

Summer training in Sweden

Mr. Roald Knutsen, 3rd *dan*, travelled to Stockholm to take part in the 10-day summer training of the Swedish Kendoka this June. As the guest of Mr. Robert von Sandor, the leading Kendoka, who is also well-known in European Judo as the General Secretary of the Swedish Judo Association, Mr. Knutsen had many opportunities of seeing Stockholm and some of the beautiful surrounding lakes.

Most of the Kendo training was conducted in the new Sports Hall in Southern Stockholm, where there are ideal facilities for Judo, Aikido, Karate and many other sports besides Kendo. The Kendoka met every evening except over the Midsummer Holiday weekend. This break gave Mr. Sandor a chance to make a film record of Iai technique in the open air in the grounds of his home on the island of Lidingö, a few kilometers east of the city. The Iai was filmed on a large flat granite rock with the sea and a beautiful pine tree as a background. Mr. Knutsen reports that a hard wooden dojo floor is to be preferred to granite, which acts rather like sandpaper on the feet!

Final agreement was reached on the founding of the European Kendo Renmei and an announcement on this will be made shortly.