

Report of the International Gasshuku in Broc 2012

For a longtime already, the Plaine des Marches in Broc is an important place of pilgrimage in the canton.

Normally, we see this:



But this year, we could see this:



Many joyful jodoka (150 participants!) came from almost all parts of the world (from Europe of course, from South America, Australia, and Asia).



We stayed in the Eterpaz holiday camp which is a huge building where usually football seminars instead of martial arts seminars take place. As we were the only occupants of this place, we really could develop a kind of "family spirit".

The meals (which were really delicious according to the majority of the participants and in particular to me) were prepared by a first-class kitchen staff headed by Jean-Christophe.



Training took place on the football field located about 500 m from the Eterpaz building and the whole team of the technical staff was also there.



The weather was also perfect (thunderstorm and rain during the night, fine weather during the day). The participants were thus able to benefit from the "green Gruyère".



During the Gasshuku we even had the pleasure to welcome a charming journalist who prepared a TV coverage which was broadcast by our national TV channel (<http://www.rts.ch/g/HWGx>) as well as two articles in regional newspapers (<http://www.fej.ch/dl4/articlelaLiberte.pdf>; <http://www.fej.ch/dl4/artsMartiauxLaGruyere.pdf>).

During the sightseeing day, the participants had the opportunity to visit the town of Gruyère and its castle as well as the chocolate factory of Broc which is well-known.



The last day, a public Embu was organized on the football field. It was introduced by a speech pronounced by the vice-mayor from Broc which he even did in English! The farewell evening started with an Alphorn concert followed by a flag throwing demonstration. We then had "fondue moitié-moitié" (half-half fondue: half is "Gruyère" cheese, the other half is "vacherin fribourgeois" cheese) which is a traditional regional dish, followed by the not less traditional meringue and double cream, all

washed down with white wine from the Valais canton. Some of us (I do not mention the names) finished the evening quite late.

According to most of the participants, this was a very nice Gasshuku in a beautiful place like a real postcard.

The organizational team and myself have been very proud to welcome people from all over the world in our region.

For the organizers

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