

Domaine de Shintō Musō Ryu Jō



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Late for the picture

Excellent vintage! Did you think I would use another word! A wonderful place, an excellent organization (thanks to Alain Robert and his group, to Sylvain, as well as their respective wives). Among the best things of this seminar, the presence of all the official teachers of the EJF, and the family spirit typical of our Federation. We can add a theory session on the various elements to be considered when performing a *Kata* that seems to



be unanimously appreciated. The examination session, an interesting *Embu* organized by Lorenzo, as well as the study of parallel weapons every morning seemed to have been quite appreciated too.

On the technical side, the theme of the seminar «*Kikentai Ichi*» seemed to have been for some of the trainees a «put everything back in the melting pot» operation. I continue to believe that using the body rather than the arms is fundamental for all Japanese traditional weapon arts. And I certainly shall put that concept back on the mat (or on the floor) in future seminars.

The attitude of the practitioners during that seminar has been exemplary, despite the rain of the first days and the overwhelming heat that followed. The teachers and I really appreciated it.

The evenings of the seminar were also quite appreciated. The group presentation showed that the European Jodo Federation was expanding through the whole continent. The *shodô* evening, as usual, raised common interest for the cultural aspect of the Japanese traditional martial arts and ways. As for the «*Mondo*», evening, although a bit repetitive for the old

timers, has been a good occasion for the new members to understand better the bases of our Federation, the origin of our art, its European development and the position of the EJF regarding the International Jodo Federation as well as the various *Shintô Musô Ryû* groups in Japan.

The Sayonara party in a wonderful Mâcon restaurant was the occasion to taste various local vintages. A few glasses were enough to convince a part of the trainees to cross the Atlantic ocean to get an Argentine tango initiation for the greatest pleasure of those who remained seated, watching.

The teachers and myself are looking forward to meeting you again at the *Kagamibiraki*, or, if not possible, in Sweden next summer. Meanwhile, take advantage of the many seminars proposed by the 15 teachers of our Federation throughout Europe.

Finally, I would like to render homage to Alain Robert (right) who is one of the founding members of the EJF. His numerous trips Lyon-Geneva in the 80's to train with me several times a month as well as his participating to a majority of the seminars organized by the EJF made him a familiar figure of European jôdô. His promotion to *Menkyo Kaiden* is totally deserved and it has been a great pleasure for me to hand it to him. I wish him success in establishing his Mâcon group.

I do not forget Jean-Pierre Pahud, my teaching assistant in our Geneva *dôjô*, to whom I had the pleasure to give a *Shomokuroku* at the end of the seminar.

Looking forward to meeting all of you soon, Best regards.

Pascal Krieger



The seminar Shômen «Kikentai Ichi» and Shimizu Sensei's picture. Embu: the oldest (except for Matthias) and the youngest.

