

12th International Jô Seminar

Blessed by the Kami! an excellent organization! A big thanks to Yves, Manu, Séverin, Jean-Jérôme and to some I may have forgotten. A wonderful weather, a perfect training ground! A participation unseen until now! A beautiful landscape! Even the organization on the field in three progressive groups (slow, middle, fast) came out as a success. Thanks to all the teachers for coming and being so efficient. Moreover, the food was excellent, the typical Swiss last evening warm-hearted, and the famous family spirit dear to our discipline made this seminar one of the best of the some 30 summer gasshuku we organized since 1978. Thanks to all the participants for your efforts and good attitude!

My great concern was that the seminar was really “international”. Grateful to the presence of Australians, Brazilians, Malaysian and “Québécois”, even in small numbers, this gasshuku was more than a European seminar. We were close to have Venezuela and Nepal, but the candidates have had personal problems and could not be with us.

My plan to go to Australia at the end of next summer, stopping in Singapore on the way, is part of my efforts to keep the International Jôdô Federation alive.

Johnny Seow’s acceptance to organize the 2015 Summer Camp in Malaysia, in Penang, comes to reinforce this will to avoid the disappearance of IJF. We must not forget that IJF is a little like our mother. Created by Shimizu Sensei and Draeger Sensei at the beginning of the 60’s of last century, first under the name of JFUSA (Jôdô Federation of the USA), the name of the Federation has been changed into IJF due to the participation of Malaysia, Australia and Europe. We cannot abandon what created us. The European Jô Federation can only be if there is an International Jô Federation, otherwise, it has no meaning. Therefore, I took the liberty to promote the practitioners of the non-European countries who make the effort of following me by taking the time to participate to our seminars, by delivering them traditional certificates. Andy Poulos (Shomokuroku) some years ago, Johnny Seow (Shomokuroku) this year, before his departure (photo).

Shimizu Sensei, Draeger Sensei, and Nishioka Sensei, all three convinced promoteurs of the “opening”, were constantly on my mind during this seminar of which the theme «Daidô Mumon» was dedicated to them.



Giving
Shomokuroku to
Johnny Seow on
8 August 2012

The various countries participating.

*Hoping to see many of you at the
Kagamibiraki 2013,
I wish you a wonderful autumn.*

Pascal Krieger



Australia



Malaysia



Québec



Brazil



Sweden



Hungary



Austria



Spain



Italy



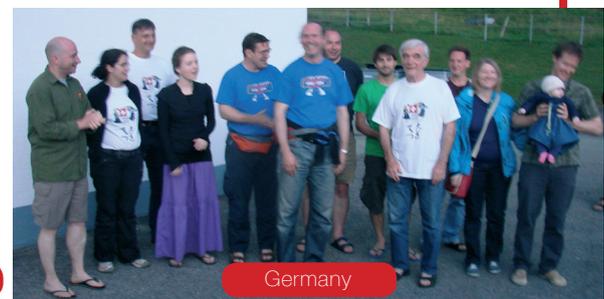
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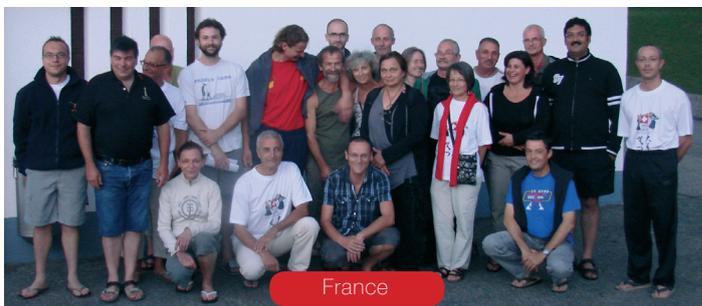
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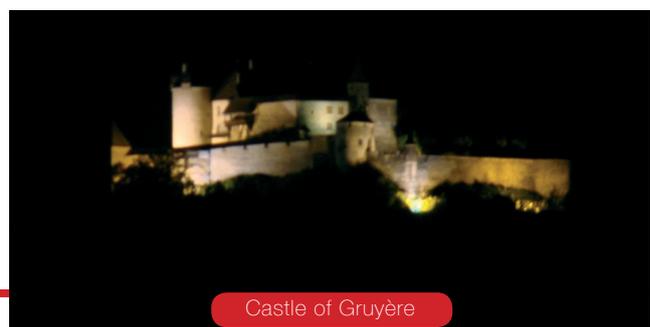
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