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It is my pleasure to send JJIF Newsletter No.2 with the latest information and reports to you. I hope you will find it interesting.

Please also note that you can send articles, pictures etc to me for coming JJIF Newsletters, email: persina@gmx.de We need to spread a lot of information regarding jujitsu and the JJIF activities, so please help by sending material for publishing!

With kind regards!

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and Manager of JJIF Office at Lausanne



World Championship 2008

The 2008 World Championships in Ju Jitsu will be held in Malmö, Sweden, Friday 28th – Sunday 30th with the JJIF General Assembly on Thursday 27th of November. The venue for this event is Baltiska Hallen in Malmö.

Information from the organizer of the World Championships says that until 4th November 22 countries has send their application for participation (in alphabetical order):

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Congo, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine.



The organizers expect more applications such as from Taiwan, Iran etc.

For more information please visit the JJIF website www.jjif.org (www.jjif.org/website/?p=714) and Swedish Budo & Martial Arts Federation, Ju Jitsu Section www.budokampsport.se/ju-jitsu or contact: vm2008.jujitsu@budokampsport.se For urgent matters you can also contact the chief organizer Gunnar Hoffsten directly gunnar@hoffsten.se

The JJIF General Assembly and Congress will be held on Thursday 27th November 2008 at Radisson SAS hotel in Malmö, Sweden, at 11.00 hrs.

German Championship for Patterns

The German Championship for patterns has successfully been held in the City of Meiningen on October 11th, 2008. The Championship was a perfect mix of awesome techniques, show-elements, light-effects, music and humour.

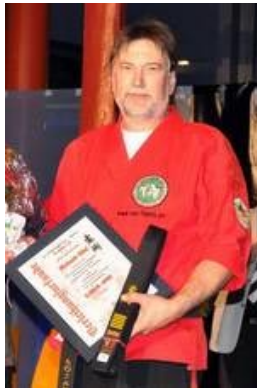
For the first time the open class was included in the programme. Here the HNT "Red Dragon Team" competed against two mixed crews of German and Ukrainian Ju-Jutsuka.

During the 3 hours show the spectators were very pleased and enthusiastic.

Special guests were Dr Paul Höglund from Sweden (JJIF President) and Mr Eugene Domagata from France (Technical Director of the JJEU).



Speech of the JJIF President Dr Paul Höglund.
To the right German DJJV President Herbert Frese.



Mr Roland Abe were honoured for his remarkable work for Ju-Jutsu with the 5th Degree black belt which has been presented by the President of Ju-Jutsu Federation of Thüringen, Mr Gert Häckel and the DJJV-President, Mr Herbert Frese.

Mr Abe with his certificate

Fotos: GJJF

Italian Ju-Jitsu Association (AIJJ) hosted the first European Technical and Sport Stage and Elite Training Camp for JJEU from August 3rd - 9th 2008 in Venice

A parade of top-level athletes working side by side (Italian team Captain Marco BARATTI, current European Champion and Bronze medalist at the World Championships of Rotterdam Men - 69 Kg Fighting, the entire Senior and Junior Athletes of the French Squad, including Current World Champion title holders in the Men -69 Kg Fighting, Julien BOUSSUGE, and Women -55 Kg Fighting Champion, Annabelle REYDY and many other Jutsukas at the peak of their success)

JJIF President, Paul Hoglund, was also present throughout half of the Camp to give JJIF's blessing to this new experimental Stage form.

The athletes had 300 square meters of tatami to learn, to experiment and to judge for themselves just how much progress they had done over the last year. And since the trick of learning is a combination of the athlete's will to learn and the instructor's ability to share his knowledge, the training sessions were held by some of the best trainers of the JJEU Member Countries under the careful eye of Eugène Domagata, JJEU Technical Responsible.

The Technical representatives of the JJEU were busy off the tatami too, and the last day of the Camp was concentrated on the Technical Meeting to define the proposals that will be presented to the JJIF Congress and General Assembly in Sweden this coming November. All the JJEU Board (Panagiotis Theodoropoulos – Pres., Christian Blareau – Vice Pres, Robert Perc – Secr. and Dario Quenza – Treasurer) were present and participated with interest to the debate.



Serious considerations were raised regarding both organizational and practical aspects of future competition. Thus many proposals were made and many questionnaires returned with suggestions for possible improvements. To name a few:

- introduction of various Camps aimed to reflect the different technical preparation of the participating athletes;
- introduction of qualifying events to limit participation in major championships;
- new criteria for 5-contestant competition in any given Fighting category event;
- new limitations to the total number of competition events a given athlete may participate in a given day of competition.

The camp was a successful experiment with training skills on the highest level and the athletes present expressed the hope that a similar appointment will host them next year. It would be a chance to, once again, see how much more the level of elite jujitsu has increased during another year of dedication and enthusiasm. AIJJ President Dario Quenza (JJEU Treasurer and organizer of the event) ensures us that the JJEU is already making plans...

Source: Roberto Orlandi, AIJJ Communications

Korea Ju-Jitsu Belt Wrestling Federation



**President of KJJBWF
Youn In Duk (right)**

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Dr Paul G Hoglund, President JJIF and GAISF (IOC) Council Member, approved KJJF under Chairman Kim Chang Ho and president Youn In Duk as interim representative of JJIF on 2008/07/30. The Ju Jitsu International Federation (JJIF) is the international federation, officially organizing Ju-Jitsu in the World. JJIF is member of GAISF (General Association of International Sport Federations), IWGA (International World Games Association, Federation for being on the World Games). Jujitsu has been on the World Games Programme both in Lahtis 1997, Akita 2001, Duisburg 2005 and is also an official World Games Sport for the coming Games 2009 at Kaoshiung, Taiwan.

Further Jujitsu is by OCA (Olympic Council of Asia) an Olympic recognized Sport in Asia, administrated by our Asian Continental Federation AJJBWF, with its President Mr Khalil Ahmed Khan. JJIF has also recognition from the Supreme Council for Sports in Africa and is presently applying for the IOC recognition.



JJIF President Dr Paul G Hoglund recently paid a short visit to the Korean Federation at Busan. The picture shows the welcome delegation on the arrival at the Busan airport.

During his visit the JJIF President studied the organisation of KJJF and visit many clubs (dojangs) and saw demonstrations of Hapkido (Korean art, very similar to jujitsu), Kumdo and other traditional Korean Martial Arts. There is a great interest from many Hapkido clubs to convert into jujitsu and to compete following the JJIF Competition System and Refereeing Rules.

Source: www.kjibwf.orgSports

AJJBWF President, Mr Khalil Ahmed Khan and Master Youn In Duk, President Korea Ju-Jitsu Federation, went to Busan to represent Ju-Jitsu as Delegate in VI World Forum on Sport, Education and Culture.



Mr Khan in the middle of the photo

Source: www.kjibwf.org

Singapore Jujitsu - A brief history

Jujitsu in Singapore started in 1998 at the Tanglin Community Club at Whitley Road. At the time, we had a dojo built on a wooden platform which had no walls on 2 sides! This associate had apparently met the JJIF President, Dr Paul Höglund on an overseas trip and had also gotten in touch with the AJJBWF Khalil Ahmed Khan, who at the time was driving the Asian Jujitsu effort. We were intrigued by the idea and went about raising funds to start a Jujitsu Association. We were quite successful in this as we had an enthusiastic group of volunteers including Fabian Lim, Joseph Tan, Stephen Chee and Laurent. Laurent was at the time a banker from France



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and he was instrumental in drafting the first syllabus for our Singapore Jujitsu. With the exception of Joseph, we were all experienced Judo men with experiences in other martial Arts. We remember clearly Paul's first visit to our dojo as he encouraged us and help boost our confidence to proceed with our efforts. I still remember to this day when Khalil first visited us and we had lessons conducted in our dojo! Fabian received huge bruises on his thighs. He also advised us on the syllabus and briefed us on the Pakistan syllabus and training methods.

We finally succeeded in registering the Jujitsu Association (Singapore) in 2002 after many trials and tribulations. Khalil and Paul were to make many trips out to Singapore to guide and inspire us. Paul also arranged for a team from Sweden to visit Singapore and demonstrate the Duo System to us. Most memorably, he arranged for a number of Swedish Jujitsu textbooks to be sent to us and we could finally understand how to formalise our own teaching syllabus and methods! We spent many hours mulling over old texts and studying the teaching curriculum of Sweden, Pakistan, Canada and France!

It was an exciting moment when we first started classes in 2002 at Tanglin Community Club dojo. Our chosen colours were blue gi top and white gi pants and more than a dozen students signed up for the first class. We shifted to a temporary dojo while our permanent dojo was being constructed. However, it was not to be plain sailing as in 2003, the main instructor left to pursue his own business interests, Fabian left to do his PhD and Laurent left for Japan, leaving me to carry on alone! We also could not secure any government assistance for our funding needs as Jujitsu was not an Olympic sport. During this time, Paul, despite his obvious painful disability, made a few trips out to encourage us to carry on. We were cheered by the visits of Sensei Rinaldo and Frank Furst! We still remember the demo of a wrist lock given by Rinaldo which had us all cheering as he brought down one of our fit and strong student! We can also recall Paul's tireless efforts to promote Jujitsu in East Asia and we were visited by the Japanese representatives. Thus, it could be said that 2003 was the real start for Singapore Jujitsu!

The first batch of students recruited were all Black Belt holders from Judo, Tae Kwon Do, Silat and Muay Thai! Students from other martial Arts also joined us over time and we had practitioners of Wu Shu, Karate, Brazilian Jujitsu and even Ninjado! It was not easy as ego tends to get in the way of sense and the attrition rate was high. We set demanding standards and expected competencies in striking, throwing and take-downs and ground fighting including joint locks and techniques of strangulation. In our training Kumite, they were encouraged to try out different aspects of unarmed combat though always with the admonition to guard against injuries. Out of the scores of students who have joined us over these years, we have eventually trained 6 Dan grade holders. Many more are senior Kyu grade holders whom we expect to move on to Dan grade holders in the years ahead. From one dojo based at Tanglin Community Club, we now have 2 other dojos and expect to start 2 more dojos by early next year.

We train our students in various methods of striking including the use of elbows and knees, throwing and take-downs and many aspects of ground-fighting including ground kicks, choking and strangulation, upper and lower limb joint locks and positional strategy in ground fights. They also have to learn self-defence techniques against both unarmed and armed assailants and the use of the Hanbo in self-defence. Ultimately, they are expected to participate in both Duo and Fighting Systems of JJIF Championships. Towards this end, we have participated in both 1st and 2nd Asian Jujitsu Championships, and have earned 3 Bronze medals so far. We were slowed in our progress by the lack of government support and lack of awareness in the general public. We all hold full time jobs and participate in Jujitsu in our limited spare time out of our passion for the sport. Shortage of funds limit our overseas activity but we have still managed to grow albeit all these difficulties. Currently, we have plans for expansion and in 2009, we will go on a recruitment drive. We plan to participate in all future Asian activities such as the OCA Martial Arts Games next April in Bangkok and the OCA Indoor Games in Vietnam 2010. Hopefully also in the next JJIF World Championships at Pakistan 2010.

Text: Mr Henry Kothagoda, President Ju Jitsu Association of Singapore
Foto: JJ Federation of Singapore

GAISF Activities by the JJIF President

The JJIF President, Dr Paul G Hoglund, has recently been sent as the personal representative of the GAISF President Hein Verbruggen to two important international events. In October he was in Beijing, China, representing GAISF at the World Mind Sports Games. In his report to GAISF the JJIF President wrote:

"I will only say that I was extremely well received and taken care of in Beijing. I also attended many official social events and had dinner with the Chinese Sports Minister who is a good friend of Hein Verbruggen. The Sport Minister took up the discussion regarding the coming GAISF Martial Arts Games, which he hoped could be organized in Beijing 2010. If China accepts GAISF's conditions for the Host City, which are that all costs for participating athletes and officials, including flight tickets, should be paid by the Host City. Beside me at the table I had the Vice President of the Chinese Olympic Committee, a very nice woman, and also the President of the Hong Kong Olympic Committee Timoty Fok, which I know extremely well since a long time. With the vice president of Chinese NOC the JJIF President also discussed the possibilities to start a jujitsu federation in China. I also attended a full day of Mind Sports Games competitions in all disciplines, Chess, Bridge, Draught, Go and Xiangli. The total amount of involved persons in the Games was around 4000! The competitions were extremely well organized and the total logistics was absolutely fantastic with a high level of computerisation. I must say that I got a very good impression of the World Mind Sports Federation and especially the work of President Damiani."

Just recently the JJIF President was representing GAISF at the World Conference on the Panathlon Declaration on Ethics in Youth Sports at Ghent, Belgium. There he had the possibilities of discussing ethical matters and the difficult task of implementing ethics and good moral in the every day work of the International Sports Federations. In his speech during the final dinner the JJIF President underlined the fact "that the Panathlon Declaration for implementation of Ethics in Youth Sports represents an area of international sport life, not yet extensively known to the general sports community and neither to the general public at large". Further he said "the dimension of Ethics in sports represents such an important element in the future sports development, that it needs a special attention within International Sports Federations, Multi Sport Organisations, National Federations and not at least also on the club levels etc".

Text: Elena Persina, Special assistant to JJIF President

100 Years of Ju-jutsu in Sweden

In Sweden, the exact date of the debut of Ju-jutsu is well known. The first large demonstration took place in Stockholm on February 6th 1908. This, as well as the development of modern Ju-jutsu, has been celebrated during 2008.

The Swedish physiotherapist, boxer and elite-sportsman Viking Cronholm travelled to South Africa in 1904. It was there that a few years later he was taught Ju-jutsu by an English officer. He returned to Sweden, and immediately introduced Ju-jutsu to his old boxing friends.

Cronholm's efforts to start a Boxing and Ju-jutsu institute in Stockholm were not so successful, so he devoted the rest of his lifetime to the instruction of the military, police, watchmen and other uniformed groups in close combat and self-defence techniques. Cronholm did, however, willingly demonstrate Ju-jutsu in sports clubs. Viking Cronholm was incredibly quick in his movements. He liked to use "small" techniques, but also dramatic *atemi*, the use of thrusts to vital anatomical points or the moment of surprise.

The early Ju-jutsu was self-defence. Ju-jutsu was taught to civilians, including women, but especially to police and military personnel. After World War II Judo spread as a sport as well.

However, Ju-jutsu was in the same time modernized and developed to different forms of self-defense. All the modern Ju-jutsu systems have a common core – which can be found also in early Ju-jutsu – but differ from country to country and from system to system.

The history of Ju-jutsu in Europe is well documented by the different European associations, but in Sweden there is access to unique film footage that demonstrates Ju-jutsu exhibited in 1908 and the following decades (the films are of excellent quality). Moreover, combined with demonstrations of modern Ju-jutsu, it is possible to show the history of Ju-jutsu, from policemen performing Ju-jutsu around 1908, to modern self-defence and competition. The earliest of this film footage probably is unique in the World.

During the latter part of the 1960's the time had come for the different branches of budo to be granted their own sections within the Swedish Budo Federation, and Ju-jutsu, (still spelt "jiu jitsu", however), consequently formed its own section.

Mr Greger has had a long career within the sport and martial art Ju-jutsu. He started with Judo in 1963, and soon changed into Ju-jutsu. He was awarded 1st Dan in 1970, when he also started to systemize a grading syllabus for Ju-jutsu within the Swedish Budo Federation. In 1977 he was one of the founding members of what later has become the Ju-jitsu International Federation (JJIF). He also was the first European Champion in 1978 and the Chairman of the Technical Committee for EJJU and later JJIF. Alongside with his Ju-jutsu at national and international level for many years, he has worked as a bodyguard, and also with education of bodyguards and security personel.

At the Easter Camp 2008 Mr Hans Greger was awarded 10th Dan red belt in Ju-jutsu. All the 450 participants at the Camp gave him standing ovations for a long time, as this was considered a well-deserved grade.

The examination was also held in presence of the 84 year old Mr Kurt Durewall, also a 10th Dan in Ju-jutsu, and one of Mr Gregers first instructors. The President of the JJIF, Dr Paul G Hoglund, also gave a speech to remind the audience of the long time Mr Greger has worked with Ju-jutsu at all levels. Mr Greger is the President of the Swedish Ju-jutsu Association, with 90 clubs and approx. 7.000 members, as well as the chief-instructor of the Ju-jutsu Kai-style.

To celebrate the 100 years of Ju-jutsu in Sweden, a Historical seminar was held in Uppsala the 25th of October this year. Mr Jan Malmstedt, a historian and journalist showed a film from 1928 with a policeman arresting criminals with ju-jutsu techniques. Mr Durewall told us about his first years with Ju-jutsu back in the 1950's and 1960's. Mr Greger showed pictures from his life with Ju-jutsu and educating of Bodyguards.

In the evening of the 25th of October, a banquet was held in Uppsala for about 110 guests. During the evening there was dinner, speeches, songs, awards and dance. It was nice to meet well-dressed and joyful Ju-jutsukas under other circumstances than training for a change. We now look forward to the next 100 years of Ju-jutsu in Sweden.

Text: Jan Malmstedt and Ola Johanson

The first picture on next page (page 8) shows seven people who were awarded the SJJJA (Swedish Ju Jutsu Association) gold medal for long service to the association during the banquet at one of the famous Uppsala University's social meeting houses.

The second picture is showing four persons. Those are from left to right:

- Dr Paul G Hoglund, President of the JJIF (Ju Jitsu International Federation)
- Mr Hans Greger, 10th Dan, President of the Swedish Ju-Jutsu Association
- Mr Kurt Durewall, 10th Dan, Founder of the Durewall Jiu-jitsu system
- Mr Daniel Petersson, President of the Swedish Budo- & Martial Arts Federation.



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