



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

UNITED WORLD KARATE – 1ST WORLD KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP KOPER, SLOVENIA, OCTOBER 12 – 18, 2015

Dear ITKF National Federation Member:

As you are aware, ITKF has played a lead role in helping to create a unified body (United World Karate-UWK) that will better satisfy the requirements expected by the IOC and other sport authorities regarding the participation of Karate in major world sporting events as a united sport activity under one umbrella International Federation. In addition, this unified body will allow National Federations of ITKF to present a unified proposal to their respective Sport Ministers that will provide a gateway to recognition. Given its history and recognition by IOC as the governing body for Traditional Karate competition, the ITKF Technical Qualification requirements and Competition Rules have been adopted, through agreement, by UWK for the UWK-Traditional Karate Permanent Commission. ITKF will continue to provide the Technical oversight for UWK of this Commission and its competitions.

United World Karate will hold its 1st United World Karate Championships in Koper, Slovenia on October 12-18, 2015 (Please see attached UWK Information Bulletin). This historic event will include competition formats from Traditional Karate; General Karate; and, Contact Karate. Never, since the first world level competition for Karate was organized by Sensei Nishiyama in Los Angeles, California, U.S.A. in 1968, has such a significant moment for Karate occurred.

“United As One!” is the theme of these World Championships and I encourage all National Federation members of ITKF to participate by collaborating with the General and Contact Karate organizations within their respective countries to form a National Federation for UWK. As well, it is my hope and expectation that ITKF National Federation members will participate in these historic World Championships with good athletes and judges so that there will be strong teams of ITKF to represent Traditional Karate in order that we will support Sensei’s legacy *“the Tradition Continues...”*. It is expected that this World Championships will attract more than 1,500 participants.

Sincerely,

Richard Jorgensen, Chairman
International Traditional Karate Federation