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## Recent & Upcoming Events

### 2013 Japan Tour World Renowned Masters, Traditional Japanese Budo

Location: Greater Tokyo area  
Date: 21 March - 06 April  
Contact HQ for all details

### 2013 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF All Japan Budo Exhibition

Location: Ikegami Kaikan  
Ota-ku, Japan  
Date: 26 May  
Contact HQ for all details

### 2013 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF European Congress

Location: Budapest, Hungary  
Date: 18 - 20 October  
Contact HQ for all details

### 2013 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF HQ Autumn Seminar

Location: Greater Tokyo Area  
Date: To Be Announced

Kokusai Budoin, IMAF sponsors  
numerous national, regional and  
local events throughout the year.

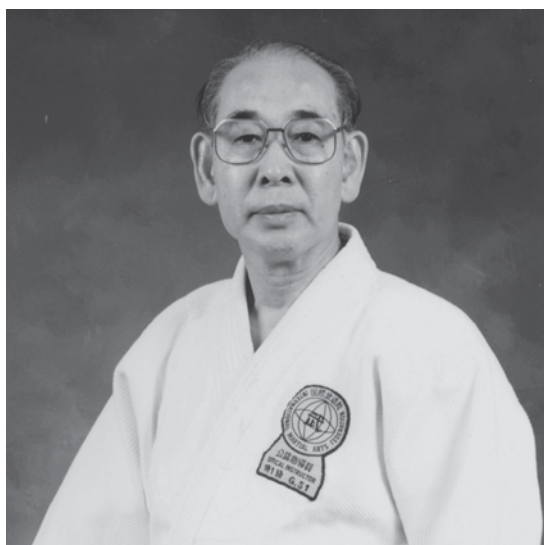
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## Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Meijin 10th Dan

### Tokyo, Japan

Sato Shizuya Sensei, and Kanazawa Hirokazu Sensei were awarded Meijin 10th Dan by the Board of Examiners during 2012 for their extraordinary life-long contributions to Budo.



Sato Shizuya Sensei (1929 - 2011)  
Nihon Jujutsu Meijin 10th Dan



Kanazawa Hirokazu Sensei  
Karate-do Meijin 10th Dan

## 2012 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF All Japan Budo Exhibition

### Tokyo, Ikegami Kaikan

The 34th All Japan Budo Exhibition was held April 29th and featured leading Japanese and international practitioners from all Kokusai Budoin, IMAF divisions.



Kobudo division exhibition participants

The 2012 budo exhibition continued the long tradition of providing guests, family members and members of the general public with an opportunity to experience ancient and modern Japanese culture via traditional Japanese martial arts.

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Iaido Demonstration



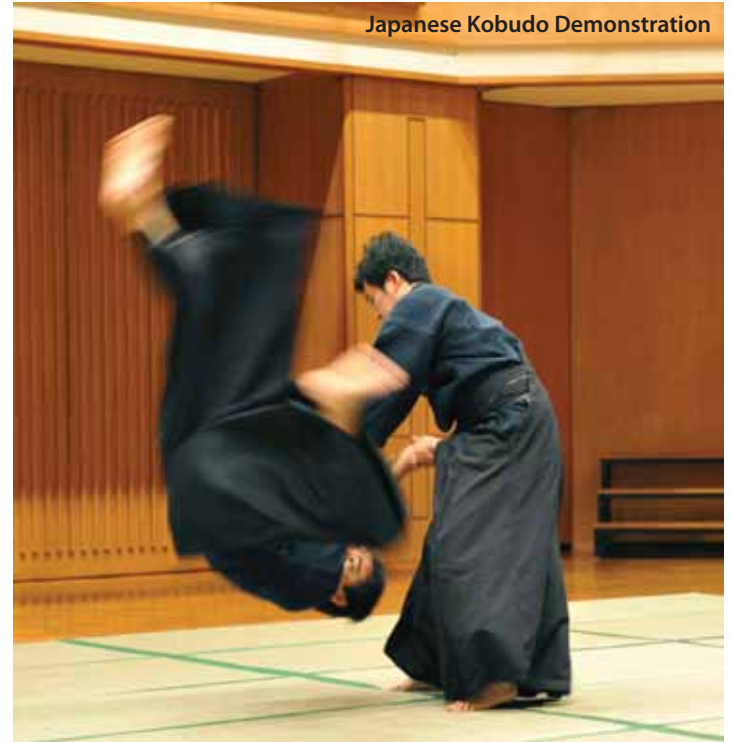
Aikido Demonstration



Okinawa Kobudo Demonstration



Japanese Kobudo Demonstration



Kenjutsu Demonstration



Nihon Jujutsu Demonstration





Karate-do Demonstration



2013 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF All Japan Budo Exhibition will be held 26 May at the Ikegami Kaikan in Tokyo, Japan  
Details available at: [international@imaf.com](mailto:international@imaf.com)

2012 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Headquarters Japan Autumn Seminar



Inoue Sensei during the Aikido session



Nobetsu Sensei

Kawasaki, Japan

The 2012 autumn HQ seminar was held 10 November at the Ikushinkan dojo in Kawasaki, Japan. The training began with judo, aikido, karate, and concluded with iaido, all sessions were directed by senior HQ instructors. Judo featured nage no kata, with special focus on te-waza (hand techniques), uki-otoshi, seoi-nage and kata-guruma, and was directed by John B. Gage Sensei, Nihon Jujutsu Kyoshi 7th Dan.

Aikido featured the rationale and applications of basic movement, and was directed by Inoue Kyoichi Sensei, former Tokyo Metropolitan Police Aikido Shihan, Kokusai Budoin, Aikido Hanshi 10th Dan.

Karate-do featured a wide range of basic and advanced kumite applications, and was directed by Nobetsu Tadanori Sensei, Karate-do Hanshi 9th Dan.

Iaido featured applications of fundamental movements, both solo and pair practice, and was directed by Matsuzaki Iwao Sensei, Iaido Kyoshi 8th Dan, and other senior HQ instructors.



Aikido session participants



## 2012 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF European Congress

Charleroi, Belgium

2012 marked the twentieth anniversary of Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Belgium as a Branch Country, and celebrations included sponsoring the annual KBI European Congress and numerous other events.



Karate-do kata application by Higuchi Sensei



Karate-do seminar participants, kata practice

### Karate-do

Higuchi Ikuo Sensei, Karate-do Hanshi 9th Dan directed all karate-do practitioners throughout the seminars. He was assisted by various senior European instructors, including H. D. Rauscher, Branch Director Germany, Dr. Lazlo Zakarias, Branch Director Hungary, Prof. Rui Ribeiro, Branch-Director Portugal, and Regional Directors Alain Michaud (France) and Michael Grunberg (Belgium).

The focus of daily training included both kata and kumite, and provided a wide variety of important lessons for all participants, such as fundamental aspects of correct posture, stance and movement.

Higuchi-sensei focused on various aspects of kumite, including ippon-kumite, sanbon-kumite, jiyu-ippon kumite, kaeshi-ippon kumite and self-defense. The kata training was another highlight, and featured, *yoi no kisin*, the spirit of getting ready, *chikara no kyojaku*, correct use of power, *kankyu*, the proper speed in each movement, and *metsuke*, how to watch an attacker, and other vital points of interest.



Judo katame-waza

Judo and jujutsu enthusiasts spent the weekend practicing together, exchanging a wide range of techniques including skill development drills, nage and katame-waza, renzoku-waza, and Jyû no kata (for senior practitioners).

As part of the continued focus on shared methods, judo players gained exposure to self-defense applications, and jujutsu players experienced judo grappling & randori.



Judo nage-waza

Judo & jujutsu sessions were directed by John B. Gage Sensei, Nihon Jujutsu Kyoshi 7th Dan, with extraordinary assistance by senior European instructors.



Daily aikido sessions featured members and friends from many countries throughout Europe, and were directed by Komoto Jun Sensei, Aikido Kyoshi 6th Dan (center photo). Practice began with a review of fundamental movement, and progressed through a wide variety of advanced applications and weapons work. Senior European instructors lent their expertise helping to ensure a successful weekend of excellent training.

The laido sessions were directed by Christine Rauscher Sensei, laido Kyoshi 7th Dan, who lead practitioners from across Europe throughout the weekend. Musojikiden Eishin ryu techniques with an emphasis on basic, as well as advanced methods guaranteed all practitioners found the sessions both challenging and rewarding. • Editor's note: We regret no suitable photos of iaido were available for publication •

### Judo and Nihon Jujutsu seminar participants







The Budô seminar „Shin Shin no Tanren“ on June 2nd took place at the Budôkan Center in Wels, Austria. Built to provide students and teachers of Martial Arts with an inspiring place to practice and designed by a Japanese architect, the venue played a vital part in creating an atmosphere of amicable team play, focused effort and respect.

Among the 23 participants from various Budô-backgrounds (Nihon Jûjutsu, laidô, Aikidô, Judô, Karatedô) and Dôjôs also were several IMAF regional directors from Austria and Germany. Conducting the seminar was Dr. Elisabeth Noisser, Kokusai Budôin / IMAF Austria Branch Director (laidô Kyôshi 7th Dan, Nihon Jûjutsu 4th Dan), so naturally the expectations were high—and we were not disappointed.

The first half of the seminar was dedicated to a topic essential to Budô but often neglected in practice: The proper application of Zanshin. Exercises designed to hone accurate posture, breathing and body movement were followed by a concise lecture from Noisser-sensei about the constitutional elements of Zanshin.

In the afternoon the seminar continued with the practice of different methods of defense against an opponent threatening an immediate blow against the head or torso. The various techniques, derived from Nihon Jûjitsu, proved to be an excellent challenge to practice with budôka coming different backgrounds with varying levels of skill, and with Noisser-sensei's detailed and expert guidance, it was possible for everyone attending to gain new insights and enrich their knowledge of Budô.

Thanks also to the excellent organization and competent assistance by Armin Kopplhuber (Kokusai Budôin / IMAF Austria Regional Director, 2nd Dan Nihon jujutsu), the seminar turned out to be a great success for all participants.

by Monika GAUBINGER

### Gendo newsletter content, an invitation

Each year Kokusai Budoin, IMAF HQ and members in various countries sponsor numerous events worldwide. International officials and members are invited to submit articles & photos to HQ. We will do our best to include your material in future publications.

### 2011 International Events

2011 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Japan HQ Seminar, at Ikushinkan Dojo, Kawasaki, Japan featured senior Japan Headquarters instructors directing aikido, iaido, judo and karate-do training.



### 2011 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF European Congress



#### Exincourt, France

Over three hundred participants attended from numerous countries in Asia, Europe and North America.

The program included Aikido, laido, Karate-do, Kobudo, Judo and Nihon Jujutsu. The instructors included experts from Japan, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Switzerland, and USA.

In total, some 22 instructors from Japan, Europe and North America focused on physical and mental technique, as well as themes such as martial arts in daily life throughout the event.

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## 2012 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF European Congress

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Throughout the weekend, more than two hundred members and friends from near and far joined a wide variety of practice sessions featuring HQ representatives and senior European instructors, all of which were designed to challenge new and advanced practitioners.

In addition to daily practice, high ranking Dan grade examinations were held in aikido, iaido and karate-do.

Each year HQ Japan and international officers meet to discuss current events and future initiatives for worldwide activities.



International and HQ representatives

Sincerest appreciation is due to André and Oliver Fredrix, all members, friends, and their families in Belgium, for their tireless efforts that resulted in a memorable and successful international seminar.

The 2013 Kokusai Budoin, IMAF European Congress will be held 18 - 20 October in Budapest, Hungary. Full details to be published soon.

## Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Meijin 10th Dan

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Sato Shizuya Sensei (1929 - 2011)

Nihon Jujutsu Meijin 10th Dan

Born 1929 in Tokyo, Japan, Sato Sensei began his study of judo as a child with his father. Later, he joined the judo club at School. Upon graduation from Meiji Gakuin University in 1949, he joined the International Section of the Kodokan Institute of Judo.

1951: Cofounder Kokusai Budoin, IMAF

1968: Traveled with Ito Kazuo Sensei (Judo 10th Dan) to 12 countries to promote Budo - the first Kokusai Budoin, IMAF World Tour.

1982: Appointed Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Chief Director

2012: Awarded Meijin Title

Kanazawa Hirokazu Sensei

Karate-do Meijin 10th Dan

Born 1931 in Iwate prefecture Japan, Kanazawa Sensei began training in judo during his school years, achieving the rank of 2nd Dan. Later, he began training in karate-do while at Takushoku University under the then-head instructor of Shotokan karate, Nakayama Masatoshi.

1978: Joined Kokusai Budoin: 8th Dan

1992: Promoted to 9th Dan

2002: Promoted to 10th Dan

2012: Awarded Meijin Title

Present: Chief Instructor and President of Shotokan Karate-Do International Federation (SKIF)

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### Special Notice: All Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Americas Members

We are in the process of reorganizing IMAF Americas, including rebuilding our database - and we need your help.

HQ Japan invites all Kokusai Budoin, IMAF Americas members to send his or her current address and membership information to Headquarters via email or postal mail as soon as possible.

Email: Download the Member Contact Data Form at: [www.imaf.com](http://www.imaf.com) Complete and send form to: [international@imaf.com](mailto:international@imaf.com)

Postal Mail: Complete the Member Contact Data Form (below), and send it via postal mail to Headquarters.

We hope to complete rebuilding the Americas database during 2013, and ask everyone to send his or her current contact Headquarters via email or postal mail at the earliest possible opportunity.

Please note, Kokusai Budoin, IMAF maintains very strict control over all data collected, and no information will be shared with third parties.

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#### Member Contact Data Form

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