
 - WT CSB, Tashkent 2019 WT Cadet Champs.
 - WT CSB, Chungju 2019 World Martial Arts Masterships and more
 - WT Creative Poomsae project (initiated Freestyle Poomsae) chief researcher. 2009
 - Asia Taekwondo Union
 - Secretary General. April,2018 ~ Present
 - ATU election committee member. 2021

- Deputy Secretary General. Jan.,2007~ 2013
- Korea Taekwondo Association
- Executive board member. Apr. 2022 ~ Jan. 2025
- Research Committee. Chairman. 2013
- Taekwondo Promotion Foundation
- Chairman. Sep.,2024 ~ Present
- Secretary General. March 2015 ~ Feb.,2018

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

- The first Vice-president, Korean Alliance of Martial-arts Study. 2024 ~ present
- Executive board member, UNESCO Intl. Martial-arts Center. Korea. 2020 ~ 2024
- Dean, Institute of Intl. affairs, Yongin Univ. Korea. 2022 ~ 2024
- Director, PR & Intl. affairs, Yongin Univ., Korea. 2014 ~ 2015
- Professor, TKD Dept., Yongin Univ., Korea. 2005~ present

C. Education

- Ph.D. degree in Sport Management(sport marketing emphasis), University of Minnesota, USA.
- Master's degree Sport Management(sport administration emphasis), Minnesota State University, Mankato, USA.
- Bachelor's degree in Taekwondo, Yongin University. Korea.

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

- Support WT leaderships with my best
- Collaborate with fellow officials as much as I can
- Active communication among fellow WT, CU, MNA officials to draw harmonious collaboration to promote all aspect of Taekwondo as follows: Upgrading competition equipment, format & methods, 'WT Aid projects' for Para TKD and under-developed countries including refugees for participating Championships, education programs including international referee & coach seminars, manager & operator courses, research seminars, training camps, and etc., Support MNAs to host G-level Championships by sharing know-how for funding & operating, and human resources
- Collaborative work among Taekwondo related institutes and organizations including Continental Unions, Kukkiwon, Taekwondo Promotion Foundation & Taekwondowon for mutual benefits.
- Building corporate partnership and sponsorship with companies soliciting financial support to MNAs for hosting WT events including championships, training camps, forums, seminars,

& humanitarian activities

- Draw R&D support by corporate partnership with institutions and universities: to apply digital technology including AI, VR, AR and etc. into Taekwondo, and to improve digital competition equipment including PSS, scoring devices, coaching & training analysis, and etc.)
 - Full support to promote e-sports Taekwondo including virtual Taekwondo
 - Full support to promote active humanitarian activity participation with WT partners including NGOs, corporate sponsors, public institutes, and private organizations
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10. Ms. MOAWAD Hadwah

- Current Position: WT Para Taekwondo Classification Committee Chair
- Date of Birth: July 10, 1973
- Language: Arabic, English
- Gender: Female
- Nationality: Saudi Arabia

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

Since I joined Taekwondo in 2006, and now as I am approaching almost 20 years in the game, I have had the privilege to maneuver through every level of Taekwondo, from an athlete to an instructor, and now as a leader within World Taekwondo.

This journey has shaped my deep understanding of our sport's strengths, challenges, and the immense potential it holds for global impact.

Today, I proudly serve as World Taekwondo Chair of Classification Committee, where I lead efforts to deliver a fair, evidence-based classification system for Para Taekwondo. I also hold the role of Chair of Taekwondo for All Committee, driving forward initiatives that ensure our sport is accessible, inclusive, and sustainable for people of all backgrounds and abilities. Additionally, I serve as Vice Chair of Member Relations and Development Commission, working to support, empower, and maintain standards of Member National Associations globally.

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

- In addition to my roles within World Taekwondo, my professional background as a Consultant Orthodontist at Prince Sultan Military Medical City, one of the most reputable and comprehensive medical institutions in the Middle East, has significantly enhanced my leadership, analytical, and strategic thinking skills.
- Member of several key institutional committees, within Prince Sultan Military Medical City, including the Continuous Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Unit, the Dental Research Committee, and the Mortality and Morbidity Committee, I have been deeply involved in high level decision making, risk management, evidence-based evaluation, and quality assurance.
- These responsibilities have directly translated into my leadership within Taekwondo, enabling me to approach challenges with a systemic mindset, implement structured and measurable improvements, and prioritise athlete safety, through a professional and ethical lens.
- Additionally, this has also nurtured a calm, composed, and subtle leadership style, even under pressure, qualities that have proven invaluable in my contributions to the sport of Taekwondo.

C. Education

- PhD: Orthodontics & Genetics of Craniofacial Deformities/ University College London/ UK
- MSc: Orthodontics & Genetics of Craniofacial Deformities/ University College London/ UK
- BDS: Bachelor's in dental science/ King Saudi University/ Riyadh/ Saudi Arabia
- Taekwondo: 5th Dan Black Belt

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

My vision as a Council Member is to help lead World Taekwondo to become a true "Benchmark Sport" globally, where other sports aspire to emulate, through the following key pillars:

- Evidence based policies that drive informed data backed, decision making
- Sustainable strategies to ensure long term growth and resilience
- Psychological marketing that connects emotionally and builds lasting engagement
- Inclusive development that caters to all levels of Taekwondo personnel
- A culture of transparency, and innovation within our governance

I am deeply committed to the values of respect, perseverance, and excellence that Taekwondo teaches us. With nearly two decades of experience at every level of Taekwondo, I am ready to contribute my knowledge, passion, and leadership to the World Taekwondo Council.



12. Mr. SAEI BONEHKOHAL Hadi

- Current Position: MNA President
- Date of Birth: June 10, 1976
- Language: Persian, English
- Gender: Male
- Nationality: Islamic Republic of Iran

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

- 2 Gold and 1 Bronze Olympic Medalist (2000, 2004, 2008)
- 2 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze WT World Championship Medalist (1999, 2003, 2005, 2007)
- 4 Gold WT World Cup Medalist (1998, 2000, 2001, 2002)
- 1 Gold and 1 Silver Asian Championship Medalist (2006, 2002)
- 1 Gold and 1 Bronze Asian Games Medalist (2002, 2006)
- 1 Silver and 1 Bronze World Military Games Medalist (1995, 1996)
- The title of the most Legion of honor world athlete in 2005
- The most honorable Taekwondo athlete in the world
- The most honorable Iranian Olympian in all sports

Sports Administration Career

- President of I. R. Iran Taekwondo Federation since 2022
- Member of World Taekwondo Development Committee since July 2023
- I. R Iran NOC Executive Board Member 2017 -2022
- Deputy Chef de Mission of the Iranian Delegation in Jakarta Asian Games 2018
- Deputy Chef de Mission of the Iranian Delegation in Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games 2018
- I. R. Iran Taekwondo National Team Technical Manager (5 years)
- I. R. Iran NOC Athletes Commission Chairman for 2 tenures of office (8 years)
- OCA Athlete Commission Member since 2018
- I.R. Iran NOC Athletes Commission Member since 2004
- Member on the board of SAIPA Taekwondo Club for 3 years
- Member on the board of NAFT Taekwondo Club for 2 years
- Deputy Chef de Mission of the Iranian Delegation in London Olympic Games 2012
- Deputy Chef de Mission of the Iranian Delegation in Konya Islamic Solidarity Games 2021

- Member of the board of the Iran Taekwondo Federation for 4 years

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

- Member of City Council of Tehran for 10 years from 2006
- Being part of the City Council's Board for 8 years
- Representative the City Council in the Public Military Service (10 years)
- Special Secretary of UNESCO for peace and humanitarian issues in Asia and Iran
- Collaboration with the National Youth Committee in the National Youth Organization
- Head of the Elite Sport Association of the Elite Committee
- Activity in the film industry in 2014

C. Education

- BA in urban development architecture
- MA in Sports Organization Management in 2024

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

- Suggesting the creation of a Taekwondo Development Index to assess the progress of member countries based on educational standards, participation, competitiveness, and gender equity.
- Integrating the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations into the major policies of WT to enhance the cultural and social impact of Taekwondo.
- Reviewing the statutes to improve transparency, accountability, and strengthening the presence of underrepresented groups such as immigrants and countries in crisis.
- Proposing the establishment of a global Taekwondo development fund to prioritize support for new and underprivileged countries.
- Defining a joint global program for the sustainable development of Taekwondo at three levels: championship, professional, and grassroots.
- Suggesting collaboration with the World Health Organization through a Taekwondo for Health project aimed at promoting physical activity in communities.
- Designing a transparent system for evaluating training programs, equipment, and competition hosting based on geographic equity, performance, and operational efficiency.
- Updating technical regulations, ethical rules, and codes of conduct based on scientific evidence, social changes, and developments.
- Expanding interaction with international universities and academic institutions for implementing scientific projects and joint studies on the social impacts of Taekwondo.



13. Mr. SHAMIYEV Kudrat

- Current Position: MNA President
- Date of Birth: August 1, 1990
- Language: Kazakh, English, Russian, Turkish, Arabic
- Gender: Male
- Nationality: Kazakhstan

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

- President of Kazakhstan Taekwondo WT Federation since Sept 6, 2024

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

- «Integra Construction KZ» LLP Supervisory Board Chairman: January 2024 - current time
- "National Olympic Committee of the Republic of Kazakhstan" Member of the Executive Committee: April 2025 - current time
- Mr. SHAMIYEV is an executive with extensive leadership experience in senior roles such as Chairman and Member of Supervisory Boards, CEO, Financial Director, and Co-founder across various sectors since 2012. Has worked in both private and international organizations.

Areas of Expertise:

- Construction and Real Estate Development – Leadership and oversight in companies.
- Industry and Infrastructure – Management roles in industrial and infrastructure-related enterprises.
- Finance and Asset Management – Experience as Financial Director and Co-founder in business ventures.

Overall, the professional background includes strategic management, production operations, infrastructure development, and active involvement in public and international initiatives.

Patron and supporter of numerous charitable foundations, including ("Qazastan Halqyna" Public Social Fund, "Bolashaq" Corporate Fund, Social Project "JOLTAP", Association of the Federation of Sports Dance of the Republic of Kazakhstan (NGO) and others.)

C. Education

- College of the Banking Academy (Major) - Banking – 2010
- Asia Pacific University (Malaysia) (Major) International Business Management- 2014

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

Strengthening Global Unity and Inclusiveness

- Promoting Taekwondo as a universal tool for peace, health, and youth development.
- Expanding international cooperation with a focus on Central Asia, the Middle East, and Africa.

Developing Central Asia as a New Strategic Hub for WT

- Positioning Central Asia as a key development node for Taekwondo in Eurasia.
- Establishing regional training and educational centers in Kazakhstan with the involvement of WT experts.
- Hosting annual international WT ranking tournaments in Central Asia, including Grand Prix and qualification events.

Strengthening National Federations and Youth Programs

- Enhancing the institutional capacity of MNAs in Central Asian countries: training administrators, referees, and coaches.
- Developing a unified youth development strategy focused on cadets and juniors.

Innovation, Digitalization, and Sustainable Development

- Supporting digital transformation in competition systems, education, and governance.

Promoting Women's Sports and Equality

- Expanding support programs for girls and women in Taekwondo, including leadership, refereeing, and coaching roles.

Enhancing WT's Standing in the International Sports Community

- Promoting Taekwondo in the Olympic movement as a discipline that combines tradition, sportsmanship, and modern standards.
- Engaging in dialogue with other sports, martial and mixed martial arts disciplines to maintain WT's leadership as a global organization.



14. Mr. SHIRGAONKAR Namdev Sampat

- Current Position: MNA President
- Date of Birth: June 8, 1981
- Language: English
- Gender: Male
- Nationality: India

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

- Founder & current President of India Taekwondo: He was elected unopposed as the President of India Taekwondo in May 2023, a position he holds with distinction.
- Vice President, Commonwealth Taekwondo Union: Mr. Namdev Shirgaonkar made history by becoming the first Indian to hold the position of Vice President in the Commonwealth Taekwondo Union, reflecting his growing influence in international Taekwondo circles.
- Under the leadership of Mr. Namdev Shirgaonkar as President of India Taekwondo, India has achieved a historic milestone by winning medals at both the Asian and World Taekwondo Championships, marking a significant chapter in the nation's Taekwondo journey.
- Our Para Taekwondo athlete has represented India twice at the Paralympic Games — a historic achievement, as this marks the first time in Indian Taekwondo history that an athlete has qualified and participated at this prestigious global event.
- Under his leadership, India secured historic medals at Para Taekwondo World Championships, held in Bahrain. Notably, the Indian Women's Taekwondo Team won the prestigious Women's Team Trophy, marking one of the biggest milestones in Indian Taekwondo history.

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

- Secretary General, Maharashtra Olympic Association: In September 2021, he was elected unopposed as the Secretary General of the Maharashtra Olympic Association, focusing on enhancing infrastructure and supporting athletes.
- Joint Secretary of Indian Olympic Association (IOA) (2017 -22)
- Being elected twice as the youngest board member of IOA has motivated youngsters in India to consider administrators as a way to bring new development as sports fraternity.
- Governor Appointed: Member of Academic Council (Shivaji University)
- Deputy Chief de Mission/GTM of Indian contingent in 2018 Gold Coast CWG where India has achieved one of the best performances in CWG History.
- Working on state government panel as a board member of Mission Olympic where I focused on athlete's benefits & maintenance of sports Infrastructure.
- National Medalist and District Youth Awardee.

- Member of Govt. of India's Delegation to Bhutan for 12th South Asian Games – 2016.
- Participated as a delegate in London Olympic 2012, Rio Olympic 2016, and Tokyo 2020.
- Founder of Olympians Association of India.

C. Education

- Bachelor of Arts (University of Mumbai)
- Diploma - Physical Education

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

- As a proud representative of India Taekwondo, I envision a World Taekwondo that stands united in purpose, progressive in action, and inclusive in spirit.
- My commitment is to foster a platform that priorities athlete development, enhances cross-border collaboration, strengthens grassroots engagement, and elevates World's global standing in Taekwondo under the great leadership of World Taekwondo.
- By leveraging technology, transparency, and training excellence, we will empower every member nation — from emerging federations to established powerhouses — to grow together as one united Taekwondo family.
- Together, we will build a future where World not only leads in medals but also in values, integrity, and innovation within the world of Taekwondo.



15. Ms. ZHU Linfang

- Current Position: WT Referee Committee Chair
- Date of Birth: September 25, 1982
- Language: Chinese, English
- Gender: Female
- Nationality: People's Republic of China

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

- 2024-2026 World Taekwondo Referee Committee Chair
- 2023-2024 World Taekwondo Referee Committee Vice Chair
- 2019-2023 World Taekwondo Referee Committee Member
- 2019-Present International Military Sports Council Taekwondo Sports Committee Member
- 2024-Present International Military Sports Council Taekwondo Referee Committee
- 2017-Present Chinese Taekwondo Association Referee Committee Vice Chair
- Paris 2024 Olympic Games Referee
- 27th World Military Championships Referee Chair
- Pan American Qualification Tournament for Paris 2024 Referee
- Oceania Qualification Tournament for Paris 2024 Referee Chair
- 2023 World Taekwondo Championships Referee
- 2022 World Taekwondo Championships Referee
- Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Referee
- Pan-American Qualification Tournament for Tokyo 2020 Referee
- European Qualification Tournament for Tokyo 2020 Referee
- 7TH CISM World Games in Taekwondo Referee and CSB
- 2019 World Taekwondo Championships Referee
- Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games Referee
- 24th World Military Championships Referee
- 23rd Asian Taekwondo Championships Referee
- 18th Asian Games Referee
- 2015 World Taekwondo Championships Referee
- 12th World Taekwondo Military Championships W-51KG Gold Medal and Best Female Athlete
- 13th World Military Championships W-51KG Gold Medal and Best Female Athlete
- 15th World Military Championships W-55KG Gold Medal

- 16th World Military Championships W-55KG Gold Medal
- 2003 Vietnam Open W-55KG Gold Medal
- Other Achievements include multiple gold medals in National Games and National taekwondo competitions.

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

- 2023-2028 National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Member

C. Education

- MILITARY ENGLISH EDUCATION PLA FOREIGN LANGUAGE SCHOOL, CHINA September 2014 - July 2015
- MASTER IN MILITARY SPORTS PLA MILITARY PHYSICAL EDUCATION INSTITUTE, CHINA September 2005 - July 2008
- BACHELOR IN SPORTS TRAINING WUHAN SPORTS UNIVERSITY, CHINA September 2000 - July 2004

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

During my career as a Taekwondo athlete, I clinched the first gold medal in China at the Taekwondo Event of the National Games. I was the first athlete in army to be awarded the title of "Top Model Soldier" - the only athlete in the Army to receive this honor. I also made history as the first Taekwondo practitioner to serve as a member of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

These milestones have not only deepened my bond with the sport but also afforded me unique opportunities to drive its growth and influence in China.

My passion for Taekwondo remains unshakable, and I am committed to channeling my experience into actionable progress. Whether in my roles as Referee Chair or Army Officer, my mission extends beyond creating a fair competitive landscape - it encompasses elevating the sport's standards and reach:

- **Fostering Inclusion & Equity:** Amplify opportunities for female athletes, coaches, and leaders through targeted training programs and visibility initiatives, ensuring their voices shape Taekwondo's future. Additionally, I will push for initiatives supporting grassroots practitioners, including underprivileged youth, persons with disabilities, and rural communities, by organizing free training camps and securing essential equipment.
- **Driving Scientific Growth:** Collaborating with research institutions to integrate sports science — from biomechanics to injury prevention — into training to strengthen Taekwondo's foundation, making it safer and more effective for all.
- **Upholding Transparency:** Leveraging my roles in governance, I will advocate for clear,

accountable systems that build trust, ensuring decisions prioritize the sport's integrity and the community's needs.

Ultimately, my goal is to expand Taekwondo's impact — as a tool for empowerment, a platform for equity, and a symbol of excellence. It is this vision that drives my commitment to serving the sport, both now and in the years ahead.



16. Mr. BINEV Slavtcho (Slavi)

- Current Position: MNA President • Gender: Male
- Date of Birth: December 10, 1965 • Nationality: Bulgaria
- Language: Bulgarian, English, French, Russian, Italian

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

Taekwondo has been a part of my life for over 50 years. As an athlete, I became a multiple national champion and won many international tournaments. A highlight was my 1992 victory in Celje, Slovenia—at a competition under mixed WTF and ITF rules, considered one of the unofficial European Championships of the time.

In the early years of martial arts in Bulgaria, I held multiple roles—competitor, head coach of the national team, and coach of the country's largest club, CSKA.

In 2019, Kukkiwon honored me as the first non-Korean elected to its Board of Directors. I was re-elected in 2022 and continue to serve with full dedication.

Academically, I hold a Bachelor's degree in Sports from the National Sports Academy, a Master's in Professional Coaching, and I'm currently pursuing a PhD in Social Psychology at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. My approach to leadership is grounded in knowledge, ethics, and athlete-centered development.

I have been President of the Bulgarian Taekwondo Federation for the past nine years—now the fastest-growing federation in the country. Internationally, I've had the privilege to serve three terms as Vice President of the European Taekwondo Union, contributing to shaping the sport across Europe. It would be a great honor to continue serving the global Taekwondo community as a Council Member—preserving its traditions and guiding its future. I believe my lifelong dedication and experience make me fully prepared for this responsibility.

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

Taekwondo has been part of my life for over 50 years—as an athlete, coach, and, I hope, as a successful leader. I've climbed every step of the development ladder. But what truly prepares me for the WT Council is my broader experience—as a member of the Bulgarian Olympic Committee (BOC) Executive Board, Chair of various BOC committees, and currently again Vice President of the BOC. These qualities were recognized by the European Taekwondo Union (ETU), where I'm now serving my third term as Vice President.

Twenty years ago, I was honored with the aristocratic church title Archon, received in the Famous Santa Maria Maggiore Cathedral—awarded jointly by the Orthodox and Catholic Church.

As a businessman, I founded and led R-System Holding—active in real estate, construction, hospitality, and media. Under my leadership, it became one of Bulgaria’s top 34 private companies in the 1990s and early 2000s—without state contracts or privatization. This journey earned me the label of a true self-made entrepreneur, featured in The Washington Post under the title “The New Kids in the Eastern Block.”

In public service, I’ve been twice elected as a Member of the European Parliament and once to the Bulgarian Parliament. I was also chosen as Chairman of the Sport Intergroup in the European Parliament—effectively acting as an informal EU Minister of Sport.

This wide-ranging experience in sports, business, and politics equips me with a unique perspective to support World Taekwondo's global mission—offering vision, pragmatism, and dedication.

C. Education

I was born December 10, 1965 in Sofia. My academic way started at the 47th Sports School “Emil Markov” (1973–1979).

Afterwards followed the prestigious 9th French Language High School in Sofia. During my higher education, I attended the National Sports Academy “Vasil Levski” (1986–1990), earning a Master’s degree from the Pedagogical Faculty with dual major specializations in Tennis and Boxing.

Expanding my expertise in athletic instruction and sports science, I undertook numerous international training courses over the world.

Currently, I am pursuing a Doctoral Degree (PhD) in social psychology at the Institute of Psychology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

I have reached the 5th DAN Kukkiwon and am also a holder of Honorary 8th DAN Kukkiwon. This academic preparation gives me reason to believe that I can be one of the most prepared WT Council members.

This educational background underlines my strong dedication to sports education, coaching, international specialization in taekwondo, and ongoing academic development—qualities that strongly support my candidacy for a leadership role in the World Taekwondo.

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

As I’ve shown in previous presentations, I have significant influence over key public groups. Through my past engagements, I’ve gained valuable experience and built connections that can strongly

contribute to the global promotion of taekwondo—both through media exposure and by expanding our community with new audiences and partners.

This will strengthen our corporate partnerships, increase financial resources, and elevate our social commitments. As a council member, I plan to secure contracts with global companies and position taekwondo on their shortlists, accelerating deals on continental, national, and local levels.

In terms of competition, relying solely on electronic systems is no longer sufficient. It's time to integrate artificial intelligence to reduce wasted time and resources. This innovation will eliminate human error, making judging fully transparent and objective—resolving one of our biggest issues and making the sport more attractive to broadcasters. Our partners and sponsors will proudly support a modern, fair-play sport.

As Vice President of the Bulgarian Olympic Committee, I am committed to maintaining taekwondo's place in the Olympic program and advocating for the inclusion of more categories, including poomsae.

Those who know me, understand my dedication. Any organization striving to grow and lead would benefit from the energy and commitment I bring. I believe strong leaders surround themselves with strong allies—and I am one of them.

Kamsahamnida!



17. Mr. CITO Angelo

- Current Position: WT Council Member
- Gender: Male
- Date of Birth: February 9, 1966
- Nationality: Italy
- Language: English, Italian

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

Angelo Cito is president of the Italian Taekwondo Federation (FITA) and his leadership extends until 2028. Under his leadership, FITA has experienced significant growth and achieved remarkable international success. Previously, he served as Secretary General of FITA from 1995 to 2016, laying the foundation for its modern structure and strategic vision.

At the international level, Angelo was a member of the World Taekwondo (WT) Council from 2016 to 2024 and contributed to the evolution of the sport as Vice President of the European Taekwondo Union (ETU) between 2017 and 2024. He has held key technical roles within the ETU, serving as Chairman of the Technical Committee (2011-2017), Chairman of the Competition Committee (2006-2011). He also led the Referees Committee (2004-2005) and served on the WTF Technical and Development Committee (2014-2017).

In 2024, he was appointed as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee for the reform of the WT competition rules for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games, reflecting the global recognition of his expertise.

As President of THF Italy since 2021 and a member of the Board of Directors of the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation (THF) since 2024, he has promoted taekwondo as an instrument of peace and empowerment in support of Ukrainian, Afghan and Iranian athletes in the promotion of Olympic values and peace.

His leadership, vision and deep commitment have made him one of the sport's most respected and influential global figures

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

Cito has also been active in the Olympic and humanitarian fields. Since 2016 he has been a member of both the National Councils of CONI (Italian Olympic Committee) and CIP (Italian Paralympic Committee), supporting inclusivity in sport.

- 2023 'CONI awarded President Cito the Collare d'Oro for sporting merit, the highest honour in Italian

sport'

- 2018 'Gold Star' CIP - Italian Paralympic Committee
- 2016 'Stella d'oro' CONI - Italian Olympic Committee
- 2014 'Knight of the Italian Republic

C. Education

Angelo Cito holds a Master's degree in Coaching in Sport from the Department of Sport Psychology at Newport Research University, where he focused on athlete development and performance improvement through psychological and methodological approaches.

He also completed a Master's degree in Sport Management at the prestigious Bocconi University in Milan, deepening his skills in strategic planning, governance and organisational leadership in the sports industry.

This education has equipped him with a comprehensive and forward-looking vision, combining scientific knowledge, managerial skills and a strong humanistic foundation: all essential tools for his leadership within national and international sports institutions.

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

Angelo Cito has always believed that sport, and Taekwondo in particular, has the extraordinary power to shape individuals and inspire positive changes in society. His vision is to promote ethical values such as solidarity, respect, citizenship, inclusion and peace, especially among the younger generations. He sees major international competitions and events not only as showcases for athletic excellence, but also as opportunities to convey these values and bring people together across cultures and borders.

Cito firmly believes that building a better future requires innovation, courage and a commitment to social responsibility. For him, young people are the true protagonists of tomorrow, and it is through them that we must cultivate a fairer, more inclusive and sustainable world.

His motto is: 'The future, our history'.

Because the future is not something distant and abstract: it is the result of the choices we make today, the dreams we cultivate and the values we uphold. It is a history that belongs to all of us and that we must write together.

In a world where sport is constantly evolving, Angelo Cito embraces change as an opportunity for growth. He is convinced that only through vision, unity and innovation can we build a legacy that truly matters.



18. Mr. HUEBL Alexander

- Current Position: MNA President • Gender: Male
- Date of Birth: September 14, 1981 • Nationality: Austria
- Language: German, English, Dutch

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

Taekwondo Certifications

- 6th Dan in Taekwondo Expanding international cooperation with a focus on Central Asia, the Middle East, and Africa

Instructor & Referee Training:

- Upper Austria Referee Kyorugi (2004)
- Upper Austria Referee Poomsae (2007)
- Austrian National Referee Poomsae & Kyorugi (2010)
- International Referee Kyorugi & Poomsae (2012)
- Training at Gwangju University, Korea (2011, 2014)
- Kukkiwon Foreign Master 3rd Class (2013), 2nd Class (2024)
- Kukkiwon Examiner 2nd Class (2024)
- Instructor Trainer D License (2007, passed with distinction)
- State-certified Instructor C (2011, passed with distinction)
- TaekwondTrainer B (2013, passed with distinction)
- Certified Trainer A (2020, passed with distinction; one of only three trainers in Austria achieve this level)

Teaching Activities Taekwondo

- Lecturer for Trainer Education, Austrian TaekwondFederation
- Lecturer for Trainer Education, Bundessportakademie (Austria's only certified trainer education institute)
- Lecturer for Trainer Education, Upper Austrian TaekwondFederation
- Head of Education for National Poomsae Referees (since 2018)
- Head of Education for National Kyorugi Referees (2016-2019)

Organizational Activities

- Organizer of multiple Taekwondtournaments, including:

- Upper Austria Autumn Tournament (2005)
- Lower Austria Championships Kyorugy (2009)
- Upper Austrian National Championships (since 2010)
- Founder of SV TaekwondAmstetten (since 2003)
- Organizer of the 2021 World Wide Online Poomsae Cup (6 tournaments, international participation)
- Head of Organization Poomsae, European Championships in Innsbruck (2024)
- Organizer of Austrian Open, Austrian Open Youth, Austrian Open Poomsae (since 2022)

Leadership & Functions

- ETU Council member, elected (since 2025)
- President, Austrian TaekwondFederation (since 2022)
- President, Upper Austrian TaekwondFederation (since 2015)
- Referee Director, Upper Austrian TaekwondFederation (since 2014)
- Referee Director, Lower Austrian TaekwondFederation (2014-2020)
- Referee Director Poomsae, Austrian Taekwond(since 2020)
- Secretary General, Upper Austrian TaekwondFederation (2011-2015)
- International Referee Poomsae & Kyorugy
- Examiner of Austria Taekwondo
- Kukkiwon Examiner

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

I am currently working at the University of Groningen in the field of Operations Research, with a focus on applied mathematical modeling for complex decision-making in production and logistics. My research and teaching activities include the development of digital twins of real-world systems, combining simulation, optimization, and data-driven approaches to enhance efficiency, resilience, and sustainability in industrial processes.

C. Education

- Honorary Professor, Kyonggi University, South Korea (2025)
- PhD in Operations Research, University of Vienna, Austria (2015)
- Master's Degree in Business, Linnaeus University, Sweden (2006)
- Master's Degree in Production and Management, University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria, Austria (2006)

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

Taekwondo is first and foremost a sport, a dynamic global discipline that thrives on both grassroots participation and elite performance. For almost 40 years I have been deeply involved in Taekwondo

as an athlete, coach, federation president and academic. At the University of Groningen I work in research and education, focusing on applied mathematical modeling for planning and decision-making. I want to use this strategic mindset to strengthen World Taekwondo with structured, transparent and athlete-centered approaches.

My vision is to create the conditions for athletes to achieve their highest performance, built on a strong foundation of grassroots development and broad participation. The Olympic Games remain essential for our sport's visibility, and I fully support efforts to win more medals and ensure that Poomsae is included in the Olympic program.

To stay relevant, our competition rules must evolve continuously, reflecting the needs of athletes, audiences and the global sports community. While we move forward with innovation and new ideas, we should also value the cultural aspects of Taekwondo that have shaped it into the sport it is today.

Moving Taekwondo forward is something we can only achieve together. This means developing modern, fair and exciting competition systems, embracing new technologies such as data, artificial intelligence and digital media, and ensuring that both elite and grassroots Taekwondo can grow side by side.

Guided by the principle "Peace is more precious than triumph," I want to help Taekwondo evolve as a sport, support its athletes and strengthen our global community.



19. Mr. KOLVART Mihhail

- Current Position: MNA President • Gender: Male
- Date of Birth: November 24, 1977 • Nationality: Estonia
- Language: English, Estonian, Russian

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

- Starting from 1993, worked in Tallinn as a Taekwondo coach.
- In 2017, he was elected as President of the Estonian Taekwondo Federation.
- In 2022 obtained a honorary 7 dan from Kukkiwon.
- From 2021 September member of European Taekwondo Union Council.

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

- In 2016, became a member of the Executive Committee of the Estonian Olympic Committee.
- On 30 September 2019, was made an honorary citizen of Seoul.
- On 10 September 2023, was elected leader of the Estonian Centre Party (biggest party in Estonia).
- April 2011 to November 2017, deputy mayor of Tallinn.
- 2017 to 2019, the chairman of the Tallinn City Council.
- April 2019 to March 2024, elected mayor of Tallinn.
- Now - member of Tallinn City Council.

C. Education

- Studied jurisprudence and later business law.

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

1. Taekwondo Show and Technical Battles — a new discipline designed to captivate younger audiences through creativity, acrobatics, rhythm, and visual impact.
2. Do not enforce 100% gender parity in coaching, refereeing, or leadership roles if a fair and qualified selection process does not naturally lead to it. Prioritize merit, professionalism, and motivation over formal equality to maintain integrity in decision-making.

3. Introduce eco-conscious practices that reduce waste rather than increase costs: Avoid frequent changes to uniforms or competition equipment. Cut down on excessive free merchandise, disposable items, and unnecessary printing during championships. Encourage material efficiency, reusable branding assets, and digital alternatives where practical. Promote a “less but better” philosophy: sustainability through simplicity, not spending.

4. More efficient decision-making. Ensure WT and continental commissions are clearly defined in purpose. Introduce clear and consistent standards for the number of members in boards and commissions within whole Taekwondo organizations: continentals and MNAs.



20. Ms. PANKA Anna

- Current Position: WT Council Member • Gender: Female
- Date of Birth: December 31, 1971 • Nationality: Switzerland
- Language: German, Italian, English, French, Spanish

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

- Attorney admitted to the Berlin (Germany) and Milan (Italy) Bar with over 25 years professional experience.
- Council Member of WT since 2021.
- Member of the Board of Trustees of THF since 2019.

As a legal professional with extensive experience in international law and governance, I have had the privilege of serving as Council Member for both World Taekwondo (WT) and the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation (THF), contributing to TW's strategic vision and governance with a firm commitment to integrity, transparency, and inclusion, and supporting initiatives for education, empowerment, and humanitarian outreach in displaced and underserved communities around the world.

My legal background brings a strong foundation in impartiality and ethical decision-making. I approach sport from a neutral and principled perspective, focused on fairness, access, and long-term sustainability.

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

I am a dual-qualified German and Italian attorney, with over 25 years of legal experience in Germany, Italy, the United States, France, and Switzerland. I've worked in highly regulated industries where governance, compliance and integrity are key. I bring that same commitment to our WT Council knowing that WT is committed to the highest standards of integrity, accountability and inclusivity. I further currently serve as Senior Legal Counsel at Bacardi & Company Limited in Geneva. Prior to this, I held positions at leading international law firms including Jacobacci & Associati and White & Case in Milan, Shearman & Sterling in New York and Paris, and Haarmann Hemmelrath in Berlin and Milan.

I am also affiliated with the Cercle Suisse des Administratrices and the Pacificat Negotiator Network at AK Partners.

I am fluent in German, Italian, English, and French, with working knowledge of Spanish, am recognized in the World Trademark Review as one of the world's leading corporate trademark professionals and have long been dedicated to humanitarian work, proudly serving on the Board of THF and FAAI to protect and empower the most vulnerable.

C. Education

- 2003: Italian Attorney (Avvocato). Admitted to the Milan Bar, Italy.
- 2001: German Attorney (Rechtsanwältin). Admitted to the Berlin Bar, Germany
- 1997: Humboldt-University zu Berlin. University Degree in Law.

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

My vision for the next four years is for WT to set the global standard for sports governance (elevating to A1 in the ASOIF Governance Review), anchored in democratic decision-making, ethical integrity, financial transparency and sustainability. WT will enhance global trust, empower MNAs and lead by example across the Olympic Movements, always with the athletes at the heart.

It has been an honor to serve on the WT Council over the last 4 years and to be reconfirmed as Trustee of the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation (THF).

I remain fully committed to WT's mission to promote Taekwondo as a global force for inclusion, excellence, and peace.

With a professional background in law and governance, I can bring a neutral and independent perspective to WT leadership. This allows me to approach challenges with fairness, objectivity, and a strong sense of integrity. I believe these qualities are essential to ensuring sound governance, ethical oversight, and trust in WT's institutions.

If elected, I commit to champion:

Integrity in all decision-making, guided by legal and ethical best practices;

Inclusion, especially gender equity and access for youth, minorities, and displaced populations, also through the cooperation between WT and THF;

Global impact, by supporting WT's vision of "Taekwondo for All" and contributing through my active role in THF, where we empower communities through sport-based humanitarian programs.

World Taekwondo has shown the world how sport can inspire resilience and unity. I am deeply proud to play a part in the Taekwondo Family, and I would be honored to continue serving with dedication, independence, and a firm belief in Taekwondo's values.



21. Mr. SAHIN Metin

- Current Position: WT Council Member • Gender: Male
- Date of Birth: January 10, 1963 • Nationality: Türkiye
- Language: Turkish, English

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

I have dedicated over four decades of my life to taekwondo—as an athlete, educator, and sports administrator.

Between 1984 and 1995, I proudly represented Türkiye in major international competitions. Some of my achievements include:

Gold Medals:

- 1984 Antalya Tournament (Türkiye)
- 1984 Austria–Türkiye Joint Tournament (Austria)
- 1984, 1986, 1987 Belgium Open
- 1985 Mediterranean Cup (Yugoslavia)
- 1985 Cyprus Open
- 1986 ETU President’s Cup (İzmir)
- 1986 European Championships (Austria)
- 1990 100th Year Friendship Tournament (Japan)
- 1990 European Championships (Denmark)

Silver Medals:

- 1984 5th European Championships (Germany)
- 1985 7th World Championships (Korea)
- 1988 7th European Championships (Türkiye)

Bronze Medals

- 1985 Helsinki Open (Finland)
- 1988 Pre-Olympic Games (Korea)
- 1991 10th World Championships (Greece)

In 2003, I was elected President of the Turkish Taekwondo Federation, a role I held until 2024. Under my leadership, Türkiye rose to global prominence in both competitive success and organizational excellence.

Currently, I serve as Vice President of the European Taekwondo Union and Council Member of World Taekwondo, contributing to the sport’s global strategy, development, and governance.

I also serve as a Professor at Selçuk University, Faculty of Sport Sciences, mentoring future

generations of coaches, athletes, and scholars.

Taekwondo shaped my life. I remain fully committed to leading its continued growth with integrity, unity, and vision.

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

Beyond my involvement in taekwondo, I have served for many years as a Professor at the Faculty of Sport Sciences at Selçuk University. My academic work focuses on sports education, athlete development, and the sociocultural aspects of sport. I have contributed to numerous publications, lectures, and national curriculum development projects.

I have also played a key role in organizing international seminars, scientific conferences, and development programs related to martial arts and physical education. My experience in managing large-scale events has contributed to my strategic planning, crisis management, and administrative leadership skills.

I regularly participate in international sports forums and have represented Türkiye in various European and global academic platforms, building strong bridges between the academic world and sports governance.

In addition, I have worked closely with national institutions such as the Turkish Ministry of Youth and Sports, contributing to the development of sports policy, education systems, and athlete support models. These experiences have helped me build a wide network in international sports, strengthened my cross-cultural communication skills, and broadened my vision for sport as a tool for unity and development.

C. Education

I hold a Ph.D. in Physical Education and Sports Sciences. I graduated from Gazi University, one of Türkiye's leading institutions in this field.

Following my academic training, I continued my career in higher education and currently serve as a Professor at the Faculty of Sport Sciences at Selçuk University.

My academic focus includes athlete development, Olympic education, and sports management. I have contributed to numerous academic publications, national curriculum designs, and international research projects in these areas.

This academic foundation has greatly shaped my leadership style and my commitment to evidence-based development in the global taekwondo community.

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

If elected, my vision for the next four years is to strengthen World Taekwondo's global presence by building on its core values: unity, integrity, and excellence.

My priorities will be:

- Athlete-Centered Development: I will advocate for stronger support systems for athletes at all levels—improved training environments, educational resources, and long-term career pathways both during and after sport.
- Global Expansion and Solidarity: I will focus on expanding taekwondo's reach in underrepresented regions, ensuring all MNAs have equal access to development opportunities, funding, and high-level competitions.
- Digital Transformation: I aim to modernize WT's operations through digital education platforms, virtual events, and enhanced communication tools that connect our community globally.
- Youth and Education: Promoting taekwondo in schools and universities, supporting talent identification programs, and integrating Olympic and moral values into youth training.
- Transparency and Ethics: I will ensure that WT continues to operate with full transparency, ethical leadership, and inclusive governance where every voice is respected.

I believe our sport has the power to shape lives and build peace. Together, we can take taekwondo to new heights while staying true to the traditions that define it.



22. Mr. SAMANDZHYIA Lesik

- Current Position: MNA President
- Date of Birth: November 15, 1958
- Language: Ukrainian, Russian, English
- Gender: Male
- Nationality: Ukraine

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

I am the President of the Ukrainian Taekwondo Federation, I'm a council member of the European Taekwondo Union and a member of the Ukrainian National Olympic Committee. I am also a Master of Sports of the USSR, holder of a 5th dan black belt in WT taekwondo.

Known as a coach who has trained many successful athletes, including two Honored Masters of Sports of Ukraine, three Masters of Sports of International Class and 30 Masters of Sports of Ukraine.

My athletes participated in the 2004 and 2012 Olympic Games.

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

In my youth I played football.

C. Education

Kharkiv State Academy of Physical Culture

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

Over the next four years, I will make every effort to strengthen the position of taekwondo both in Ukraine and around the world, to promote sustainable development and exchange of experience between athletes and coaches to attract more people to this sport.



23. Mr. TANRIKULU Bahri

- Current Position: MNA President
- Date of Birth: March 16, 1980
- Language: Turkish, English
- Gender: Male
- Nationality: Türkiye

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

Bahri TANRIKULU holds a distinguished place in the history of world taekwondo not only through his medal count, but also through the spirit and leadership he has demonstrated. His silver medal win in the final match of the 2004 Athens Olympics—despite competing with a broken arm—stands as a symbol of his determination and the very essence of taekwondo. With three World Championship titles earned in 2001, 2007, and 2009, he entered the Guinness World Records as the male athlete with the most world titles in the middleweight. Recognized as one of the most successful taekwondo athletes of all time, he has also achieved numerous accolades in European Championships and countless international tournaments. Today, TANRIKULU serves as a global source of inspiration not only for his past achievements but also for his leadership that shapes the future of the sport. His journey from elite athlete to executive demonstrates that he is a holistic sportsman with a comprehensive mastery of every facet of the discipline.

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

Bahri TANRIKULU is a multifaceted leader who has successfully translated his experience in sports into contributions to public policy and social development. As a Sports Consultant at the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Türkiye, he plays an active role in shaping youth policies, talent identification programs, and international sports diplomacy efforts. Through the Bahri TANRIKULU Sports Club, which he founded, he has reached hundreds of young athletes across Türkiye, spearheading the expansion of taekwondo schools and the establishment of sustainable athlete development systems. While fostering equal opportunities at the local level, TANRIKULU has broadened Türkiye's taekwondo vision through national and international networks. By combining hands-on experience with strategic governance, he has proven himself not only as a champion in the sporting world but also as a visionary leader.

C. Education

Bahri TANRIKULU is a seasoned professional who has deepened his sports education from both academic and practical perspectives. A graduate of Akdeniz University's Department of Physical Education and Sports Teaching, he completed his master's degree in Coaching Education at Selçuk University. By combining his academic background with extensive experience as an elite athlete and coach, he has developed comprehensive, field-specific expertise. Continuously updating himself through national and international training programs, TANRIKULU closely follows contemporary

approaches in athlete development, training sciences, and leadership. By integrating his education with practical application, he exemplifies the effective transformation of knowledge into action. His holistic approach aligns directly with the strategic objectives of World Taekwondo.

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

Bahri TANRIKULU's vision for World Taekwondo (WT) is built on the pillars of strong institutional frameworks, human-centered values, and digital transformation. His strategic goals for the next four years are as follows:

- Athlete-Centered Approach: Structures that prioritize athletes will be developed through psychological safety, ethical education, and comprehensive support systems.
- Youth and Education: School-based programs, digital learning platforms, and accessible projects will be implemented to reach younger generations.
- Empowerment of Women: Female leadership will be promoted, with inclusivity in governance adopted as a core principle.
- Digitalization and Technology: Innovative solutions will be introduced through AI-supported analytics, digital refereeing systems, and transparent data management.
- Institutional Strengthening: WT's capacity will be enhanced through inter-federation cooperation, sustainable financing, and ethical governance.

TANRIKULU's vision aspires to build a future for world taekwondo that is grounded in the universal values of sport, embraces ethical principles and technology, and places the athlete at its core. With his exceptional achievements as an athlete, active role in public service, strong commitment to education, and institutional foresight, TANRIKULU possesses the qualifications to make a meaningful impact on the WT Council. With his involvement, WT will remain faithful to its traditions while evolving in alignment with the demands of the modern era.

Bahri TANRIKULU's candidacy is not merely an individual application—it is a powerful commitment to advancing taekwondo toward a more inclusive, fair, and innovative future.



24. Mr. TEREKHOV Anatoly

- Current Position: WT Council Member
- Date of Birth: December 3, 1947
- Language: Russian, English
- Gender: Male
- Nationality: Russian Federation

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

- President of Moscow Taekwondo Federation since 2006
- President of Russian Taekwondo Union since 2009
- WT Council member
- ETU Vice-president
- ETU Council member
- 6th Dan Black Belt

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

Senior positions at Gazprom enterprises since 1985: the Scientific Research Institute of Natural Gases, the NGO "Tyumengaztechnology", the PO "Nadymgazprom".
Currently the General Director of JSC "INFOTEK GROUP", the General Director of LLC "Gazinter".

C. Education

- A high economic education, academic degree – candidate of economic sciences;
- An academician of the Academy of technological Sciences;
- An academician of the Academy of security, defense and law;
- An academician of the Academy of sports and martial arts;
- The author of several scientific publications and inventions.

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

Further strengthening the position of WT as one of the leading sports in the Olympic movement.

Expanding the participation of taekwondo athletes in the Olympic Games. The development of World Taekwondo humanitarian potential. Promotion of new directions of taekwondo development.

The development of mass taekwondo at all levels of various age and physical groups.

Integration of sports events into the cultural and business environment.

Implementation of the following steps:

- Organization of tournaments and competitions for various categories of participants — from beginners to elite athletes
- Popularization of professional taekwondo at the international level — participation in world competitions, organization of professional leagues and championships
- Development of business culture in taekwondo
- Promotion of taekwondo through cultural and sports exchanges
- Conducting information campaigns and events aimed at increasing motivation to engage in sports and physical education
- Work to increase the attractiveness for the media
- Partnership with educational institutions

In achieving common goals, I, Terekhov A.K., am ready to make my personal feasible contribution, working on my own and integrating the accumulated positive experience and results into a common cause. This will increase the attractiveness of sports for young people and their role in it, as well as actively introduce new technologies with concern for the environment.



25. Ms. VASSALLO Anna

- Current Position: WT Council Member
- Gender: Female
- Date of Birth: March 17, 1958
- Nationality: Malta
- Language: Maltese, English, Italian

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

I have dedicated many years to the development and promotion of Taekwondo, both locally and internationally. I currently hold leadership positions within World Taekwondo, the European Taekwondo Union, and the Commonwealth Taekwondo Union. I was the first female Council Member and later the first female Vice President of our continental body. My contributions were recognized with an induction into the World Taekwondo Hall of Fame for Outstanding Leadership. Under my guidance, Malta has hosted international competitions, joined global Taekwondo initiatives, and significantly raised the standard of the sport nationwide. My focus remains on fostering discipline, respect, and excellence across all levels of Taekwondo in Malta.

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

Beyond my involvement in Taekwondo, I bring over 30 years of professional experience in the oil sector, where I worked in marketing and communications. This background has equipped me with strong strategic planning, leadership, and organizational skills, which I've successfully applied to the sports sector. I have a deep understanding of stakeholder engagement, event management, and sponsorship development. My experience in business has also helped me secure increased funding and build sustainable partnerships for the Malta Taekwondo Association. Additionally, I have been actively involved in various national sports initiatives, collaborating with the Maltese Olympic Committee and Ministry of Sport to promote youth engagement and long-term athlete development.

C. Education

My educational background has provided a strong foundation for both my professional and sporting careers. I pursued studies in business and marketing, which played a key role in my success in the corporate sector and later in sports administration. Over the years, I have also taken part in various leadership and sports management courses, both locally and internationally, to continue developing my skills and stay up to date with best practices in governance, athlete development, and international sport relations.

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

Leadership in Action: Elevating Taekwondo in Malta

When I was elected President of the Malta Taekwondo Association, my mission was clear: to put

Malta on the global Taekwondo map. Through relentless dedication and strategic leadership, that vision is now a reality.

Achievements & Global Impact

Under my leadership, Malta has earned international recognition in the Taekwondo world. Our young athletes now regularly medal in competitions, and Malta is respected by global and national governing bodies. We've proudly hosted international events, elite camps, and introduced Kukkiwon Dan Gradings locally.

Inclusion & Growth

Joining the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation (THF) enabled us to support disadvantaged youth through sport. We've introduced Taekwondo in nine schools, including the University of Malta, and hold grassroots tournaments for all ages and skill levels.

Leadership & Recognition

I'm honored to have been elected to the World Taekwondo Council and to serve as Vice President of the European Taekwondo Union. In 2019, I became the first Maltese and first female continental Council Member, and was recently re-elected for another four-year term. I've also been inducted into the World Taekwondo Hall of Fame and appointed by the Maltese Olympic Committee to lead disciplinary boards.

Strategic Partnerships

We've forged key partnerships with the Chinese Federation and FITA, and secured funding through close collaboration with the Ministry of Sport and the Maltese Olympic Committee.

Professional Foundation

With 30+ years in marketing and a First Dan Black Belt, I lead with discipline, respect, and integrity. I champion equal opportunities for athletes from small nations and advocate for women in sport leadership.

Looking Ahead

We are now building Malta's first Olympic pathway in Taekwondo and expanding our programs nationwide. My vision remains clear: inclusive development, excellence, and global cooperation for a stronger future.



26. Ms. BURNS Lauren

- Current Position: Director, Lauren Burns P/L – Speaker, Researcher, Human Performance Consultant
- Date of Birth: June 8, 1974
- Language: English
- Gender: Female
- Nationality: Australia

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

Olympic gold medal, Sydney 2000 -49kg
 Athletes Commission, Taekwondo Australia
 Ambassador, Taekwondo Australia
 Women's Team Captain, Australian Taekwondo Team
 Australian Taekwondo - Member of Australian Taekwondo Appeals Tribunal

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

Chair, Victorian Institute of Sport
 Combat Australia - Wellbeing and Engagement Manager
 Academic Researcher, elite performance
 Run own business - Corporate speaker (28yrs)
 Order of Australia Medal recipient
 Athletes Commission - Australian Olympic Committee
 Olympic Education Ambassador
 Red Dust Role Models

C. Education

PhD, Athlete Lifestyle and Mindset
 Bachelor of Health Science, Naturopathy

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

As an Olympic gold medalist, researcher, and lifelong advocate for athlete well-being, my vision for World Taekwondo is to foster a global culture where performance excellence is matched by excellence in care – physical, mental, and emotional. I believe that Taekwondo is not just a sport but a powerful vehicle for personal growth, community connection, and cultural diplomacy.

I aim to contribute to a future-focused World Taekwondo that:

- Elevates Athlete Development through a holistic lens, integrating the latest science in performance psychology, lifestyle medicine, and interpersonal dynamics to support athletes

at all stages of their journey – from grassroots to elite and beyond.

- Promotes Ethical Leadership and Governance, championing transparency, inclusivity, and athlete representation at every level of decision-making.
- Strengthens Global Engagement, ensuring Taekwondo continues to evolve as a modern, inclusive, and accessible martial art, deeply rooted in its values of respect, discipline, and perseverance.
- Innovates in Education and Wellbeing, bringing my background in naturopathy and research to design initiatives that enhance recovery, resilience, and longevity in our athletes – ensuring they not only perform, but flourish.
- Cultivates the Indomitable Spirit, honouring Taekwondo's deeper philosophy by empowering individuals to overcome adversity, cultivate resilience, and contribute meaningfully to their communities – on and off the mat.

Having served on athletes' commissions, governance boards, and led research that has informed national high-performance strategy, I bring a unique integration of lived experience, academic insight, and systems thinking. My vision is to serve World Taekwondo with integrity, dedication, and an unwavering belief in the potential of our people, our values, and our sport.



27. Mr. ISKANDAR Hassan

- Current Position: WT Council Member • Gender: Male
- Date of Birth: November 23, 1962 • Nationality: Australia
- Language: English, Arabic

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

World Taekwondo Executive Council Member 2021-2025.

2014 – 2022 Hassan Iskandar served as President of Australian Taekwondo, transforming it to one of the world's most progressive National Sporting Organisations.

In the last 25 years, Hassan Iskandar served as an executive member of New South Wales and Vice president of The National Federation Taekwondo Australia, Board Chairman, President of Sports Taekwondo Australia, and Currently President of Australian Taekwondo.

Grand Master Hassan Iskandar's Taekwondo journey started more than 50 years ago as a keen young student, who then became an athlete, a coach, an instructor and now as a Grand Master of a successful Taekwondo Martial Arts Business.

Besides focusing on Taekwondo & other combat sports Hassan Iskandar achieved 4 diplomas: Marketing, Business Management, Risk Management and Operational Works.

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

Hassan Iskandar has competed in Boxing, Wrestling and Judo thus complementing his Taekwondo skills with a comprehensive understanding of global combat sports.

Owned and operated successful Restaurants.

Successfully worked in local New South Wales Government.

C. Education

Besides focusing on Taekwondo & other combat sports Hassan Iskandar achieved 4 diplomas in Marketing, Business Management, Risk Management and Operational Works.

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

To further promote Taekwondo globally as a sport and Martial Art, promoting Taekwondo to the greater communities around the world thus attracting new participants to Taekwondo. This would be

done in partnership with other relevant bodies, international companies & Airlines as partners & sponsors.

Endeavor to get Taekwondo as an official sport in the Commonwealth Games, the last frontier.
Ongoing review and improvements of WT Taekwondo competitions, rules, to increase popularity to spectators and TV viewers.

Endeavor to improve social media coverage – live streaming and using TikTok, Instagram reels, Snapchat to increase public consumption of taekwondo related information

With the number of MNA's increasing it is important that the WT continues to listen to and support MNA's more wherever possible. Plus working with the Continental Unions to ensure that Taekwondo is more supported & developed in the less resourced Nations.

Bringing new ideas & novel opportunities to WT.



28. Mr. MAGABLEH Maher

- Current Position: WT Council Member • Gender: Male
- Date of Birth: April 19, 1976 • Nationality: Australia
- Language: English, Arabic

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

- Council Member, World Taekwondo. (2019 – Present)
- Trustee and Director of Operations, Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation. (2019 – Present)
- Board Member, Oceania Taekwondo Union. (2018 – 2025)
- Chairman of Interim Board, World Taekwondo New Zealand. (2020 – 2022)
- Chairman of Marketing and Commercial Committee, World Taekwondo. (2017 – Present)
- Vice Chairman of Development Committee, World Taekwondo. (2021 – Present)
- Member Relations and Development Commission (MRD) Member, World Taekwondo. (2021 – Present)
- Member Relations and Development Commission representative for the Integrity Audit Team (IAT), World Taekwondo. (2022 – Present)
- Member of Competition Rules Reform Committee for 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, World Taekwondo. (2024 – 2025)
- Virtual Taekwondo Committee Member, World Taekwondo. (2024 – Present)
- Member of the International Referees Selection Committee for 2024 Paris Olympics, World Taekwondo. (2023 – 2024)
- Member of the Best Athletes Selection Committee at Olympic and Paralympic Games, World Taekwondo. (2023)
- Golden Jubilee Committee Member, World Taekwondo. (2021 – 2024)
- Taekwondo for All Committee Member, World Taekwondo. (2019 – 2021)
- Technical Delegate (TD) Level 3, World Taekwondo. (2019 – Present)
- Member of Competition Supervisory Board (CSB) at 2024 Paris Olympic Games, World Taekwondo. (2024)
- Headquarter Host City Evaluation Committee Member, World Taekwondo. (2023)
- International Referee (First Class WT IR), World Taekwondo. (2003 – 2019)
- Taekwondo Olympic Referee, Rio 2016, Nanjing 2014, and Buenos Aires 2018 Olympic Games.

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

Business & Leadership:

- Founder/CEO, EzyMart Group (2001–Present): Operates 480+ stores across Australia.
- President, Australian Jordanian Chamber of Commerce (2019 – Present).
- Founder/Chairman, Maher Foundation (2011 – Present): Humanitarian and community

initiatives.

Awards & Honors:

- Award from South Korean Ministry of Culture, Sports & Tourism for global Taekwondo promotion.
- Finalist, Australian Ethnic Business Awards (2012, 2021).

C. Education

- BA in Accounting
- Graduate Diploma in Business Administration & Management
- Graduate Diploma in Public Relations
- Certifications in Risk Management, Strategy & Planning, Franchise Management
- Kukkiwon 7th Dan Black Belt (Cert. No. 05063930)

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

1. Simplify & Modernise the Sport
 - Streamline rules to make Taekwondo more accessible for audiences and newcomers.
 - Enhance viewer engagement through intuitive scoring and dynamic formats, mirroring the excitement of commercial sports.
 2. Boost Commercial Viability
 - Attract sponsors by creating branded athlete affiliations.
 - Leverage technology such as augmented reality and real-time analytics to elevate broadcasts and fan experiences.
 3. Empower Smaller Nations
 - Support underserved MNAs with tailored development programs, funding strategies, and resource-sharing initiatives.
 - Bridge financial gaps through partnerships and grants to ensure equitable global growth.
 4. Diversify Leadership & Expertise
 - Open committees to non-Taekwondo specialists including (but not limited to) lawyers, sports scientists, and marketers to drive innovation.
 - Focus on skills and expertise to meet key needs like athlete health, governance, and business strategy.
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29. Mr. OH Jin Keun

- Current Position: MNA President
- Date of Birth: October 31, 1968
- Language: English, Korean
- Gender: Male
- Nationality: New Zealand

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

Taekwondo Experience: 45 years

- 8th Dan Black Belt
- 15 years as an athlete

Instructor Certificate:

- Kukkiwon 2nd Class Master

Examiner Certificate:

- Kukkiwon 1st Class Examiner

Coaching Experience:

- Sejong University Team Coach
- New Zealand National team coach from 1999~2016
- New Zealand Olympic Coach at the 2004 Athens, 2008 Beijing, 2012 London, 2016 Rio olympic games.

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

- Currently operating Sejong Taekwondo club in New Zealand for 28 years.
- Currently running a sports and Taekwondo apparel company for 3 years.
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C. Education

- Graduated from Seongdong elementary school.
- Graduated from Hankwang middle school.
- Graduated from Hankwang high school.
- Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education, Sejong University.

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

Over the next four years, my vision for WT is to make Taekwondo competitions more dynamic, fair, and thrilling so that even more people around the world can enjoy and love our sport. In particular, I will focus on strengthening Taekwondo infrastructure in the Oceania region, discovering promising

athletes, and nurturing highly qualified coaches and referees. I will also actively support the Commonwealth Taekwondo Union (CTU), which represents over 50 countries, to ensure that Taekwondo is officially included as an event in Commonwealth Games. Ultimately, I will do my utmost to help Taekwondo grow into one of the most popular and respected Olympic sports that unites people around the world through its values.



30. Ms. PACE Linda Siew Sien

- Current Position: OTU Poomsae Committee Chair
- Date of Birth: October 29, 1966
- Language: English, Mandarin, Cantonese, Hokkien, Malay
- Gender: Female
- Nationality: Australia

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

Current Taekwondo Positions held:

- White Studio Taekwondo (Melbourne, Australia) - Executive Director and Principal (2008 – current)
- Oceania Taekwondo Union - Elected Senior Vice President on 23rd May 2025
- Oceania Taekwondo Union - Poomsae Committee Chair, Education Committee member and Para Committee Vice-Chair (2021 – 2025)

Previous Taekwondo Positions held:

- Oceania Taekwondo Union - Council Member (2021–2025)
- World Taekwondo - Para Taekwondo Committee member (2023–2024)
- World Taekwondo Oceania - Poomsae and Para-Poomsae Director (2017–2021)
- Australian Taekwondo - Poomsae Officiating Committee Chair (2017)
- Australian Taekwondo - Committee Member of AT Poomsae Officiating Committee (2016)
- Australian Taekwondo - Poomsae Seminar Presenter (2016–2017)
- Oceania Taekwondo Union - Poomsae Seminar Presenter (2015–2016)
- Taekwondo Victoria Poomsae Committee - Member (2009–2010)
- Taekwondo Victoria Kyorugi Committee - Member (2009–2010)

Taekwondo qualifications:

- World Taekwondo Poomsae Technical Educator (2024–current)
- World Taekwondo International Poomsae Referee, Level 1
- World Taekwondo Poomsae Coach Level 1 Certificate
- Kukkiwon 6th Dan
- World Taekwondo Oceania Poomsae Referee, Level A Class
- Australian Taekwondo - Poomsae Performance Coach
- Taekwondo Australia - Poomsae Referee, Level 1, Kyorugi Referee, Level 2 and Poomsae & Kyorugi Coach
- World Taekwondo Academy Master Certificate, Level 3

Extensive Experience in running International G-ranked events including roles as:

- Technical Delegate
- Competition Supervisory Board member
- Tournament Chair
- Poomsae Referee Chair

- International Referee

Key Successes:

- 2004–2018, Medalist in multiple International and National Poomsae Championships
- 2021–2023, organized multiple International and Continental Online Poomsae and Para-Poomsae Taekwondo Championships
- Refereed at multiple World Poomsae Taekwondo Championships (2016, 2018, 2022, 2024)

Awards and Achievements:

- 2019 Taekwondo Hall of Fame, Citation for Outstanding Taekwondo Referee Award
- 2014 Best Referee Award, 6th Commonwealth Games & 1st Commonwealth Para Tkd, Scotland
- 2014 Silver Medallist, 9th World Poomsae Championships, Mexico
- 2011 Dual Gold Medallist, Commonwealth Taekwondo Championships, Chennai India

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

White Studio Design, Advertising & Marketing Ltd

- Chief Executive, Senior Designer (2004 – 2013)
- Responsible for advertising products and services
- Marketing brands, products, or services
- Positively promote items
- Created public awareness and promotion of products and services including the creation of brand names, logo and advertisements

White Studio Taekwondo (Melbourne, Australia)

- Executive Director and Principal (2008 – current)
- Developing business management goals and objectives
- Designing and implementing strategies ensuring adequate and suitable activities
- Oversee operations and train new practitioner

GCS International Victoria, Australia (Goodwill Cooperation Service), a non-governmental organization (2021 – present)

- Play a vital role in society by addressing diverse needs and promoting positive change
- Provide direct assistance to individuals and communities facing challenges like poverty, hunger, homelessness, illness or disability
- Offer opportunities for individuals to contribute to the common good and raise awareness about important issues

C. Education

Curtin University of Western Australia (1993)

Bachelor of Arts, Advertising, Media & Marketing

Australian Technical College of Western Australia (1992)

Diploma in Graphic Design & Advertising

Korea University International Language Institute of South Korea (2019)
Certificate of completion in Korean Language Level 1

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

My vision is centered on creating a thriving, inclusive, and innovative environment that fosters excellence, promotes participation, and supports the holistic development of taekwondo worldwide.

Key Strategic Objectives:

1. **Athlete Development:** Implement cutting-edge training programs, talent identification initiatives, and support systems to nurture and empower athletes to reach their full potential.
 2. **Coach Education:** Develop and deliver comprehensive education and certification programs that equip coaches with the knowledge, skills, and best practices to optimize athlete development and performance.
 3. **Community Engagement:** Foster a culture of inclusivity, respect, and sportsmanship, promoting taekwondo as a positive force for individuals, communities, and society as a whole.
 4. **Strategic Partnerships:** Collaborate with key stakeholders, including governments, sponsors, and international organizations, to drive growth, secure resources, and advance the interests of our members.
 5. **Governance and Transparency Issues:** Ensure robust governance structures, transparent decision-making processes, and accountability mechanisms are in place to maintain the trust and confidence of our taekwondo members and stakeholders.
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31. Ms. BORELLO CASTILLO Maria Rosario

- Current Position: WT Vice President • Gender: Female
- Date of Birth: March 23, 1950 • Nationality: Guatemala
- Language: Spanish, English, Italian

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

6th Dan with extensive leadership and technical expertise:

WT Executive Council Member for the last twenty-nine years: this experience has given me a deep understanding on how our institution works.

Board of Arbitration Member: a thorough knowledge and expertise of the WT Competition Rules and Interpretation and WT Statutes have given me the opportunity to officiate in elite events such as qualifying tournaments, world championships, world cups, and Olympic Games (Sydney 2000, Athens 2004, London 2012, Rio 2016), all of them during the last twenty-five years.

I have promoted gender equality in sports, being part of projects such as the first-ever WT Gender Equity Forum and earning three IOC Women and Sport awards.

My work has been recognized with honors—like the PATU Hall of Fame award in 2022 and special recognition from the President of the Korean Republic Dr. Roh Moo-Hyun in 2003, all while helping taekwondo grow worldwide and make a real difference in people.

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

- Retired

C. Education

- Bachelor in Fine Arts

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

In governance, I am committed to maintaining our federation's standards to keep WT's ASOIF's A1 ranking. Under my leadership as Counselor, the Guatemalan Taekwondo Federation is placed at the Top Five, among 46 national federations in governance audits conducted by the Ministry of Finance and national audit authorities. This year, the audit for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2024, concluded with outstanding results. The report's conclusion confirms no reportable findings were detected, demonstrating our federation's rigorous standards and commitment to transparency,

accountability, and strict accounting practices in alignment with World Taekwondo's values.

My life's purpose to transform lives:

My passion, however, lies in social programs, where I have seen Taekwondo's impact on the lives of many. I want my legacy to be the palpable difference it has made for boys, girls and women, empowering them to overcome adversity. Programs like Taekwondo for Me—which supports survivors of sexual violence—and Hoodlinks, which prevents children from gang influence, have shown how discipline and self-esteem can change their future. The Maya ethnic groups Project and Tipulcan have broken barriers for marginalized communities, fostering confidence and leadership.

One of my initiatives is Villa de las Niñas and Niños project, (orphans) reaching 1,500 underserved youth. Through Taekwondo, we teach resilience and values, complementing their education and vocational training.

My effort has been recognized by the 2024 WT Sustainability Award, for the Project “Taekwondo for Me”, which empowers survivors of sexual violence through Taekwondo, facilitating emotional healing, physical strength, and social skills to promote inclusion and improve their quality of life.

My work has always been driven by a deep belief in Taekwondo's power to transform lives, and I am honored to continue this path with honor, pride, and dedication alongside the WT.



32. Mr. KIM Inseon

- Current Position: WT Council Member • Gender: Male
- Date of Birth: January 7, 1962 • Nationality: USA
- Language: English, Korean

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

- 1995 USA Taekwondo National Team Coach
- 2003 to 2018 – President of Texas State Taekwondo Association
- 2012 - USA Taekwondo Olympic Team – Captain
- Oct 2021 – Re-elected World Taekwondo Council Member
- January 2021 – Appointed World Taekwondo Technical Commission Chair
- March 2020 - Appointed Technical Delegate by WT 2020 Costa Rica Open (Heredia, Costa Rica)
- February 2019 – Appointed Technical Delegate by WT 2019 US Open Taekwondo Championships & US Open Para Taekwondo Championships (Las Vegas, Nevada)
- January 2019 – Appointed PATU Ex-Officio Council of WT Pan America
- June 2019 – Appointed – World Taekwondo Technical Commission Vice-Chair
- October 2018 – Appointed Technical Delegate by WT World Taekwondo Grand Prix - (Manchester, England)
- September 2018 –Appointed Technical Delegate by WT 2018 Canada Open (Richmond, Canada)
- July 2018 –Appointed Technical Delegate by WT 2018 Jeju Korea Open (Jeju, Korea)
- April 2018 –Appointed Competition Supervisory Board World Junior Taekwondo Championships (Hammamet, Tunisia)
- February 2018 – Appointed Technical Delegate by WT 2018 US Open Taekwondo Championships & US Open Para Taekwondo Championships (Las Vegas, Nevada)
- January 2018 – Appointed WT Technical Committee Vice Chair
- January 2018 – Appointed WT Development Committee Vice Chair
- June 2017 – Elected World Taekwondo Council Member
- November 2016 – Appointed Competition Supervisory Board 2016 WT World Taekwondo Junior Championships (Burnaby, Canada)
- May 2016 – Appointed Technical Delegate by WT European Taekwondo Championships (Montreux, Switzerland)
- February 2016 – Appointed Technical Delegate by WT 2016 US Open Taekwondo Championships & US Open Para Taekwondo Championships (Reno, Nevada)
- 2016 - Rio Olympic Pan America Qualification, CSB, Queterro, Mexico

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

- 1988 to Present - Owner, Master Instructor – Kim’s USA Taekwondo LLC.
- 2003 to 2018 – President of Texas State Taekwondo Association
- 2011 - Recipient – Ministry of Culture “Sports Tourism Award.” presented by the Minister of Sports and Tourism - Republic of Korea
- 2023 - Inducted into the US Grandmasters Hall Of Fame - "Peace Award"

C. Education

- BA, Physical Education, Kyung Hee University
- Masters, Sports Exercise Science, West Texas A&M University

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

My vision is to help guide Taekwondo into a strong and unified future—one that honors our Olympic legacy while embracing innovation, inclusivity, and global development. Through my experience as a Technical Delegate at major international tournaments across Pan America, Europe, Asia, and other regions, I have had the privilege of working closely with Member National Associations and building trusted relationships with many of their leaders.

These global connections have given me a deep understanding of the diverse needs and aspirations of our Taekwondo community. I hope to use this experience to support MNAs and Taekwondo leaders in strengthening cooperation across regions—working together to create and implement brand new initiatives that will lead to a more connected and resilient future for our sport.

I am fully committed to supporting the vision of President Choue and the continued success of impactful programs such as the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation (THF), which exemplifies the spirit of Taekwondo beyond competition. By promoting these initiatives and introducing new strategies that reflect the evolving needs of our athletes, coaches, and organizations, I believe we can ensure that Taekwondo continues to be a global leader in sport, character development, and unity.

With collaboration, vision, and shared purpose, the future of Taekwondo can be even brighter—for every nation, every practitioner, and every generation to come.



33. Mr. MANDEL VAISMAN Mario

- Current Position: WT Council Member • Gender: Male
- Date of Birth: May 15, 1956 • Nationality: Chile
- Language: Spanish, English

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

- 7 DAN KUKKIWON
- IR 1 CLASS
- OLYMPIC REFEREE
- WT EDUCATOR 2 CLASS
- WT TECHNICAL DELEGATE 2 CLASS
- 2021 - currently - PATU SECRETARY GENERAL

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

- PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY, UNIVERSIDAD DE CHILE
- ENTREPRENEUR

C. Education

- PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

My vision is based on supporting the guidelines that WT has proposed for this Olympic cycle, providing from my experience as SG of PATU action plans to empower all developing MNAs, in order to reach the highest level in the next Olympic Games.

At the same time seek to enhance the growth and competitive level of poomsae, from the education of trainers, coaches and increase the possibilities of all athletes in joint training, which favor the exchange of ideas, experiences and generate a network of contacts. Hoping to increase the visibility and possibilities to be accepted as part of the 2028 Angels program.

Looking to the future of our taekwondo, my vision will focus on fostering opportunities to introduce new technologies, such as virtual taekwondo to all federations, even those that are limited by economic issues or distance.

Finally, it is important not to forget the basis of our martial art, which is the knowledge that is transmitted from the training of new practitioners. I will work to collaborate with the development

programs that the WT currently has. Reaffirming the bases will help us not only in sporting results, but to fulfill a social purpose to form integrated people who can collaborate in their communities.

It is my desire to continue to carry forward the propagation of taekwondo and to be able to continue giving back and transmitting to future generations, everything that taekwondo, its community and masters have given me, in order to complete the next chapter of the history of this beautiful martial art.



34. Mr. WARWICK Richard Jay

- Current Position: WT Council Member • Gender: Male
- Date of Birth: September 14, 1957 • Nationality: USA
- Language: English

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

I have had the opportunity to see Taekwondo from a wide perspective including as a Taekwondo student to a Dojang owner to a National Team Member and international competitor. I also earned my WT international referee certificate as well as coached my country's national team internationally for 8 years. I served on my MNA's executive board for 14 years and worked as the CEO for 5 years. Finally, I worked as a senior executive for the U.S. Olympic Committee as a Director in the Sport Division where I over saw 12 US National Sport Federations.

Administration

- 1989-1996, US Taekwondo Chairman AAC
- 1989, WT International Referee Certification
- 1983-1997, US Taekwondo Executive Committee
- 1996-1997, US Taekwondo Junior Olympic Committee Chairman
- 1998-2002, US Taekwondo CEO
- 1999-2003, WT Vice-Chairman Junior Olympic Committee
- 2018-Current, USA Taekwondo, Secretary General
- 2021-Current, WT Council Member
- 2021-Current, PATU Council Member
- 2023-Current, WT Finance Committee Vice-Chair
- 2024-2025, WT Rules Reform Committee Chair
- 2025, WT Governance Reform Committee
- 2023, Pan American Games CSB
- 2023, WT Grand Prix Final CSB
- 2024, Paris Olympic Games CSB

Coach

- 1989-1997, US National Team Coach
- 1991, Pan American Games Coach
- 1993, 1995, World Championships Coach
- 1993, US Taekwondo Coach of the Year
- 1996, US Olympic Committee TKD Coach of the Year

Athlete

- 1977-1988, 8-Times National Champion
- 1980-1988, National Team Captain

- 1983, USTU Ken Min U.S Best Player Award
- 1983/1985/1987, World Championships Bronze Medal
- 1985, World Games Silver Medal
- 1986, US Olympic Festival Gold Medal
- 1987, Pan Am Games Bronze Medal
- 1980, 1986, Pan Am TKD Championships Gold Medal
- 1988, Olympic Games Bronze Medal

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

In addition to my Taekwondo background, I have also worked as a senior executive staff member of the US Olympic Committee. I served as a Director of Sport Partnerships for 7 years where I oversaw the operations of 12 US national sport federations. In this role I was the lead liaison for the US Olympic Committee on all sport, operational and business issues for these 12 National Governing Bodies.

- 1985-1992, US Olympic Committee Athlete's Advisor Committee
- 1998-2002, US Olympic Committee Audit Committee
- 2003-2009, US Olympic Committee Director of Sport Partnerships

From 2010 through 2018 I developed a restaurant franchise in Colorado opening 6 restaurants and eventually merging my restaurants with the Franchisor and became a business partner in the National Franchise. I managed all aspects of chain operations from legal, finance and real estate negotiations until I left day-to-day operations in 2018.

C. Education

- Masters Degree, Sport Business Administration University of Northern Colorado
- Bachelor of Science, Physical Education Montana State University
- Kukkiwon, 7th Dan #05900099

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

The WT Mission is to “develop and grow Taekwondo throughout the world.” Taekwondo’s status as a core Olympic sport is the most important element necessary to achieve this objective. The Olympic Games represents the pinnacle of amateur sport in the world, and is the best platform to promote our sport worldwide. According to Sports Pro, the Paris 2024 Olympic Games enjoyed a significant increase in viewership compared with the Tokyo Games with a 25% rise to 28.7 billion hours watched globally. The Games also generated 412 billion engagements from 270 million social media posts. These are staggering numbers.

In order to preserve this critical position on the Olympic programme as a core sport, it is important that WT continues to renew our sport to make it even more exciting and approachable for the non-Taekwondo viewer. This past quadrennial I served on the “Rules Reform Committee for the LA 2028 Olympic Games” that reviewed the current rules and competition structure. Many other sports are

reluctant to change and therefore jeopardize their future in the games. I believe our open mindedness, humility and willingness to change and evolve is important to maintaining our relevance in future Olympic Games.

I also believe it is important for us, World Taekwondo, to continue to advance our work in integrity, sustainability and governance. These important areas enable World Taekwondo to continue to be a top performing Olympic International Federation as well as enabling us to best serve our membership. Finally, I believe we should continue to grow and expand our efforts in the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation, Taekwondo Cares and the Hope and Dreams Sport Festival. Advancing these humanitarian initiatives places WT in a leadership position in the sports world. Ghandi quote says it best “Be the change you want to see in the world.”

CANDIDATE FOR AUDITOR

ONE (1) CANDIDATE FOR ONE (1) SEAT

1. SAGIRKAYA Ali



1. Mr. SAGIRKAYA Ali

- Current Position: WT Auditor
- Date of Birth: April 10, 1966
- Language: Turkish, English
- Gender: Male
- Nationality: Türkiye

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

Experienced sport administrator and event manager with over 20 years of leadership in international Taekwondo organizations. Proven track record in managing Olympic and Paralympic-level competitions, auditing, and governance roles with World Taekwondo and ETU. PhD in Sport Science with expertise in coaching, training, and technical delegation. Recognized for scientific contributions and innovations in athlete development. Holding 2nd Dan Black Belt Kukkiwon.

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

- Business Owner in Türkiye and USA
- Former Referee at Turkish Professional Football League
- Professional Sky Diver
- Former wrestler and 7 titles at Military Academy
- Amateur Golfer

C. Education

- PhD, Sport Science Celal Bayar University, Manisa / Türkiye 2019–2023
- Master's Degree, Coaching and Sport Training Selçuk University, Konya / Türkiye 2016–2018
- Military Academy Ankara / Türkiye 1985–1989
- Kuleli Military High School İstanbul / Türkiye 1981–1985

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

Together with the leaders who shape World Taekwondo, I am committed to elevating our sport to the highest level on the Olympic platform. At the same time, I strive to develop a strong sports infrastructure that prepares athletes for the future—physically and mentally equipped, healthy, and successful. Additionally, I fully support progressive steps for global refugee programs and view contributing to the development of responsible global citizens through these initiatives as a vital responsibility.

VOTING FOR PRESIDENT AND AUDITOR



VOTING FOR PRESIDENT AND AUDITOR SOLE CANDIDATE

PRESIDENT
CHOUE Chungwon (KOR)

AUDITOR
SAGIRKAYA Ali (TUR)



In accordance with Article 5.8 of WT Statutes, one (1) President and one (1) Auditor shall be elected by the GA.



In case of sole candidate, a voter shall be asked to select **Yes or No or Abstention**.



The item shall be approved by **a simple majority of eligible voters** present at the meeting. Abstentions, as well as blank or spoiled ballots, shall count toward quorum but shall not be considered in calculating the required majority in accordance with Article 5.3 of the WT Statutes.

VOTING FOR VICE PRESIDENT



VOTING FOR VICE PRESIDENT

TOTAL 6 CANDIDATES

**AFRICA (1), ASIA (1), EUROPE (1),
OCEANIA (1), PAN AMERICA (2)**



Three (3) Vice Presidents shall be elected by the GA, each representing a different Continent in accordance with Article 6 of WT Statutes.



The three (3) with the highest number of votes shall be elected, provided that no two (2) elected Vice Presidents come from the same Continent.



Each voter can **cast votes** for up to **three (3)** Vice Presidents among all six (6) candidates regardless of Continent. If a voter casts less than the allowed number of votes the ballot will still be valid however, **A ballot with more than three (3) votes** for Vice Presidents will be **invalid**.

VOTING FOR COUNCIL MEMBER



VOTING FOR COUNCIL MEMBER

TOTAL 34 CANDIDATES

**AFRICA (3), ASIA (12),
EUROPE (10), OCEANIA (5),
PAN AMERICA (4)**



Fourteen (14) members shall be elected by the GA with at least one (1) male and one (1) female from each of the five (5) Continent. The female candidate who received the most votes among all female candidates shall be declared Vice President in accordance with Article 6 of WT Statutes.



In case where there is only one (1) candidate from a particular Continent and gender category, voting shall still be conducted for that position.



Once the initial ten (10) Council Members reflecting the Continent and gender quotas are determined, the remaining four (4) seats shall be allocated to candidates based on the highest number of votes received, regardless of gender or Continent.



Each voter can **cast votes** for up to **fourteen (14)** Council Members among all thirty-four (34) candidates regardless of Continent. If a voter casts less than the allowed number of votes the ballot will still be valid however, **A ballot with more than fourteen (14) votes** for Council Members will be **invalid**.

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