

Curitiba, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

## **CHAIRMAN COMMUNICATION 012/2021**

Dear ITKF Member Organizations,

Regarding the letter sent by Mr. Vladimir Jorga dated May 29, 2021, in which he irregularly signs as ITKF Vice President and is full of lies and untruth, the necessary clarifications are as follows:

1. I want to inform everyone that I have always had great admiration for Dr. Jorga. Last time he came to Brazil to participate at the XX World Championship, he was among the very few people I invited to be at my home to spend some time with me and my family.
2. When ETKF members reported irregularities and requested ITKF's mediation and regulatory action, I was always very careful to preserve his image and deal with the issue in a very strict institutional manner.
3. It was with great sadness that I read Mr. Jorga's statements on his letter, full of false allegations, as a clear way to cover up the irregular functioning of ETKF. Attacking ITKF is a way to shift the focus and avoid justifying the irregular functioning of ETKF in relation to ITKF.
4. ETKF has long operated as an autonomous organization, totally independent of ITKF. It has: Member Organizations that are not part of ITKF and people at its Board that do not belong to any ITKF Member Organization. ETKF has not complied with what was agreed in 2019 regarding the adjustment of its statutes; has affiliated more than one Member Organization per country; uses Competition Rules distinct from ITKF; held an official event for an organization not affiliated to ITKF antagonizing the local affiliated ITKF Full Member; never presented its annual business plan and report to the ITKF Chairman to obtain approval at the Directors Meeting. These and other issues were recognized as irregularities and violations of ITKF Constitution at two ITKF Directors' Meetings.

5. Based on these facts, the Chairman of ITKF, with legal and constitutional support, effected the disaffiliation of ETKF. This matter is on the agenda of the Extraordinary General Meeting of ITKF, legally convened by the Chairman of ITKF and approved by the Directors Meeting, which will take place on June 5th.

Mr. Jorga, I respect your person, your history and your age, but you crossed all lines in an unwise way when you made a very serious accusation in the letter signed by you: *“however the Brazil Group stole ITKF Money to host the World Championship”*.

I challenge you to prove this unreasonable and untrue statement. The ITKF Financial Reports for 2019 which included the World Championship were prepared by a Certified Public Accountant, audited by ITKF Comptrollers, submitted to the Directors Meeting where, by unanimous vote (and that includes your vote) were sent to the General Meeting, where it obtained unanimous approval by all ITKF Member Organizations.

It is also worth to note and make it public that we organized the XX World Championship as high quality event in just 9 months, after the sudden withdrawal of an ETKF affiliate, who would host the event. I finally would kindly remind you that your airline ticket, land transport, meals and accommodation for the event held in Curitiba were all paid by ITKF.

The letter mentions: *“in consequence of transferring the ITKF to Brazil and registering it as a commercial company, the company became a private organization owned by its shareholders, which is a violation of ITKF Constitution”*, it is never late to remind that the establishment of ITKF in Brazil as a NON-PROFIT Organization was unanimously approved at December 5<sup>th</sup> 2019 General Meeting, as it was necessary to open an ITKF Bank Account at Santander Bank. The statement therefore is double false, as it is not a commercial company and approval was constitutionally obtained with a positive vote from Serbia, represented by you.

The statement: *“The General Secretary, the Treasurer and the Director General of the ITKF exercise their voting rights at ITKF General Meeting ....”* is ludicrous. The right to vote on General Meetings belongs to ITKF Member Organizations only, according to ITKF Constitution, and never have they voted on any ITKF General Meeting. Regarding their right to vote on the Directors Meeting I strongly recommend you to study our Constitution. But I also would like to remind you that during last November 13<sup>th</sup> 2020 General Meeting, Serbia and Macedonia were the only ITKF Member Organizations that voted against affiance to ITKF Constitution.

In the hope that clarification to that sad and dissembled letter has been enough by now, I would remind everyone that in 2013 we had a similar event: an independent ITKF Meeting requested by an effective Vice President, culminating in the creation of a new organization. Time has passed and everyone has witnessed what happened to that organization.

We are repeating history once more. Everyone is free to make their choice and determine their destiny. We will continue to work towards the development and strengthening of ITKF, and also, never to allow other organizations to surreptitiously take control of ITKF.

***The Tradition Continues***



Gilberto Gaertner  
ITKF Chairman