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TO ALL ITKF NATIONAL FEDERATION MEMBERS

Re: Passing of Mr. Michael Crowe

Dear Friends:

It is with great sadness that I must inform you of the passing of our very dear friend and colleague, Mr. Michael Crowe. Michael served as the General Secretary of ITKF for many, many years and was a valued advisor to Sensei Hidetaka Nishiyama and ITKF.

On a personal note, Michael and I became close friends decades ago as I became more involved with the international affairs of the ITKF and the international matters undertaken by Sensei Nishiyama. Michael was dedicated to the success of the ITKF and provided strong legal counsel and support to the ITKF and Sensei on a continuous and unselfish basis. On the passing of Sensei Nishiyama, he was invaluable to me as a friend, advisor and mentor as we navigated ITKF through turbulent waters. Our close friendship continued following his retirement from ITKF, until his passing.

But more importantly, Michael was an outstanding person to all who knew him. He will be sorely missed and remembered fondly by those he has left behind.

The family is holding a very private service and there will not be a public Memorial to attend. In respect of the family's wishes, please take a moment in your day to reflect on Michael's life and thank him for all that he has done for each of us with his thoughtfulness and compassion for ITKF and Sensei Nishiyama.

May he always live in our hearts and memories.

Sincerely,

Richard Jorgensen, Chairman  
International Traditional Karate Federation