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Dear So shihan, Shihan, shidoin, kuro obi (black belts) in these past few days I have had to witness some illogical choices, made on the basis of ‘being friendly.’ I wish to talk frankly because it is not the moment for finding some “diplomatic words”.
I was really surprised about the illogical decisions of a few people and still too many - who congratulated about the delivery of ‘false certifications’ on the occasion of a 25th ceremony which doesn’t exist.
Everyone knows that those people were not part of the WJJKO since February 2013. Where were these false “guru”, in 1976 – 86 -96 - 2006 and since 2013?
We don’t need to be interested, but we should know of course that someone of 6° dan (roku dan) rank cannot award anyone a level above his own skillset - this shows how much they know in budo!
And yet “you have applauded” or given credit and authority to these people?
Everyone is now called upon in order to defend our colours: red/blue/gold; to discuss inside the different points of view; fight together, strong and determined to defend the fortieth year of our job, in order to propose an eclectic modern gendai – budo, budo.
The time to be nice is finished.
Please read this carefully and quietly! Please meditate about my embarrassment. Everyone knows that those people were not part of the WJJF/WJKO since February 2013. Where were these false “guru”, in 1976 – 86 -96 - 2006 and since 2013?

Israel – 25 Fantastic years!
It would be amiss to let this fantastic occasion go without sharing some more of the experience of the event! Israel is a truly spiritual country and, when teamed up with the spirit and energy of the World Ju-Jitsu Federation family, it makes for an event which is truly electric and memorable in the strongest sense of the word.
Kaicho Toney & wife Anne were accompanied by Shihan Peter Cooke, Principal Coach of WJJF Ireland and Master Ryan Patterson of Cregagh and Holywood Clubs. There were many more students who really wanted to come but because of timing or financial constraints were unable to make it. Next time, for sure… Thankfully there were many of our comrades from WJJKO GB to share this wonderful experience with, along with many delegates from various other countries – Italy, Finland, Poland, Hungary etc.
When we reached the airport we were met by the smiling faces of our Israeli brothers who acted like professional chauffeurs and chaperones for the rest of the trip. We could not forget the wonderful hospitality. The hotel was amazing – right on the beach and walking distance to both the port of Tel Aviv and the old town of Jaffa, for the guests’ convenience.
Tel Aviv is an amazing city, when Kaicho Toney went running on the beach at 6am – the beach was as vital as at any time of the day; lots of fitness fanatics, exercising on the provided equipment or practising yoga, playing volleyball etc. What a fabulous lifestyle! This together with the amazing weather and fantastic healthy diet is surely what keeps our Israeli family so happy and content! This same beach was, later in the trip, to host an amazing tasting Krav Maga course – taken by Kai cho Amir Barnea himself.

The Congress Gala dinner was a spectacular event. Everyone, dressed in all their finery, gathered in anticipation for pre-dinner cocktails and to mingle and meet old and new friends, with the stunning backdrop of the ocean. Then, seated in the ballroom, a silence ensued while some very poignant speeches were made. A toast to absent friends, a message from Iemoto Kaji – Shike Bertoletti and some presentations to reward both hard work and loyalty within the Federation.
We had thought long and hard about what to present Kai cho Amir Barnea on this momentous occasion, on behalf of WJJF Ireland. We believed 25 years was a lot of time to gather up plenty of certificates, plaques and trophies and so wanted to choose something different. As 25 years is a Silver anniversary celebration – we decided upon a silver clock, a symbol of time passing – a common choice perhaps on these occasions? However, in keeping with the selection of the new Triumphate, of which Amir is part – we chose a triple ‘world-time’
Rigan Course 17th June 17

On the 17th of June, WJJF Ireland was proud to host a grappling seminar in Belfast by Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu legend, Grand Master Rigan Machado - assisted by Professor Antonio la Salandra. Rigan Machado is an 8th Degree BJJ Black Belt and 8-time grappling world champion. He is currently based in Beverly Hills where he runs a successful BJJ academy. He is the personal trainer of celebrities Keanu Reeves, Ashton Kutcher, Scarlett Johannsen, Vin Diesel and many more. Antonio la Salandra is a WJJF 7th Dan and BJJ 3rd Dan; he is the Machado Academy’s European representative. Antonio served as Keanu Re-
ves’ fight coordinator in the recent blockbuster, John Wick 2, and he made an appearance in the film. If you watch closely, you’ll see him meet a nasty end courtesy of John Wick!

The grappling seminar was open to all and was very well attended with over 100 participants. Rigan emphasised minimal movement and simple pressure to sweep and control opponents and made effective use of the “deep half-guard” position. Antonio drilled several effective sweeps and submissions. The event concluded with some intense positional sparring to reinforce the techniques learned.

We were impressed with Rigan’s warm, friendly, funny nature and fantastic storytelling. Indeed, at dinner after the seminar, Rigan treated us to a hilarious impromptu karaoke rendition of his recent YouTube hit “Another day, another raspagem”.

Several years ago, Kai cho David Toney formed a Grappling Committee for WJJF Ireland, tasked with improving the standard of grappling across the organisation. The committee organises regular courses, club visits, competitions and seminars such as this. We would like to applaud Shike Bertoletti for having the foresight to make this particular contact for us, and negotiating an agreement with the European representative of the organisation. The result has been a vast improvement in the grappling competence of our members. We encourage all in the WJJF-WJJKO family to pursue grappling training to keep your skills up to date.

Master Ryan Patterson
On behalf of the Grappling Committee
WJJF Ireland

Pham Xuan Tong in Milan

On the occasion of the National stage organized by the Master/Shihan Roberto Vismara the Master/Founder Pham Xuan Tong brought us a copy of the old book “Qwan ki do” realised in 1983 by GSB. At the same time, GSB gave a copy of the historical book of the “Wjjf/Wijkko 1976”; “40 years in the rainbow trail” (Italian version) to the master Tong, to Roberto Vismara and to the vice president Roberto Sambrotta.

A friendship between the Qwan ki do and the Wjjf/Wijkko which lasts since “Samurai” was born (March 1976)

The great hot
Spilimbergo (Modena) 11 June 2017

“what is important is that one never stops asking questions” said Albert Einstein (1879-1955).

Words which have to make us reflect one more time about the relationship with our International Federation “Wjjf/Wijkko 1976” for us “Wjj Italy”.

The proposal of our Chairman Stefano Draghi’s - National Coach – and supported by GSB, was to spend together a “hot” Sunday - to make a toast for the closure of another long year of activity. Without the ‘sport politics’.

We had a great success in every sense: over 100 participants, lots of blue jackets, the presence of the Shihan, Vice President for the European continent Josef Oberhollenzer (Germany) and the visit of the mayor doct. Renzo Francesconi. The “blue jackets” as the black belts “kuro obi” are our federal power and they should be the federal reflection point.

They should have to participate, without any prohibition, in every Federal activity.

The registration of the logo in Italy has been done, as we have already said: “we are glad to inform you that the Italian logo “No. 1317877 WORLD JU JITSU FEDERATION” is today really in exclusivity - property of Natascia Argia Bertoletti!”.

After everyone will say something about the logo a reality, we are defending since now, legally, versus everyone is using our emblem, advertising and something else without any authorization.

Gsb, as co-founder, read a message at the Fijlkam:

“Dear Friends, during the meeting of June 3, in Rome, with the Federal President Fijlkam Dr. Domenico Falcone, and the presence of the Master Antonio Amorosi, Chairman of the Jujitsu Fijlkam Committee, our National Coach / Shihan Stefano Draghi and the undersigned, set the basis so the companies and dojos that are part of our federation, “Wjjf-Wijkko since 1976”, could start the practice for joining the Olympic Federation Fijlkam / Coni and its requests of affiliation.

After the meeting of the Federal Council Fijlkam scheduled for 23 pm in which the agreement will be ratified, we could start all the steps.

We will follow the exact specifications to join the federal structure through our secretarial office, and also the broad indications to participate at the competi-
What to add? That we are waiting for the last piece to complete our long journey started with Soke Robert Clark (1946-2012), in 1976. Further to this, we recommend our book “40 years in the rainbow trail” (Italian version) by GSB, in distribution (Publications & Promotion srl e-mail secretarial@publicationspromotion.it), which tells the anecdotes that have made a great dream, that has endured over forty years!

**Enrico Zanti... comes back home**
Giubiasco/Switzerland Canton Ticinese
About 20 years are passed since soke Robert Clark (1946/2012) and I went periodically to the Ticinese Canton.
The group headed by Shihan Enrico Zanti (5° dan) has regained contacts in order to accelerate the effective return into the “Wjjf/Wjjko 1976”
Therefore last Wednesday 31 May, we had, by Gsb (Shike Iemoto kaiji co-founder) and syuske shihan/chairman, Stefano Draghi, a general class about our school of style (Ha).
At the beginning of the next sports year 2017-2018, September, will be scheduled some technical/instructors’ classes in order to grade the canton ju jitsu
Welcome back shihan Enrico Zanti!
about Budo and more about our upcoming WJJF-WJJKO ‘National Congress’ in Queensland where all are excited to attend.
Thank you Soke!
Thank you all for your support in making this weekend a huge success!
See all in November in Queensland!
Yours’ in Bushido,

Hanshi Peter Pace
Australasia Vice-Chairman

As for tradition, also this year, in the Hombudojo Wasi of the Master Gianfranco Camerini in Casteggio (Pavia), we have held the end of the year seminar to conclude the martial season Wasi 2016 - 2017 headed by Spartaco Bertoletti (Gsb); Shiké Iemoto kaiji co-founder of the World Ju Jitsu Federation.
The seminar, besides being an important meeting because of the presence of the Shike Gsb represents also the successful completion of an heavy year for the students who, on this occasion, are doing the dan grading this year with the presence of the National Coach Wjjl, Shihan Stefano Draghi who with Shihan Gianfranco Camerini have been the Uke for the volcanic Spartaco Bertoletti.
Special compliments besides to all the students who made the passage, to two new black belts 2° Dan Gabriele Ferrari and Fabio Carosio which was very hard work for them, due to Gsb.

Kyu Grading Divya Academy
As from martial tradition in June at the end of the athletic year, and in December at the end of the year, kyu gradings are conducted. These represent the beginner's level and for Wjjl-Wjko there are nine. The novice, who approaches Ju Jitsu, starts practicing at any dojo with the red belt representing the Mukyu literally "without grade" and until reaching the white belt is not classified in the Kyu order. The timing of each kyu passing is not the same, the more the grade becomes high, the longer the time to reach the next degree. The first true degree passing is to undertake the 9th Kyu exam, the first class of beginners, represented by the white belt: “Shiro” in Japanese transliterated, symbolizing initiation or purity; The white color that conforms to the Shinto philosophy, linked to nature, typical of Japanese culture. The passage of each new grade is celebrated with a traditional ceremony like “Reishiki”. Then, after the exam, all the students will align by rank on the south side of the tatami called Shimoz, and those who have passed the grade exam will be called one by one by the master and invested with the new grade achieved, In a ceremonial delivery, in front of everyone to demonstrate the degree received. The delivery ceremony will be handled by the master assisted by “Senpai”: in transliterated Japanese representing the “senior student” or the highest instructor able. In general, the ceremony of grade passages is as exciting as the exam, practitioners can applaud the success of the companion after the belt is tied to waist by the master, this act officially sanctions the definitive step to the new degree. On June 22, 2017, the usual Ju Jitsu passages took place at the Divya Academy, Shinbu-Cho Wjjl-Wjjko authorized and certified school in a persistent hot, 30° degree – it seemed like much more. They have brilliantly achieved the degree of yellow belt: Kiiro, representing the first ray of sunshine, reveals the first formative sacrifices achieved, Dario Rifà, Christine Calderon, Marius Taheu, Rodolfo Carrà and Andrea Loscocco;
degree of orange belt: Daidairo, representing the Sun of Japan was achieved by Francesco Fiorito and the last in ascending order of degree, Alessandro Bovio and Gabriele Gambacorta have committed with dedication and dedication the blue belt: Ao symbolizing the depth of the sky, light and clear on which to build a strong and continuous path. For info on courses in Ju Jitsu www.divya-center.it or www.jujitsumilano.it, Divya Center is located in Milan in Via Orti, 12 20122 - M3 P.ta Romana. I thank all of my students for their commitment, with boldness, dedication and the concrete result achieved!!!

Shihan Lorenzo Milano
Divya Academy / School Hapkido Italy

40 years in the rainbow trail
This book – the Italian edition- is born after exactly one year after the project, and finally we are distributing it.

Why it is so late?
Many people have asked it.

I immediately say, I’d have liked to add some legal docs about the European registration of the logo and believe me not for imitating the campaign of the “Foucault’s pendulo” by Umberto Eco.

The reply is simple it should have been the history of the ju jitsu of Wjjf/Wjjko a book with photos of yesterday, today and some of tomorrow.

I hope!

Enjoy your reading!

International Calendar

5-14 July Bali Indonesia stage and dan grading

24-30 July Spain Summer Camp in Castelldefels (Barcellona)

29-30 September and 1 October Gaeta Italy stage Fesik-Koden Enshin Ryu

you can see is the result of my very difficult last journalist job. The stories are written at least in the East-mentioning sourcing, dates and facts- to assemble almost 40 years and more of ju jitsu in the world has required a lot of personal memory and personal work.

I really hope that after this very hard job, this book could be useful for the next generation of ju jitsu that – studying from the problems of the past- they could use some teaching with the scope to build a better tomorrow for the Italian and international ju jitsu.
6-8 October Germany Schwäbisch Gmünd

27-29 October Budapest Hungary seminar ju jitsu

20 November - 4 December Minsk Belarus 7th international Martial Arts Games

9-10 December Hungary Koden seminar
Internationales WJJF-WJJKO Budo Seminar & Honbu-Chō-Meeting

Am Samstag, den 7. Oktober 2017, in Schwäbisch Gmünd
Mit Shiké Giacomo Spartaco Bertolletti und Chairman Stefano Draghi sowie viele andere Großmeister

location: Großsporthalle, Katharinenstraße 33
73525 Schwäbisch Gmünd

date: Saturday, 7th October 2017

training time: from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm
(including breaks)

referees:
• Imoto Kaigí Shike Giacomo Spartaco Bertolletti WJJF/WJJKO 9. Dan
• Hanshi Rainer Grytt 9. Dan
• Chairman WJJF/WJJKO Shihan Stefano Draghi 7.Dan
• as well as a lot more grandmasters and referees

participants:
• children from 12 years up (not less than the 4. Kyu), and youth / adults.
• the budo seminar is open to all associations.
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**registration deadline option 2 and 3:** 28th August 2017
**registration deadline daily visitors:** 16th September 2017

Please transfer the seminar fees to the following account no later than the particular registration deadlines:

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- **IBAN:** DE42 6105 0000 0005 0094 84
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**accommodation:** hotel Fortuna**** Schwäbisch Gmünd (Including breakfast buffet and using the spa area). The registration is binding. If there is an inability to come a substitute person can take the place. Please write your age in case of registration. There will be the possibility for children and youth to stay over night in the gym for 8.- € per night. For further information, please contact the branch office of the WJI-JF Germany (Mr. Dieter Ritter).

You will find further information about the seminar on www.wjjf.de

The WJI-JF /WJJKO wishes a good journey.

No insurance is granted!