



**EKF GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2020**

**MINUTES**

**1. Listing of the Representatives**

- 1.1 All Member Federations are represented in a written procedure, which was used because of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Europe. A total of 38 voting members out of 44 members returned the voting slip by the set deadline as of September 2020. All 38 Member Federations agreed to organise the EKF 2020 General Assembly by written procedure. The list of the result of the votes is attached to these minutes.
- 1.2 All member countries have paid their membership fees in due time.

**2. Report by the EKF President (PR)**

- 2.1 The last year's activities and events were quite standard. There will be a detailed report by the TD on the regular events (Three ECs, Referee Seminar, and (separate) high grade exams in Iaido and Kendo) further below. These operations went smooth and successful in 2019.
- 2.2 This year was not so standard. After the Referee Seminar which was held in Brussels at the beginning of February 2020 without any incidents, COVID-19 forced us to cancel all events in the Year 2020, except so far, the WKC Referee Seminar in November and a Kendo Exam in December 2020, both planned in Paris, while both events are still threatened. This was hard on all of us, another blow in addition to national lock down measures, but necessary and basically without reasonable alternative.
- 2.3 In the meantime, the EKF provided the Norwegian Federation with the means to refund on the amounts paid to them by Member Federations for the EKC, with the Hotels in Kristiansand a reasonable settlement generally occurred. That left all member federations with issued with their – also struggling – airlines. So hopefully, we all can manage the financial consequences of the necessary COVID-cancellations so far.
- 2.4 Since the European countries were hit quite differently by the pandemic and the national governments took necessarily quite different measures, the conduct of training in Iaido, Jodo and Kendo must follow the national laws and – as always – good reason. ZNKR has provided guidelines on training in all disciplines – based on the Japanese situation – which are published as information and for use as fit in the respective national environment on the EKF website. We hope to be back to operations as per pre-Corona by the beginning of 2021, but we need to be careful and vigilant. This is a *zanshin* – situation straight from the book!
- 2.5 The Kendo Referee Seminars 2019 and 2020 saw interesting developments in the way



they were conducted, the selection process for Referees and again the participation of Japanese fighters. The feedback on this was generally positive. For the selection of European Referees to the WKC 2021, there will be a further event in France in November 2020. We intend to continue this direction.

- 2.6 In the EKF's desire to promote special groups, EKF supported the Ladies Kendo Seminar held in Bologna October 2019 and a Ladies Iaido Seminar in Belgium February 2020. Both events were successful and hopefully will see follow-ups. A project to support children kendo regrettably also fell victim to Covid-19.
- 2.7 The EKF Web-site ([www.ekf-eu.com](http://www.ekf-eu.com)), the online-data system and the cooperation with Member Countries' Administrators, especially as regard to exams and grading registrations, work very well. Grades of 16.440 active Yudansha are registered and administrated. The number of exams and grades is still clearly rising. For 2019, out of 557 Exams 2490 grades were registered. Also, the absolute number of Yudansha is rising. Countries need to keep their records as to active members up to date. But be carefully and look at your own statistics (see below!), to see if the development and the basics are sound.
- 2.8 There are some new features on the website (see also manuals on the website):
- **Yellow Cards** can be printed by country administrators for persons from their respective federations from the respective persons entry.
  - A **Dashboard** in the system provides the country administrator with important issues such as persons registered for events, exams entered to the system and EKF events.
  - **National Menjo-Printing:** Country Administrators can create and print national Menjo from the system by a) downloading and editing the Menjo doc - Form from the document section of the website, b) downloading the results of an exam into an excel and c) combining the two with the standard word – serial letter function.
  - **Member Statistics:** Can be downloaded in the member area at “My Stats”
  - **Check Exams:** Every person can by entering her / his family name, birthdate, and EKF-Code check for her / his registrations to future exams at “*Person Grades*” at the EKF Website.

2.9 **Approved.**

### 3. G.A. Minutes Belgrade 2019

3.1 Formal approval of the minutes of the Belgrade G.A. 2019, which have been sent to the Member Countries according to Art. 05.09 EKF-Statutes and have been published on the EKF website. No remarks have been received in the statutory deadline. The published version is approved unchanged.

3.2 **Approved with one abstention.**



#### **4. Report by the EKF Vice-President (VPR)**

- 4.1 The Vice-President comments on his term of function, including the situation regarding the EKF anti-doping commission as follows:
- 4.2 All federations are expected to appoint an Anti-Doping Officer (ADO), and keep the data updated. The name and email should be indicated on EKF website. There is a new feature that you can indicate, and please do so, your National Anti-Doping Organization. That would facilitate your duty to familiarise and follow local/national AD legislation.
- 4.3 In EKC 2019 in Serbia, doping tests were carried out according to respective Serbian law with the assistance and involvement of FIK. There were no AD issues at all in 2019. Thank You very much! Please keep on doing and enhancing your AD activity!
- 4.4 **Approved.**

#### **5. Report by the EKF Treasurer (TR)**

- 5.1 The Treasurer presents the EKF Financial Report 2019 with the following comment: Though the year was basically standard, there was a deficit. This does not result from the expense side, where expenses total and for the major categories (EC/WKC, REF-SEM, BO-expense and Special/IT) have been lower than in the budget, but rather from the income side. EKF membership fees, which have a nominal yearly volume of approx. EUR 40.000, fell short in the 2019 because of early or late payments. We need to improve the balance of income and costs over the period. Income from the Referee Seminar was significant lower (free lodging for fighters!) and exam income declined a little. Overall, no reason for grave concern, but always room for improvement.
- 5.2 The Auditor, Jindra Ziegelheim, CZE, has audited the financials and found them in good order., i.e. all income and expenses were accounted for and expenses were made only for the purpose of the Federation.
- 5.3 The Treasurer presents a proposal for the 2021 budget.
- 5.4 **Approved.**

#### **6. Report by the Secretary-General**

- 6.1 The Secretary General comments on the administrative side of the EKF activities:
- 6.2 EKF events (Kendo, Iaido and Jodo Championships, Kendo Referee Seminar, High Level Seminars in Kendo and Iaido with EKF exams, EKF sponsored events) have found their habitual arrangements, and are organized smoothly. To EKF events and exams, registrations are made through the EKF website, and it is working very well.



- 6.3 Respect of deadlines has been exceptionally good, thank you to all federations. This allows smooth handling of exceptional cases (like cancellations due to illness or injury) when the late regular cases do not need much attention and work. This is in the interest of all.
- 6.4 The Kendo Referee Seminar has seen changes not only in contents, but also in organization. EKF Board has “outsourced” accommodation and part of the catering to participants, to be handled directly with Adeps and the Adeps cafeteria, or with hotels and restaurants outside. The Board has not heard complains about this, even if Adeps accommodation is getting booked quite quickly. The reduction of administrative work and transfer of money through the hands of the EKF has had positive impact. We have better possibilities to organize more training (second dojo) and we have reduced the financial risk of the event.
- 6.5 Communication with the Member Federations is done by emails and the EKF website members’ area. This works well. The Federations keep updating their contact info regularly, which allows creating up to date mailing lists. Communication with members, practitioners and public is done via EKF website public area and via EKF Facebook profile, which has already thousands of followers. Feedback has been positive.
- 6.6 **Approved.**



## 7. Report of the Technical Director

### 7.1 EKF Activity Report 2019:

#### ➤ All European Championships in 2019

| EKC   | Competitor | Delegation leader | EKF Official | Helper   | Japanese Delegation | Medical Assistance | Referee   | Supporter | Total       |
|---|------------|-------------------|--------------|----------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| 18th European Jodo Championships 2019 Zawiercie | 126        | 12                | 1            | 1        | 3                   |                    | 19        | 18        | 180         |
| 26nd European Iaido Championships 2019 Athens   | 216        | 15                | 5            | 3        | 3                   | 1                  | 26        | 37        | 306         |
| 29th European Kendo Championships 2019 Belgrade | 448        | 36                | 8            | 3        | 3                   | 7                  | 30        | 27        | 562         |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>790</b> | <b>63</b>         | <b>14</b>    | <b>7</b> | <b>9</b>            | <b>8</b>           | <b>75</b> | <b>82</b> | <b>1048</b> |

#### ➤ European Kendo Championships 2019 (Belgrade, Serbia)

**29th EKC Serbia 2019**

| Function             | Count |
|----------------------|-------|
| Coach & Team Manager | 91    |
| Competitor           | 448   |
| Delegation leader    | 36    |
| EKF Official         | 7     |
| Japanese Delegation  | 3     |
| Medical Assistance   | 30    |
| Referee              | 83    |

| Type               | (Tous)   |
|--------------------|--|
| Name               | 29th European Kendo Championships 2019 Belgrad |
| <b>Individuals</b> |  |
| Competitor         | 448  |
| Junior Individual  | 75   |
| Ladies Individual  | 111  |
| Men Individual     | 156  |
| Type               | TournamentTeams                                |
| Name               | 29th European Kendo Championships 2019 Belgrad |
| <b>Teams</b>       |  |
| Junior Team        | 22   |
| Ladies Team        | 23   |
| Men Team           | 37   |

#### ➤ European Jodo Championships 2019 (Zawiercie, Poland)

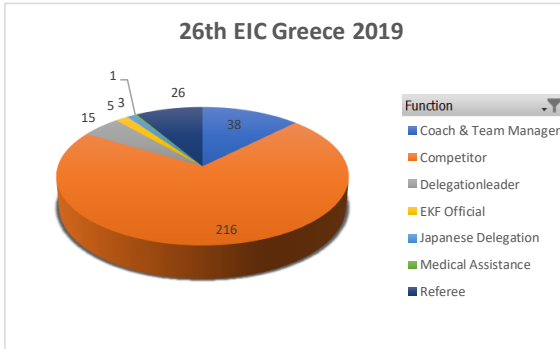
**18th EJC Poland 2019**

| Function             | Count |
|----------------------|-------|
| Coach & Team Manager | 24    |
| Competitor           | 126   |
| Delegation leader    | 12    |
| EKF Official         | 3     |
| Japanese Delegation  | 19    |
| Referee              | 13    |

| Type                                    | (Tous)  |
|---|---|
| Name                                    | 18th European Jodo Championships 2019 Zawiercie |
| <b>Étiquettes de lignes Individuals</b> |   |
| Competitor                              | 126   |
| Godan                                   | 23  |
| Mudan                                   | 22  |
| Nidan                                   | 29  |
| Sandan                                  | 23  |
| Shodan                                  | 20  |
| Yondan                                  | 25  |
| Type                                    | TournamentTeams                                 |
| Name                                    | 18th European Jodo Championships 2019 Zawiercie |
| <b>Étiquettes de lignes Teams</b>       |   |
| Team                                    | 17  |

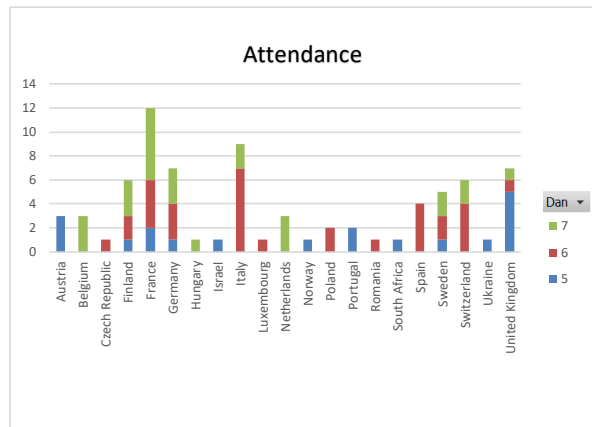


➤ **European Iaido Championships 2019 (Athens, Greece)**



| Type               | (Tous)  |
|--------------------|---|
| Name               | 26nd European Iaido Championships 2019 Athens |
| <b>Individuals</b> |   |
| Competitor         | 216   |
| Godan              | 39  |
| Mudan              | 28  |
| Nidan              | 38  |
| Rokudan            | 23  |
| Sandan             | 43  |
| Shodan             | 28  |
| Yondan             | 36  |
| <b>Teams</b>       |   |
| Type               | TournamentTeams                               |
| Name               | 26nd European Iaido Championships 2019 Athens |
| Team               | 24  |

➤ **The 29th FIK/EKF Kendo Referee Seminar 2020 (Brussels, Belgium).**



| By Dan       | Nombre de Name |
|--------------|----------------|
| 5            | 19             |
| 6            | 32             |
| 7            | 27             |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>78</b>      |

| By Shogo     | Nombre de Name |
|--------------|----------------|
| (vide)       | 40             |
| renshi       | 21             |
| kyoshi       | 17             |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>78</b>      |

➤ **Other major events with EKF 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Dan Exams**

|              | 6 <sup>th</sup> Dan |                 |                |              | 7 <sup>th</sup> Dan |                 |                |              | Total_Registered | Total_Passed |
|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
|              | Registered female   | Registered male | _Passed female | _Passed male | Registered female   | Registered male | _Passed female | _Passed male |                  |              |
| <b>Iaido</b> |                     |                 |                |              |                     |                 |                |              |                  |              |
| Athens       | 4                   | 20              | 0              | 6            | 2                   | 21              | 0              | 8            | 47               | 14           |
| Modena       | 8                   | 34              | 4              | 6            | 6                   | 10              | 0              | 2            | 58               | 12           |
| <b>Jodo</b>  |                     |                 |                |              |                     |                 |                |              |                  |              |
| Zawiercie    | 2                   | 7               | 0              | 2            | 2                   | 7               | 0              | 0            | 18               | 2            |
| <b>Kendo</b> |                     |                 |                |              |                     |                 |                |              |                  |              |
| Belgrade     | 3                   | 27              | 3              | 4            | 8                   | 18              | 0              | 4            | 56               | 11           |
| Berlin       | 5                   | 32              | 2              | 5            | 7                   | 12              | 0              | 2            | 56               | 9            |
| Brussels     | 6                   | 34              | 0              | 6            | 6                   | 27              | 0              | 2            | 73               | 8            |
| Modena       | 5                   | 40              | 0              | 11           | 5                   | 18              | 0              | 0            | 68               | 11           |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>33</b>           | <b>194</b>      | <b>9</b>       | <b>40</b>    | <b>36</b>           | <b>113</b>      | <b>0</b>       | <b>18</b>    | <b>376</b>       | <b>67</b>    |



## 7.2 The Technical Director informs further:

- The future of European Kendo Championships needs discussion considering experiences from the recent EKC's. E.g. a proposal was made for a separation of Junior Team and Individual Tournaments between boys and girls. Reasonable security and gender arguments need to be evaluated against, i.a. considerations of duration, costs, and organisation requirements of the tournaments. These discussion of the EKC Rules shall take place in upcoming personal GAs.
- Dates and places for special examinations for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> dan in Europe for 2021, partly as rescheduled from the 2020 locations, where events were cancelled due to the COVID-19 situation, are planned to be:
  - An Iaido exam is planned in May 2021 in Hungary or Germany.
  - A Kendo exam is planned in Summer 2021 in the UK and
  - another Kendo exam in December 2021 in Italy.
- **(POSTPONED!)** The preparations for the upcoming 18th WKC 2021 in Paris are under way. For the selection of the European Referees a further event is planned in Paris, 7.-8.11.2020, which needs final confirmation from ZNKR and CNK. Further information on this will be circulated. The Rules and regulations for the WKC have been published.
- **(CANCELLED!)** The date for the 30th edition of the FIK/EKF Referee Seminar is set on the first weekend of February 2021 (5-7 February 2021, in Brussels) with the usual content.

## 7.3 Approved.

## 8. Elections of the Board of Officers (Art. 06 EKF-Statutes)

8.1 **This election is postponed to the hopefully personal GA 2021 to be held in Paris in 2021. The present EKF BO (Hauck, Vadadi, Castelli, Nurminen, Labru), the FIK Representatives and the Auditor will continue to hold office until the next election.**

## 8.2 Approved.



## **9. Membership questions**

### **10.1. Affiliations**

There are no open requests for affiliations of new countries. However, an affiliation request was received from a second federation in Georgia, challenging the existing federation. The request will be studied and shall be dealt with in Paris 2021.

## **10. EKF Relations with FIK and ZNKR**

The EKF President informs on the latest developments in EKF – ZNKR and FIK relations since the Belgrade GA 2019:

- The preparation of 18<sup>th</sup> WKC 2021 in France is under way, Rules & Regulations were published; the EKF is happy to see Ladies and Men on a more equal footing (duration of fights, distribution of tournaments) and the extension of the Championships to four days. EKF offered financial support to CNK if so needed. There are presently no dan examinations planned by ZNKR at the occasion of the WKC. However, the EKF is still planning to organize an EKF 6/7 Dan Exam Kendo after the WKC.
- The 2020 FIK BODM planned to be held in Paris in May also fell victim to COVID-19 and was held in writing, mainly dealing with Rules and Regulations for the 18 WKC 2021 in Paris.
- Further issues included that The Peoples Republic of China showed interest to organize the 19 WKC in 2024.
- Colombia, Peru, Philippines, and Vietnam have submitted applications to join the FIK.

## **11. Future Championships**

### **11.1 General issues**

- Reminder to keep deadlines on TUE and NERs as stipulated in the Rules and Regulations, normally together with Pre-Entry Deadlines.
- Consider new Shinai and Bogu measurements (Junior, Nito, etc.) from FIK, which already have been included for the Rules and Regulations of the EKC 2020!





## 11.2 EKC

- The following candidatures were presented so far:
- - 31. EKC 2022 Italy,
- - 32. EKC 2023 Portugal, **(Was withdrawn)**
- - 33. EKC 2025 Netherlands and
- - 34. EKC 2026 Montenegro.
- **Confirmed.**

## 11.3 EIC

- The 27<sup>th</sup> EIC 2020 in Belgrade, Serbia, regrettably had to be cancelled. The following candidatures were presented so far:
- 28<sup>th</sup> EIC 2021 again in Belgrade, Serbia,
- 29<sup>th</sup> EIC 2022 Czech Republic **(Was withdrawn)**
- **Confirmed.**

## 11.4 EJC

- The 19<sup>th</sup> EJC 2020 in Stevenage regrettably had to be cancelled. The following candidatures were presented so far:
- 20<sup>th</sup> EJC 2021 again in Great Britain.
- **Confirmed.**



## **12. Date of the next General Assembly**

The 18<sup>th</sup> World Kendo Championship in Paris 2021 has been postponed. The next GA still is planned to take place in Paris, France, on the last weekend of May 2021. More detailed info is to follow.

## **13. Closing by the President**

This is the end, my friends – only of this extraordinary GA in writing. In the name of the EKF BO I thank you for the cooperation here and during the past years. We hope sincerely to come back to the normal way of operations soon and meet healthy and in good spirits also very soon – likely in Paris in May 2021.



**Dieter HAUCK**  
*President*

**Zsolt VADADI**  
*Vice-President*

**Pekka NURMINEN**  
*Secretary General*

**Jean-Pierre LABRU**  
*Technical Director*

**Donatella CASTELLI**  
*Treasurer*

## **1 Attachment: Result of written Vote**