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Paris, February 10th 1998

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Dear President,

Re: 7th Dan examination

Please find herewith copy of the letter that we are sending to Mr. DUCARME, President of the EKF.

As a Federation cannot solicit - directly and individually - a 6th and 7th Dan examination to the ZNKR, we have contacted the EKF so that it communicates this request for the next European Championships in Basel/Switzerland.

You may not need yet an examination of this level for your players in Europe, but we all hope it will be the case very soon for most of the European Kendo Federations.

We are making this request, not only for the immediate needs, but also for the future of our pyramid of Kendo grades in Europe. We cannot eternally be dependant of our personal financial resources to go to Japan to present a 7th Dan grade.

To show our common will, if it exists, to see the ZNKR and the EKF accede to our request, I am waiting for your support in this step with the EKF for a 7th Dan examination from the 1998' European Championships onward.

We hope we have convinced you that - this being - we will participate all together in the development of Kendo in Europe.

See you in Basel and best luck possible to your National Team,

Best regards,

**Claude PRUVOST**  
President of the NKC/FFJDA

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Our ref.: CP.VA.CB-n° 98-1/1176

Paris, February 10th 1998

Dear President,

Re: 1998' EUROPEAN KENDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

The next European Kendo Championships will be the occasion for a great number of players to meet themselves and, as usual, the exchanges between the different Kendo Federations will be fruitful.

This event will also be the opportunity for everybody to see Japanese high-graded teachers delegated by the ZNKR either specifically for the event, or in the different european countries for a more or less long period.

A Dan examination up to the 6th Dan will be organised and we think we should ask for a **7th Dan examination**.

Indeed, the European can now pretend to access to this Dan, but we still have to give them the possibility in Europe !

On the one hand, concerning the material aspect, a 7th Dan examination needs the same skills as for a 6th Dan examination ; the conditions will then be fulfilled in Basel.

On the other hand, it seemed to us - through the meetings and mail exchanges - that the ZNKR was ready to authorize the presentation of this Dan in Europe.

So, we ask you to be so kind as to send to the ZNKR an official request of the 7th Dan examination, knowing that this step has to be done as soon as possible to be able to inform all the European Kendo players of it, on the assumption that the ZNKR accepts.

However, if you were opposed to this request, please explain to us the precise reasons by return.

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Concerning the agenda of the next EKF General Meeting, we would like to mention the following points:

1/ EKF 6th and 7th Dan examinations

*Reflections to conduct on the different possibilities and setting-up of a rotation between the different countries organising great events.*

2/ EKF structures - Statutes

*See NKC's letter of March 20th 1996 annexed*

3/ EKF fees

*See letter point 2/.*

4/ 1997' European Iaido Championships

*See NKC's letters of July 10th 1997 annexed*

We are entirely at your disposal for further information.

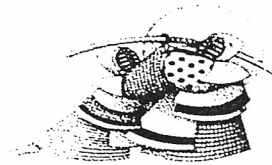
Looking forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,

**Claude PRUVOST**

President of the NKC/FFJDA

enc. NKC's letter of March 20th 1996  
NKC's letters of July 10th 1997



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Objet. European Iaido Championship 97

Paris, le July 10th 1997

*Dear President,*

*We are surprised by the way your Federation organized the European Iaido Championship.*

*First, at less than one month of this championship, we could not obtain any indications about the schedule of the manifestation, and that in spite of some official and private (by interested competitors) requests for which we could not obtain any answers.*

*Secondly, as soon as French applications were sent, before the deadline date, we received a mail advising, as that there were no place left in the lodging proposed by your Federation.*

*Some questions came up to us :*

- is this championship a private one, to which France was not invited ?*
- in what extent, can we accept that such an organized championship could be called « European Iaido Championship » ?*

*We are thinking that this situation is unacceptable and we are waiting for a quick and clear explanation about this matter of fact !*

*We can remind that in 1996, when France organized this same Championship, all the European Federations - without exception - received several months previously a complete file, perfectly clear, translated in English, including indications of place, date and hours for each part of the event.*

*You will find, enclosed, a copy of the mail addressed to Mr. BERNAERS, General Secretary of the E.K.F.*

*Waiting for your answer we stay.  
Sincerely yours.*

Claude PRUVOST  
Président du CNK/FFJDA



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N.Réf. JJS-JPS/VA  
Objet. European Iaido Championship 1997

Paris, le July 10th 1997

*Dear General Secretary and friend ,*

*I sent to you, enclosed, a copy of the mail addressed to the Germain Iaido Federation, concerning the organization of the 1997 European Iaido Championship in Hamburg.*

*Other wise, I repeat my request, officially, to place the European Iaido Championship before the end of June in the EKF calendar, in order to give to this manifestation more starnness as well as European Kendo Championship.*

*I think, we could avoid that this event be penalized by an absenteeism due to a planification out of the standard sporting calendar (septembre to june).*

*I also remind to you that we are always waiting for the official results of the graduation examination of Febuary 1997 in Belgium.*

*Knowing about your obligations, I hope, however you woul be able to give a favorable issue to my requests.*

*Sincerely yours.*

Claude PRUVOST  
Président du CNK/FFJDA