

## **TO ALL WKF NF's MEMBERS**

Dear President,

Thank you for the overwhelming expressions of support that I have received. You can rest assured that the WKF Olympic campaign has been a model and as such it has been understood by a vast majority of NFs and members of the Olympic family, and has given an unprecedented worldwide visibility for karate. I have been therefore really surprised by this letter of the General Secretary, where he is suddenly taking distance from the process. He has been part of the campaign and of the team from the very beginning to the very end, and has been actively present in the coordination meetings with the company as well in the presentations and other activities where he has always, as the rest of the team, praised the very efficient and professional work done. This has nothing to do with not having been short listed. Own literal words of the General Secretary after the last presentation in S. Petersburg: **“Everything well done”, “Karate was the best”, etc.**

Everything in the WKF, as always, has been done in a clear and transparent way. The GS has been and is not only aware of every single detail, but part of it. From the very beginning he has had all the information of everything in relationship with the whole campaign. Can anybody believe that now he claims about “lack of cooperation of the President”? Also the other members of the WKF Executive Bureau has been punctually informed and involved in all details. Also with the EC that will also of course, as always, be reported in the next meeting, and the same the Congress.

This sudden change of Mr. Yerolimpos, for which position of General Secretary I proposed him in 2010, constitutes a serious breach in the necessary relationship of confidence with the President. He has not forwarded me a single phone call nor an e-mail before sending his communication of yesterday below.

All this has created a very dangerous and risky situation for the smooth running of the WKF, and in order to preserve the day to day running of the WKF, and in application of Articles 14.7 and 13.8 of the Statutes I have decided to revoke the position as WKF General Secretary of Mr. Yerolimpos. **As a consequence, Mr. Yerolimpos is not anymore the General Secretary of the WKF and of the EKF (European Karate Federation). This decision has just been communicated to Mr. Yerolimpos and is already effective.** The Assistant General Secretary, with the main support of the WKF HQ office, will take over the secretariat duties until the appointment of a new General Secretary by the EC upon my proposal. The same for the European Karate Federation (EKF). For all communication in relationship with secretariat issues, please be so kind to write to [wkf@wkf.com.es](mailto:wkf@wkf.com.es) for the WKF and to [ekf@ekf.com.es](mailto:ekf@ekf.com.es) for the EKF.

Thank you again for your continued support

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