



**EKF General Assembly 2018  
Incheon, Republic of Korea**

Dear Friends,

We hope to meet you again on the occasion of the 17th World Kendo Championships in Incheon, Korea. By invitation circulated on 12 June 2018 you have been informed that the EKF General Assembly 2018 will be held on

**Wednesday, 12th September 2018 at 14:00 – 19:00 hours.  
There will be a coffee break around 16:00.**

The venue is:

**Sheraton Grand Hotel Incheon,  
153 Convensia-Road, Yeonsu-Gu, Incheon, Republic of Korea  
The meeting takes place at Lotus 5 room, which is located in the third floor of the Hotel.**

After the Assembly, around 19.00, the official Delegates (2) of each Country are invited to the EKF Dinner at the Hotel.

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 31.8.2018**.

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 the traditional EKF – Ji-geiko will not be organised.**

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 2018**

**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.

**3. G.A. Minutes Budapest 2017**

- 3.1 Formal approval of the minutes of the Budapest G.A. 2017, 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 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.
- 4.3 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 2017 (a copy is attached for your reference), comment on the report and give the word to the Reserve 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 2019 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 (TD) given by the President**

**7.1 EKF Activity Report 2017:**

- European Kendo Championships 2017 (Budapest, Hungary)
- European Jodo Championships 2017 (Heidelberg, Germany);
- European Iaido Championships 2017 (Torino, Italy);
- The 27th European Referee Seminar 2018 (Brussels, Belgium).
- Other major events with EKF 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Dan Exams.

**7.2 The President (replacing the Technical Director) will further:**

- Continue the reflection on the future of European Kendo Championships, in light of rule changes for and experiences of the EKC in 2016 and 2017, 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 2019 (1-3 February, in Brussels), and present its content;
- Comment on the EKF Referee selection procedure leading to EKC 2019. Other future aspects of EKC, EIC & EJC.

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

President/Vice-President will give short explanation on the [still not officialised] changes of examination rules of iaido in Japan, i.e. in 6th and 7th dan examination 6 ZNKR katas in 7 minutes, no koryu.

The question concerns Rule 6.1. of the EKF Grading Rules (kata, time), and its possible alignment to the new Japanese rules/practice.

### **9. COFFEE BREAK**

### **10. Election of the Technical Director (Art. 06 EKF-Statutes)**

Long-standing EKF Technical Director Jean-Pierre Raick passed away on 11 October 2017.

Since no EKF General Assembly has taken place after the sad event, it is the duty of the EKF GA 2018 to elect a new Technical Director for the remaining mandate of the Technical Director. The elected TD will remain in the office until next statutory elections of the EKF Board of Officers in 2020.

Ref: Article 6 of the EKF Statutes:

“Proposals for persons to be elected as officers including the persons holding already an office shall be notified by the Member Countries or in case of the Officers, by themselves, to the Secretary General not later than two months prior to the meeting of the G.A. in order to allow the Secretary-General to include the proposals in the agenda (Article 05.07). If no proposals have been filed in time and if at least one third (1/3) of the representatives present agrees, further persons may be nominated. The proposals shall include personal information on and the motivation of the candidate and specify for which office the person is nominated.”

By his letter dated on 20 June 2018, Mr. Eric Malassis, President of the French Comité National de Kendo et Disciplines Rattachées, supported the election of **Mr. Jean-Pierre Labru, kendo 7th Dan kyoshi, iaido 2nd Dan, as new Technical Director.**

No other nominations have been received by the deadline laid down by the rules.

The candidate or his representative may shortly present their candidature before the vote is taken.



Discussion.

It is proposed that since there is only one candidate, the vote will be an open vote, and if clear majority is found, the new Technical Director is elected by acclamation, subject to his approval of the election.

### **11. Affiliations**

EKF Board will present the situation, where several African countries have applied EKF membership or approached the Board in the purpose of application. **No complete files are under consideration at the GA in 2018, but likely to be presented in 2019.**

Countries concerned are Morocco, Nigeria, Ghana, and also Armenia. Only Armenia is in the geographic area defined by the EKF Statutes.

Contacts are also made by Cameroon and Malawi. A general orientation discussion is proposed.

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

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

### **12. 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 Budapest GA 2017;
- Development on additional opportunities for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Dan exams in Europe;
- Developments in FIK and European membership in FIK;
- Developments in SportAccord;
- Experience form preparation of 17<sup>th</sup> WKC in Korea 2018; 18<sup>th</sup> WKC 2021 Candidature by France
- Other developments and expectations for the future are presented by European FIK Directors or EKF Member Federations; if any.



### **13. Future Championships**

#### **13.1 Rules issues**

- New 2017 Version of FIK Rule-Book;
- FIK / Anti-Doping;
- Injury cause in shiai;

#### **13.2 EKC**

- 29<sup>th</sup> EKC 2019 and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the EKF Belgrade, Serbia:
  - Presentation by Serbia; Date; Elections to European Parliament
- 30<sup>th</sup> EKC 2020 in Kristiansand, Norway
  - Presentation by Norway; Discussion and final decision
- Discussion on and announcement of future candidatures for 2022 (Italy, Ukraine), 2023 (Portugal) and 2025 (Netherlands).

#### **13.3 EIC**

- 25<sup>th</sup> EIC 2018 in Zawiercie, Poland: Presentation by Poland
- Discussion on and announcement of future candidatures for 2019 and 2020. Discussion.

#### **13.4 EJC**

- 17<sup>th</sup> EJC 2017 in Budapest, Hungary; presentation by Hungary
- 18<sup>th</sup> EJC in 2019 Zawiercie, Poland: Presentation by Poland
- Discussion on and announcement of further candidatures for 2020 - 2021



**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 29<sup>th</sup> EKC, in Belgrade, Serbia, on Thursday 23 May 2019.

**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 2017 and Budget 2019, historic graphs
2. Documents relating to Elections