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TO: - Mr. Richard Jorgensen, Chairman of the International Traditional Karate Federation
- ITKF Board of Directors Members
- ITKF Technical Committee
- ITKF Member Federations

RE: Official invitation to the International Conference devoted to the current situation of Traditional Karate – 14 June 2013, Lublin (Poland)

CC: ITKF Office

On behalf of the Traditional Karate Federation of Poland we are pleased to invite you to the International Conference to be held right before the 7th Traditional Karate ITKF World Cup on 14 June 2013 in Lublin (Poland) at the building of the Crown Tribunal.

The idea of this conference has come recently after information from the ITKF Board Members – Mr. Fernando Obregon (Mexico) and Mr. Katsuya Ishiyama (Venezuela) who indicated the need for a meeting with the ITKF Board of Directors in Mexico at the beginning of June. We share the idea that such a meeting is advisable but we would like to open it to the wider public, including the ITKF Member Federations. **The conference will focus on the current situation of Traditional Karate worldwide and will be held under the title „Quo Vadis ITKF?”.** We think the World Cup will be a very good occasion for this meeting because all ITKF Members have this term marked in their calendars.

The schedule of events will be as follows:

13 June (Thursday)		- Arrival
14 June (Friday)		- The ITKF Refreshing Course for participants of the 2013 ITKF World Cup
	15.00 – 19.00	- The International Conference „Quo Vadis ITKF?”
15 June (Saturday)	17.00 – 19.00	- 7 th Traditional Karate ITKF World Cup
16 June (Sunday)		- Lublin sightseeing
17 June (Monday)		- Departure

Conference Site: Building of the Crown Tribunal, Lublin, Rynek Street 1
(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crown_Tribunal)

World Cup Site: Sport Hall GLOBUS, Lublin, Kazimierza Wielkiego Street 8
(www.mosir.lublin.pl/halaglobus)

The site selected for this Conference is very special and unique. The Crown Tribunal building, formerly the Old City Hall, is located in Lublin in the centre of the Old Town Market Square. The Crown Tribunal was the highest appeal court in the Crown of the Polish Kingdom for most cases, exceptions being the cases where a noble landowner was threatened with loss of life and/or property - then he could appeal to the Sejm court (parliament court). In 1578 king Stefan Batory created the Crown Tribunal in order to reduce the enormous pressure on the Royal (Sejm) Court. This placed much of the monarch's juridical power in the hands of the elected szlachta deputies, further strengthening the nobility class. Two main locations of the Crown Tribunal were the towns of Piotrków Trybunalski and Lublin (for lands of Lesser Poland, in spring and summer).

The construction of the city hall was commenced right after Lublin was granted a city charter on August 15, 1317. The building is surrounded from both sides by curvilinear streets that reflect the location of the old bulwarks that protected Lublin before 1317. The old wooden building was replaced with a Gothic brick city hall in 1389, which was rebuilt and extended a number of times. Currently, the building is the seat of the Registrar's Office. Today, concerts of chamber music, lectures and formal meetings take place in the former Tribunal Court room.

Please confirm your participation at the conference by 5 May 2013 (Sunday) by e-mail to:
pzkt@karate.pl

*Best regards,
Włodzimierz Kwieciński
Chairman*