

***22nd Jodo Summer Gasshuku in Würzburg, Germany
from May 21st to 22nd, 2022***



After a forced break of about two years due to the pandemic, we were finally able to organize our traditional Würzburg Gasshuku with Michel Ducret as trainer. Michel Colliard, called "Coco", unfortunately could not come due to health problems.

However, as there were not enough registrations by mid-April, we were in danger of cancelling the Gasshuku. And it was like a small miracle that suddenly an email popped up announcing the participation of five people from the group in Denmark!



*Here are our Danish friends (from left to right):
Jonas, Jørgen Jakob, Magdalene, Solveig, Eja*

In all, we were finally 14 participants among whom there were seven (7!) nationalities:

5 Danes (Solveig, Eja, Jørgen Jakob, Magdalene, Jonas)
2 Belgians (Jean-Marie Ribourdouille, Mario de Saeger)
1 American (John McWilliams)
1 Croatian (Oliver Rubes)
1 Austrian (Robert Benischek)
1 French (Jean-Yves Menet)
2 Swiss (Michel Ducret, Jean-Jérôme Pillet)

And don't forget the Germans (Andreas Knobloch and me). So, a very colorful team.

Responsible for the organization on site was, as usual, our friend Franz Scheiner. He is responsible for a group that practices Kobudo and has integrated some elements of Jōdō in their system. It is thanks to him and two of his members that we have breakfast after the first hour of training from 6:30 to 7:30 am.



The theme of the seminar was "Ki Ken Tai Ichi". This notion is unfortunately often neglected (or forgotten) during training.

On Saturday morning, Michel fortunately quickly put us back on track by detailing already during the Kihon exercises the different steps where the notion of "Ki Ken Tai Ichi" applies. This was especially important for the Danish "neophytes" who, by the way, took a lot of trouble and applied themselves thoroughly to meet the requirements of our trainer. After the one-hour morning session, during which we repeated the first six Kihon Sotai and Tandoku, breakfast was welcome.

The training continued from 9 to 12 and from 14:30 to 17:30, interrupted by lunch at noon which we had in the Greek restaurant next to the club. During these two training sessions in the morning and afternoon we concentrated on Kata.

The beginners had the chance to refine their techniques from the first series, again applying the concepts of "Ki Ken Tai Ichi". The advanced students started in the same style, but with the advanced series.

On Saturday evening, Franz booked us places in a typical Bavarian restaurant where the beer was flowing.



This is a typical Bavarian dish of pork knuckle. And accompanied by a good beer...

The next day, the morning hour was reserved for the last six Kihon Sotai and Tandoku with remarks on "Ki Ken Tai Ichi".

After breakfast, we resumed training at 9 am, continuing with the Kata. Practically every Kata was then commented on to clarify some typical Kata points.

Just before noon, we had the pleasure of attending some examinations. There were five candidates in all (from left to right) who passed the following grades:

Jean-Yves	France	1 st kyu
Jonas	Denmark	5 th kyu
Eja	Denmark	5 th kyu
Magdalene	Denmark	5 th kyu
Jørgen Jakob	Denmark	5 th kyu



Congratulations to all. And keep up the good work!

After a free training from 2 to 4 pm, it was time to say "Sayonara". Everyone was very tired, but happy and very glad to have persevered during these two days. And maybe we will meet again next year?

Here are some impressions of the course

