



Featured News

**2017 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF
International European Seminar**
Location: Plauen, Germany
Date: 20, 21 & 22 October

**Kokusai Budoin • Kokusai Budorenmei
International Martial Arts Federation**

Event Calendar for 2018 (Heisei 30)
1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018

January 5, 2018: HQ Office Opens

February 17: Board of Directors Meeting
12: 30 pm - 2: 30 pm

June 2: 40th All Japan Budo Exhibition
Ikegami Kaikan Ota Ward, Tokyo
10 am - 4 pm

May: Board of Examiners Meeting
• 1-Dan - 5-Dan Candidates

July: Board of Examiners Meeting
• Title and 6-Dan - 8-Dan Candidates

July 7: Board of Directors Meeting

August 6 ~ 15: Summer Break - HQ

October: Gendo Newsletter no. 64

October: Board of Examiners Meeting
• 1-Dan - 5-Dan Candidates

October 19 ~ 21:

International European Seminar

EXINCOURT (25) France

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November 18: Japan HQ Martial Arts
Seminar: Karatedo, Kobudo, Aikido

December 1: Board of Directors Meeting:
Tokyo /12: 30 pm - 2: 30 pm

December 26 ~ January 4: Winter Break
• HQ Office

© Japan HQ office is open for business
Tuesday to Friday from 9 am to 4 pm.

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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.

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Japan Headquarters Representatives signing the guest book at Plauen City Hall

This year's seminar was one of the largest in recent memory with about 400 people attending. It was also a ceremonial event where two celebrations overlapped. One was the 65th anniversary of Kokusai Budoin, IMAF, founded in 1952, and another was the 30th anniversary of establishing Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Germany as a Branch Country.

Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Japan Headquarters Representatives included Ikuo Higuchi, Hanshi 9-Dan and co-Shihan Karate-do, and Masayuki Kumazawa, Kyoshi 8-Dan laido. Another highlight of the weekend event was the welcome ceremony by the honorable Mayor of Plauen city at Plauen city hall.

Saturday • Opening Ceremony • Training • Exhibition • Reception

Opening Ceremony • Japan Headquarters Representative Ikuo Higuchi was the keynote speaker at the opening ceremony. Additionally, the event sponsor, Mr. Hans-D. Rauscher and Mr. Michael Faulhaber, event coordinator, welcomed the men, women and children and presented honored guests from various countries around the world.





Training • Karate-do

Immediately after the opening ceremony, participants divided into groups for practice.

Karate-do participants gathered in the central gymnasium to begin their studies.

Higuchi Sensei lead the session with his characteristic emphasis on timing, power and combinations. Indeed, he took time to discuss Japan's ancient virtues such as diligence, humility, perseverance, and energy acquired in the process of pursuit of perfection are indispensable not only as a discipline for martial arts but also to properly develop the individual. Throughout the day, senior international instructors assisted participants to refine his or her practice.



Training • Iaido

Iaido practice was directed by Kumazawa Sensei with assistance by Christine Rauscher Sensei. More than 50 participants joined the weekend sessions, gaining numerous significant insights into the sublime and subtle art of drawing the Japanese sword (Iaido). Participants included senior Kokusai Budoin, IMAF members, friends as well as men and women for whom this was their first international European seminar. Indeed, everyone discovered new insights, encouragement, and took additional steps along the path, or 'way' of Iaido.



2017 International European Seminar • Opening Ceremony



Kendo Exhibition



Training • Judo

Judo training was directed by Dave Wareing Sensei, 6-Dan Judo and senior instructor from the UK. Training focused on many critical skills such as grasping an opponent, leverage in throwing, drawing an opponent into a technique and escaping an attack. Characteristically, people enjoyed many laughs, worked hard and gained a new appreciation for the art of flexibility.

Saturday • Budo Exhibition

In addition to Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Representatives Higuchi Sensei and Kumazawa Sensei demonstrating their respective arts, international instructors provided inspiring performances of various classical arts.

Saturday • Reception and Dinner Party

After the exhibition, seminar participants enjoyed a wonderful dinner buffet as a fulfilling day's closing. At the party venue in the old town of Plauen, individuals and groups discussed their impressions and discoveries and hopes for the following day.

Sunday • Training • Examinations • Closing Ceremony

On the day of the last day of the seminar, sessions began at 9:00. As the Japanese delegates were busy with various exams, international instructors directed the training.

Closing Ceremony • Held in the afternoon, the closing ceremony marked the end of the memorable weekend event, and participants bid farewell to the Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Japanese delegates, friends – new and old, and the beautiful town of Plauen.

Sincere appreciation is owed to the many volunteers who devoted themselves to preparations throughout the event. Additionally, to the many participants who worked hard, and to new and old friends in the hope that we meet again soon.



Training • Nihon Jujutsu

Nihon Jujutsu practice was directed by Peter Degen Sensei, Renshi 6-Dan Nihon Jujutsu, as well as senior Danish instructors Thomas Mickelsen and Theis Widerkinch. Under Degen Sensei's direction, participants reviewed classical forms, applications and numerous variations, creating a rich and rewarding milieu for all.



Training • Aikido

Direction of the weekend aikido sessions was shared by André Fredrix Sensei, Hanshi 8-Dan Aikido, and Ralf Oschmann Sensei, Renshi 6-Dan Aikido. More than 50 men and women joined the sessions which focused on basic, intermediate and advanced techniques, as well as the philosophical underpinnings of practice.

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Please Join Us

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Details to be announced soon!