

## **TAEKWON-DO I.T.F WORLD CUP 2006** **– BENIDORM – SPAIN**

The second edition of the Taekwon-Do I.T.F. WORLD CUP took place in Benidorm, Spain, from October 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>. The event organized by the I.T.F. presided by Tran Tae Quan, had a participation of 37 countries, and 800 competitors, in categories from blue belt and up, and 12 years and up, with special divisions for veteran from 36 to 45 years, and 46 years and up.

The International Taekwon-do Federation Spain "F.I.T.E." was present in the event, invited by the Spanish ITF TaeKwon-Do Federation "F.E.S.T.", with a delegation of 13 people among competitors and officials.

For this occasion the national F.I.T.E. team was composed by Alejandro Veyssiere IV they Dan (Madrid), Ricardo Rodríguez II Dan (Canaries), Maximiliano Montiel I Dan (Málaga), Javier Seoane I Dan (Galicia), Gabriel Leske I Dan (Mallorca), Armando González I Dan (Canaries) and the coach Mr. Antonio Blanco IV Dan (Galicia). As individual competitors Sergio Maneiro III Dan (Galicia), Francisco Espeche III Dan (Madrid), and Agustin López I Dan (Madrid).



The participation in team pattern demonstrated once again the work carried out by the trainer, Mr. Antonio Blanco, in the previous trainings endorses good results; obtaining in this opportunity the bronze medal after falling with EIRE team, who won in the final against Canada team.



In the individual competition we can highlight to Mr. Gabriel Leske who showed a brilliant performance awarded with the second place, after an adjusted decision against the Argentinean.

Mr. Agustin López I Dan from Madrid, won the GOLD medal in veteran categories, demonstrating once more his perseverance.



The rest of individual F.I.T.E competitors had good executions in different categories, although in this occasion could not arrive to the final beats.

In individual sparring divisions, the evolution of the competitors demonstrated different styles to be analyzed. We would highlight once again the good work of the Polish and Argentineans who usually are in the top positions in international events.

The Spanish participation was good, although without big results in this occasion. In the category of -63 kg the F.I.T.E had three competitors: Mr. Alejandro Veyssiere who fell in first beat not finding their habitual rhythm of sparring; the Galician Mr. Javier Seoane who won two preliminary rounds falling in the third one against the Russian competitor; and Mr. Armando González who made a very good fight but the judges said the opposite. In -71 and -80Kg Mr. Francisco Espeche, Mr. Sergio Maneiro, Mr. Maximiliano Montiel and Mr. Ricardo Rodríguez could not pass his first encounters in spite of having made a good work; on the other hand to mention Mr. Gabriel Leske that could not participate due to an injury in the previous trainings.

Lastly the veteran Agustín López lost in quarter final against the Argentinean competitor in an adjusted decision.

The last day was reserved to the final of individual sparring categories and team sparring. The F.I.T.E. team won its first preliminary round against USA by 3 to 2, and they lost in the second beat against the German team, who won the final to Holland.

During the different preliminary rounds we could highlight to Jamaica team; that surprised eliminating to the Polish team with an overwhelming 3 to 0, and then lost against Germany which made be worth all their experience.



In the umpire works there was enough success in the results, highlighting the work carried out by Mr. Juan Ramon Vidal, from Galicia, who officiated as corner referee; and the F.I.T.E president, Mr. Carlos Martin who worked during great part of the event as center referee.



It is necessary to mention the great work carried out by the physiotherapist Mr. Abdel Monahim Graham who took charge of recovering the competitors after each competition day.



Once again the F.I.T.E was active part in an international event, congratulating all the participants and the organization for its good organization.

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