

Curitiba, December 12th, 2022

CHAIRMAN COMMUNICATION 024/2022

Dear ITKF Member Organizations,

Below is some information about the 21st World Championship held in Slovenia and the meetings held.

1. Thanks to the Event Organization

Initially, we would like to thank the dedication and excellent work carried out by the Organizing Committee of the event coordinated by Mr Roman and Mr Iztok. The event was very well organized and all activities took place with a high degree of excellence. The IT team presented us with an excellent registration and event management system, with the innovation in the use of tablets for kata refereeing and the experimental use of TK-VAR to resolve doubts in kumite disputes. All team members were very kind and contributed to creating a positive climate of work and camaraderie. I can only say that it was an excellent event and that it will go down in ITKF history. Many thanks to everyone who has worked voluntarily to strengthen our traditional karate.

2. Member Organizations

We also greatly appreciate all the affiliated countries that participated and brightened the event. We know that world events require a lot of training, dedication, financial investment and organization to be able to participate. For a first post-pandemic event, the great participation we had was a pleasant surprise. It was the event with the highest female participation in ITKF history and more than 50 judges working. Many thanks to all the directors, instructors, coaches,

judges and athletes who, with their commitment and effort, helped to a built a great event.

We welcome the new member organizations approved by the GM (Provisional Members): Czech Republic, Canada, Tanzania, Angola and Palestine.

We also congratulate the Polish Federation that was approved by the GM as a Full Member.

3. ITKF Team

Our thanks also to the work of the Technical Committee, Shihan-Kai, Directors, Officers and Advisers. The hard work of all of you is contributing to our organization becoming more and more organized and evolving in the technical and administrative aspects in a balanced way. You guys made the difference, thank you very much.

4. Decisions of Directors' Meetings, Regional Meeting and General Meeting

.The following regional boards were elected for the period from 2023 to 2026

ITKF Africa

Chairman – Ramy El Mekawy

Vice President – Gamal Guda

Technical Chairman – “open position”

Treasurer – Ali Sobhhy

General Secretary – Mohammed Amin

ITKF Asia

Chairman – Ibrahim El Bakr

Vice President – Shukhatjon Kushmuradov

Vice President – Amer Abu Hamdia

Technical Chairman – Suren Matevosyan

General Secretary - “open position”

.Reelected for the period from 2023 to 2026

ITKF Chairman – Gilberto Gaertner

.Approved Indications for the period from 2023 to 2026

ITKF President - Romulo Machado

ITKF Vice-president - Sandrine El Marhoumy

ITKF General Secretary – Luiz Alberto Kuster

ITKF Treasurer – Rui Marçal

ITKF General Director – Sadiomar Santos

ITKF Director – Fernando Silva

ITKF Legal Advisor – Antônio Palu Filho

ITKF Controller – Jorge Crosa

ITKF Controller – Braddley Webb

Advisors – Joarez Franco Jr, Leonardo Prado, Rafael Gaertner, Carlos Huy and Vinicius Pinto.

5. Trademark

We are proud to announce that ITKF completed the registration process of our BRAND and LOGO with the National Institute of Industrial Property - INPI.

The Brazilian INPI is a signatory of the Madrid Protocol along with 120 other countries. The Madrid Protocol guarantees intellectual property and trademark legitimacy.

ITKF is the only owner, in Brazil, legally and authorized to use the brand:

ITKF - International Traditional Karate Federation.

This is yet another step that consolidates and strengthens our institution, as we all decided in the 2019/2022 Strategic Planning exercise.

For the first time in the history of ITKF we have our entire board of directors and regional federations complete. We hope that, guided by our 2023-2026 strategic plan and the new directors working in unison, we can strengthen our institution even further. We will continue to work as a team and increase the ITKF family.

The Traditional Continues!!!



Gilberto Gaertner
ITKF Chairman