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A story of pure success!

By Carlo Pari

The World Ju Jitsu Federation/World Ju Jitsu Kobudo Organization, thanks to the numbers of its subscribers and penetration worldwide, is probably the largest and most important Federation of Ju Jitsu in the world. Founded in 1976 at the Hotel Delphi in Liverpool, an idea of some masters: Robert Clark (1946-2012), Giacomo Spartaco Bertoletti and later Beryl Miao arrived as the general secretary (until December 2012, at present: Natascia Bertoletti) with the main aim to promote the knowledge of the art of Ju Jitsu, developing the organization and innovating the technique. The first title of Soke (honoris causa) was given to James Blundell. The first and the only president is the master GSB (Giacomo Spartaco Bertoletti), the first technical director, or better the "International Co-ordinator and National Coach" was the master Robert Clark. The birth of the Wjjf/Wjjko, was fundamental for the dissemination of Ju Jitsu in the world.

The 'Art of Adaptability' (as an extension of the translation 'soft'), was relegated up until then to a marginal role in the world's martial arts landscape. In 1976 in Italy, we lived through years of being in the lead, but also through the years of the great development of Karate, 'the hard one' -for adults, probably (maybe out of nostalgia) the 'real' one. Today, the average time for the karate club is around 10/12 years; consequently there is martial credibility. The discipline of the "empty hand" has evolved over time from a sport point of view; unwanted, because never updated, from the point of view of modern personal defence - the primary goal of all "martial arts".

Ju Jitsu has however since confirmed its role of excellence in the background of defence, but also as a real "art", a noun that is synonymous with creativity.

This was understood in Japan, where in 1843 there were more than 1000 "ryu" of ju jitsu, and so the shogun imposed a selection; it later was understood also in Italy: the master Biagio Bianchi (1914 -1964), called Gino, the Italian pioneer of the Italian ju jitsu, created an innovative technical program, which had an excellent development, slowed only by his early death, and in any case continued, also in the teaching evolution: the book "the modern Ju jitsu" published in the '70/'80's by one of the most famous students of the master Bianchi, the engineer and master Rinaldo Orlandi represents striking confirmation.

This was understood in 1976 by the founders of the Wjjf/Wjjko, who created a worldwide Federation of the discipline, providing it with an innovative technical program, the "Syllabus" which is, in any case, still operative, even if in progressive evolution.

The term art, especially if martial, certainly doesn't mean to repeat gestures endlessly, thinking that these are the best, because they are encoded in the past, or even before!!

The "katana" were handled with great skill and mastery by the samurai, but appear sadly pathetic and even ridiculous from a defensive point of view, if compared to a "glock". Progress inevitably leads to innovation, in every human environment.

The founders of the Wjjf/Wjjko, understood this necessity; the master Robert Clark 9° dan, was one of the most qualified teachers of ju jitsu in the world; he combined with rare intelligence, technical skills, research, study and entrepreneurship. He was born on the 2nd February 1946 and started to practice martial arts when he was 6 years old under the master Jack Britton (1885-1962). After a very long educative path, and then as a teacher he developed his own method of work, which manifested in an updated and modern way and specifi-



cally in self-defence. The master Giacomo Spartaco Bertoletti, today 9° dan, started his long and qualified path on the martial world, as a simple karate black belt in Italy, with two desires and great determination: to enforce his way and to become an entrepreneur. He bought the monthly magazine of martial arts: "Samurai", that was in a difficult state of permanence on the market, he saved it (besides to "Banzai" and the weekly "Black belt") overcoming the obstacles that appeared insurmountable, and led it to become one of the most important Italian magazines. This record has still been maintained, after forty years.

The master Bertoletti as a practitioner, curious and forward looking, realized that in his karate, even if learned by the main Japanese masters, something was missing; he began also the practice of ju jitsu, that later became "his" martial art of reference, and without any doubt, one of the great loves of his life.

The "gentle art", until then often held in archaic feuds, developed all its energy after the birth

of the Wjjf/Wjjko. Almost forty years are gone, or perhaps I should say 30.000 - you have read correctly! 30.000 black belts, of different dan, scattered all over the globe. A work of divulgation all over the globe. A work of publication that has no equal, and which led to ju jitsu being known in the world.

In 1979 some significant qualifications were assigned inside the Federation: the International Coordinator, Master Robert Clark, at that time 8° dan, was given the title of Soke, while the president Master Bertoletti, was given the title of Shike (2005), like that of Soke, because 5° Shike of the school Kodan Enshin ryu Honmon Enshinryu-Bujutsu, an honorific and dynastic title.

Today the Wjjf/Wjjko boasts over fifty (50) groups/Federations affiliated in the world. Unfortunately, at the height of this worldly success, a very serious mourning happened; in 2012 Soke Robert Clark, 9° dan, passed away - one of the two 'hubs' of the bearing structure. An immense pain and loss of an incomparable technician.

Shike Giacomo Spartaco Bertoletti, 9° dan, - whose level is recognized also by the Ijff, during the presidency of the Doct. Paul Høglund, in Corfu (Greece) in 2005 - became consequently also the International Coordinator.

Today, despite the serious tragic event, the Wjjf/Wjjko is a prestigious organization. At the top there is the Shihan Kai, composed by masters who are among the greatest technical and educational expression of the discipline in the world: ten (10) shihan/kai-cho to which we add (25) shihan scattered throughout the planet; here the Italians present in the Shihan Kai: Angelo Balconi, Andrea Colombini, Roberto De Ronzi, Daniela de Pretto, Mirko Di Cristofaro, Stefano Draghi, Valerio Forti, Gaetano Frongillo, David Gobbi, Giancarlo Koliotassis, Antonio La Salandra, Matteo Luteriani, Lorenzo Milano, Guido Nicoli, Carlo Alberto Pari, Livio Cesare Proia, Giovanni Ronchini.

The technical program of the Wjjf/Wjjko remains the "syllabus" (always up-to-date) developed by the Soke Robert Clark, of which the guide lines are the speed and the incisiveness of the actions, with the goal to get an advantageous position on the opponent, or in some cases, to defend and escape from a situation of danger. The most traditional part of Ju Jitsu still remains under the form of kata.

There is also some combination of techniques with the weapons from kobudo. An additional significant realisation, is a branch inside the Federation, only for women: the Fima or "Females in Martial Arts", reserved for the fair sex, both students and teachers. It has the goal to promote the equality of opportunity of women in the martial arts, also with qualified seminars headed by women only



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for women.

The great success of the Federation in the world is surely due to the didactic origins of its management, that have allowed the introduction of different “ryu” of ju jitsu in the Wjjf/Wjjko also of recent creation; clearly after a careful examination, after a detailed analysis of the “curriculum” by the founder masters, who have surely a very high, technical and moral profile, of first level and with a long and demonstrated didactical experience, gained at the top of relevant and international organisations, established over decades of work and disclosure of the sweet art.

Today the Wjjf/Wjjko is also a recognized member of the All Japan Ju Jitsu International Federation, and is a part of the Kuniba Kai International Japan Bu Do Federation, founded in Japan in 1935.

And also of the Wjj Confederation born in 2013, recognized by Tafisa “Sport for All” (IOC member) of which the Wjjko is a founding member.

Ju jitsu is helping to fill the basic need of the human being: to learn to defend himself. If the “art of the adaptability” had not adapted to modern social needs, adapting technical programs - ju jitsu would have probably been extinguished. Today, it is instead the martial art of reference for Self Defence. The Wjjf/Wjjko has understood it since 1976, it has been continuing the way of the openness and disclosure, without prejudice, with strong knowledge, strong reliability, strong experience and strong expansion now widespread in many parts of the world.

Saint Benedict: the swallows return to the roof

Dear friends, While waiting to reach the goal of 30th edition, let's enjoy the results of this 28th edition of the International Seminar and of Coppa Italia of Ju Jitsu 2015.

I start to thank first every one who could be present and also all who, for many reasons, all good, were not present in Norcia from 20th to 22nd or who had to go back home before the end.

Thanks to all parents who, with thousand of sacrifices devoted their time and money to satisfy their children's wishes, feeding their passion for ju jitsu, that, as remembered by father John McKenzie, a benedictin monk coming from America, who practices joyfully with us, “ju Jitsu is a sane martial art able to better both physical and mental conditions but over all to up the wellness of our spirit”. Concepts worthily reaffirmed by Grand Master, 8°dan Fijlkam, Ernesto Gavarina, former trainer of italian national team of Judo and by Federal Councillor Fesik Master Francesco Romano Bonizi 8°dan of Karate and by provincial president of Csen prof. Giuliano Baiocchi.

Thanks to all athletes who patiently stood two days of such intensive training and competitions.

Thanks to all masters, who spent their energy to prepare their students for the competitions and motivated to be present in Norcia.

Thanks to all referees, who with honesty and preparation have evaluated the tests of so many athletes. Bravo! If all competitions had gone with no controversies and no incidents - all is only due to their work.

Thanks to all masters, from Italy and from all countries who

gave importance to this event with their presence and teaching.

Thanks to all our masters (ju jitsu fesik), who even if of high level as the teachers, they have practiced as students. A true great example for our students.

Thanks to all good masters who worked to plan and realize the juvenile activities. Very good all, they have been able to enjoy our children without the pressure of the agonistic results only looking forward to the prize.

Thanks to Shike Giacomo Spartaco Bertoletti for believing in the validity and feasibility of the project.

Thanks to Master Giancarlo Bagnulo (Fijlkam), to Shihan Stefano Draghi (Wjjf), to Master Guido Mascitti (Figmma), to Masters Massimiliano Chinca and Primo Fruzzetti (Tamashii Ryu Ju Jitsu), to Kancho Robert Hart (England), to Soke Auvo Niniketo and Master Risto Vantar (Finland), to Soke Krishna Gopal and Master Roepesh Harangi (Holland), to Master Damjan Apollonio (Slovenia), to Shihan Nektarios Lykialdopoulos (Greece), to Shihan Gianni Ronchini, Guido Nicoli, Andrea Colombini, Mirko Di Cristofaro, Lorenzo Milano. So many acronyms, many groups, but this time all together.

Thanks to the masters: Italo Francucci, Carleo Antonio, Stefano Del Rosso, Renato Berutti, Manassero Luciano, Diego Orlando, Federico Vecchi, Mannis Robertino, Carmine De Masi, Rebaudengo Massimiliano, Edoardo Giordani, Rita Tana, Luca Marini, Luca Belvolto, Luca Marengo, Antonio Villani, David Adami, Vallasciani Augusto, Mirko Poggi, Daniele Jacovelli, Jacopo Rovea, Matteo Rovea, Pellegrino Ivan, Francesco Bono, Silvia Francucci, Cervone Elisa, Franco Carfagna, Hervé Lora, Sangermano Rudy, Giampiero Marrocco, Augusto Falconi, Forò Gianmarco, Ciuccarelli Leonardo.

With three young students of Master Daniela De Pretto, Channel-Bille-Testolin, already at the top of italian karate, for the beautiful demonstrations with excellent performance of the kata team and relative application. Thanks to Fabio Channel for addressing the long journey from Schio (VI), only to accompany them.

Thanks to our Riccardo Castellino, who after participating as a great athlete in many editions Cup Italy, this time played with punctuality and responsibility, the new role of the Doctor.

Thanks to the Notary Dr. Giuseppina Casazza for coming specifically to Norcia for event which was present for many years and for bringing in our race, Angelica.

But the event would not have even been able to start without the help spontaneous and disinterested of Toschi Massimiliano, Eleonora Bianchi, Alessandro Castellino, Nardi Daniel, Samuel Aloisi, Cammarata Piero, Angela Bradaric, Mero, Coderoni Ivan, Natale Giulia, Giorgia Iucci.





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Thanks to my brother Valter, because without him the Italian Cup would be “deaf and dumb and black and white.”

Thanks Proia Arianna, Daniela De Pretto, Giuseppina De Santis, Federico Cesarini for the help and proximity.

Thanks to Daniele Bucchi, who in this week is back in the house of the Lord. Only for his programs and his teachings we were able to manage in terms of computing the various phases of the competition.

Thanks to all those that I have not mentioned, but who have given their valuable contribution, each according to their skills and capabilities.

After that said, a hint of the great political achievement-sporty obtained with the simultaneous presence of so many masters at the top of their organizations.

Result obtained thanks to the intervention of some influential presidents who have responded to my “provocation.”

After the Berlin Wall fell another that only up to 10 days ago, seemed insurmountable, indeed, unapproachable.

Now it will be easier to talk to, get around a table, to establish a peaceful and collaborative design and implement activities in synergy between many different forces.

Where for so long there was a big wall, now there's a big open door that will allow “diplomacy” federal pave the way for future collaborations, indispensable and beneficial to all.

As for the various competitions, we are satisfied with how things went. While as regards the result and rankings, I will not waste a single line.

I hope that no one came to Norcia exclusively for competing and maybe go home with a piece of tin.

Livio Cesare Proia

Meeting in Istanbul

On 17 match in Istanbul was held a meeting between the International President of the WJJF/WJJKO Bertoletti, and the President of the Turkish



Ju-Jitsu and Brazilian Ju-Jitsu Federation - Orhan Ozakti. The meeting attended the Turkish representative of WJJF/WJJKO Ilhan Yalin, Chumhur Solak, and the representative and coordinator for the Balkan, Baltic and Eurasia Countries Shihan Yavor Dyankov, also - the establisher of the Turkish Karate Federation and President of the European and Middle East Hapkido Martial Arts Association - Kaya Muzaffer Ilicak. Mr. Ilicak is also President of the World Federation of Athletes Against Drugs.

The meeting was held in a friendly and peaceful manner, and it was negotiated that the two Federations will assist each other. They also combined under the cause of the World Federation of Athletes Against Drugs. Shihan Yavor Dyankov and Sensei Ilhan Yalin agreed with the President of the Turkish Ju-Jitsu and Brazilian Ju-Jitsu Federation, Orhan Ozakti on joint seminars and camps. The Turkish Ju-Jitsu and Brazilian Ju-Jitsu Federation was established 3 years ago and has the ambition of further developing this sport. At the end of the meeting presents were exchanged, and photos made in order to seal the memorable day.

For San Giorgio

Sofia 14-15 March

It was not for the Military Order of San Giorgio, which I'm pleased to say I have got some time ago.

It was a reconciliation between two eclectic souls of Kobujutsu in Bulgaria: Shihan George Zarkov and Kamen Radev; or vice-versa – it does not matter!

George represents the Koden Enshin Ryu Gsb ha- (registered n° 1577938) and Kamen Radev the Wjjf/Wjjko.

There was a time for the polemics but the practice of the ko-ryu (the old style) has levelled them.

Everything happened in Sofia, during the seminar. And, in order to give more emphasis to it - the presence of another George, Chivaran from Romania; that in the last three years- the reasons could be many or any one in particular, he did not participate in our activities.

The technical seminar of the Koden has been directed by the Shike Gsb, 5° dan Shike Koden Enshin Ryu Honmon Enshin Ryu Bujutsu, and has brought a new Shodan, Bozhida Banov.



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That parallel of the Hashita, directed by Gianfranco Camerini delegate for Europe of the school created by Eli Leffler (Israel) has brought a new operator for security in the person of Rumén Dimitrov Grigorov.

It should be finished like this if, another George, this time “San Giorgio the Victorian”, has hosted us in his monastery in Glozhene, 1700 mt among the arduous Balkans.

The fact that Bulgaria is among the nations with many archaeological ruins in Europe with Rome and Greece is well known. As it is well known that among the 7 oldest towns in the world there is also the Bulgarian Plovdiv founded more than 8 thousand years ago and where there lived since 3 thousand years (A.C.) Thracians, Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Bulgarians and Ottomans.

The history of the monastery is linked to the Prince Kievan George Glozh, in the 13 century under the Zar (Caesar) Ivan Asen II°.

Chosen the place in 1219, in 1252 the monastery got the fortress that also today we can admire from the summit of the Kamen Lisets.

Famous was the icon in relief made in silver by the martyr San George it is the only one and of great value. Fortress, monastery a refuge for the Bulgarian partisan committed in the war of liberation versus the Turkish (1913).

I have always believed in coincidences or concomitances and this instance of the 3 Georges is the evidence!

The meeting at Pomorie, another task of the jujitsu, Wjjf/Wjjko; Kodén Enshi with the Shihan Kamen Radev and Veli Aslan for Bulgaria; George Chivaran for Romania and Shihan Alexandr Bruzgin for Russia; and the Shihan Mirko De Cristofari, Stefano Draghi and Gsb for Italy.

May Saint George enlighten us!!

The time of the alliance

Bologna, 17 march 2015

Stop with the fear of “competition”, today is the right time for the great opening, hoping, and renovation.

This is what emerged from the meeting with the master Giancarlo Bagnulo for the jujitsu of the FIJLKAM - Federazione Italiana Judo, Lotta, Karate ed Arti Marziali – and Gsb in Bologna the “academic”.

No more chatting !!!

The first meeting at the master Giancarlo Bagnulo with the Wjjf/Wjjko was in Norcia hosted by Shihan Livio Cesare Proia, and with the abroad guests from Finland: Soke Auvo Niiniketo, from UK, Kancho Robert Hart and from Greece Shihan Nektarios Lykiardopoulos

And, *dulcis in fundo*, from the 16 to the 19 July the meeting at the Pala Pellicone in Ostia (Roma) for the Jujitsu Summer Village 2015: tradition, modernity, and sharing.

Cuba, for us, is the symbol of one world changing

My negotiations for the Congress in Ireland Feb 2015 have reached a successful completion with the arrival of Sensei Ernesto Camilo Hechavarria Reyna, Sensei Carlos Miguel Mateus Rosaenz & Yasser Galan Noa at the Headquarters for WJJF/WJJKO in



Ireland, at the Dojo, Ballymena.

The bureaucracy of Visa entry to the UK prevented them from attending in time for the Congress, but I have every confidence that the band of instructors, led by President Kai Cho David Toney, will ensure that they have an experience to equal that of our other international delegates who attended the ‘Ionracas’ (Integrity) Congress.

I have spent many years teaching and nurturing this young affiliation in Cuba and am very proud to see the development of the coaches and their students. We would hope in time, that the new developments with their Government will allow them to progress further and enjoy more liaison with their international counterparts.

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A word from Ireland on their visit:

After great disappointment, when the Cubans missed the Congress in Ireland – we were all absolutely delighted to find that three of the eight original delegates intended to visit with us and spend a month to fulfil their thirst for more knowledge, techniques and skills.

At first we wondered if a month would be too long? Would it make things difficult to manage with our own workload? Would we have to spend a lot of time looking after them? It very soon became apparent that the Cubans are VERY adept at looking after themselves. Aside from this fact, they have such charismatic personalities that all of our Irish Ju-Jitsu family welcomed them as their own and were soon ‘fighting over’ who could have them next to visit and train at their club! We soon decided that a month would be a little too short! Both for them to learn from us – and for us to learn from them!

First stop was the Dojo HQ, where they were given a tour and also visited the Torii Gate to give their respects to Soke Clark. So keen were all three that, on their first night, after a long journey, a difficult time in London Border offices and with jet lag – they insisted on training straight away at the dojo’s first available class that evening! Shihan Toney was very impressed with their enthusiasm and technique.

Wednesday evening they participated in Antrim Ju-Jitsu Club’s class which allowed them to see the venue the Congress Course took place in. Thursday evening they attended Avoniel Club in Belfast and by Friday a little tiredness had set in (after a late night’s entertainment with the students of the city & a taste of the Irish Guinness!) and so they rested and tended to injuries to be ready for training on Saturday morn-



in Bologna the “academic”.





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ing. Saturday also involved taking in some of the local sights with a trip to Belfast St. George's Market with Shihan Peter Cooke and Master Jayne Cooke. Here they met some fellow Cubans selling their wares! (It's a very small world!) Sunday - & no day of rest for the enthusiastic Cubans! -they travelled to Carrickfergus Club to train followed by a visit to the Castle there. The Cubans felt that it was so cold here that Irish people must be like penguins to survive the weather! There were a couple of mornings that our climate meant they woke with fever, however they are hardy and they adapt! As they kept telling us: 'Hey, we are Cubans!'

And so the rigorous schedule of training continued. Shihan Toney as anxious to teach them as they were to learn. As one often finds with students who delight in learning new things, coupled with having great ability - it reignites the passion within the teacher. Equally all three coaches have eagerly taken up the opportunity to widen their experience in teaching. They particularly enjoyed working with our kids' classes and complimented our coaches on the discipline and respect they have managed to instil with the children. They explained to us that lack of mats in Cuba impedes the amount of throws children can be shown as they would hurt themselves too badly when they fall. Also the government there does not recognise Ju-Jitsu's true benefits and so are not supportive of teaching children it. They think it is for fighting instead of teaching self-control and self-respect, building confidence, fitness and strength.

Of course, as Confucius says 'Wherever you go, go with all your heart' and so this opportunity to visit the other side of the world cannot be only filled with Ju-Jitsu! During their stay, Ireland celebrated their Patron Saint on St Patrick's Day and this took the group to Londonderry, another large city in the North of Ireland, where they experienced the festivities of this day including a large parade. Unfortunately we just missed sightings of the Aurora Borealis that occurred that evening turning the skies of Ireland to green, although friends captured photographs of this wonderful sight. Just three days later and there was to be another fantastic occurrence - a total eclipse. In Ballymena, where it was true to its rainy, cloudy reputation - visibility was poor and again we had to resort to watching this phenomena on television. However that same day, the Cuban 'muscateers' were treated to a Civic Reception at our Town Hall with the Lady Mayoress who showed them around her chambers, explained some of the local history of the town, while being equally intrigued to hear all about Cuba over cups of tea in dainty china cups and saucers.

At the time of writing, their excursion is not by any means finished. We have plans for visiting the Titanic Museum, the place of the Congress Gala Dinner and weather permitting will visit the Giant's Causeway and other local spots of interest, interspersed with a great variety of training classes, using the expertise of our many clubs here - all hugely enthusiastic to host our guests. From discussions with our new friends it would appear they feel truly blessed to have been able to come here and that they have gained so much in terms of not only new skills and valuable training, but in friendship. I would venture, however, that the Irish have learned more from this inspirational time spent witnessing another culture's appreciation of what we take for granted every day and so of-

ten dismiss or put down. Ernesto, Carlos and Yasser notice everything and better - find joy in everything!

From the birds flying away at the time the eclipse is about to begin, to the lift that speaks 'doors closing' like the Terminator. From the fact a washing machine can make cleaning their gis light work, to the fact that pressing a button at the side of the road can stop the cars, and that their breaks work sufficiently to do this! All are things we just take for granted in our daily life, as we trudge along in the 'rat race'. The Cubans have a zest for life, in spite of quite rigorous restriction put on them by their government, and that, along with their great humility, are things we would hope to emulate after they return. We feel certain that WJFF Cuba will grow from strength to strength with three such motivated and talented people to help carry it forward and we look forward to many more co-operations with them in the near future.

Hana Wa Sakura Gi Hito Wa Bushi

The best flower is the cherry tree, the best man is the samurai
Pomorie Bulgaria (3-6 April 2015)

The spirit of Japan is very much linked to the cherry flower, Sakura, which also represents the heart of the bushi, the warrior.

The Samurai loved to compare his life to that of a cherry bud.

"It opens rapidly, it generates a flower of a great beauty and after it falls down and dies"

Pomorie, a pleasant touristic town on the black sea some kilometres from Burgas, hosts every year the tradition of planting a SAKURA next to the Church of the Maria Vergine.

We participated also in 2013 and this year the Consul of Japan, Sasumo Ueda, in Sofia took the greeting of the country of the rising sun, invited with the delegation Wjff/Wjjko, by the major Ivan Alexiev, for the SAKURA. This event corresponds to the National seminar of jujitsu of the *World Ju - Jitsu Federation - Bulgaria* presided over at international level by Shihan Kamen Radev and nationally by Sensei Veli Aslan.

The delegation Wjff/Wjjko hosted the shihan kai with: George Chiavaran (Romania) Alexandr Bruzgin (Russia), Mirko De Cristofaro, Stefano Draghi and Gsb who took part at the Budo Gala which focus the event Sakura/Samurai

The rituals for the dan gradings, dan menjio, saw the recognition DAN SHINSA (SHINSHA) to Tsvetan Cholev, shodan and the 6° dan (rokku dan menjio) at the merit, at Kamen Radev 15 years in the Wjjko.

Before entering in Sofia one visit to Veliko T rnovo, among the historical and oldest countries of Europe, called 'the cities of the kings' (from Kahn to the Zar - Caesar).

One Easter, not the Orthodox one- which begins a week after because of the Gregorian calendar- at the insigne of the Celtic tradition of Ireland (also the Long bards were Celts) of the God Eostara

It is said that the English word Easter (Pasqua) really comes from this mythological figure who as a talismanic symbol had in the hands one egg and one





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rabbit.

Our reflection was for our Irish colleagues (Zuishin) Kaicho David Toney and Anne (sosai).

To all members Wjff/Wjjko

Dear colleagues, since there has been no movement with the WJFF UK managing director/kaicho Robert Hart, regarding contractual affiliation to the parent organisation (WJFF/WJJKO) we have decided to pursue a continuation of the system of contract-membership we have been using since 1993 (at the Congress in Venice) for representatives of Wjff/Wjjko. This will reinstate our regulated presence unequivocally in "the homeland of our ju jitsu".

Every group which becomes a member of the WJFF/WJJKO will have an independent life with the possibilities that in the future some common initiatives can be born (seminars, events, etc) which will demonstrate our skill set of Masters and students.

All dan-menjo gradings will be coordinated by our head office in Milan, and managed by one International technical commission to give credibility to the grades awarded.

The WJFF UK, housed in what was formerly the historical Samurai World, will continue to operate independently in what is now named The Clark Centre, without contract or a protocol with us (WJFF/WJJKO).

With all due respect.

Kind regards

Giacomo Spartaco Bertoletti

Wjff/Wjjko – GB

Dear Friends and Colleagues of Wjff/Wjjko Past and Present

I have recently been granted the opportunity of becoming the Country Representative of Wjff/Wjjko in Great Britain, by the President Giacomo Spartaco Bertoletti. This is a great honour and one to which I give my respect in memory of Soke Robert Clark.

The last few years since Soke's passing, have been a trying and difficult time for all who knew him. One person attempting to fill the void he left would be impossible, but we could start to unite once again in his spirit. Therefore I am offering the hand of friendship to all Wjff/Wjjko Members past and present to come and re-join a special family, not for titles, fame or fortune, but because Robert Clark would want to see what he built continue and not disintegrate.

Hopefully individuals and groups will wish to unite again - at least by association, if not full

integration, as under Soke Clark. Nothing and nobody could replicate his achievements over the years since 1976 but perhaps those who have benefitted from his training, foresight and enthusiasm will come together once again to ensure that what he built up will not be lost.

My door is open to you all, and together we can re-establish the unity of World Ju-Jitsu in Great Britain and, with the support of the Wjff/Wjjko in Ireland, continue Soke's work together.

David Flaherty MBE, Wjff/Wjjko - GB

Tour BJJ Grand master Rigan Machado 8° Dan

It is going on the tour of the Grand Master Rigan Machado, for the stages of BJJ. the tour left from Switzerland to Zurich and Rorschach, Machado was supported by the European coordinator of the Academy Rigan Machado Master Antonio al Salandra, the last 3 April 2015.

Yesterday 9/04/2015 Rigan Machado attended a seminar in Seregno (MB) always supported by the master La Salandra, by the master David Gobbi and the instructor Giampaolo Viganò who coordinated the logistics.

Guest of honour Shike GSB with whom we had a briefing for some future projects.

The 10 11 and the 12 April the Grand Master will be in Rome with some seminars at the HQ Secutor Fight Academy City Fitness Roma, via Paternopoli 54.

Dr. Antonio M. la Salandra

On the footsteps of Olympia

Sochi Russia 19-24 April 2015



By the re-election of the doct. Marius Vizer, the only candidate, at the presidency of

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SportAccord (ex GAISE, General Association of International SportsFederations) we are opening a new way of the university of the sport.

Till some years ago, we can say from Beijing (2010) and the first World Kom-bat Games, few knew about SportAccord and about the 100 and more Federations which are a part of it.

The rise of Marius Vizer, who is also the president of the IJF International Ju-do Federation, today the third Federation in the Olympic field, behind athletics and swimming- may be for a short time- there is an increase of the value and the activities connected to SportAccord.



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The "mascot" of the WjjfItaly Matilde
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Demonstrative Dvd with a selection of the shihan kai of Seike
Dai Robert Clark. Coordinated by Sensei G.S. Bertolotti the
Shinze are exhibiting simple techniques and combination
exploring the old art. This series is in memory of Sake Robert
Clark, co-founder of the WJJF/WJJKO.

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REALLY SOON

**Wjjf - Wjjko/ Shihan Kai: realization of the new
Videos DVD; really soon, orders**

Dear Shihan, we are glad to inform you we are publishing the new "DVD" we prepared last
June in Carrara (Italy).

The video has been realized putting the image of the logo Wjjf-Wjjko registered with protocol
n. 130044896 with validity inside the EEC, we are still waiting the registration of the Logo "
Foundation R. Clark".

In case this logo is registered soon, we could insert it in the new video.

The "DVD" will be advertised and sold starting from January 2015 at the price of Euro 35,00.
Awaiting your reply soon, we remain

International calendar Wjjko

- 8-10 May: Anversa (Belgium) stage with John Theirien (Canada) nad Alain Sailly
- 15-17 May stage in Bulgaria organized by Shihan George Chivaran
- 30-31 May: Stage and dan grandin PMA (Pisa and Carrara) Italy
- 6 June: Hungary Jubilee Day Istvan Kelemen
- 4-8 August: stage in Hungary organized by Tamas Smaraglai
- 16-22 August: Fjjer organizes Summer Camp ju jiltsu in Valtice
- 23-30 September: Stage in Australia organized by sensei Tony Smith nad shihan Carl B. Withey
- 10-11 October: stage in Venice/Istrana Italy organized by Kami Center
- 23-25 October: Germany stage organized by Wjj D president Shihan J. Oberhollenzer
- 31 October- 1 November: stage in Russia organized by Alexander Bruzgin

