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To: Participants of the 7th Traditional Karate World Cup

From: Athletes and Judges – members of the Traditional Karate Federation of Poland

Re: 7th Traditional Karate World Cup – 15 June 2013, Lublin (Poland)

Cc: - ITKF National Federations
- ITKF Board of Directors
- ITKF Office

Dear Participants of the 2013 World Cup,

We, the undersigned Athletes and Judges from the Traditional Karate Federation of Poland are writing this letter to participants of the 2013 World Cup because we feel concerned about the unfair decision of the ITKF Chairman to cancel this event as a sanctioned ITKF event.

ATHLETES:

Maria Depta – 2012 ITKF world vice-champion in team kata, 2011 ITKF world champion in mixed en-bu, 3rd place in the 2011 ITKF World Cup, athlete of the 2013 World Cup.

Paweł Janusz – 2012 ITKF world champion and 2011 European champion in individual and team kata.

Damian Karwacki – repeated ITKF world and European medallist in team and individual kata.

Jan Kłębek – 2012 ITKF world vice-champion and 2011 ITKF European champion in men's en-bu.

Katarzyna Krzywańska – 2012 ITKF world champion in individual kata, vice-champion in team kata and mixed en-bu, repeated ITKF world and European medallist in kata and en-bu.

Paweł Krzywański – repeated ITKF world and European medallist in team kata.

Barbara Marciniak – repeated ITKF world and European medallist in team kata.

Justyna Marciniak – 2012 ITKF world champion in fuku-go and vice-champion in individual kumite, winner of the 2011 ITKF World Cup, two-times winner of the ITKF European Cup (2012, 2008), athlete of the 2013 World Cup.

Krzysztof Neugebauer – three-time winner of the ITKF World Cup (2005, 2003, 2001), repeated ITKF world and European champion in kumite and team kata, coach of the national team of Poland (senior and youth categories).

Marta Niewczas – two-time winner of the ITKF World Cup (2005, 2003) and three-time winner of the ITKF European Cup (2010, 2006, 2002), 2012 ITKF world champion in individual kumite and vice-champion in ko-go kumite, repeated ITKF world and European medallist in kumite and fuku-go.

- Radosław Olczyk** – winner of the 2002 ITKF European Cup, 2001 ITKF European champion in team kumite, 2002 ITKF world championship bronze medallist in team kumite.
- Bartosz Skwarski** – 2012 ITKF world vice-champion and 2011 ITKF European champion in men's en-bu.
- Rafał Wajda** – 2012 ITKF world champion in team kata and vice-champion in fuku-go, winner of the 2012 ITKF European Cup, athlete of the 2013 World Cup.
- Łukasz Wójcik** – 2012 ITKF world champion and 2011 ITKF European champion in team kumite, repeated ITKF world and European champion in individual kumite.
- Michał Wroński** – repeated ITKF world and European medallist in men's en-bu.
- Andrzej Zarzeczny** – repeated ITKF world and European medallist in team and individual kata.

JUDGES:

- Jarosław Mejer** – ITKF licensed judge – „A” in Kata, „A” in Kumite
- Andrzej Olech** – ITKF licensed judge – „A” in Kata, „A” in Kumite
- Józef Rączka** – ITKF licensed judge – „A” in Kata, „A” in Kumite
- Mirosław Ellwart** – ITKF licensed judge – „B” in Kata, „B” in Kumite
- Zbigniew Lipczyk** – ITKF licensed judge – „B” in Kata, „B” in Kumite
- Andrzej Maciejewski** – ITKF licensed judge – „B” in Kata, „B” in Kumite
- Jerzy Szczańch** – ITKF licensed judge – „B” in Kata, „B” in Kumite
- Janusz Sowa** – ITKF licensed judge – „C” in Kata, „B” in Kumite
- Wojciech Kamiński** – ITKF licensed judge – „C” in Kata, „C” in Kumite
- Anna Kulczyńska** – ITKF licensed judge – „C” in Kata, „C” in Kumite
- Janusz Ziółkowski** – TKFP licensed judge – „A” in Kata, „A” in Kumite, Chief of the TKFP Technical Committee

With this letter we would like to announce that this great tradition initiated by Hidetaka Nishiyama Sensei will be continued and the 2013 World Cup will be organized in Lublin (Poland) on 15 June 2013.

Also we feel honoured to announce that the **2013 World Cup will be dedicated to the memory of Dan Stuparu Sensei**. We still feel deep grief after his sudden and unexpected passing and we cannot accept that he is no longer with us especially in view of the forthcoming World Cup. He has participated in all previous editions of the World Cup since 2001 and he was supposed to participate with the Romanian athletes in 2013 edition, too. With this dedication we would like to express our honour to his lifelong hard work on the Traditional Karate development.

The **2013 World Cup will be held under the honorary patronage of the Minister of Sport and Tourism of the Republic of Poland Mrs. Joanna Mucha, Embassy of Japan to Poland** and the local authorities – Mayor of Lublin City Mr. Krzysztof Żuk and Marshal of the Lublin Voivodship Mr. Krzysztof Hetman.

During the 2013 World Cup there will be also an official farewell ceremony of the Polish athlete – Daniel Iwanek who is finishing his sport career. Daniel Iwanek has been a very successful competitors for many years and he is the only Polish athlete who won three gold medals in different categories during the recent three ITKF World Championships: 2012 in team kumite, 2010 in individual kumite and 2008 in fuku-go.

The ITKF World Cup has been hosted in Poland since 2001. The idea of this form of competition was initiated and formulated by Nishiyama Sensei. **In six editions of the World Cup there participated many great and very skillful athletes with whom we shared our experience and could learn from each other and develop the technical skills:**

Female athletes: Soolmaz Abooli (USA), Dovile Aladaityte (Lithuania), Natalia Artiomova (Lithuania), Adairce Castanhetti (Brazil), Michelle Critch (Canada), Marina Evans (Canada), Kathrin Hubatsch (Germany), Kristina Kaceviciute (Lithuania), Vera Kucherenko (Ukraine), Evangelia Lagoudaki (Greece), Marina Malyshkina (Ukraine), Ramona Mueller (Germany), Jadranka Nedeva (Macedonia), Agustina Scartascini (Argentina), Caterina Schiavi (Italy), Jacqueline Schwaer (Germany), Giordana de Souza (Brazil), Corina Tanasescu (Romania), Nataliya Vyerloka (Ukraine) and athletes from Poland: Małgorzata Baranowska, Maria Depta, Aneta Fiebig, Karolina Kotala, Beata Maciejewska, Justyna Marciniak, Marta Niewczas, Ilona Sakowicz, Anna Stachurska, Joanna Szeremeta.

Male athletes: Rytis Bublevicius (Lithuania), Ricardo Buzzi (Brazil), Silvio Campari (Italy), Ciprian Cepoi (France), Justo Gomez (Argentina), Mateo Leone (Italy), Igor Miladinovic (Yugoslavia), Cornel Musat (Romania), Aljosa Nedev (Macedonia), Dejan Nedev (Macedonia), Sasa Panic (USA), Todd Parker (Canada), Vinicius Pinto (Brazil), Vladimir Pucha (Ukraine), Avi Rokah (USA), Seth Rosendahl (USA), Toufik Saoud (France), Gevorg Sargsyan (Armenia), Reuven Sharf (Israel), Vladimir Sidorov (Ukraine), Rodrigo Lucio de Souza (Brazil) and athletes from Poland: Daniel Iwanek, Paweł Janusz, Piotr Kulczyński, Krzysztof Neugebauer, Radosław Olczyk, Damian Stasiak, Łukasz Wójcik.

The organization of the 2013 ITKF World Cup in Poland was approved by the 2012 ITKF General Meeting in Stara Wieś (Poland). According to the Article 5.1 of the ITKF Constitution the ITKF General Meeting „is the highest decision-making body of the ITKF”. Therefore the ITKF Chairman had no right to call the mail-in vote of the ITKF Board of Directors to cancel the World Cup. This is serious violation of the ITKF rules!

Karate does not mean writing letters and paper work – this is about hard training at the Dojo – this karate we learnt from Nishiyama Sensei. Nobody has the right to decide about athletes' fate on paper above their heads and to expose the image of the ITKF. Surprisingly those who are trying to boycott the World Cup in Lublin, i.e. Mr. Richard Jorgensen and Mr. Ibrahim El Marhomy sent no recommendation of any athlete to the 2013 World Cup. Why are they trying to decide about athletes from other federations which sent recommendations on time, made very hard preparations and finalized all travel arrangements. We are against this kind of practise.

As citizens of the country which defeated injustice with the Solidarity movement in the past – we call for solidarity of athletes from all ITKF Member Federations against this absurd decision. Do not loose your spirit!

See in Lublin (Poland) on 15 June 2013 during the 7th Traditional Karate World Cup.

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(Signatures of all people listed above are on the next page)

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Bartosz Szwarc

Katarzyna Sowa

Barbara Marciniak

Pawel Kopyt

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Mary Szwarc

Władysław Kopyciński

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