

## INTERNATIONAL TRADITIONAL KARATE FEDERATION

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To:	ETKF National Traditional Karate Federations
Re:	31 <sup>st</sup> ETKF Traditional Karate European Championship 7-8 December 2013, Prague (Czech Republic)
Cc:	Univ. Prof. Vladimir Yorga M.D., Ph.D. ETKF President

Dear ETKF Members,

With this letter I would like to respond to the letter from the ETKF President Mr. Vladimir Yorga dated October 13, 2013.

With surprise I have read information that the ETKF Board of Directors made a decision to change the location of the 2013 European Championship from Prague to Belgrade. As the ETKF Co-Founder (Peru 1990) and ETKF Vice-President still in power I was not involved in any discussion on this matter and did not take part in any voting on change of location.

The decision to host the 2013 ETKF European Championship in Prague was taken during the ETKF General Meeting 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

Also we would like to confirm that the Host country – Czech Republic is full and legitimate member of the only legitimate ITKF registered in Geneva (Switzerland).

President Vladimir Yorga should reconsider his letter and make clarification to all ETKF Member Federations following the decision of the ETKF General Meeting in Israel. His position as the ETKF senior leader and mentor obliges him to defend the values and respect the decisions taken by the ETKF highest authority – ETKF General Meeting. Dr. Yorga, this is your responsibility not to allow to split our organization.

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 hope this situation will be resolved positively and we will all meet in Prague.

Sincerely Yours,

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