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Hasta la victoria siempre!

"Two island peoples in the same sea of struggle and hope: Cuba and Ireland"
[An observation captured by a plaque on Old Havana's O'Reilly Street.]

It would seem that the Cubans' expectations of Ireland and the Irish people in particular had not been set very high. Unlike much of the world, where the Irish are welcomed as a 'neutral' country (and often more readily than their UK counterparts) Cuba has tried to indoctrinate its people to think it is a nation of angry warriors and terrorists.

The Cuban delegation's feet were not long on emerald land, when they discovered, to their huge relief, that this was a stereotype – formed when Ireland was deeply traumatised by its Troubles – and its people had by now moved on to a much better place – intellectually and spiritually. Not only that, but they could see that WJJF/WJJKO in this small country had developed to a very positive and strong force and that this was to be a month of incredible growth for both parties.

A paragraph in The Irish Times sums up perfectly how WJJF Ireland embraced the three – Sensei Ernesto Camilo Hechavarria Reyna, Sensei Carlos Miguel Mateos Rosaenz and Yasser Noa Galan:

"Irish visitors to Cuba often remark on the identification they feel with the warmth and sense of fun of ordinary Cubans. There is something Celtic about the Cuban that commands the affection of those fortunate foreigners who really know them"

On being greeted at 'The Dojo' Headquarters for WJJF/WJJKO Ireland, by Kai Cho David Toney – the three were given a tour of the centre, including both Tatami areas and the Senior Grade private training area, where they paid their respects at the Torii Gate, installed there to

commemorate Soke Robert Clark. On further discussion, it became apparent that the three shared Shihan Toney's beliefs in terms of energy and spirituality and this deepened the connection. They were enthralled to listen to Soke Clark's stories and 'gems of wisdom' – diligently relayed by his student – Sensei Toney – now President of the Federation in Ireland.

Despite their long and tiring journey – training was planned to start that night, at the Dojo's regular adult class, as not one moment could be wasted! Shihan Toney could see much of himself in the younger Sensei Ernesto – with his high level energy and drive and a sheer thirst to learn and progress. This reignited his own passion for the art as he demonstrated, discussed and explained technique after technique with the three eager students. Because much discussion took place on ethics, teaching practices, life ' & all the things we speak about' – a true bond was beginning to form with all three, but particularly between this pair.

When the three guests were welcomed into the home of Kai Cho David and his wife Anne, they brought many beautiful gifts – beautiful wooden artefacts, and of course Cuban cigars and speciality Rum. However with the deepening of the relationship between the two Senseis, Shihan Toney was really humbled by the presentation of a Bokken by Sensei Ernesto. This was not any Bokken but one carved by his own hands, with his name burnt into the side. This now has pride of place in Shihan Toney's office on a stand. He praised the great workmanship and the time and effort used to create this and was really honoured that he had chosen to give it to him.

So training continued with the main focus of classes being around The Dojo to get the most of the wisdom they could glean from Shihan Toney. They also visited Principal Coach clubs in Ards and Antrim and did a tour of the capital city by visiting Avoniel Club and Colaiste Feirste, & also Maghera club and the scenic town of Carrickfergus's club. Each trip was complimented with a little bit of





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sight-seeing and some good food – topped off with traditional Irish hospitality and a wee bit of ‘the craic’. All of the Coaches, and students alike, delighted in spending time with the guests and reported back that they were all ‘fantastic guys’.

Day times, when fewer classes are run, meant they had to be creative with their training. A small mat area was set up, upstairs in the dojo, in front of a large screen with a blue-ray player and this provided a station to call up the true mastery from the past, in the form of Soke Clark’s syllabus DVD’s to allow the enthusiastic trio an opportunity to fine tune every technique – watching and rewinding the video several times. Next they moved on to the new WJJF/WJJKO DVD and these personal training sessions filled their days nicely, along with working on the new WJJF/WJJKO Cuba website. (watch this space for details when it goes live.)

A month is a long time – long enough to form a habit! And the Cubans had installed themselves very much as a part of the World Ju-Jitsu Ireland family. They even provided an excellent Salsa class for students to attend and cooked delicious Cuban meals for their hosts. Their relationship with Shihan Toney, of course, by this stage had deepened even more and trust and loyalty had been strongly forged.

The next ‘gift’ presented to Shihan Toney came as a great surprise. Ernesto handed him a bamboo cane. The story behind this cane left Shihan Toney more humbled than ever. Ernesto tells it best in his own words. (See article below)

One thing was sure - the symbolism of handing over this cane was extremely significant and considered as a huge honour by the Federation in Ireland. As Ernesto put it – ‘the journey of this cane has finished with me and will commence again in the hands of Sensei Toney who will determine how it should educate’. What has been determined is that this cane will also be on display in The Dojo, alongside the framed article explaining its story – and that is how it will continue to educate.

It symbolises out of pain comes great lessons and perhaps this is what makes the Irish and Cubans kindred spirits. Both have suffered in their own land, at the hands of their country’s politics and this is surely what produces such determination and fire in their people.

Sensei Toney,

At the request of Anne, I wrote these lines – in my own tongue, with the fear that my bad English would not transmit exactly what I want to say in the correct form – I am sorry for this...

When I began to study the traditional martial way, I was very young. Then I didn’t understand many things that I understand today – but time is a ruthless master.

My Sensei, Alfonso Chang Yong was an immigrant in my country. He arrived before the triumph of the Cuban Revolution. Like many of the immigrants, he came to Cuba in search of improving his life – well, for then Cuba was a pro-

sperous country.

Sensei lived in Chinatown and people knew him as Chinese... but really he wasn’t Chinese, but Japanese... he never told us his Japanese name... the only time he touched on this subject was when he said ‘when you change, you must change radically and forever’ (another one of his lessons.)

In those days, from the occurrence of the Second World War – the Japanese had declared war on the US and Cuba was an ally of the US – therefore each Japanese person who lived in Cuba at this time would be considered a potential enemy.

This was the reason that he changed his name to a Chinese one – to escape prison.

During this period, the few who escaped lived in Chinatown of Havana, and there he lived until his death...

They were devoted to supplying money to take to the families of the imprisoned Japanese people.

I never heard him talk about this again – I always remember his expression of pain when he told us the reason for the loss of his Japanese name...

Sensei could explain one sole technique for hours on end without any sign of tiredness...

Meanwhile whichever of his students should show the slightest doubt on the totality of the details – each strike, the posture, the angle – he would explain and explain... but when you said - now I understand Sensei...

He smiled... sat on one side of the training area in his miniscule chair and took a bamboo cane in his hands...

Then there followed only these words..

‘Show me what you understand from what I’ve explained.’

Then when inexperience manifested itself in bad technique – he struck the part of your body that was incorrect with his bamboo stick. Without a single word...only if your leg wasn’t positioned correctly he would pass by and hit it, you would try to correct your posture between strike after strike.

They were hard times but very good times.

When sensei did not hit someone with his cane it looked like you were all set as it was logical that you were doing everything ok ...

Then I realised it was not like this ... perhaps he just did not care about this person that he did not hit to learn ...

It was very complicated ... because when this happened at first you looked at the other person who sensei did not hit and then he hit me ... I said ... in my mind. I’m not pleasing the sensei, I am going to copy this other guy exactly ... and he would hit me just the same ...

After the passage of time, now being a school instructor, sensei explained to me:

You must not copy anyone - you should improve yourself ... the warrior must be lonely for his ability to learn and understand co-operation for his ability to teach ...

I never forgot those words & I repeat them to my students until this day ...

When I finally arrived at my black belt, Sensei took this stick and give it to me ...he did not say a word ... just took it and handed it to me..

Since then he has been with me, he has travelled hundreds of miles ... to here ... He will be safe in your hands Sensei ... his journey ends with me and begins with you sensei ...

The Japanese say

捨てる神在れば拾う神在り

Suteru kami kami areba hirou ari. When one door closes, another thousand open.



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We are obliged after your choice, to outline some aspects and rules we expect you to abide by, for a serene future for everyone and to avoid any contradictions.

First of all we agree with your choice to give free access to the "R. Clark Museum" to whomever wants to visit it, both to the group members of the, Wjjf/Wjjko and also to groups or people that were our members in the past and to everyone that in some way or another knew Soke Clark and would like to see the memorial that is dedicated to him. What I'm asking, is only that you avoid allowing groups that are no friends and that could create a conflict of interest or who wish to use this memorial in a political way, as, I know you will agree, this is not how a good man's memory should be abused.

After that, I'd like to add also, both as President and legal representative of the Wjjko, both as a holder of the European logo/mark Wjjf (n. 013044896) and logo/mark "foundation Robert Clark" (n. 013234463), to invite you and to advise you that from this date in time and in the future you CANNOT USE THESE LOGO/MARKS AND EVERY ELEMENTS THAT COMPOSE THEM.

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To conclude we are wishing you the best of luck and that your new way will be productive for you.

Best regards,

International President, Giacomo Spartaco Bertoletti

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1° Special Martial Meeting

Dear Shihan, in the circle of the social relationship between the sport structures and the Army, our Federation, independently from the protocol Fijlkam/Ministry of the Defence, to whom we are giving our plaudit, has reached large minded.

In 2014, thanks of the proposal of the Shihan, Mirko De Cristoforo (Club Bushido Martial Academy asd) we were guests at the "46° flight brigade of Pisa", of which 50 years ago, on the 11th November 1961, in Kindu, (ex Belgium Congo) died 13 members. They were attacked (because members of the blue helmets of Onu they were disarmed) by African mercenaries, massacred and later killed and brake it up.

On this bright wake of glory, the colleague "zuishin" Hanshi Gianni Ronchini (3474401047) and the Shihan David Gobbi (3358012046) of the Kami Center of Mestre (info@kamicenter.com) have organized the 1° Special Martial Meeting Wjko-Wjff headed inside the Military airport head quarters of the 51° flight formation of Istrana in cooperation with the Aeronautics dpt Istrana (TV) and the asd Ronin Ju Jitsu Combat instructors Racioppoli Luigi (3931214950) and Roberto Farris (3474633367).

It is an important task confirming, if still important, the power, the support of the groups which are part of the Wjff Italy.

The program of the weekend (9/11 October) consists of a lot of important events from the European certification UPKL, for a technical up to date.

The occasion of Istrana let us to invite in addition to the high level instructors of the Wjff-Italy and maybe some important people of the world Wjff/Wjko.

Will follow asap some technical particulars, information and advertising with

the details and the program of the weekend 9/11 October 2015.

We hope the date of the 10 /11 October could be a symbol of loyalty, efficiency and sense of duty of every one of us!!!

Best regards

"one love... one world... ju jitsu"

Rigan Machado Tour

On the 12th April, the European tour of the Grand Master Rigan Machado is finished, a living legend of the Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, trainer of the stars of Hollywood. The tour left from Zurich, after Rorschach, Seregno and Rome. The Grand Master Rigan Machado has been accompanied by his European supervisor and partner in the training of the stars of Hollywood, master Antonio la Salandra, who has technically attended him in every seminar.

Every seminar he worked the basics of the Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, arriving with didactical "Drills" we can say perfect, to the advanced combination of the learnt techniques. Apart from the undeniable technical skill, the participants could touch with the hand the deep humanity and the harmony of Rigan Machado, that with this sanctioned the real opening of the European Academy- Switzerland and Italy. Another important meeting was the one among Machado, la Salandra and the indestructible GSB, for the ratification of the agreement between the Pro Defensive Solutions – RAPID / Machado Academy and the WJJKO. The Grand Master Rigan Machado, in Rome, received the confirmation for his 8° Dan by the National Martial disciplines and of combats of the CSI (Italian Sports Centre) and accepted the nomination as National Technical director of the field Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. Always in Rome, during the seminar, Rigan Machado was promoted as a blue belt, the master David Gobbi of Mestre, already the representative for the WJJKO in the Academy Rigan Machado Italy, and the trainer Andrea Maccioni of Rome.

The Grand Master Machado, exceptionally and privately visited the command of the Switzerland pontifical guard, trained by the master Antonio la Salandra.

Thanks to the masters Haris Reiz in Zurich and Alessandro Polimeno of Rorschach and the trainer Giampaolo Viganò of Seregno, as well as the doct. Alesia Picca of the City Fitness Rome for the organization and the fantastic job.

Rigan Machado is coming back soon to Italy, but not before the end of his film and some seminars in which the co-star is the master La Salandra.

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2015 USA National & US Open Ju-Jitsu & Judo Championships

Dear Colleagues,

We Invite you to Join Us at the upcoming 2015 US Ju-Jitsu & Judo Championships on 5-6 June in Stow Ohio USA..!!

Official Hotel: Courtyard Marriott, Courtyard Akron Stow, Address: 4047 Bridgewater Parkway, Stow, OH 44224, For Reservations - Phone: 330-945-9722

(Closest Airports: Cleveland, Ohio & Akron, Ohio)..

We also invite you to view the Details of this National Championships on our new Kiai Budo Shop (KBS) Website:

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

Btw, KBS is a "Work In Progress"..!! In the coming days and weeks, we will be adding lots of martial art products & services for Our Members..!

Best Regards,

Bruce R. Bethers

President

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Challengeju jitsu 2015

Podium

Pool 1 : Blanc / jaune 5-6 ans

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| 1. | HAMART-LEDREUX Henri (B1) | Marienthal |
| 2. | JOHNSON Luc (J) | Strasbourg |
| 3. | ADE Aymé (B) | Wissembourg |

Pool 2 : Blanc / Jaune / Orange 5-7 ans

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| 1. | BRUCKER Valentin (J1) | Wissembourg |
| 2. | GRAS Kenzo (J) | Wissembourg |
| 3. | KANTZER Noa (B1) | Schweighouse |

Pool 3 : Blanc / Jaune 7-8 ans

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| 1. | HOHMANN Mathéo (J) | Marienthal |
| 2. | SCHICKEL Melissa (J) | Wissembourg |
| 3. | KANTZER Lilou (B1) | Schweighouse |
| 3. | ISSELE Neiel (J4) | Soufflenheim |

Pool 4 : Blanc / Jaune 6-9 ans

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| 1. | SCHLITTY Emanuel (B1) | Marienthal |
| 2. | | |
| 3. | ROUILLER Selene (J1) | Schweighouse |

Pool 5 : Blanc / jaune 7-9 ans

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| 1. | CHIEMEKA Paul (J) | Marienthal |
| 2. | VELTEN Elsa (B2) | Marienthal |
| 3. | BRUCKER Alexandre (J) | Wissembourg |

Pool 6 : Blanc / Jaune 9/12 ans

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| 1. | HAMART-LEDREUX Viviane (B2) | Marienthal |
| 2. | VELTEN Sandy (B3) | Marienthal |
| 3. | BEYL Lauritz (J) | Strasbourg |

Pool 7 : Jaune / Orange 5-7 ans

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| 1. | ESTEVEES Philippe (O) | Marienthal |
| 2. | HEITZ Samuel (J3) | Marienthal |
| 3. | SCHWAGER Jérôme (O) | Marienthal |

Pool 8 : Vert / Bleue 8-11 ans

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| 1. | ISSELE Yanis (V) | Soufflenheim |
| 1. | DIDIER Julien (V) | Soufflenheim |



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"National Meeting"

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2.	BERNARD Cyprien (B)	Strasbourg	2.	FOFANA Sory (J2)	Wissembourg
3.	ADE Victor (V)	Wissembourg	2.	HOTTENROT Lucas (B)	Soufflenheim
3.	JOHNSON Paul (B)	Strasbourg	3.	HOPP Mathéo (B1)	Schweighouse
Pool 9 : Vert / Bleue 12-18 ans			3.	PAZ Yanis (J2)	Wissembourg
1.	DIDIER Estelle (B)	Soufflenheim	Pool 11 – Rattrapage : Blanc / Jaune 6-9 ans		
2.	THOMAS Marie-Hélène (B)	Strasbourg	1.	ISSELE Neiel (J4)	Soufflenheim
3.	VUILLEMIN Théo (V)	Marienthal	2.	SCHMITT Ethan (J1)	Schweighouse
Pool 10 – Rattrapage : Blanc/ Orange 6-9 ans			3.	LAUBACHER Matéo (B1)	Schweighouse
1.	FOFANA Antoine (J2)	Wissembourg			





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- 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: Fijcr organizes Summer Camp ju jiItsu in Valtice
- 23-30 September: Stage in Australia organized by sensei Tony Smith nad shihan Carl B. With-ey
- 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

Pisa 30.05.2015
Carrara 31.05.2015 DAN GRADE
INTERNATIONAL STAGE

Special Guests:
 Shihan Giacomo Sportinco-Bentivogli
 (International President)
 Kai-cho Amir Saroca - 8th Dan
 (Israel)
 Kai-cho David Toney - 8th Dan
 (Ireland)
 Shihan Guido Nicoli - 6th Dan
 (Italy)
 Shihan Andrea Colombini - 6th Dan
 (Italy)

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第9回 古道武徳連盟 [英国]・古道祭
3 - 4 October 2018

THEY'RE BACK
THIS TIME THERE'S A SMALL ARMY!

Das Treffen der Confessions
17.09-21.10.2017 21.10-31.10.2017

Das Leben der WJFF
 ... (List of names and titles) ...

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