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Lodz, 15 May 2013

**To: ITKF Board of Directors**  
**Re: Response to the letter from the ITKF Chairman dated May 11, 2013**  
**Cc: ITKF Office**

Dear Board Member,

In response to the letter sent by Mr. Richard Jorgensen, the ITKF Chairman dated May 11, 2013 I would like to give **my vote to his recommendation to cancel the 2013 ITKF World Cup which is NOT APPROVED.**

Firstly, I would like to draw your attention that the Board has been treated without any respect by Mr. Jorgensen. Not only did he make a mistake in the date for mail-in vote (Friday, May 15?) but he also cannot give us a condition that non-participation in this vote will be taken as confirmation of his recommendation. This is against any democratic rules.

Secondly, the 2013 ITKF World Cup does not have the status of the PROPOSED event but was APPROVED by the ITKF Congress in October 2012 during the ITKF World Championship in Poland.

The arguments presented in Mr. Jorgensen's letter are ridiculous and what is most frightening the ITKF Chairman writes lies in the official correspondence.

LIE NUMBER 1: The Host violated the selection procedure.

The Host followed all procedures and terms according to the format of the ITKF World Cup established by the ITKF and practised since the first World Cup in 2001. In order to give you clear image of the situation, below we present sequence of events which actually took place and which we have all well documented:

October 2012 – The ITKF Congress approves the 2013 ITKF World Cup to be held in Lublin Poland – hosted by the Traditional Karate Federation of Poland.

February 2013 – The ITKF Office sends to the Host the Event Sanction Application Form and Event Sanction Invoice issued for the amount of \$ 3.000 U.S. According to the ITKF List of Fees from year 2011 this amount is for the World Championship and for other International Events the Sanction Fee is \$ 1.000 U.S. When asked for corrections the ITKF Chairman responded that the World Cup was given the status of a World event – when, where? When asked about it the ITKF Chairman never responded and the corrected invoice never came to the Host's Office.

March 2013 – The Host sends the announcement letter regarding the 2013 ITKF World Cup to the ITKF National Federations with a request for recommendations of athletes (one male and one female) and judges.  
– The Host's Office asked the ITKF Office to send this letter independently to the ITKF Members – the ITKF Office never did it.

- The Host's Office – which was at the same time in charge of administrating the ITKF Website (Ms. Martyna Palinska) – wanted to put information about the World Cup on the ITKF website. It turned out that she cannot enter the server because the ITKF Chairman had the password changed and our office received an e-mail from Ms. Tati Eugenio with information that from now on the ITKF Website would be managed by the ITKF Office.
- The Host's Office requested the ITKF Office to put the information on the ITKF Website. However, it has never occurred there.

- 15 April 2013           – Deadline for recommendations
- 23 April 2013           – The Host Office sends all recommendations to the ITKF Technical Committee with request to make the final selection of athletes and judges for the 2013 ITKF World Cup.
- 30 April 2013           – Deadline for the final selection:  
A/ The ITKF Chairman refused co-operation saying that he will not support these recommendations.  
B/ No other ITKF Technical Committee Member responded.

Taking the above facts into consideration the decision was taken by one ITKF Technical Committee Director – Mr. Włodzimierz Kwieciński, not by the Host Federation of Poland.

LIE NUMBER 2: Some of the countries that are being represented are not ITKF members.

Attached you will find updated list of participants of the 2013 ITKF World Cup. According to the ITKF website **all countries from this list ARE ITKF Members.**

Regarding the International Conference we would like to draw Mr. Jorgensen's attention to the fact that **WE ARE THE ITKF, and we do not need his permission** to meet and talk about the future of the ITKF. He himself does not make the organization and its authority. Now we are even thinking to change the name of the conference to „Quo Vadis the ITKF Chairman?”. Besides, we will make this situation as the main topic of the conference because we will no longer allow for such behaviour of the ITKF Chairman.

Cancellation of the 2013 World Cup at this point of organization will inevitably cause financial consequences to the ITKF. The World Cup will be hosted under the auspices of the following institutions: the Polish Minister of Sport and Tourism Mrs. Joanna Mucha, Embassy of Japan to Poland and local authorities – Mr. Krzysztof Żuk – Mayor of Lublin City and Mr. Krzysztof Hetman – Marshal of the Lublin Voivodship. Most participants have already spent money for their travel expenses. The Host has financial obligations connected with reservations of the sport hall, hotel etc. We have started the media promotion. Is the ITKF, i.e the ITKF Chairman ready for the court process to cover the financial losses to the Host and to the participants which will be approx. \$ 200.000 U.S.?

In conclusion, we want to add that **we will continue the tradition...Everybody is welcomed to come for the 7th Traditional Karate ITKF World Cup Lublin 2013!**

*Sincerely Yours,*

*Włodzimierz Kwieciński  
Vice President  
International Traditional Karate Federation*