

## European Jodo Federation General Assembly Minutes of January 9, 2010

Beginning at 7:10 p.m.

Present: 67 persons

### **Item I: Election of scrutators**

Maria Rosa and Uwe volunteer for being scrutators during this assembly.

### **Item II: Reading of the preceding Report**

No reading of the report by the president, for the report is on the website.

### **Item III: President's Report**

President's speech

"Hello and welcome to this General Assembly 2010 of the EJF!

On behalf of the EJF, I express my best wishes for the new year to everybody present here and to all those who are part of our big Jodo family and who were unable this time to come to the Kagamibiraki in Cartigny! May this new year bring you love, satisfaction, and happiness! I also express the wish that our Jodo family may continue to grow, just as it has done up to now!

Contrary to what I was suggested last evening, I will not go too much into details and extend the General Assembly, because there are many items to discuss: 11 + item 12. Item Miscellaneous itself comprises already 4 items plus one miscellaneous.

Therefore, I tried to find out, for this presidential speech, if there was a link between the subjects listed under "Records", but apart from the Jo I couldn't find anything else...

Rei = etiquette,

Ma-ai = combative distance between two combatants,

Nen = present, now, stay focused on the present moment (if not, you may sometimes be hit :o),

Metsuke = visual concentration,

well, these are some of the fundamental concepts of Jodo :o)

Thanks to everybody for continuing learning Jodo, thanks to those who organize seminars and thanks for the teaching given to us with a lot of patience!

Well, I will give the floor to Helga who, as a rule, speaks after me"

### **Item IV: Vice-President's Report**

Helga joins Barbara in expressing her best wishes to everybody. Helga explains what has happened during 2009. The EJF has become larger. Helga would like to mention three seminars: Japan, Italy, Vienna. Helga invites everybody to the Vienna seminar and expresses her thanks to the organizers.

As for the website, Helga presents Matthias who helps her for the technical part and she suggests that everybody sends messages to her for the website by using the webmaster's address shown on the website. She is of the opinion that the website is very useful, especially as far as the calendar is concerned.

### **Item V: Treasurer's Report**

Yves Galley announced that a third account has been opened at Banque Cantonale de Fribourg, a decision that had been taken during the last General Assembly. About half of the EJF assets has been transferred to that bank to avoid the risks caused by the crisis.

Yves Galley also announced that the new licences continue to go quite well and that the licence numbers now exceed 1000. The Federation has now about 400 active members.

## **Item VI: Controllers' Report**

The controllers Sylvain Creuzet and Jean-Pierre Pahud state that the accounts are correct and well managed. They ask the Assembly to accept the present accounts. The new controllers will be Charles Martig and Jérôme Seydoux.

## **Item VII: Vote of Acceptance of Items I to VI**

Items I to VI are accepted unanimously.

## **Item VIII: Technical Board's Report**

It's now Pascal's turn. In his opinion, everybody has completed a very good job. Among the teachers, Coco and Michel as well as PK are ill. Everybody wishes them a prompt recovery. As far as Laurent Subilia is concerned we do not have any news. PK thinks that he should get in touch with the EJF to let us know if he still wants to be member of the EJF. PK asks Alain Robert about some news. AR explains that he had minor health problems and that he is quite often abroad for his job.

PK is satisfied about the organization of many seminars across Europe and points out that there are no huge technical problems.

## **Item IX: Election of the new Committee**

The whole committee is re-elected unanimously.

## **Item X: Budget 2010**

Yves reminds that the EJF can give assistance for the organization of seminars (especially for small groups).

## **Item XI: Date of the next General Assembly**

January 8, 2011

## **Item XII: Miscellaneous**

### Report about the Matsumoto seminar by PK:

Everybody recognizes that the organization was good and the food also. PK expresses his thanks to all the Europeans who came to Japan. PK is proud of this group and recognizes that there haven't been any behavioral issues. PK expresses his thanks to everybody.

As for the technical aspect, we have to understand that the Japanese group is very small (about 10 persons) and the teachers are not accustomed to have so many people. PK keeps a very good souvenir of this Gasshuku. Most of the participants have learned something new during this Gasshuku, so the goal has been achieved.

PK is proud that he has been the initiator of this Gasshuku. This has been his dream and the dream has been realized. Already 20 years ago, PK has spoken about it, but was told to forget it.

Vicente thinks that this was Nishioka Sensei's last Gasshuku, at least the last one where he plays an active role.

Charles Martig asks about the EJF's future outlook. PK thinks that there is a confusion between Seiryukai and EJF. The co-existence between Ryu and EJF is difficult because the Federation has a democratic basis, but the Ryu doesn't have. This co-existence has worked quite well in Europe, but neither in the States nor in Australia.

In Australia, for example, there is no occidental Menkyo Kaiden. What's more, some have been excluded from Seiryukai and were not allowed to join the IJF Gasshuku. PK thinks that with a little more understanding both organizations could co-exist.

Since PK is president of the IJF, his only action was to organize the international Gasshuku. PK does not have many contacts with Phil Relnick, and Malaysia has left the IJF. The only

thing PK can do in this case is to make the EJF strong. As for Australia, PK would like to go there. Arai Sensei teaches in Australia, however, he is not an officially appointed teacher.

#### Listing

Asking for the e-mail addresses of the EJF members seems to create some legal problems. We have to decide whether it is still useful to keep this file updated.

#### Summer Camp

Josef Katona presents the last information about the Summer Camp. The contract has been signed. Tata is situated 60 km away from Budapest. It can be reached either from the Budapest or Vienna airport. There are train and bus connections. The place is very nice, and it is an olympic center. The price amounts to approx. 45 euros per day, everything included. The closing date for registration is end of April.

The General Assembly is closed at 8:35 p.m.