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to  
ALL COUNTRIES

## Minutes of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Paris, April 18th 1985

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### 1. List of the representatives present.

Board of Directors: Alain DUCARME, President;  
Raf BERNAERS, Secretary General;  
Hein ODINOT, Treasurer;  
Auditor: Wolfgang DEMSKI.

Representatives: For Austria: Freimut STEIGER.  
For Belgium: Paul CREMERS (NKF).  
Alain Pierard (BKR).  
For France: Michel GUENTLEUR.  
For Germany: Wolfgang DEMSKI.  
For Great Britain: Terence HOLT.  
For Italy: Roberto DEL MIGLIO (AIK);  
Giorgio STEVANATO (AIK);  
Antonio COLADONATI (FIS);  
Franco SARRA (FIS).  
For the Netherlands: Jan SCHOUTEN.  
For Spain: Emilio GOMEZ.  
For Sweden: Stefan STENUDD  
Kjell LINDBERG (invited).  
For Switzerland: Hanspeter REITINGER.

Absent: Mr STOBBAERTS, the representative of Portugal.

All representatives are welcomed by Mr Yvon MAUTRET, organiser of the present 1985 World Championships, who excuses himself for having other business to attend to.

Mr Alain DUCARME, President, opens the meeting at 15.00 o'clock precisely.

## 2. Affiliation problems.

### 2.1. The Italian dilemma.

First the question if an agreement still seems the most appropriate way out is voted upon. The result: 2 positive, 6 negative.

Then a vote is proposed to elect either AIK or FIS into the E.K.F., but the British representative wants to know who actually broke the Brussels' agreement. AIK answers that for them the agreement is still valid and that they want to keep it thus. FIS states that AIK didn't show up for the selection shiai before the Championships and declares that they don't want anymore Unione FIS-AIK.

The Swedish representative proposes at this instant to throw Italy out of the E.K.F. until 1 (one) federation proposes herself as a new member. This proposal is voted upon: affirmative: GB-S-B-E-CH (5); negative: D-NL-F (3). Proposal is accepted.

For the present AIK is accepted to represent Italy during the World Championships. For the next European Championships we wait for the new application.

### 2.2. The Poland application.

Even though demanded a few times explicitly by letter, no official application reached us in due time. No affiliation is considered.

### 2.3. The Austrian affiliation.

Austria is officially accepted. The representative will send a copy of the Statutes to the Secretary General who will distribute it to all affiliated countries.

### 3. The 1986 European Championships.

These Championships will be held on the 19th and 20th of April 1986 in the **Swiss Cottage Sports Center**, London NW1 and be followed by a one week seminar, either in Crystal Palace or at some university. The British representative will inform everyone in due time.

### 4. The 1987 European Championships.

Mr Kjell LINDHBERG, of the GAK Enighet, a Malmö sports club, proposes to hold the Championships in the above-mentioned Malmö, the southernmost city of Sweden, not so far away from Germany. Documentation on the city and the proposed hotel is handed around to give more information on this proposal, after which this proposal is accepted with applause.

The French representative proposes to hold a full scale supplementary European Championship in 1988, the year of the Seoul World Championships. To some of the representatives it appears unsure that all countries will have the financial possibilities to attend to two championships in the same year, but the proposition is accepted as a testcase.

This means that the next four Championships have been arranged ...

### 5. E.K.F. Technical Comittee.

#### 5.1. Report on the passed activities.

The French representative reports that the Technical Committee has made some proposals to the

Z.N.K.R. regarding gradings, referees and education. Later on during the meeting Jean-Claude TUVI, president of the Technical Committee, enters and declares that during the last meeting the problems common to all countries were listed to be handled in a later stage.

The General Assembly decides that:

- the next meeting of the Technical Committee should be held in October, about six months before the next General Assembly;
- the advice the Technical Committee agrees upon is to be sent to the E.K.F. Secretary General who mails it to all member countries in due time, so that everybody has the opportunity to reflect upon the proposals presented before the next reunion;
- during the General Assembly, a reporter of the Technical Committee should be present to give the needed explanations, in order to avoid unappropriate votes;
- the Presidents of the affiliated Federations should send the names of the Technical Committee representatives to the Secretary General office.

### 5.2. Establishment of a list of European Jûdansha.

This work is continued. At the end of each season, in the beginning of July, the Secretary General will send all obtained information to all member countries, to the president of the Technical Committee and to I.K.F. and Z.N.K.R.

### 5.3. Establishment of a list of European referees.

Each President sends the names of the candidates for referee jobs to the Secretary General and mentions if they have a National, European or International authority. Also this list will be sent to the different above-mentioned addresses, so that organisers of any tournament know who to contact.

#### 5.4. European Kendô Calendar.

All representatives were asked to list their activities open to European participants. This is the result:

- Germany: - End of March: German Team Championships followed by a open seminar for about 85 persons.
  - Last week of October: German Individual Championships.
  - 26 to 30th of December: Berlin Kangeiko, Open for everyone.
- Sweden: - Beginning of October: Swedish Individual Championships, followed by a Gasshoku training (Kudahara sensei).
  - End of May: Training Camp in Malmö.
- Belgium: - August: Iai Seminar
  - First week of November: Belgian Open Championships and Seminar.
- The Netherlands: End of August: Iai and Jô Seminar in cooperation with Belgium.
- France: In summer there are a lot of private training camps, on which information is sent throughout Europe. So there isn't any official organisation.
- Switzerland: - October: National Championships;
  - First week of June: Zürich Seminar;
  - 14 and 15th of September: Geneva Seminar.
- Great Britain: Information on the international City Link Tournament will be mailed in due time.

All other upcoming activities may be mentioned to the General Secretary office. From there they will be mailed to all representatives.

5.5. E.K.F. Newsletter.

The Swedish representative will give it a try. Of course he needs the help of all countries to accomplish anything interesting. So if somebody has a text worth publishing, please hand it over to Stefan Stenudd

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6. Financial report by the E.K.F. treasurer.

Every representative present got a balance sheet made by the Treasurer.

It is decided that because as well FIS as AIK have paid their 1984 contribution, this amount will be divided by two and each Federation will have restituted this amount. Furthermore the amount AIK paid for 1985 will be returned.

A letter asking for the intentions of Spain will be sent by the Treasurer: they haven't paid their contribution for some years now.

7. Transportation expenses of Japanese Sensei.

The representatives of each country is asked for the possibilities of cost-sharing organisations:

- Germany already has a sensei for six months a year. If someone else wants to use this opportunity, please contact Wolfgang DEMSKI.
- Sweden is very ready to adopt all proposal, as the cost is very heavy for their budget.
- Belgium is also enthousiastic. They have always tried to adopt this method. This year a joint seminar is organised together with the Netherlands in August. The sensei first comes to Belgium, then travels to the Netherlands. Costs are shared.
- The Netherlands: see above. Very positive.

- France continually invites sensei from Japan. Furthermore many Japanese students visit France on a long term basis. Many times these students prove to be high ranking kendōka, which are gladly introduced to the French Kendō world.
- Switzerland is also ready to accept all possibilities. Help is always welcome.

From now on every country which organises an event will contact the other nations with the proposal of cost-sharing activities.

#### 8. Senior Kendōka Tournament.

The proposal is explained by the German representative: older players should be stimulated to continue to participate in mayor tournaments. This event could be combined with the upcoming European Championships. The vote appears to be unanimously in favor.

The British representative declares that he will introduce this possibility into the London Championships schedule next year.

#### 9. European Champion's Championships.

Alain gives some explanation on this case. There appears to be only one problem: Great Britain for instance has a Club team as champion, whereas Germany has regional teams and the Berlin team.

But as the E.K.F. doesn't want to interfere with internal national organisation, it is said that whichever champion team will be accepted.

France mentions that it is possible that the Champion team will ask its' contribution costs from the National Federation. This problem is also discarded as a National matter which isn't interfered with.

This Championship will be organised as soon as possible. Possibly next year.

10. Report on the I.K.F. General Assembly.

During the Paris meeting in 1984 the two main items in discussion were the upcoming World Championships and the design of an I.K.F. insigne.

11. I.K.F.-representation.

At the moment Yvon Mautret (France), Anton Schoeb (Switzerland), Wolfgang Demski (Germany) and Victor Harris (Vice President) represent the E.K.F. during the I.K.F. General Assemblies.

Anton Schoeb has sent his resignation, due to illness. Wolfgang Demski prolongates his candidature. The French representative declares that he presumes Yvon Mautret won't have time enough to continue this job.

It is proposed that Alain Ducarme will represent the E.K.F. and that in the future the President will automatically elected.

Mr Lindberg then gives his candidature for the open post. It is accepted also because he speaks Japanese and knows many of the sensei, due to a long term visit to Japan.

12. E.K.F.-Statutes.

It is decided that a committee will handle this problem. This committee will meet at the end of December, so that the proposal made can be thought about for four months before the next General Assembly.

Members of teh Committee: Paul CREMERS (Belgium);  
Terry HOLT (Great Britain);  
Mr President;  
Mr Secretary General.

As these people normally already meet during the City Link tournament, this occasion could be well made use of for the first round up of the proposals.

13. Date of the next E.K.F. General Assembly.

This meeting will be organised in London during the European Championships. Further information will be handed around by Mr Terence Holt, the organiser. It is to be noted already that this meeting might take place on the 17th of April 1986.

Alain Ducarme then closes the official part of the meeting, and the room is left rather quickly. Many have apparently still a lot of things to put into order for the morning ...

This report has been checked during a meeting of the Administrative Committee at the home of the Treasurer in Rotterdam on Friday 31th of May 1985

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