



# WUKO

## WORLD UNION OF KARATE-DO ORGANIZATIONS

To all Wuko members

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Dear friends,

I received the letters of Mr. Osvaldo Messias. It tells its own tale, so I want to inform you only about real facts.

1. The "association" with Mr. Messias as President is a property of the members who have founded it. I want to remark that today the necessary documents for a legal association according to law, are still missing.
2. The name and logo "WUKO" were registered on the 27th April 2005 in the name of Carlo Henke. Mr. Messias and the 3 members remained in the Wuko-DC know and have always known this.
3. The trademark and the logo are "in exclusive ownership of Mr. Carlo Henke, who reserves the right to cede the logo and the name temporarily and to revoke this concession in any moment". Mr. Messias signed the minutes reporting what I'm telling you now. No *"aquired right"* exists.
4. Mr. Messias declared in the Wuko Directing Committee and in the Wuko Presidential Meeting held in Jesolo (17th -18th October) that he had the intention to change the name "Wuko" into another one, for fear that the Wkf would ask him and all Wuko members "hundreds of thousands dollars for damages". Now he claims exactly the contrary: you can judge alone the credibility of his assertions.
5. I didn't convene an *"Extraordinary Congress before Odessa-Ukraine"*. The problems of the sports association headed by Mr. Messias do not concern me anymore.
6. What Mr. Messias wrote in the last part of his letter is true: Messias asked me to transfer the name "Wuko" to his sports association. But to change its name in Odessa. My answer was no and since then I've decided to start another sports association to preserve this name from unjustified changes.

Now Mr. Messias threatens legal actions. I'm at his disposal. For now I charged my legal office in Rome to bring an action for material and moral damages against Mr. Messias, the ex Wuko Directing Committee members and who will keep on using this name and logo. I will pay the indemnity directly into the current account of the new Wuko and it will be used for the organization of championships, stages and promotional events for our Wuko, which has already been refounded and is definitively operative.

To you all my best greetings and thanks for the support that many have already shown me!

*Carlo Henke*  
Wuko President