

# IMAF-EUROPE NEWSLETTER

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## In Memoriam

### Michal Godnicz

1957 - 2012



On February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012,  
our friend Michal Godnicz  
suddenly past away.

Michal was master in Ju Jitsu and Karate, Vice  
President of IMAF Poland, and co-founder and leader  
of the Słupskiego Klubu Sportowego CHAMPION.

We will all miss him.

Geoff Benoy, President IMAF Europe

Cees van der Wal, General Secretary IMAF Europe

## The true identity of IMAF-Europe (2)

Author Cees van der Wal

*Why should we change? To make things better!*

“How”

*How can we proceed?*

We can choose: are we going to stay where we  
are? Or are we going to look where our changes  
are?

But whatever we choose, it has to be together!

*We have all the cards in our hands*

We are going to make the difference, because we  
have the best cards: innovation, excellent activity,  
commitment. We do things our way, the IMAF-  
Europe way, in friendship.

*Turn the switch*

Do you see it has to be together? Are you  
convinced it has to be together?

The switch is turned, we can meet here and now.

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### *Develop our shared vision*

The success in your own country is not enough. In  
IMAF-Europe we must strengthen each other and  
outline the path we go together.

Please remember that the European Community  
has widely recognised the importance of sport to  
bind people. Our contribution to peace and  
understanding.

### *We can already do it*

It shall not be for the first time that our combined  
forces have produced visible results for IMAF-  
Europe. We have already proven that we can do  
many things together: Our International Budo  
seminars, our International training camps, our  
International tournaments.

*It is going to be fun!*

**See *Calendar important upcoming events* on page 2**

“What”

*What is already happening?*

*The house of IMAF-Europe is already there...*

On European level there is great importance to have a strong and solid Federation.

The only thing that divides us is our ego.

Be open minded and learn to take criticism as well as praise. You have to accept that you need others to proceed, to advance.

An important goal of IMAF-Europe Pro is to be a house of innovation, motivation and co-operation. The basis for all member-countries to work together.

*... where you can just walk right in*

As I did, many years ago, with the idea to learn, to participate. The learning part was great, but the participating part was not. An obstacle may have been the ancient hierarchical structure of Budo

## Important upcoming events

### Calendar

With the start of the new year 2012, there are many activities ahead of us.

To mention a few major events:

- IMAF-Sweden Fighting Training Camp  
24-25 March, Köping, Sweden
- WOC 2012 IMAFE- CJJIF on 23 -24 March  
in Kiev, Ukraine  
Info: [www.cjjif.org](http://www.cjjif.org) / [www.combat-jujutsu.kiev.ua](http://www.combat-jujutsu.kiev.ua)
- **IMAF-Europe HQ Switzerland**  
**Opening Seminar - Easter Seminar 6, 7, 8 April**  
**in Piemont Casa Carina**  
info: [www.imaf-switzerland.ch](http://www.imaf-switzerland.ch)

To achieve a higher level, Budo requires a practitioner to keep a humble mind and behaviour. This allows one to always learn something from anyone. Once one thinks that he or she is better than others, the possibility of improvement ceases. This is the basis of the high importance of respecting instructors as well as training partners in Budo. (Statute ITKF)



*Why we keep doing what we do*

and Martial Arts. The master knows best.

Smart masters, however, should also listen to the young, to learn.

Ask for help and you will get it. All you have to do is to join us!

*... and to have tangible results!*

The result: a unique innovative product that really makes a difference for all Budoka and Martial Artists. Completely seated on “the new way of Martial Arts”.

*Let us surprise you!!*

- IMAF-Romania International Championships on 5 Mai 2012 in Alba Iulia, Romania.
- IMAF-Europe World Championships on 13 and 14 October 2012 in Antwerp, Belgium.
- IMAF-Europe Annual Congress and International Seminar on 3 and 4 November 2012 in Papendal (near Arnhem), the Netherlands.



*Small scale activities for the children*

## IMAF Europe Tournament Advisory – Part II

By Geoff Benoy

Hereafter some further hints when planning to organize a Martial Arts Tournament.

### Karate Individuals Kumite

#### Arbitrator Systems

Depending upon the amount of qualified Kumite referees, several systems are used as follows:

- **YONBAN FUKUSHIN:** each of the four corners has a corner referee, seated, in possession of two flags (white/ red or blue/ red depending of the organizing body) and a signal whistle. A central referee leads the match, he faces the public and has his back to the timer/ reporter table. This system is the most accurate system to follow the match.
- **NIBAN FUKUSHIN:** only two corners have a corner referee, seated, in possession of two flags (white/ red or blue/ red depending of the organizing body) and a signal whistle. These referees sit diagonally to each other. A central referee leads the match, he faces the public and has his back to the timer/ reporter table. The advantage is that only half of the amount of corner referees are needed; the disadvantage is less accuracy to follow the match.
- **KIKAN:** Mirror System, two central referees follow the match, one of them being the Master leading the match, the other being the Sleeve but with equal rights.  
The advantage is that a minimum of referees is needed, the disadvantage that these referees have to be of the highest quality.

### SHIAJO

The available location depends upon the available free size of the hall. The following points have to be considered:

The competition SHIAJO is normally 8m x 8m, exceptionally 6m x 6m; a safety zone of an extra of 2m in each direction must be provided. Lines are



*No competition without volunteers*

indicating the position of the competitors to be taken during the match, these are 4m from each other and centred.

Nobody besides of the competitors (or team in case of team tournament), coach and referees are permitted in this area.

A safety zone between the SHIAJO and the public must be provided by barriers and controlled by security people.

Competitors waiting their turn to perform must stay on standby in the therefore indicated zone, they are not allowed to leave this zone.

Each SHIAJO has the necessary material such as flags, whistles, coloured belts, chairs.

Each SHIAJO has a time/ reporter table and a nearby qualified First Aid Team.

Each SHIAJO has a referee team as prescribed in *Arbitrator Systems* consisting of a Chief Arbitrator and his Referee(s).

Each SHIAJO has a Commissioner who controls the match. He is the only interface between the Coaches and the Match, between the Chief Arbitrator and the Match. No direct contact between the Coaches and Chief Arbitrator is tolerated.

Protest by a Coach must be handed to the Commissioner in written form.

**Next time Functions of the Control Table, Ensho**

# IMAF Fighting Seminar

Karate, Judo, Sport Ju Jutsu



Sweden 25-25 of March, 2012  
 Köping, Scheele gymnastic hall  
 Barnhemsgatan 55, Köping, Sweden



**Morgan Bergström**  
 Elite competitor IMAF  
 Swe National team  
 1 dan Kodokan Judo

**Peter Rosendahl**  
 IMAF Elite Instructor  
 6 dan Jujutsu  
 6 dan Kodokan Judo

**Tatjana Petrović**  
 4th DAN, Shotokan  
 1th Dan, Wado kal

Former World champion, European vice champion and All Japan Wado kal champion karate kumite

**Henrik Hansson**  
 IMAF Elite Instructor  
 6 dan Jujutsu  
 5 dan wado karate

**Jens Fricke**  
 IMAF Elite Instructor  
 6 dan Shotokan Karate  
 4 dan Ju Jutsu

Look for more info on:  
[www.imaf.se](http://www.imaf.se)

Fee: Member of IMAF (need to show IMAF pass), 30 euro.  
 Not a member of IMAF, 40 euro.



Organizer:  
 KMA Sweden

## Improve your Public Relations

Advertise your activities on your website

Set links to the website of IMAF-Europe and of other IMAF-Europe countries

Connect!

*Alba Iulia, Romania where Young friends in Budo meet*



**DEDICATE YOUR WEBSITE TO IMAF-EUROPE!**

You can also help us by dedicating your website to IMAF-Europe



## International Championship

### Alba Iulia, May 5<sup>th</sup> 2012

#### Place:

National College H.C.C, Hour 09.00

**Probes:** Kata individual, Kumite individual, Kata team.

**Referee rules:** IMAF EUROPA

**Prices:** Diplomas and medals for students; trophies for officials.

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#### Honorary guests:

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Shihan: [Cees van der Wal](#) 7th Dan - General Secretary,  
And Honorary President IMAF-Romania

Shihan: [Jens Fricke](#) 6th Dan - President IMAF Germany

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