

# INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE WELCOMES THE NEW ERA OF ITKF



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**International Traditional Karate Federation (ITKF)**

Dear President, dear Mr. Kwiecinski,

Thank you for your letter addressed to IOC President Bach on 10 July 2014 regarding the current changes and initiatives of the ITKF.

We note the relocation of the headquarters to Geneva and welcome the ITKF to Switzerland. We also extend our congratulations for a successful event, the 6<sup>th</sup> Traditional Karate European Cup ORLEN, on 14 June 2014 as well as the nomination to the World Games programme for 2017.

The ITKF's initiatives of working with the UNESCO and UNOSDP on peace and educational promotion are important in our developing world and especially, in helping create a more peaceful world through sport.

Again, we thank your federation for the information.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kit McConnell'.

**Kit McConnell**  
Sports Director

**We are very happy and proud to report that NEW ERA of ITKF seated in Geneva (Switzerland) is very welcome and recognized by International Olympic Committee.**

The main target of the ITKF for the nearest future is to organize the 17th World Traditional Karate Championship which will be held on October 24 – 26, 2014 in Geneva. This event will take place in conjunction with World Children's Traditional Karate Cup "Children for Peace" as part of our global "Traditional Karate for Peace" initiative being promoted worldwide in cooperation with major partners. Traditional Karate has been also nominated to be included in the next World Games to be held in 2017 in Wrocław (Poland). We are now awaiting the final decision of the International World Games Association (IWGA).

**We encourage you to cooperate with Sport Authority in your country to start preparation to the World Games 2017 in Wrocław!**

Please find attached letter from International Olympic Committee.