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To the representatives of the participating countries.  
Concerns: European Kendō Championships 1984.

Dear Kendōka,

We think it's about time we send some further information about the inscriptions for the upcoming European Championships in Brussels this year, as we received some questions concerning a few specific problems.

First there was a question about the ensuing seminar: is it possible to participate in this seminar for just one or a few days? Well, we think it best for the continuity of the lesson series that not too many visitors arrive, only to leave a short while afterwards. But in exceptional cases permission will be granted, of course.

Then, if somebody who has already paid for his inscription, finds himself in the impossibility to make the trip after all, due to certain unforeseen circumstances, he will be allowed to delegate someone else in his place.

The third problem concerns the Coaches and Officials accompanying the National Teams. Evidently, they aren't included into the total number of possible participants, but the price for food and lodging will be the same as the one for team members, i.e. 4.000.-Bfr for the days of the Championships. Still, they are kindly requested to procure us the same inscription forms as did the competitors, as it is necessary for us to be able to reserve the correspondending rooms in the Brussels Hyatt



Regency Hotel, even if this causes some supplementary troubles, but we hope they will excuse us for this.

Furthermore there seems to have been a misunderstanding here and there about the examinations. We confirm hereby that there will be held examinations up to fifth (5th) dan, as well for kendō as for iai, in the afternoon of the twentieth (20th), a Sunday. All this under supervision of the Zen Nippon Kendō Renmei. Mr Kasahara has been asked to send us the necessary sensei for these gradings. The kendōka wishing to participate in these are NOT obliged to belong to the National Team, nor to the delegation in general. So, Anyone wishing to conquer a higher grade is welcome. Fees will be kept on the level of the current international tariffs.

A last item is the exact number of participants allowed for each country. Our first letter states that twelve people can enter the competition. This is only correct as far as the two reserves of each National Team aren't included. To be clear in this matter we elucidate that each delegation may consist of five (5) team members, not included the two (2) reserves, and seven (7) individual competitors, which makes a total of fourteen (14). Still, if the Team Coach decides not to alter the team during the Championships, two of them won't have fought any adversary ...

For your information we can confirm hereby that the Polish Kendō Association has also decided to delegate a team of seven people to the Championships this year. So we are glad to anticipate a meeting between ten countries for the first time. A big surprise for us too. We wish them all the best! We keep doing our best to make of the Championships an event as interesting as possible for everyone.



For those wishing to know the exact state of affairs at the moment, the beginning of march, we received complete inscriptions from the Netherlands, Switzerland, Italy and Germany; the Polish weren't able to mention names yet, as they were waiting for their National Championships; Great Brittain and Spain let us know that they would participate without mentioning the names. We anticipated some delays as the inscription forms weren't ready in time, due to the circumstances. Anyway, there will at least be eighty kendōka present at the Championships and we keep waiting for further inscriptions.

Please keep in mind that the deadline for the arrival of the inscription money is rather important for us, as we have a lot of initial costs. Please be so kind to settle this affair before the first of April, as we asked.

Maybe it's interesting for everyone that we already received a lot of inscriptions for accompanying persons. We'll do all things possible to arrange some alternative schedule for those wishing to see a bit of the country here. Those wishing to change their mind are still welcome. The more people the merrier!

And to finish up we would like to mention that we are hoping for some more inscriptions for the seminar, and especially from those countries with a so-called strong currency, who have been a little reserved up to now. We will have at least five high graded Japanese sensei here, so it should be worthwhile ...

Hoping to meet you then,

Sincerely yours,