

## HISTORY OF THE WSF INTERNATIONAL REFEREE PROGRAMME

- The concept of International Referees was first identified and approved in concept at the first International Referees' Conference held in conjunction with the Men's World Championships in Cairo, November 1985.
- The second International Referees' Conference was held in conjunction with the Men's World Open in Toulouse in November 1986 and the IR qualifications and procedures for appointment were approved. Coincidentally, this was the event where Ross Norman defeated Jahangir Khan in the World Open Final, thus ending Jahangir's incredible 5½-year undefeated streak. Was there a connection? Who knows? At that event, the first five International Referees were named: David Donnelly (Australia), Marcus Fischer (Sweden), Mike Fitchett (Scotland), Chris Foo (Malaysia) and Graham Waters (Canada).
- *Trivia Question* – who refereed that milestone match between Jahangir Khan and Ross Norman in Toulouse in 1986? Answer below.

In addition to the current World Referees and International Referees, the following have held one of those titles since that time:

Jos Aarts	(Belgium)	John Hugall	(England)
Jack Allen	(Ireland)	Mathias Kallio	(Sweden)
Paul Ansdell	(USA)	Bruce Kettle	(England)
Dorothy Armstrong	(Ireland)	Peter Kramer	(England)
Burkhard Bruckmann	(Germany)	Meinoud Kreischer	(Netherlands)
Neil Butler	(Australia)	Peter Lawrence	(Wales)
Margaret Campbell	(Australia)	Major S. Maniam	(Malaysia)
Ian Cherington	(Netherlands)	Nelson Neto	(Brazil)
Chris Clark	(Hong Kong)	Tony Parker	(England)
Graham Corderoy	(Australia)	Peter Pearson	(South Africa)
Graham Dixon	(England)	Mike Picken	(England)
David Donnelly	(Australia)	Gerry Poulton	(Canada)
Chas Evans	(New Zealand)	John Robinson	(England)
Marcus Fischer	(Sweden)	Steve Rowe	(Canada)
Mike Fitchett	(Scotland)	Bernd Sartor	(Germany)
Jack Flynn	(Ireland)	Raul Schweinitz	(Germany)
Chris Foo	(Malaysia)	David Stevenson	(England)
Jason Foster	(England)	Rod Symington	(Canada)
Brian Gurnett	(England)	George Tierney	(Scotland)
Cor Hagers	(Netherlands)	Dave Tullis	(Canada)
John Haines	(New Zealand)	Bill West	(France)
Julie Hawkes	(Hong Kong)	Gavin Whyte	(New Zealand)
Peter Highsted	(New Zealand)	Jacques Wielandt	(Netherlands)
Desmond Hill	(Singapore)	William Winter	(England)
Hubert Hill	(Singapore)	Don Wilkie	(Scotland)
Quintin Hill	(France)	Jill Wood	(England)
Graham Horrex	(England)	Lawrence Young	(Singapore)

*Trivia Answer:*

*John Robinson, after he reclaimed his car!*