

# Sei-Ryû-Kai-Europe

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Sei-Ryû-Kai wa founded by Nishioka Tsuneo Sensei. The two first ideograms have been taken from the name of **Shimizu Takaji** Sensei. **Kai** means Association.

Being responsible for Shintô Musô Ryû in Europe, I have been accepted in this Ryû-Ha (Ryû-branch) when I received my Menkyo-Kaiden from Nishioka Sensei at the end of the last century. Then, I founded **Sei-Ryû-Kai-Europe** at the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

In the European Jô Federation (EJF), the grades do not go over Yondan (4<sup>th</sup> dan). This formation includes the study of **Omote**, **Chûdan**, **Ran-ai**, **Kage**, **Samidare**, and **Gohon no midare** as well as the series of **Shintô Ryû Kenjutsu** and short stick, **Uchida Ryû Tanjôjutsu**. This formation lasts for a period of ten to twelve years. After that, the trainee can simply continue to repeat this very rich curriculum to understand better its deep principles.

For the trainees who are interested to go deeper in their study of Shintô Musô Ryû, there is a possibility, if the Technical Direction agrees, to enter **Sei-Ryû-Kai-Europe**, which is a traditional system, very different from a Federation. Quite a few people don't understand these differences, ignorant of the Japanese tradition, and this has put me several times in difficult situations. The person who wishes to invest him/herself deeper in SMR Jô by being part of Sei-Ryû-Kai-Europe, enters in a traditional family and must follow its rules, often implicit: *seniority, unquestionable decisions from the Technical Direction, participation to a minimum of two European seminars a year and a training at least twice a week, more if possible*. It also means that the person gives priority to his/her Jô practice if he/she is training in various martial disciplines.

The first stage is then the study of Okuden with the obtention of a **Oku-iri** (certificat of entry in Sei-Ryû-Kai-Europe), as well as the study of parallel weapons such as Kusarigamajutsu and Juttejutsu. The Hôjôjutsu being rarely taught to non-Japanese, being a property of the police forces, is not part of Sei-Ryû-Kai-Europe teaching. The progression continues with the obtention of a **Shomokuroku** (first teaching license), then of a **Gomokuroku** and, finally, of a **Menkyo-Kaiden** after more than 20 years of regular training. The decision to deliver this last certificate depends exclusively of the Technical Director.

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