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The future of TKD as an Olympic Sport is dependent upon a merger between the two governing bodies. Discussions in Britain are low key at this time but joint action is becoming increasingly necessary. The UKTA have experienced the misfortunes of putting on a World Championship which caused a split by some members who did not want to commit themselves to the enormity of the task.

The IVth. ITF World Championship was a success when you consider that 21 teams took part and that 25 countries were represented. It was surprising to note that North Korea were refused visas and that no valid reason could be given. It is a fact that North Korea participated in the 1966 World Cup for soccer in England and the Martial Arts Commission has had one of its member's events discriminated against.

The England Female Team won the 'overall' team event in their division while the males were 4th. in theirs, Scotland male team were 7th.. Scotland were 4th. in the team pattern. England were 2nd. in the team breaking and Scotland were 3rd. Gold medals were won by:

Ester Nardizzi; Jeaninne Law; Deborah Wynne; Gordon Wallace; and John Williamson.

Silver by:

Ester Nardizzi and David Walker.

Bronze by:

Tham Ying Au x 2; Ester Nardizzi; Mary Lendor; Orello Ellis; and Peter Harkess.

The UKTA thanks the MAC secretary for his support during the event and throughout the year.

