

Curitiba, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

**CHAIRMAN COMMUNICATION 019/2022**

Dear ITKF Member Organizations,

I hope everyone is in good health.

Below is some information for the knowledge of all members of our organization.

**1. EXPULSION OF MEMBER ORGANIZATION**

Unfortunately, we inform you that by decision of Directors Meeting 15/2022 and ratified by the Extraordinary General Meeting (September 17th, 2022) Traditional Karate Federation of Canada and Mr Richard Jorgensen were expelled from ITKF. Among the many reasons is that Mr Jorgensen has made a first reopening of "itkf in the USA" in partnership with Mr Jorga without authorization from ITKF directors, which resulted in the creation of "itkf/Fudokan". A second reopening of "itkf in the USA" also without authorization from ITKF board, this time in partnership with Mr Dedunupitiya. Mr Jorgensen also sending a letter to Egypt's Minister of Sports and Youth attacking ITKF and its directors, self-proclaiming himself as the chairman of ITKF and even signing as if. All documents cited were presented and are recorded in the minutes of the Directors Meeting and the Extraordinary General Meeting.

## 2. 21st ITKF TRADITIONAL KARATE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

We look forward to having all our Member Organizations present at our World Championship to be held in Slovenia from 15th to 20 th November.

We remind everyone to reread the event circular to confirm the competition modalities, the registration dates and hosting.

All athletes (black belt) over 16 years old to participate must be registered (Dan register) with ITKF. Anyone who already has a registration needs to re-register.

Coaches, officials, and referees must also be registered with ITKF (Dan registration). Anyone who already has a registration needs to re-register. Coaches must have an updated Coach certificate. Referees must also have an up-to-date referee certificate.

Coaches and referees who need to obtain or revalidate the certificates will be able to participate in ITKF Master Course that will be held next to the World Championship and take the exams.

Let's make a great event together in Slovenia.

*The tradition continues!!!*



Gilberto Gaertner  
ITKF Chairman