



## All-Russian Traditional Karate Federation

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To: All Traditional Karate practitioners  
Subject: International Traditional Karate-Do Tournament Irkutsk 2017 and  
International Team Kumite Cup "Kumite Evolution"

On behalf of the All-Russian Traditional Karate Federation we are pleased to invite you to the first International Traditional Karate-Do Tournament in Russia to be held on **15-16 April 2017** in Irkutsk city.

The most impressive event we invite you to take part in will be the International Team Kumite Cup "**Kumite Evolution**". Each national team (one team for country, Russia has two) is to be composed of 7 athletes. The youngest is born in 2008 or later, the eldest are two adults, male and female. The participants compete in 5 consecutive types of Kumite beginning with long-distance Kikhon Kumite for kids and finishing with Shobu-Ippon Kumite matches. The details at length you'll find in the official regulations. The purpose of these uncommon form of competition is to demonstrate the Educational in Traditional Karate-Do, the evolution of mastery which becomes an evolution of self. We want to show those great depth and consistency which characterize our system of self-development, the step-by-step process leading to the ultimate goal – the level of mastery making it possible to win without fight.

The "Kumite Evolution" Cup will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the tournament (16<sup>th</sup> of April), and on the first day there will be a competition for all age groups in all WTKF disciplines including Team Kata and Enbu. The programme for children is the same as at the World Traditional Karate Children Cup. Also there'll be competition in Kumite for children. We use several consecutive stages of training Kumite described at length in the official regulations. The Organizing Committee will be pleased if you'll take part in this part of competition as well.

We are eager to use this tournament to emphasize the educational values of Traditional Karate-Do and we have special reasons. The Irkutsk State University is the first university not only in Russia but also in the world to introduce a special high education program on Traditional Karate-do allowing the students to be officially certificated as Traditional Karate-do instructors. More than 25 students are studying Traditional Karate-do theoretical and methodological aspects, coaching, judging and history and of course practicing Budo under the guidance of the Traditional Karate-do Federation of Irkutsk Region instructors. That's why we would like to organize the first **Traditional Karate-do international seminar** conducted by the best expert of traditional karate, president WTKF, Sensei W. Kwiesincki, 8 Dan, alongside the tournament in Irkutsk. Of course we have odds and hardship as any pathfinder does. So your active participation in the forthcoming event will make a great contribution to promoting this project important not only for Russia but also for spreading of the Traditional Karate-Do values all around the world.

The Organizing Committee is pleased to offer an **eventful touristic programme** – including visiting Lake Baikal, "the Pearl of Siberia", the largest freshwater and the world's oldest lake, Russian sauna ("banya") with snow-bathing, fishing and traditional cuisine. The accommodation is to be in the best hotel of Irkutsk city with **a 50% discount**.

We look forward to see you in Irkutsk and do our best to make this event unforgettable!

Sincerely Yours,

Pavel Chernousov, President  
All-Russian Traditional Karate Federation