



2023 - SPAIN & PORTUGAL

A YEAR OF JO ON THE IBERIAN PENINSULA



ACTIVITIES

1. FEBRUARY. JO SEMINAR IN BARCELONA
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6. MAY. EMBU IN BARCELONA
7. JUNE. VICENTE BORONDO MEMORIAL
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1. JO SEMINAR IN BARCELONA

February 25th&26th

Our first seminar of the year took place in Barcelona. It was taught by José Luis Latasa, with the help of Fernando Pérez and Pedro Gil. Organized by Didac Arcas. It was a fun weekend of good jo, good food and good company.



2. EMBU IN BARCELONA

March 11th&12th

In March, Didac Arcas and his group from Barcelona made a Shinto Muso Ryu Jo Embu during the celebration of the Japan Weekend in Barcelona. An event centered around modern Japan (manga, anime, etc.) but that also has a space for the more traditional arts.

3. JO SEMINAR IN COFRENTES April 14th, 15th & 16th

In April we were very glad of receiving the visit of Pascal Krieger and Michel Ducret. Both senseis gave a very interesting seminar in the village of Cofrentes, near Valencia. Organized by Fernando Gómez, we enjoy a great week-end of keiko, good food, beautiful scenery and even relaxing thermal waters.



4. EMBU IN GUADARRAMA April 22th

Also in April José Luis Latasa, Pedro Gil and Pablo Benassi (José Luis student) performed an Embu during the event “Guadarrama Solidaria”, a charity martial event for an association that helps people with multiple sclerosis.

5. JO SEMINAR IN LISBON

May 20th & 21st

In May we travelled to the beautiful city of Lisbon for the first SMR Jo Seminar in the city. Fernando Pérez took the lead and taught the seminar with the help of José Luis Latasa and Pedro Gil. Everything was very well organized by Joao Tinoco, and yes... we had great and copious food. Every seminar brings us friendly training and a fierce battle for the best gastronomy in the Peninsula.



6. EMBU IN BARCELONA

May 27th

Didac Arcas's group from Barcelona participated in "Asia&Toni" an event about asian culture in the neighborhood surrounding the centric Sant Antoni Market.

7. VICENTE BORONDO MEMORIAL June 13th

The most emotive act of the year was the embu that we perform in memory of our sensei Vicente Borondo one year after his passing. The family invite us to a small ceremony where they display a lot of Vicente's photographs, we remembered anecdotes and teachings, and every jodoka showed a kata we had learn from Vicente.



8. JO SEMINAR IN MADRID July 1st & 2nd

In July we had a Seminar in Madrid taught by José Luis Latasa and Fernando Pérez with the help of Pedro Gil. Besides the 9 hours of solid training we pass kyu examinations.

9. EMBU IN MADRID

September 23th

The Madrid groups made an embu during the celebration of the Japan Weekend in Madrid a big event that unites a lot of people interested in japanese modern and traditional culture.



10. JO SEMINAR IN SEVILLE

October 14th & 15th

In October we celebrated our first Jodo Seminar in Seville. Organized by Raul Oliva and taught by José Luis Latasa with the help of Fernando Pérez and Pedro Gil. Since most of the jodoka were beginners it was a weekend of strong kihon practice and, of course, great Andalusian cuisine.

11. JO SEMINAR IN VALENCIA

November 4th & 5th

In November we went back to Valencia and Fernando Pérez taught a seminar with José Luis Latasa and Pedro Gil's help. Organized by Fernando Gómez it was a great weekend of intense keiko for jodokas of every level. And a great opportunity for have some great black rice and other delicacies...



12. JO SEMINAR IN MADRID

December 16th & 17th

Our final seminar of the year, the Spanish jodoka family got together in Madrid. Under the supervision of José Luis Latasa and Fernando Pérez and the help of Pedro Gil, we celebrated a great seminar in a new setting and kyu exams. And this time we had the opportunity to try some Ecuatorian food! A great seminar.



Otsukaresama!