



**EKF General Assembly 2019  
Belgrade, Serbia**

Dear Friends,

We hope to meet you again on the occasion of the 29th European Kendo Championships in Belgrade, Serbia. By invitation circulated on 23 February 2019 you have been informed that the EKF General Assembly 2019 will be held on **Thursday, 23rd May 2019 at 14:00.**

The venue is: **Hotel Tulip Inn Putnik Belgrade, Palmira Toljatija 9, Beograd, Serbia.**

**After the Assembly, at 19.00, the official Delegates (2) of each Country are invited to the EKF 50 Year Anniversary Dinner at the Hotel. Invitation may be extended, upon justified request, to one additional person, like former Presidents or prominent figures of your federation, who also have played a role in the European Kendo Federation. Please note that all EKC Referees are invited to the Dinner. Please notify the referees of your federation.**

To allow for a quick and orderly start, we would like you to register to the event **via EKF website**, Members area, EKF events. The registration looks like “final entry” for other EKF events, so please fill in your participants for the meeting and for the dinner separately **until 9.5.2019.** Invited to this General Assembly are:

- **1 (one) voting representative** from each EKF Member Country, who may be accompanied by an observer. Countries not present may be represented by proxy. Please send the proxy to EKF Secretary General in good time prior to the meeting.
- **The EKF Directors in the FIK;**
- One or two **observer(s)** from countries having filed or wishing to file a formal application;
- One or two **observer(s) from FIK;**
- Members of the Senior Councillor Group (Art. 7 EKF-Statutes)
- **The EKF Board of Officers** and EKF Auditor.
- *This time also some senior figures, who have played an important role in the development of EKF, will attend the General Assembly and the EKF Dinner.*

**The traditional EKF – Ji-geiko will be organised on Thursday at 10.00 – 11.00, most likely in the Training Hall. Transfers to the venue are assured from the official hotels. Please follow the indications at the hotels.**

Please discuss the Agenda with your members beforehand and, if ever you do not agree with text proposals, be ready to have written alternatives at hand.

On behalf of EKF Board of Officers, Sincerely Yours,

Pekka Nurminen, EKF Secretary General



**EKF GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019**

**AGENDA**

**1. Listing of the Representatives**

- 1.1 Registration of the representatives' and observers' names and eventual absences;
- 1.2 Checking for the EKF membership fee payments; if the fee has not been paid in due time, the country in question will lose its right to vote.

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

- 2.1 The President will evaluate in short last year's activities and events and comment on the future developments from his perspective.
- 2.2 The Vice-President will give his comments on the EKF Web-site ([www.ekf-eu.com](http://www.ekf-eu.com)) and online-data system and comment on the experiences so far with the cooperation with Member Countries' Administrators, especially as regard to exams and grading registrations.

**3. G.A. Minutes Incheon 2018**

- 3.1 Formal approval of the minutes of the Incheon G.A. 2018, 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.

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

- 4.1 The Vice-President will comment on his term of function.
- 4.2 The Vice-President will comment on the state of affairs regarding the EKF anti-doping commission.

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

- 5.1 The Treasurer will present the EKF Financial Report 2018 (a copy is attached for your reference), comment on the report and give the word to the Auditor for his comments, if present;
- 5.2 The Treasurer will answer questions about and ask for official agreement on this report



and its audit by voting.

- 5.3 The Treasurer will present a proposal for the 2020 budget and ask for approval (see the attached copy) by voting;

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

- 6.1 The Secretary General will give his comments on the administrative side of the EKF activities;
- 6.2 The Secretary General will give his comments on the EKF Web-site ([www.ekf-eu.com](http://www.ekf-eu.com)) and online-data system and comment on the experiences so far, especially as regards to events, events registration and communication between the EKF Board and member Federations.

## **7. Report of the Technical Director**

- 7.1 EKF Activity Report 2018:

- European perspective to the World Kendo Championships 2018 (Incheon, Korea)
- European Jodo Championships 2018 (Budapest, Hungary);
- European Iaido Championships 2018 (Zawriecie, Poland);
- The 28th European Referee Seminar 2019 (Brussels, Belgium).
- Other major events with EKF 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Dan Exams.

- 7.2 The Technical Director will further:

- Continue the reflection on the future of European Kendo Championships, in light of experiences of the recent EKC, and preparations for the 2019 EKC.
- Discuss and propose dates and places for next examinations for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> dan in Europe;
- Present the dates of other future EKF activities;



- Present the date for the 28th edition of the FIK/EKF Referee Seminar on the first weekend of February 2020 (31 January - 2 February 2020, in Brussels), and present its content;
- Comment on the WKC Referee selection procedure developed in FIK.

## **8. Question of Iaido Examination Rules (in EKF Grading Rules)**

At present, the EKF Grading Rules on Iaido examinations stipulate the following:

*“6.1. For Iaido, the examination subjects are:*

*Dan applied for: Subject:*

*1st to 3rd Dan: 5 Shitei waza from the ZNKR-Iai-Kata; (Note: the first of the Shitei-waza may be replaced by 1 free choice Koryu-Kata);*

*4th to 5th Dan: 1 free choice Koryu-Kata & 4 Shitei waza from the ZNKR-Iai-Kata;*

*6th & 7th Dan: 2 free choice Koryu-Kata & 3 Shitei-waza from the ZNKR-Iai-Kata.*

*From 6th Dan onwards, the use of a shinken is obligatory, unless Force Majeure (including legal restrictions) prevents such use. The elapsed time is a consideration, but there will be no strict time limit.”*

At the FIK General Assembly 2018 in Incheon, the “FIK Standard Guidelines for Dan/Kyu Examinations” were modified to include examination subjects to Iaido Examinations. The relevant provision according to the FIK Guideline reads as follows:

*“Shodan - 3rd Dan: AJKF iai 5 forms (1 koryu form may be included). Time limit: 6 minutes*

*4th Dan & 5th Dan: AJKF iai 5 forms (1 koryu form may be included). Time limit: 6 minutes*

*6th Dan & 7th Dan: AJKF iai 6 forms (2 koryu form may be included). Time limit: 7 minutes*

*Torei (protocols for sword etiquette) must be that used in AJKF Iai.*

*Examination time commences from the bow to the Shomen after entering the examination area and ends when the candidate stands up holding the sword to the side after performing the final bow.”*



In the context of the EIC in Zawiercie in 2018, an information session was organized.

By invitation to the General Assembly in Belgrade, the EKF Board has asked the national federations to reflect the matter and send ideas/suggestions by 23 March 2019. By the deadline the Board has received written input from three federations. One suggested sticking to ZNKR Seitei kata only, two were in favor of allowing koryu katas as options. For time limits and number of kata, all favored aligning the EKF Rules to FIK Guideline.

The EKF Board has considered the matter and proposes to approach it with two principles:

- Maximum alignment to FIK Standard Guideline.
- Minimum change to existing EKF Grading Rules and practices.

On basis of that, and taking into account the input from national Federations, the Board proposes that article 6.1. of EKF Grading Rules is changed to read as follows (changes underlined):

*“6.1. For Iaido, the examination subjects are:*

*Dan applied for: Subject:*

*1st to 3rd Dan: 5 Shitei-waza from the ZNKR-Iai-Kata; (Note: the first of the Shitei-waza may be replaced by one free choice Koryu-Kata, if so decided by the organizing federation). Time limit 6 minutes.*

*4th to 5th Dan: 5 Shitei-waza from the ZNKR-Iai-Kata; (Note: the first of the Shitei-waza may be replaced by one free choice Koryu-Kata, if so decided by the organizing federation). Time limit 6 minutes.*

*6th & 7th Dan: 6 Shitei-waza from the ZNKR-Iai-Kata; (Note: the two first of the Shitei-waza may be replaced by two free choice Koryu-Kata, if so decided by the organizing federation). Time limit 7 minutes.*

*From 6th Dan onwards, the use of a shinken is obligatory, unless Force Majeure (including legal restrictions) prevents such use.*

*Torei (protocols for sword etiquette) must be that used in ZNKR Iai.*

*Examination time commences from the bow to the Shomen after entering the examination area and ends when the candidate stands up holding the sword to the side after performing the final bow.”*

When EKF is the organizing federation, its intention is to maintain the option of koryu kata in place for examinations of 4th to 7th Dan. In 1st - 3rd Dan examinations, the examination subjects will be ZNKR Iai only.



## **9. COFFEE BREAK**

### **10. Affiliations**

#### **10.1. Morocco**

The Royal Moroccan Federation of Aikido, Iaido and Martial Arts has applied membership in EKF according to Article 3 of EKF Statutes. The application file (attached) is complete, and it includes recommendation letters from Belgium, France and Tunisia (affiliated).

According to the Article 3 (2) Morocco can become an Affiliated Member, with a provisional membership of two years.

Application will need to be ratified by the General Assembly. The Board is willing to support the application.

Presentation of the application by a representative of the applicant country (if present) or by one of the supporting federations.

#### **10.2. Confirmation of Provisional Members to full members or affiliate members**

Moldova's "Kendo Federation of the Republic of Moldova" was approved as provisional member already in 2016, and Tunisia's "Association Sportive de Kendo", subsequently re-named as Tunisian Kendo League, was approved as provisional Affiliate Member in 2014. Both countries have been active in participating EKF events and Championships.

It is proposed to confirm Moldova as full member and Tunisia as Affiliate member of EKF.

Madagascar's "Federation Malgache de Kendo et Disciplines Associes" was approved as provisional affiliate member in 2015. It has not participated in European Championships, and the activity has been on low level.

It is proposed to continue provisional membership by another year.

#### **10.3. Other issues relating to EKF membership:**

Presentation by the Secretary General and, if necessary, by Member Federations.



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

The EKF President will inform the G.A. on the latest developments; in particular

- Developments in EKF – ZNKR relations since Incheon GA 2018;
- Developments in FIK and European membership in FIK;
- Developments in SportAccord;
- Experience from 17<sup>th</sup> WKC in Korea 2018; state of play of preparation of 18<sup>th</sup> WKC 2021 in France
- Other developments and expectations for the future are presented by European FIK Directors or EKF Member Federations; if any.

## **12. Future Championships**

### 12.1 Rules issues

- Data Protection – Agreement to pictures and video taken at event;
- Deadlines on TUE and NERs;
- Selection Fighting Spirit and Referee allocation;
- Rokudan – Category for EJC;
- EJC: Tournament Two Days and Exams SAT?
- EKC: Split Juniors by Boys and Girls ?
- New Shinai measurements (Junior, Nito) from FIK;
- Rule on incompatibility competitor with coach and manager;



## 12.2 EKC

- 30<sup>th</sup> EKC 2020 in Kristiansand, Norway
  - Date: **16.-19.4.2020**
  - Presentation by Norway.
- Presentation of future candidatures for 2022 (Italy), 2023 (Portugal), 2025 (Netherlands) and 2026 (Montenegro).

Discussion. Approval of candidatures, if appropriate.

## 12.3 EIC

- 26<sup>th</sup> EIC 2019 in Athens, Greece: Presentation by Greece.  
Confirmation.
- Presentation of future candidatures for 2020 (Serbia).

Discussion.

## 12.4 EJC

- 18<sup>th</sup> EJC in 2019 Zawiercie, Poland: Presentation by Poland.  
19<sup>th</sup> EJC 2020 in Stevenage, Great Britain. Presentation by Great Britain.
- Discussion on and announcement of further candidatures for 2021 – 2022 and beyond.

## **13. Other issues raised by Member Federations**

13.1 Germany: Organising a seminar for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Dan holders once a year;

13.2 From last GA in Incheon: Referee Seminar in Iaido and Jodo;





**14. Date of the next General Assembly**

Approval of the date and venue of the next EKF GA: As usual, the next GA will take place in the context of the 30<sup>th</sup> EKC, in Kristiansand, Norway, on Thursday 16 April 2020.

**15. Closing by the President**

**16. Invitation to the EKF Dinner later that evening**

Persons as registered in advance are invited to the EKF Dinner.

**Attachments:**

1. EKF Financial Report 2018 and Budget 2020, historic graphs
2. Documents relating to affiliation of Morocco