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Wjjf-Wjjko Congress

Belfast 21-22 February 2015

An amazingly successful weekend was enjoyed by members of WJJF Ireland, the largest martial arts organisation in Ireland, as they celebrated their latest World Congress in style.

The weekend kicked off with international guests being treated to Irish fayre at the Crumlin gaol, with traditional Irish live music. This was followed by a display of Irish dancing with the opportunity to get up and try it themselves.


The Saturday training course was the main event for the congress, when approximately one thousand participants gathered at Antrim Forum to enjoy the art, outnumbering the students who attended the last congress in 2003. An array of superheroes also attended the event to the children's delight.

Here some of the finest martial artists from all over the world worked with groups of students to impart their knowledge and expertise. Countries represented were as follows: Sweden, Finland, USA, Israel, Italy, Russia, Bulgaria, Kuwait, France and Ireland. Each country was twinned with a local club and a child from each club selected to carry the flag for that country which resulted in a splendid international ceremony as coaches were introduced. Both spectators and the Lord Mayor of Antrim who attended were thrilled with the electric atmosphere. Each student was presented with a commemorative T-shirt courtesy of the Signature Works in Bangor and a participation certificate.

Presentations of senior grades were made as follows:
Guido Nicoli (Italy) – 6th dan Roku Dan - Hanshi
Alan Pettigrew (Ards) – Shihan Hanshi 7th degree black belt
Jim Canning (Cookstown) – Shihan, 7th degree black belt



Pete Cooke (WJJF Antrim) – Shihan, 7th degree black belt
Amir Barnea (Israel) and David Toney (Ireland) - both Kaicho (Head Represent-





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To: **WJF Ireland**
Attn: **Ann and David Toney**

Re: **WJF Congress Belfast, Northern Ireland**

Dear **Ann and David**,

I would hereby both on behalf of the WJJC (World Jiu Jitsu Confederation) and myself personally express our sincere thanks for a fantastic event organised in Belfast 20-22 February 2015. The WJF Congress was very well organized, and an interest for this very serious and generally interesting event was a real enormous amount of interested participants.

Let me also apologize for this late communication to you. After coming to London I had to take care of some problems not related to sport, which I mentioned in my email letter to you.

So far I have only met you both once in connection with the WJF Congress. I really appreciated this meeting, and I was especially impressed by the hospitality towards me during my time in Belfast!

I am looking forward to an intensified contact with you and your organization in Ireland and to a continuing friendship also on the personal level. My best regards to your friendly students and all your federation WJF Ireland!

Yours sincerely
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tative) of their respective countries – 8th degree black belt.

After a hard days training – the delegates were treated to a wonderful experience at Titanic Belfast with a gala dinner: a short tour of the museum, champagne reception and fine dining. It would not be a WJJF/WJJKO congress without a few surprises and this time it was a guest appearance on the red carpet from a special Argentinian delegate: Summer the NI Children's Hospice Therapy Horse!

The World Ju-Jitsu Ireland try to give as much back to the community as possible and each year take a new charity under their wing. Following the tragic death of two of their coaches, little boy, "Jack Bleakney" – the organisation has been working hard to raise funds for the NI Children's Hospice who cared for Jack until the end. All spectators' fees at the Training event are being donated to the Hospice to add to a pot of £3000 gathered by the Federation's Clubs and over £21000 raised by the child's parents.

Soke Auvo Niiniketo from Finland, and Hanshi Bruce Bethers from USA were entered into the organization's Hall of Fame.

The occasion also marked the 25th Silver Anniversary of Shihan David Toney being in position of National Coach for WJJF Ireland. The dojo, led by Shihan David Toney treated Titanic Belfast to a flash mob experience to alter the mood of the evening and get everyone ready for the night's entertainment which was headed up by Brian Giffen and the Untouchables and finished off by Downtown & Q Radio's Neal McClelland, also a student of the Martial art.

A present for a Samurai

Belfast – North Ireland

Certainly I have not deserved such a present, a TSUBA. The hilt, principal ornament of the same *katana*, accessory designed with the express purpose to customize the weapon of the Japanese warriors.

When the sword is in the belt of the *samurai* the tsuba is clearly visible on the side of the warrior, symbolizing the dignity and the social status of its owner.

The shape, the designs enclaved on the *tsuba* personify the character, the emotions, and the tastes of the warrior, shortly the ideal of the beauty.

The scope of the hilt is that one to protect the hand of the warrior. And therefore something more than one simple element of ornament and in the history of the *katana*, the *tsuba* is evolving in function of the evolution of the same sword.



Anne and David Toney, has so excited me! To make as a present one *tsuba*, in the historical Japanese past is like to give one piece of the soul of the sword: the katana.

I can only say: "Domo arigato gozai mass"

New entry

Our Family Wjjf/Wjjko is enlarging.

Someone is coming someone is going out...

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Press release

We are informing you that master Maurizio Silvestri, with the level of technical director of the "Italian Management World ju-jitsu" has decided – in full agreement with the general assembly of the membership not to renew his contract with the WJJF/WJJKO represented by doct. Spartaco Bertoletti and to go on independently from the way started in 1978 with Soke Robert Clark. Following this decision his membership at the group WJJF/WJJKO headed by doct. Spartaco Bertoletti has expired.

So, with immediate effect all the diploma, levels Kyu and Dan and every other qualification or recognition issued by the master Silvestri are in the name of his organization and not in the name of the WJJF/WJJKO.

With this occasion, the Wjjf/Wjjko is thanking master Silvestri for his great job made during the years in Italy and abroad, with the scope of developing the school of Ju Jitsu of Soke Robert Clark and we wish him and to all following his way a great future full of satisfaction and success.

Master Silvestri is thanking the Wjjf/Wjjko for the active, precious cooperation and the experience lived together hoping that the ways of the ju-jitsu could always converge.

Shike Giacomo Spartaco Bertoletti
Soke Maurizio Silvestri

From the rain of the North Ireland to the sable of the desert

Kuwait City (27-28 February)

The talk of the Congress 2015 in North Ireland has only just finished and already it is time to fly to Kuwait.

Hesham Saleh Aljaser, Soshi Soke, due to visa problems he could not come to Belfast and therefore I have to go him.

As it is said "if the mountain doesn't go to Mahomed, Mahomed goes to the mountain!! 10 years have passed since I walked in the desert with Soke Robert



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Clark.

There is a lot to schedule and a lot to teach for the GSB Kodan Enshin Ryu! A full immersion has led the level of Kodansha Menkyo, after some "Suemonogiri". We have decided to officially recognise the Middle East and the many countries and schools of Soke Hesham Saleh Aljaser.

The Wjjf/Wjjko is speaking to at least 10/12 more countries. As it is said "Inshallah" If God wants!!

A karateka at the court of the Queen

Liverpool, night of the 28 February 2015, to be woken up during a dream is never nice, however to be informed of Shisheki-Shihan Ronnie Colwell passing, you cannot sleep anymore.

I was in Kuwait in 1993 - the Gulf war, "Desert Storm" in 1990 and finished in 1991 - the first time with Soke Robert Clark (1946-2012) we arrived in the petroleum desert of the Kuwait City. Last time was exactly 10 year ago. The same period of the celebration for the liberation 26th February.

To talk of Ronnie is like to walk along the history of the karate, jujitsu, kobudo of the UK that was always the "queen" of the 60-70's.

The friendship with Soke Clark has always been for Ronnie, a security valve, we do not talk about the private life. We lost thirty years but again we found Ronnie, at the dojo in Fazakerley. The "three musketeers" more than 20 years after as the father Alexander Dumas said, we spent time together and spoke about the 10° dan. An embarrassing proposal I have to go on with some difficulty.

The sad event of the 8 February 2012, with the passing away of Soke Robert Clark, has not changed my relationship with Ronnie Colwell Sensei. On the contrary at the ceremony of the high levels in November 2012, not although some mumbles, I invited him and we granted him the title of "Shisheki Shihan": "the best of the Shihan". Ronnie was emotional even if as others, he did not know the meaning.

Some time ago from Japan he got the 10° dan: Kyu dan menjio. - He really wanted it.

He has passed away simply near his son!!



So of the Three: Clark, Colwell, remain only me to finish the long way full of love, pains success and not the life!!

The wise Confucius said "to see the moon, washes the soul!! We talk only about argument on the earth because we let the sky to Robert Clark and Ronnie Colwell. Oss!!!

Gsb

Steve Lowe - It is with the deepest heart that I have to tell you that our Sensei Ronnie Colwell passed away tonight... He passed with his son by his side and it was quick.

Aka Obi - Red belt

Gianni Rossato

S. Matteo Decima (Bologna)

A ceremony and stage dedicated to Gianni Rossato, class 1941, karate, and of Goju Italy and Jujitsu, one of the first 10° dan, promoted by the pioneer of the Goju/Usa Peter Urban (1934-2004).

Sixty years of glory on the tatami, has given a sign in the many trainees

of the style USA/ revised and correct by Gianni Rossato, Soke, for an interpretation more Italian.

With Gianni and Soke dai Robert Clark, we opened in the late 70's beginning 80's a large spirit of cooperation, we took many to the Dojo Busen in Milan of, the passed away, Cesare Barioli (1935-2012) to realize an Italian Championship of jujitsu.

Attempts? Sure trying to find a place at the sun, for the jujitsu, close by judo, in developing and by a karate rising.

It has been an honour more than an obligation of a colleague (zuishin) and a director of "Samurai", to be present at the event coordinated by the black belt Andrea Bonfatti!

At majora! Soke Gianni Rossato!

Gsb



Breaking News

We are delighted to announce that three of the Cuban delegation who intended to participate in the Congress (but were unable due to late Visa processing) -have made themselves available to visit us in Ireland.



On their arrival they will be making their way to WJJF Headquarters in Ireland, the Dojo, for the first of their visits during their stay. We look forward to



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updating you with their progress.

A big thank-you to Shike Giacomo Spartaco Bertoletti for passing on this contact to us and giving permission for the visit.

We look forward to sharing knowledge and extending our hospitality to our Cuban WJJF brothers.

Denshi – “enso”- qualification

In order to avoid misunderstanding and to give some values to our *shihan*, *sen-sei*, *shido-in*, we are specifying the qualification that are in part already active:

宗家 Soke Dai, (“only one”) Robert Clark
There are usually rank and age guidelines that correspond to these titles. Irrespective of rank, the sole authority (highest teacher) of any given style is termed Soke, which means family, headmaster, or progenitor. Within a style, there can be only one Soke.

師家證 Shike (Dairy Shike) “the man who goes on with the knowledge” will be decided by GSB inside the family).

会長 1) Kancho
A title given to the top or head of the dojo or organization. This title is independent of any rank, this person will be a very senior student of the arts. In most

cases the person holding this title will be the highest ranking instructor of a specific ryu - ha or kai ha

2) Kaicho

This title generally refers to a regional head or director of a style. It may also refer to Branch/Regional or head representative of an organization or association.

総裁 3) Sosai
Governor, (highest honorary position of an organization), General Manager etc.....
Ko-Dansha (levels of teaching)

最高顧問 4) Seiko Komon
The most valid technical consultant

首席師範 5) Suyeshiki Shihan
Who is representing the Federation (Renmei) and the home (Kai) in the many International activities agreed with the president.

師範 6) Shihan 3 passages (the man to imitate)
a) Shihan dai Nintei sho 5° dan
Achievements (such as Shido-in or Shihan) and appointments (such as Honbucho) are usually documented in the

form of a Nintei-Sho.

b) Shihan Nintei sho Shihan Nintei 6°-7° dan

c) Shihan 7°-8° dan

It is only after years of practice and supervised teaching that one can earn the distinction of master instructor - shihan

指導員 7) Shido-in 2 passages (the man who starts the way)
a) Fuko shido-in (vice) 3° dan with belt change (white/blue)

b) Shido-in 4° dan

The first formal certification for instructor is Shido-in: to guide, lead or coach
These qualifications are reflecting the “noble job” of whom, started the practice, decide to commit more with the teaching of the “way”.

8) Important notes: Renshi – Kyoshi – Hanshi

From the 5° dan to the 6° dan and up, it is necessary to wait 6 years.
Every two year, by proposal of the high national levels, could be grant the level of:

錬士

8.1. - Renshi (spiritual maturity)
Within that designation, there are levels of recognition that signify proficiency and self – mastery. The fist is Renshi. We might compare that to an instructor or assistant professor at the college level

教士

8.2. - Kyoshi (master)
Following that, we find Kyoshi, a term signifying someone who professes. The comparison would be to associate professor in the college context.

範士

8.3.- Hanshi (la transcendence of the essence)
The highest title within shihan is Hanshi, which is not simply the reverse of the characters. Whereas shihan means a model teacher, hanshi means an exemplary person.

Without having got the 3 requirements – qualification (denshi) recommended you cannot pass to the upper level.

This classification will be officially starting from January 2016.

Naturally, will be necessary in this 2015, to arrange the different positions of the instructors.

In case there are some specific requests or other necessities we are at your disposition for any clarifications and details.

Kodosai Cultural Event - UK - 2nd-4th October 2015



We are writing to officially extend our invitation for you to teach at the 9th Kodosai Cultural Event, to be held from Friday 2nd October 2015 to Sunday 4th October 2015 at Holiday Inn, Basildon. (Holiday Inn, Waterfront Walk, Basildon, SS14 3DG).

Hotel Accommodation

On behalf of Kodo Butoku Renmei and the Kodosai event, we would like to offer you the chance to stay in the official hotel of the event, Holiday Inn Basildon.

If you have colleagues, students or family who wish to book into the hotel for the weekend, we can offer a special rate of £70.00 per night for a double room, which includes breakfast. These rooms can be booked by calling the hotel on 0871 942 9094 and quoting the code ‘QR7’.

Friday 2nd October 2015 – Kodo Butoku Renmei Gala Awards Banquet
The weekend will begin on Friday night (2nd October 2015) with our Kodo Butoku Renmei Gala Awards Ceremony, to be held in the Elizabeth Suite within the hotel. This is a ‘black tie’ function and will be a seated formal dinner.



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Saturday 3rd/Sunday 4th October 2015

The weekend will continue with two days of training for students on the Saturday and Sunday. Teaching will be taking place on a minimum of four areas, with supplemental areas to be created, depending on the weather. Teaching schedules will be determined by the Senior Event Director, Stephen Grayston-meijin and will not be able to be amended. All teachers will be rotated to ensure that all students have the chance to train with them and furthermore, all teachers should be prepared and willing to teach children. We are great believers in developing the future of martial arts and children are a very important part of our event.

If you have any students who wish to attend the event, you can direct them to our website (www.kodosai.org.uk) where they can purchase tickets. Please ensure all students that book reference your name at the time of booking.

Saturday 3rd October 2015 – Kodosai Participants Party

On the Saturday night, we will be holding a special Participants Party that will take place in the Elizabeth Suite within the hotel. A buffet will be provided and drinks will be available from the bar. For any other colleagues/guests/students attending they can purchase tickets at a rate of £15.00 for adults and £10.00 for children at the website.

Close of training – Sunday 4th October 2015.

The event will officially close upon the end of training on Sunday 4th October 2015. Once the event has officially closed, you are free to enjoy the surrounding activities within Festival Leisure Park.

If you have any questions in regards to this invitation, do not hesitate to contact us on the relevant contact details below.

Marc Grayston

Event Director

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Demonstrative Dvd with a selection of the shihan kai of Seike Dai Robert Clark. Coordinated by Shihan G.S. Bertoldi the Shihan are exhibiting simple techniques and combination exploring the skill art. This series is in memory of Seike Robert Clark, co-founder of the WJJF/WJJKO.

Please make your orders for the DVD:
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REALLY SOON

Wjjf - Wjko/ 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-Wjko 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



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Das Treffen der WJFF:

- 11.05.2015: Judo, Judo-Para, Judo-Gracie, Judo-Adapted, Judo-Open, Judo-Children
- 12.05.2015: Judo-Open, Judo-Children, Judo-Adapted, Judo-Gracie, Judo-Para, Judo-Para-Gracie
- 13.05.2015: Judo-Open, Judo-Children, Judo-Adapted, Judo-Gracie, Judo-Para, Judo-Para-Gracie
- 14.10.2015: Judo, Judo-Para, Judo-Gracie, Judo-Adapted, Judo-Open, Judo-Children
- 15.10.2015: Judo-Open, Judo-Children, Judo-Adapted, Judo-Gracie, Judo-Para, Judo-Para-Gracie

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