

WHAT'S ON... BOARD

During May 27 and 28 the JJIF Presidential Board met in Maribor (SLO) to quantify goals and plan future objectives. Let us consider the most significant points:

1. World Championship November 2004

For the first time the Annual JJIF Congress and General Assembly have been postponed to coincide with the JJIF World Championships. As a consequence the final weekend of November promises to be a moment of intense activity for Ju-Jitsu.

The Board confirmed the time planning for the event (Continental Union and Committee meetings will take place on Friday 26th November at 9:30 a.m. while the JJIF Congress and General Assembly will take place at 3:00 p.m.) although the final organizing matters will be discussed during a special meeting between JJIF and JJEU boards in September 2004 at the official World Championships hotel at Madrid.

The Board will ask the JJIF Congress to accept the scheduling of future JJIF General Assemblies on a two-year basis in connection with and on the days immediately before the World Championships in order to optimise the expenses of single National Members and therefore encourage the sport and political participation of all countries at world level.

2. JJIF Medical Commission

The JJIF Board has convened that an international JJIF Committee is to be established to handle permanent medical issues. The chairman of such a committee should preferably be a medical doctor and, in compliance with IOC and IWGA policy, one of its main tasks should be to handle WADA (World Anti-doping Agency) matters. All presidents of the Member Country federations are invited to propose persons interested to become members of the new



Committee. Belgium and France have already presented their candidates.

The anti doping rules and WADA Code will not only be implemented in our federation but will become an integral part of the JJIF Constitution (Statutes). All our member countries will then be called to apply the anti-doping rules and regulations for all competitions and events as well as for the daily training situations.

The presence of JJIF's Founding Honorary President, Rinaldo Orlandi, as liason between the IWGA Executive Committee and the IWGA Medical Commission will undoubtedly contribute to the better handling of this issue.

3. IWGA and World Games 2005 matters

As the World Games approach the Board addressed various matters. JJIF Treasurer, Luc Cassier, was asked to handle this matter with the role of Coordinator together with Sport Director, Mario den Edel, and the Assistant Sport Director, Joachim Thumfart. Important matters will continue to be dealt by the president and other board members.

The Coordinator will collect as much information and details existing at the moment, regarding the 2005 World Games and distribute them to Member Federations.

Furthermore in order to increase the general awareness of Ju-jitsu and JJIF's participation to the Games at the hosting venue, the JJIF is aiming to organise a pre event at Duisburg during the first part of 2005. The JJIF German member federation will be asked to support the JJIF in organizing this event, most probably a World Cup.

The IWGA Programme Committee has also been asked to provide any support that could be obtained for organising such an event.



4. Changing of JJIF Constitution

JJIF Vice president, Luis Baguena, in his role of President of the JJEU was

asked to handle the procedure for the changing of the present JJIF Constitution (Statutes) seeing how closely related some changes will be to the draft of the European Constitution. This urgent work formed the preliminary proposal for further study at the JJIF-DC meeting in Madrid on September 17-18.

5. JJIF Competition Rules and the Referee Rules and Regulations

The Board decided to print a new edition of the JJIF Competition Rules and the Referee Rules and Regulations produced by Henrik Sandberg and Bertil Bergdahl, and updated with decisions discussed at Technical Congress at Paris on 6-7th March 2004. Accordingly the Competition rules have been updated on the JJIF web site (www.jjifweb.com)

6. Referee courses and related matters

JJIF and JJEU have agreed to merge the referee committees into a single unit. The final composition of the new combined committee will see one Director (chairman), one Secretary, one person responsible for Fighting Competition and one for Duo competition, one person responsible for International matters and referees and one responsible for European matters.

[In August a further informal meeting took place in Corfu to make some preliminary considerations on the merger and to evaluate the proposal to modify the number of referees on the tatami and in the duo jury.]

The Board discussed about JJEU's proposal to make the referee course shorter and more intensive as well as the suggestion to homologate referee diplomas only after two events (in a

maximum period of two years). i.e. the theory examination will be sustained immediately while the practical examination will come later, so as to ensure a true preparation in the referees before recognising the level.

7. Responsibility of board members

Vice president, Heinz Lamade, was appointed as the responsible person for reporting technical matters to the board. This appointment includes the organising of future JJIF Technical Conventions for all member countries.

8. Camps

The president informed the Board of the invitation of special trainers from Japan, Italy and Canada to participate in the Summer Camp at Corfu last July 2004.

It was further noted, that JJIF camps should become open to all Ju-jitsu practitioners worldwide, regardless of their belonging to JJIF member federations. The philosophy behind this decision is that training camps could become pro paganda events for the federation. The change, of course, would also imply that training camps could become potential profit generators.



9. Winter Camp 2005

A proposal for the organisation of a winter camp has been received from Austria. The price for the camp is estimated to totally EUR 435:- per participating person. Here it was suggested to have a classification of the camps in A, B or C levels.

10. Various matters

The Board also discussed a series of miscellaneous issues, from Heinz Lamade's idea of presenting a new federation logo with indication of name, function and country of wearer, to Luc Cassier's intention to make stamps for the JJEU. Software programs for Ju-jitsu's digital scoreboard, the possible introduction of ½ points in the Duo System, the proposal of working with coloured kimonos (black, deep blue, stone red, etc) and many other issues were introduced and will undoubtedly be central themes in forthcoming technical congresses.