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To: -ETKF National Traditional Karate Federations
-Outdated ITKF Member Federations
-New Era ITKF Representatives

Re: Situation within the European Traditional Karate Federation (ETKF)

Cc: -Mr. Vladimir Yorga, ETKF President
-ITKF Transitional Executive Committee

Traditional Karate Federation of Poland (PZKT) has recently requested the ETKF President for the official documentation which we have to provide to the Polish Ministry of Sport and Tourism (see the attached letter dated 12 November 2013). As we might have expected, Mr. Yorga did not respond to our letter at all.

PZKT has been for many years one of the most active Member Federation both at the ITKF and ETKF. We always paid all the fees (Membership, Qualification: Judges, Examiners etc., Dan Ranking – in total PZKT registered almost 800 Dan Grades in the ITKF). Our instructors and athletes came for training at the ITKF Central Dojo in Los Angeles every year and have participated in all ITKF Summer Camps in San Diego since joining the ITKF. Our activities in Poland are appreciated and supported by the Polish Ministry of Sport and Tourism and Polish Olympic Committee. This is a big dishonor for us when we are judged and ignored by people whose Member Federations have never paid any fees to the ITKF and never registered Dan Ranking, technical qualifications etc.

Regarding the situation in Europe and recent events, we are especially concerned about the following facts:

1. ILLEGAL DECISION TO CHANGE THE LOCATION OF THE 2013 ETKF EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP:

The fact is that the decision to host the 2013 ETKF European Championship in Prague was taken during the ETKF General Meeting – which is the ETKF “highest authority” – in Israel and later confirmed in Poland during the ETKF Meeting during the 2012 World Championship in Poland. According to this decision there is only one legitimate 31st Traditional Karate European Championship which will be held in Prague (Czech Republic) on 7–8 December 2013. This decision is binding and cannot be changed by the ETKF Board of Directors.

The fact is that “decision” to change the location of the 2013 ETKF European Championship was taken informally by Mr. Yorga and Mr. Achilli. This “decision” is null and void. There was no official Meeting of the Board of Directors devoted to this issue and no legal voting was on that matter. The rest of the Board including the ETKF Vice-President was omitted.

2. MR. VLADIMIR YORGA'S FAILURE TO ORGANIZE OFFICIAL MEETING OF THE OLD AND NEW ELECTED ETKF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The fact is that during the 2012 ETKF Congress in Poland **Mr. Yorga took the obligation to organize this meeting until the end of 2012.**

The fact is that until today the meeting has not been organized and Mr. Yorga has ignored all our attempts to host this meeting (see attached full correspondence).

3. RESIGNATION OF MR. LUCIANO PURICELLI:

Former ETKF General Secretary Mr. Luciano Puricelli made his resignation **without giving any official report to the ETKF Board of Directors and he himself appointed Mr. Gabrielle Achilli to replace him. Mr. Achilli's candidature was never consulted with the ETKF Board of Directors.**

We can no longer stay aside and silent while being all the time ignored. For years we have only made and heard silent complaints about the ETKF office and ETKF bad management. It's time for all ETKF Member Federations to speak aloud about the real situation and real facts. **We cannot allow to be ignored all the time by the people who are always referring to the Nishiyama legacy whereas they have arrears of payments and cheat their own organization.** If we agree to this way of treatment, we will lose respect to ourselves.

NEW ERA ITKF

Instead of suspending/excluding, the New Era ITKF offers full support and help to its Members. Instead of manipulating and "Big Masters' Decisions", the New Era ITKF offers acting based on facts and full transparency.

The 2013 European Championship will be a good opportunity to meet and have a serious discussion on the situation in Europe. We strongly **encourage all ETKF Member Federations to come to Prague and participate in the 2013 ETKF European Championship. It was our decision to host this event in Czech Republic so we cannot show disrespect to ourselves. We should also show deep support to the Host – Czech Traditional Karate Association** which has put a lot of work and efforts for the past two years to make a great and professional European Championship.

We are looking forward to seeing you soon in Prague.

Sincerely Yours,



Włodzimierz Kwieciński
PZKT Chairman
ETKF Vice-President and Co-Founder

Attachments:

1. Letter to Mr. Vladimir Yorga dated 12 November 2013.
2. Correspondence on the ETKF Meeting.