

**INTERNATIONAL TRADITIONAL KARATE FEDERATION**  
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**To: -ITKF Member Federations**  
**-New Era ITKF Representatives**

**Re: New Era ITKF Versus Outdated ITKF**

**Cc: ITKF Transitional Executive Committee Members**

Dear ITKF Members,

Since 2008 Mr. Jorgensen has occupied the ITKF roles of Chairman and head of the Technical committee vacated by Nishiyama Sensei. During this period, politics has replaced iconic technical leadership. The ITKF retains its name but is no longer the organization of Nishiyama Sensei.

The ITKF was designed around Nishiyama Sensei – a singular, iconic, immensely qualified leader with historic impact on traditional karate. This specific organization ceased to be sensible with his passing. A modern ITKF needs a democratic organization which blends the considerable expertise passed down by Sensei Nishiyama to his students. There are many individuals with leadership and organizational expertise who, collectively, far exceed the capabilities of a single individual such as Mr. Jorgensen. To wit, a key goal of the New Era ITKF is to continue the work of Sensei Nishiyama through democratic participation of his students.

The long-standing suspended status of the ITKF was but one of several points which initiated action from the membership. Below we highlight the differences between the New Era ITKF and the ITKF under Mr. Jorgensen.

<b>Which organization offers more value to karateka?</b>	
<b>New Era ITKF, an organization...</b>	<b>Outdated ITKF, an organization...</b>
<b>Officially registered as international sports association – a legal character that makes the ITKF a legitimate partner organization to the Sports Ministries and international organizations (IOC etc.).</b>	Registered as private business corporation which cannot act as a legitimate partner organization to the Sports Ministries and international organizations (IOC etc.).
<b>Which will be a common platform organization to all karate styles and schools which are not practiced within WKF including Shotokan, Fudokan, JKA etc.</b>	Which suspends inconvenient Member Federations, frightens and splits rather than unites.
<b>Whose membership will improve technically.</b>	Whose technical level is weakening.

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<b>Whose membership is growing and will bring the organization to the strength that it had in the early 1990s or bigger.</b>	Whose membership is diminishing, as evidenced in the last World Championship and an attendance of only 17 individuals for their summer camp in Greece.
<b>Whose Acting Officials were democratically elected by the Executive Committee Members in official voting which is reflected in the documentation.</b>	Which does not have a democratically elected chairman in any official documentation signed by the ITKF Board of Directors Members.
<b>Which for the first time in history has got officially approved ITKF Statute signed by representative of the Founding Members and registered in Geneva (Switzerland).</b>	Which has no valid Constitution, has never registered the Constitution in any legal institution and has not updated the Constitution with any amendments since prior to the 1990's.
<b>That provides equal rights and harmony for its members.</b>	That tries to control everyone with the fear of suspension and punishment.
<b>Whose Board members enjoy equal rights and an equal voice.</b>	Subject to manipulations and coercion by its chairman.
<b>That is forward-looking and provides opportunities through seminars, camps, and championships.</b>	That is living in the past, has burned many important bridges/potential partnerships, and has no true vision for the future.
<b>That will keep costs at the minimum for all members.</b>	That looks for any opportunity to extract funds from his members.
<b>That has clear, transparent financial situation.</b>	That is indebted to several hundred thousand dollars. While ITKF might have been able to remove its suspension at last, the fact remains that for many years it was involved in illegal activity, including money collection from all Member Federations which should be returned to them.
<b>That will make sure all the elements of the organization are legally and financially sound with annual financial reports to its members.</b>	That tries to hide, manipulate and confuse its membership regarding its legal and financial statements until it is exposed and pressured into a corner.
<b>That is diligently pursuing recognition from the International Olympic Committee (IOC) by participating in the World Games, United Nations and registering as a sport organization in a city recognized and situated close to the IOC headquarters.</b>	Whose chairman burns bridges with important players by writing threatening letter to the IOC and subsequently destroying all chances of becoming a member.
<b>Where promotion and positions are based on merit, ability, and experience.</b>	Where promotion and positions are based on who can be controlled most by its chairman.

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<b>Where members train in harmony and good spirits.</b>	Where animosity, anger, fights, and use of foul language is the norm of interaction between its office and membership.
<b>Whose main office runs as a business and responds to its member, exists to serve them, and satisfies their needs in a timely manner.</b>	Whose main office is disorganized and unresponsive.
<b>Who has been just joined by a group of 10 member clubs from Canada represented by Mark Minarick including a group of Yutaka Katsumata Sensei with 3.500 practitioners.</b>	Who has just lost 10 member clubs in Canada from the total amount of 16 ones.

The organization that best fits your life, provides more rewarding opportunities and experiences in the traditional karate path – as envisioned by Sensei Nishiyama – is yours to choose. The New Era ITKF views this juncture as the time to create an international organization that is democratic, technically advanced, vibrant and future-oriented.

**We cannot allow to get split and united we must stay. That's why we encourage you to come to Prague (Czech Republic) during the 2013 European Championship (5-8 December) and join the New Era ITKF. Most countries who have been actually active, hosting and attending ITKF events, are with us. Most people who spent long time daily training with Nishiyama Sensei are with us. We truly hope to have you part of this exciting, expanding organization.**

Sincerely Yours,



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on behalf of the ITKF Transitional Executive Committee Members  
Representing 25 National Federations and Growing