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2015 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF International European Seminar

Location: Copenhagen, Denmark
Date: 16 - 18 October

2015 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Japan Autumn Seminar

Location: Ikushinkan Dojo
Kawasaki, Japan
Date: 15 November

2015 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Portugal Seminar

Location: Porto & Esposende,
Portugal
Date: 19 - 25 July

2015 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Austria Seminar

Location: Wels, Austria
Date: 29 November

2016 Kokusai Budoin IMAF Americas Seminar

Location: Ann Arbor, MI USA
Date: 03 - 05 June

2016 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Puerto Rico Seminar

Location: Cidra, Puerto Rico
Date: 27 February

2016 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF All Japan Budo Exhibition

Location: Tokyo, Japan
Date: To Be Announced

2016 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF International European Seminar

Location: Alsace, France
- details to be announced
Date: 21 - 23 October

2016 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Autumn Japan Seminar

Location: To Be Announced
Date: To Be Announced

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Information about Membership,
Events, and more:

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The objectives of Kokusai Budoin, IMAF, include the expansion of interest in Japanese Martial Arts; the establishment of communication, friendship, understanding and harmony among members chapters; the development of the minds and bodies of its members; and the promotion of global understanding and personal growth.

2015 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF International European Seminar Copenhagen, Denmark



Rosenborg Castle in Copenhagen, Denmark, originally built in 1606 as a summer residence for King Christian IV

2015 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Japan Autumn Seminar

Kawasaki, Japan

Each year, Kokusai Budoin, International Martial Arts Federation (IMAF) sponsors various events worldwide.

In addition to sponsoring workshops and seminars, recognizing meritorious individuals for exemplary service and dedication, federation events serve as opportunities to exchange ideas, share experience, and build friendship among people worldwide who share the common bond of *budo* (traditional Japanese martial arts).

In Japan, the federation sponsors two major events each year, the All Japan Budo Exhibition held in the spring, and the Autumn seminar.

This year, the Autumn seminar took place at the Ikushinkan Dojo, a cultural center in Kawasaki.

The annual event was held in the afternoon of 15 November, and the day began with *laido* - art of drawing and cutting using the Japanese sword, under the direction of Matsuzaki Iwao Sensei, *laido* Hanshi 8th Dan. The second session featured Aikido under the direction of Tsutsui Shinji Sensei, Kyoshi 8th Dan, Director of the Ikushinkan Dojo. Both sessions included basic as well as advanced techniques, a discussion of philosophy, and lots of hands-on practice.



2015 Autumn seminar participants, Ikushinkan Dojo



Iaido



Aikido



2015 Autumn seminar, instructors & participants

2016 Japan Autumn Seminar schedule and location, see: <http://imaf.com/events.html>

2015 International European Seminar - *continued*

The 2015 International European Seminar, the crowning event of a busy 2015 European schedule, took place 16 - 18 October in Copenhagen, Denmark. World renowned for its excellent quality of life, architecture, museums, restaurants, night-life, and more, Copenhagen also features outstanding sporting facilities, including AMAGERHALLEN sports center with world-class sports facilities where Aikido, Iaido, Judo, Karate-do, and Nihon Jujutsu sessions took place daily under the direction of senior Japanese and European instructors.



2015 International European Seminar, opening address by Nobetsu Tadanori, Kokusai Budoin Chief Director



2015 International European Seminar Guest of Honour, Suei Seishi, Japanese Ambassador to Denmark



2015 International European Seminar, opening ceremony - seminar participants

Day 1:
 Arrive & Register
 18.00 - 19.30 Training

Day 2:
 10.00 - 10.15 Opening ceremony
 10.15 - 12.30 Morning Session
 12.30 - 13.30 Lunch
 13.30 - 15.00 Afternoon Session (part 1)
 15.15 - 16.30 Afternoon Session (part 2)
 16.30 - 19.00 Examination
 19.00 - 23:00 Reception / Dinner Party

Day 3:
 09.30 - 10.45 Morning Session (part 1)
 11.00 - 12.15 Morning Session (part 2)
 12.15 - 13.00 Lunch
 13.00 - 14.30 Afternoon Session (part 1)
 14.45 - 15.45 Afternoon Session (part 2)
 15.45 - 16.00 Closing ceremony
 16.00 - 17.30 Afternoon Session (part 3)



Nobetsu Sensei - Karate-do



Kumazawa Sensei - laido



Opening ceremony, Abe Sensei - Aikido, Kumazawa Sensei - laido, Komoto Sensei - Aikido (left to right)



Gage Sensei (left) and Deegen Sensei (right) - Nihon Jujutsu



laido



Nihon Jujutsu



Aikido

There were countless highlights at the 16 - 18 October, 2016 event... Indeed, the Danish team did an outstanding job of preparation - providing information, advertising, and so much more, managing the daily schedule, meals, transportation, and other management tasks during the event, as well as with follow up activities. For anyone who has not taken the survey: <https://onedrive.live.com/survey?resid=3b2d9ff600a1d03c133112&authkey=!AGclFNiDjZIUbk8>

An excellent tone was set Friday evening with Aikido, Karate and Nihon Jujutsu sessions, directed by Edmund Kern, Walter Schmigielski, and Peter Deegen. Saturday began with the opening ceremony and a keynote address by the honourable Suei Seishi, the Japanese Ambassador to Denmark. Morning training, mid-day break, afternoon sessions and Dan grade examinations completed the day. See examination results on page 5. The reception that evening was a truly notable. Held at a spacious hall where participants of all ages, backgrounds and nationalities shared dinner, great entertainment, and camaraderie with new and old friends. Sunday, the day's events began at 09:30, included two morning sessions, the mid-day break, three afternoon sessions and the closing ceremony. Sadly, many new and old friends left for home Sunday afternoon - fortunately, with promises to meet again at the next event.

Sincere appreciation is fully deserved by all members of the Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Denmark team, as well as their friends and family members who all contributed to a memorable event. Additionally, heartfelt thanks is due to all participants, including instructors, International Representatives, and others, many of whom travelled from distant countries and locales to attend, whose dedication defined the very successful 2015 European event.



2016 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Americas Seminar

Date: June 3, 4 & 5, 2016

Featuring Nobetsu Tadanori Sensei

Japan Headquarters Representative
 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Chief Director
 Karate-do Hanshi 9th Dan - Karate-do Division Co-Shihan
 Karate-do Division Examiner, OIL GS-1

Event Information & Registration at:

<http://japanesemartialartscenter.com/events>

Event Sponsor

Japanese Martial Arts Center (JMAC)
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Welcome to an Extraordinary Event - Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Americas Renewal Seminar June 3, 4 & 5, 2016

Join Nobetsu Sensei, Chief Director and Karate-do Division Co-Shihan of Kokusai Budoin, International Martial Arts Federation (IMAF), one of the world's top proponents of Karate-do and traditional Japanese martial arts, to discover his sublime technique and insights into *budo*, life, and more...

Three days of Intense Training

Friday, 03 June

18:00 - 18:30 Opening Ceremony
 18:30 - 20:00 1st Open Session

Saturday, 04 June

09:30 - 10:30 Junior Class (ages 7 - 13)
 10:45 - 12:15 2nd Open Class
 12:15 - 14:00 Midday Break
 14:00 - 15:00 3rd Open Class
 15:15 - 16:15 Tanbo Jujutsu
 18:00 - 21:00 Banquet & JMAC 10th Anniversary Party

Sunday, 05 June

09:30 - 11:00 4th Open Class
 11:00 - 12:30 Midday Break
 12:30 - 14:00 5th Open Class
 14:00 - 14:30 Closing Ceremony

Interested individuals and groups are invited to register, pay participation fees, discover more about the event, including location, accommodations, and more at: <http://japanesemartialartscenter.com/events>

Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Americas Renewal - the federation has been working diligently to rebuild its leadership, member services, and more in the Americas - you are invited to join our roll out celebration - the 2016 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Americas National Seminar, June 3rd - 5th in Ann Arbor, Michigan USA. Discover more about one of the world's foremost martial arts organizations, what we do in the Americas, and how we can inspire your practice by attending this prestigious event.

2016 Sato Sensei Memorial Training

Saturday, February 27, 2016
 Cidra, Puerto Rico

Each year Jose Juan Cruz, Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Americas Branch Director, sponsors a memorial seminar in honor of Sato Shizuya Sensei (1929 - 2011), a founder of Kokusai Budoin, IMAF, and former Chief Director, in Cidra, Puerto Rico.

Training will be held on Saturday, February 27 with a celebration dinner to follow during the evening.

Cidra is better known as "the City of Eternal Spring" for its lush green and soft breezes on the beautiful island of Puerto Rico.

Interested individuals and groups please contact, Jose Juan Cruz Sensei at: imaf.americas@gmail.com
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2015 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Portugal Seminar Jujutsu – French / Portuguese Friendship

19th - 25th of July 2015, a group of 5 French Nihon Jujutsu students visited Portugal. The meeting had been arranged by Vasco Pinto, and Anthony Moyou with the intent of exchanging technical and pedagogical knowledge, and building on friendships established at the 2014 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF International European Seminar in Strasbourg, France.

Training was divided between two cities, Porto and Esposende, where members shared various techniques, principles, and aspects of philosophy in four Dojos. Beyond the Jujutsu practice, participants enjoyed the local gastronomy, visited well known historical and nature sites. In the end, the feeling among all was of richness, not only in terms of Jujutsu practice, but also of new friendships made richer through shared experience.

By the end of a week of intense hard work and familiarity, the only difference between Portuguese and French people was the language itself, proving that Budo is also a universal means of communication that promotes bonds between people and cultures, which is a primary goal of Kokusai Budoin, IMAF.

2015 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Austria Seminar

Wels, Austria

The Budō seminar "Mind, Hand and Sword" on November 29th took place at the already proven Budōkan Center in Wels, Austria. Built to provide practitioners of Martial Arts with an "authentic" training facility, the venue played an important part in creating an atmosphere of fellowship, respect and focused effort.

Conducting the seminar was Dr. Elisabeth Noisser (Iaidō Kyōshi 7th Dan, President KB Austria) and Dr. Franz Edlinger (6th Dan Jūdō, Kata-instructor of Upper Austrian Jūdō Federation). 22 participants from various Budō styles (Jūdō, Jūjutsu, Aikidō and Iaidō) and several Dojō from Austria and Germany joined the event.



The opening ceremony was co-hosted by Mr. Helmut Aichbauer, official representative of the town government sport committee. The first part of the seminar was dedicated to a topic most essential to Budō, proper etiquette within Japanese Martial Arts. The participants were able to deeply benefit from Noisser-sensei's profound knowledge and experience, deriving from a life-long dedication to Japanese culture and Martial Arts.

The afternoon seminar continued in two parallel sequences with Noisser-sensei, assisted by Nakayama Kazumi Iaidō Renshi 6. Dan and Dietmar Maierhofer Iaidō 3. Dan, providing advanced Iaidō lessons, while Edlinger-sensei taught Kime No Kata, the "form of decision" as originally taught within Kodokan Jūdō.

Thanks to the high-ranking teachers, ambitious participants, support from the city of Wels and other sponsors, the seminar was a great success for everyone involved.

For more information contact: info@jujitsu-wels.at



2015 International European Seminar Examination Results

Denmark	NIEBUHR Maria	NIHON JUJUTSU 4th DAN	Pass
France	OTTMANN Dedier	NIHON JUJUTSU 5th DAN	Pass
	PEDENAUD Pierre	KARATEDO 6th DAN	Pass
	WEISS Bertrand	KARATEDO 7th DAN	Fail
Germany	SMIGIELSKI Walter	KARATEDO 7th DAN	Pass
Portugal	GONÇALVES Pedro	KARATEDO 5th DAN	Pass
	GONÇALVES Pedro	KARATEDO OIL G-4	Pass
Hungary	ZAKARIAS Laszlo	KARATEDO 8th DAN	Fail *

* Demonstration, not Examination

International Division Director Appointments

Germany

Aikido

Mr. Edmund Kern

Aikido 8th Dan

Former Regional Director, Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Germany

Karatedo

Mr. Walter Smigielski

Karatedo 7th Dan

Former Regional Director, Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Germany

Nihon Jujutsu / Judo

Dr. Peter Deegen

Nihon Jujutsu Renshi, 6th Dan

Judo 4th Dan

Regional Director, Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Germany

Portugal

Nihon Jujutsu

Mr. Vasco Pinto

Nihon Jujutsu 3rd Dan

Switzerland

Nihon Jujutsu

Mr. Carlo Bergamin

Nihon Jujutsu 2nd Dan

National Administration Representative *pro tempore*



2015 International European Seminar Participants

⊛ All 2015 International European Seminar photos courtesy of Torben Jensen

Local, Regional, National and International Events

Kokusai Budoin, IMAF sponsors a wide variety of events in Japan, various countries and regions each year.

Please see the partial list of official Kokusai Budoin, IMAF, Headquarters Japan and national websites:

<http://www.imaf.com/events.html>

<http://www.imafamericas.com/>

<http://www.kokusaibudoin.co.uk/>

<http://www.imaf-germany.de>

<http://www.imaf-france.com/>

<http://www.imaf-ch.org/>

<http://imaf.dk/index.php/en/>
More Websites Coming Soon!

For information about local, regional and national events, contact the local Kokusai Budoin, IMAF representative, or Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Headquarters at: international@imaf.com