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### ITKF CHAIRMAN COMMUNICATION 032/2023

Dear ITKF Family

We are ending the year 2023 with great joy for having managed to take very significant steps in strengthening our institution.

**We would like to congratulate and thank everyone who committed themselves and worked to strengthen our institution, without a doubt this was a remarkable year.**

With a lot of commitment and work from our Technical Committee and local leaders, we managed to hold the Masters Course in the four regional organizations (Africa, Asia/Oceania, Europe and Panamerican). With the commitment of regional leaders and the countries involved, four regional championships were also held (Egypt, Portugal, Uzbekistan and Brazil). The ITKF/IKTA Seminar was also held in the USA led by Sensei Dino. Furthermore, throughout the year, numerous national and regional events were held, and we congratulate all the organizers and participants for their initiatives.

ITKF also entered into very important partnerships to strengthen our institutional image, help all our members and solidify our brand. **We are affiliated with IAKS and TAFISA and have signed a scientific-academic partnership with Kimyio International University.**

We also had 10 new members join throughout the year, which expands our global representation with **ITKF being present in around 70 countries.**

The activities already confirmed on our **calendar for 2024** are:

- . **Master Course – May 9th to 12th** – Les Sables D’Olonne - France
- . **USA IKTA Meeting – July 24th to 28th** – Los Angeles – USA
- . **22nd ITKF World Championship – October 7th to 13th** – Vila do Conde – Portugal

**We can only thank everyone for the work in favor of traditional karate carried out by everyone in 2023.**

***We wish the ITKF family an excellent 2024.***

*We hope to build an increasingly stronger ITKF together.*

***May ITKF also contribute to the construction of a more humanized, more harmonized, more (equal) egalitarian and more sustainable world.***

*The Tradition Continues!!!*



Gilberto Gaertner  
ITKF Chairman