



Shito-ryu Karate-do Kofukan International Members' Newsletter



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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS

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The Kofukan International Cup is finally reinstated in 2023 thanks to Kofukan Slovenia : see page 3

A successful return event was held in Celje, *fourth largest city of Slovenia but which has an intimate feel to its old town, on the weekend of April 15/16, 2023. As we were unable to hold a championship in 2022 we missed the Kofukan International organization's 50th Anniversary celebration, so we counted 2023 as the Anniversary event. Results are on page 3 & 4.

The follow-up tournament, in April 2024, was held in Faro, Portugal. A favourite holiday destination for many of us, we were happy to return and experience the sun, sea and dining in the area at the same time as enjoying the 47th International Cup. See pages 5 & 6 for the results.



The 2025 championship will be staged by Kofukan England in St Albans, Hertfordshire.

(* some sources say third largest, some fourth, as the population fluctuates - Editor)

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Visits by Shihan Tomiyama resumed in 2021

After being barred from travelling by the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic at the end of March 2020, Shihan Tomiyama was finally able to travel abroad in November 2021. With the new Covid certification, or 'pass', he made a trip to Paris for a weekend. Unfortunately, that visit was followed by a new 'lockdown'. He was confined to home again until the opportunity came to visit Sweden in February 2022. After that, he was able to begin travelling again, but only around Europe, due to the differing rules in other parts of the world. It was not until the end of 2022 that things began to be more normal. You can read about some of his 2023 exploits and other news in the following pages.

- Editor



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KOFUKAN INTERNATIONAL CUP 2023 RESULTS

CELJE, SLOVENIA 15 APRIL 2023



Kofukan International Cup returns in 2023 thanks to Kofukan Slovenia

Having had to cancel our 2020 Championship in Denmark at the very last moment because of Covid 19, we eventually managed to reinstate the competition in 2023 after months of upheaval. We are very grateful to Kofukan Slovenia for staging the event. - Editor

UNDER 16s CATEGORIES

UNDER 16s TEAM KATA

1. SLOVENIA 1
2. SLOVENIA 2
3. NORWAY

GIRLS INDIVIDUAL KATA UNDER 12 YRS

1. ANDREAA CECOI FRANCE
2. ANNA NAVINSEN DENMARK
3. URSKA POBERZNIK SLOVENIA
3. LARISA GORICAN SLOVENIA

GIRLS INDIVIDUAL KATA 12/13 YRS

1. TAJA PLOHL SLOVENIA
2. LARA SKALIC SLOVENIA
3. BHUMI SINGH NORWAY
3. ADITI SINGH NORWAY

GIRLS INDIVIDUAL KATA CADET 14/15 YRS

1. ALICE SILVA PORTUGAL
2. CHARLOTTE JOUANNE FRANCE
3. HANNAH VELA RAUTER SLOVENIA
3. NUSA JANZEKOVIC SLOVENIA

BOYS INDIVIDUAL KATA UNDER 11 YRS

1. REINHART GOOSEN SOUTH AFRICA
2. LIAM VELA RAUTER SLOVENIA
3. TEO CUCEK SLOVENIA
3. JANU VISAGIE SOUTH AFRICA

BOYS INDIVIDUAL KATA UNDER 14 YRS

1. AHMED HASSAINE FRANCE
2. GABRIEL RIBEIRO PORTUGAL
3. IVAN GUISEPPE MARTIN SWITZERLAND
3. DIMITRIJ LAMAKIN SLOVENIA

BOYS INDIVIDUAL KATA CADET 14/15 YRS

1. NOA TRICERRI FRANCE
2. BAPTISTE COMBO FRANCE
3. WIHAN VISAGIE SOUTH AFRICA
3. MIGUEL PEREIRA PORTUGAL

GIRLS INDIVIDUAL KUMITE UNDER 14 YRS

1. ANNA NAVINSEN DENMARK
2. TAJA PLOHL SLOVENIA
3. JULIA AUFDENBLATTEN SWITZERLAND
3. ALESSIA PERREN SWITZERLAND

GIRLS INDIVIDUAL KUMITE CADET 14/15 YRS

1. LUNA NAVINSEN DENMARK
2. NUSA JANZEKOVIC SLOVENIA
3. HANNAH VELA RAUTER SLOVENIA
3. JULIA RAZIC SLOVENIA

BOYS INDIVIDUAL KUMITE 10/11 YRS

1. ZAN GORICAN SLOVENIA
2. AHMED HASSAINE FRANCE
3. FILIP ABRAHAM SLOVENIA
3. AZBE HABJANI SLOVENIA

BOYS INDIVIDUAL KUMITE 12/13 YRS SMALL

1. MAKES VIDMAJER SLOVENIA
2. ERIK NOVAK SLOVENIA
3. IVAN GUISEPPE MARTIN SWITZERLAND
3. TJAN MESIC SLOVENIA

BOYS INDIVIDUAL KUMITE 12/13 YRS TALL

1. ANEJ FIRST SLOVENIA
2. NINO MLAKAR SLOVENIA
3. DIMITRIJ LOMAKIN SLOVENIA

BOYS INDIVIDUAL KUMITE CADET 14/15 YRS

1. NOA TRICERRI FRANCE
2. ALFRED SORENSEN DENMARK
3. OSCAR SORENSEN DENMARK
3. ALEKSEJ DERCA SLOVENIA



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CELJE, SLOVENIA 15 APRIL 2023



JUNIOR & SENIOR KATA EVENTS

SENIOR TEAM KATA

1. SLOVENIA
2. SOUTH AFRICA
3. SWEDEN 2
3. SWEDEN 1

SENIOR MALE INDIVIDUAL KATA

- | | | |
|----|------------------|----------|
| 1. | JOHAN BRUNO | FRANCE |
| 2. | JONATHAN TSE | ENGLAND |
| 3. | VITORINO RIBEIRO | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | ANDREA IACOVONE | NORWAY |

SENIOR FEMALE INDIVIDUAL KATA

- | | | |
|----|----------------|----------|
| 1. | WILMA EKLUND | SWEDEN |
| 2. | URSKA KRASOVEC | SLOVENIA |
| 3. | FANY LYBERT | SWEDEN |
| 3. | KATJA STISOVIC | SLOVENIA |

JUNIOR MALE INDIVIDUAL KATA

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|----|-----------------|----------|
| 1. | NOLAN ALBERT | FRANCE |
| 2. | GUILHERME MOURA | PORTUGAL |

JUNIOR FEMALE INDIVIDUAL KATA

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|----|-------------------|--------|
| 1. | ROSELYNE PENICHON | FRANCE |
| 2. | MAANASHA UTHAY | SWEDEN |

JUNIOR & SENIOR KUMITE EVENTS

SENIOR MALE TEAM KUMITE

1. PORTUGAL
2. ENGLAND
3. SLOVENIA
3. SOUTH AFRICA

SENIOR FEMALE TEAM KUMITE

1. SLOVENIA
2. FRANCE
3. SWEDEN
3. ENGLAND

JUNIOR MALE INDIVIDUAL KUMITE

- | | | |
|----|-----------------|----------|
| 1. | NEJC STROJIN | SLOVENIA |
| 2. | GUILHERME MOURA | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | NOLAN ALBERT | FRANCE |

JUNIOR FEMALE INDIVIDUAL KUMITE

- | | | |
|----|-------------------|----------|
| 1. | KAJA RIOSA NOVAK | SLOVENIA |
| 2. | MAANASHA UTHAY | SWEDEN |
| 3. | ROSELYNE PENICHON | FRANCE |



SENIOR MALE INDIVIDUAL KUMITE U 75KG

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|----|-------------------|----------|
| 1. | LAN PODPECAN | SLOVENIA |
| 2. | TILEN RIOSA NOVAK | SLOVENIA |
| 3. | MATTHEW PEARMAN | ENGLAND |
| 3. | JONATHAN TSE | ENGLAND |

SENIOR MALE INDIVIDUAL KUMITE U 84KG

- | | | |
|----|-------------------|----------|
| 1. | BRUNO CORREIA | PORTUGAL |
| 2. | JOHAN BRUNO | FRANCE |
| 3. | VINCENT SIPION | FRANCE |
| 3. | GAL POZARNIK KNEZ | SLOVENIA |

SENIOR MALE INDIVIDUAL KUMITE 84KG+

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|----|-------------------|--------------|
| 1. | VID POZARNIK KNEZ | SLOVENIA |
| 2. | MALIK SHITTU | ENGLAND |
| 3. | VITORINO RIBEIRO | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | AWIE GROBLER | SOUTH AFRICA |

SENIOR FEMALE INDIVIDUAL KUMITE U61KG

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|----|-------------------|----------|
| 1. | LAURA BERGANT | SLOVENIA |
| 2. | LINNEA GRIMSBORN | SWEDEN |
| 3. | SOFIA VELA RAUTER | SLOVENIA |
| 3. | SARA NOVAK | SLOVENIA |

SENIOR FEMALE INDIVIDUAL KUMITE 61KG+

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|----|------------------|----------|
| 1. | ZOJA AVZNER | SLOVENIA |
| 2. | NIKA SENICA | SLOVENIA |
| 3. | OLIVIA JOSEFSSON | SWEDEN |
| 3. | SARA RAFTSJO | SWEDEN |



KOFUKAN INTERNATIONAL CUP 2024 RESULTS

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CHILD & CADET KATA EVENTS

UNDER 16s TEAM KATA

1. PORTUGAL 4
2. DENMARK
3. NORWAY
3. SWITZERLAND

GIRLS INDIVIDUAL KATA UNDER 10 YRS

- | | | |
|----|----------------|----------|
| 1. | BEATRIZ PINHO | PORTUGAL |
| 2. | ARINA SHUMOVA | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | ANDREIA CECOI | FRANCE |
| 3. | MARIA MONTEIRO | PORTUGAL |

GIRLS INDIVIDUAL KATA 10 YRS

- | | | |
|----|---------------|----------|
| 1. | MARIANA JESUS | PORTUGAL |
| 2. | LAURA SIMOES | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | MARIA RIBEIRO | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | LINA YANAIR | PORTUGAL |

GIRLS INDIVIDUAL KATA 11-13 YRS

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|----|-----------------------|----------|
| 1. | JULIETTE BENMENZER | FRANCE |
| 2. | MADALENA VARANDA | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | EVA CRISPIM | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | LEANE RIVA ROVEDA RUM | FRANCE |

GIRLS INDIVIDUAL KATA CADET 14/15 YRS

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|----|--------------------|---------|
| 1. | LUNA NAVINSEN | DENMARK |
| 2. | CHARLOTTE JOUANNE | FRANCE |
| 3. | HITIKA HITESH JAIN | NORWAY |
| 3. | BHUMI SINGH | NORWAY |

BOYS INDIVIDUAL KATA UNDER 10 YRS

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|----|-------------------|----------|
| 1. | VICENTE MARTINS | PORTUGAL |
| 2. | HAMZA SOLTANI | FRANCE |
| 3. | ENZO MESTRE | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | GONZALO CONCEICAO | PORTUGAL |

BOYS INDIVIDUAL KATA 10 YRS

- | | | |
|----|----------------|----------|
| 1. | GABRIEL SHUMOV | PORTUGAL |
| 2. | IAN TRAQUINO | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | AFONSO NEVES | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | EVAN CARARE | PORTUGAL |

BOYS INDIVIDUAL KATA 11-13 YRS

- | | | |
|----|----------------|----------|
| 1. | AFONSO REIS | PORTUGAL |
| 2. | JOSE RODRIGUES | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | OSCAR REGULAR | FRANCE |
| 3. | LUCAS SANTOS | PORTUGAL |

BOYS INDIVIDUAL KATA CADET 14/15 YRS

- | | | |
|----|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. | BAPTISTE COMBO | FRANCE |
| 2. | SHUN IWAI | SWITZERLAND |
| 3. | DIEGO BONNARDEL | FRANCE |

CHILD & CADET KUMITE EVENTS

GIRLS INDIVIDUAL KUMITE 10/11 YRS MDM

- | | | |
|----|---------------|----------|
| 1. | LARA JESUS | PORTUGAL |
| 2. | LAURA SIMOES | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | MARIA DUARTE | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | YARA CANDEIAS | PORTUGAL |

GIRLS INDIVIDUAL KUMITE 10/11 YRS TALL

- | | | |
|----|------------------|----------|
| 1. | EVA CRISPIM | PORTUGAL |
| 2. | MADALENA VARANDA | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | LINA YANAIR | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | ISABEL CAETANO | PORTUGAL |

GIRLS INDIVIDUAL KUMITE 12/13 YRS MDM

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|----|---------------|-------------|
| 1. | JOANA CABRITA | PORTUGAL |
| 2. | ANNA NAVINSEN | DENMARK |
| 3. | RITA DIONISIO | PORTUGAL |
| 4. | NORA BANNWART | SWITZERLAND |

GIRLS INDIVIDUAL KUMITE 12/13 YRS TALL

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|----|--------------------|----------|
| 1. | MADALENA SANTOS | PORTUGAL |
| 2. | CAROLINA GUERREIRO | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | NOA MESTRE | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | MATILDE PINTO | PORTUGAL |

GIRLS INDIVIDUAL KUMITE CADET 14/15 YRS

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|----|---------------|----------|
| 1. | SOFIA PINHERO | PORTUGAL |
| 2. | JULIA ROZIJ | SLOVENIA |
| 3. | IRIS ASSUNCAO | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | LUNA NAVINSEN | DENMARK |

BOYS INDIVIDUAL KUMITE 10/11 YRS MDM

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|----|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. | IAN TRAQUINO | PORTUGAL |
| 2. | LEYDON CHATELIN | FRANCE |
| 3. | EVAN CARARE | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | GABRIEL MARTIN | SWITZERLAND |

BOYS INDIVIDUAL KUMITE 10/11 YRS TALL

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|----|----------------|----------|
| 1. | RAFAEL MARTINS | PORTUGAL |
| 2. | LUCAS SANTOS | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | GABRIEL SHUMOV | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | ZAN GORICAN | SLOVENIA |

BOYS INDIVIDUAL KUMITE 12/13 YRS MDM

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|----|----------------|----------|
| 1. | JOSE RODRIGUES | PORTUGAL |
| 2. | MAKS VIDMAYER | SLOVENIA |
| 3. | OSCAR REGULAR | FRANCE |
| 3. | TJAN MESIC | SLOVENIA |

BOYS INDIVIDUAL KUMITE 12/13 YRS TALL

- | | | |
|----|-----------------|----------|
| 1. | AFONSO FERREIRA | PORTUGAL |
| 2. | SAMUEL TOMAZ | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | FILIPPE ARROJA | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | ANDRE PINTO | PORTUGAL |

BOYS INDIVIDUAL KUMITE CADET 14/15 YRS MDM

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|----|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. | JOAO LOPES | PORTUGAL |
| 2. | MIHAIL CIOBANU | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | DIEGO BONNARDEL | FRANCE |
| 3. | SHUN IWAI | SWITZERLAND |

BOYS INDIVIDUAL KUMITE CADET 14/15 YRS TALL

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|----|------------------|----------|
| 1. | OSCAR SORENSEN | DENMARK |
| 2. | DANIEL CARADJA | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | AZBE MLACNIK | SLOVENIA |
| 3. | RAFAEL RODRIGUES | PORTUGAL |



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JUNIOR & SENIOR KATA EVENTS

SENIOR TEAM KATA

1. PORTUGAL 2
2. PORTUGAL 1
3. DENMARK
3. SWEDEN 2

SENIOR MALE INDIVIDUAL KATA

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|----|--------------------|----------|
| 1. | MARTIM SOUSA | PORTUGAL |
| 2. | DAVID FERNANDES | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | MIGUEL CAVACO | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | ADRIANO CAPRISTANO | PORTUGAL |

SENIOR FEMALE INDIVIDUAL KATA

- | | | |
|----|--------------------|---------|
| 1. | TIFANIE NGUYEN | FRANCE |
| 2. | BECKY CASE | ENGLAND |
| 3. | MAANASHA UTHAYATHA | SWEDEN |
| 3. | MARIE JUSTINE | FRANCE |

SENIOR FEMALE KYU GRADE INDIVIDUAL KATA

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|----|-----------------|----------|
| 1. | HAFFY NAMAGEMBE | ENGLAND |
| 2. | CLAUDIA MARTINS | PORTUGAL |

JUNIOR MALE INDIVIDUAL KATA

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|----|----------------|----------|
| 1. | SILAS THOMSEN | DENMARK |
| 2. | TOMAS MORGADO | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | DAVID CRISTINA | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | NOA TRICERRI | FRANCE |

JUNIOR FEMALE INDIVIDUAL KATA

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|----|-------------|----------|
| 1. | MARIA MANSO | PORTUGAL |
| 2. | ALICE SILVA | PORTUGAL |

JUNIOR & SENIOR KUMITE EVENTS

SENIOR MALE TEAM KUMITE

1. PORTUGAL
2. SWEDEN
3. ENGLAND

SENIOR FEMALE TEAM KUMITE

1. PORTUGAL
2. SWEDEN
3. ENGLAND

SENIOR MIXED TEAM KUMITE

1. PORTUGAL
2. ENGLAND
3. SWEDEN

JUNIOR MALE TEAM KUMITE

1. PORTUGAL
2. DENMARK

JUNIOR MALE INDIVIDUAL KUMITE U67kg

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|----|--------------------|----------|
| 1. | NOA TRICERRI | FRANCE |
| 2. | CARLOS CABRAL | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | GUILHERME FERREIRA | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | TIAGO VEIGA | PORTUGAL |

JUNIOR MALE INDIVIDUAL KUMITE U76kg

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|----|-----------------|----------|
| 1. | DAVID CRISTINA | PORTUGAL |
| 2. | FRANCISCO TOME | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | MARCUS FUGLSANG | DENMARK |
| 3. | TOMAS MORGADO | PORTUGAL |

JUNIOR FEMALE INDIVIDUAL KUMITE

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|----|----------------|----------|
| 1. | MARIA MANSO | PORTUGAL |
| 2. | VERONICA PINTO | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | ALICE SILVA | PORTUGAL |

SENIOR FEMALE KYU GRADE INDIVIDUAL KUMITE

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|----|--------------------|----------|
| 1. | CATARINA GONCALVES | PORTUGAL |
| 2. | SANDRA NUNES | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | HAFFY NAMAGEMBE | ENGLAND |
| 3. | ANDREIA SILVA | PORTUGAL |

SENIOR MALE INDIVIDUAL KUMITE UNDER 67KG

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|----|------------------|----------|
| 1. | DAVID FERNANDES | PORTUGAL |
| 2. | GONCALO SIMOES | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | BERNARDO PEREIRA | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | MIGUEL CAETANO | PORTUGAL |

SENIOR MALE INDIVIDUAL KUMITE UNDER 84KG

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|----|-----------------|----------|
| 1. | VINCENT SIPION | FRANCE |
| 2. | ALEKSANDER ARH | SLOVENIA |
| 3. | DIOGO GONCALVES | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | YOUNES BOUARFA | FRANCE |

SENIOR MALE INDIVIDUAL KUMITE 84KG+

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|----|------------------|----------|
| 1. | MARCO MEALHA | PORTUGAL |
| 2. | VITORINO RIBEIRO | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | RICARDO ROSA | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | ISAK HOLGER | SWEDEN |

SENIOR FEMALE INDIVIDUAL KUMITE UNDER 61KG

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|----|---------------------|--------|
| 1. | MAANASHA UTHAYATHAS | SWEDEN |
| 2. | MARIA HANDJAR | FRANCE |
| 3. | LINNEA GRIMSBORN | SWEDEN |
| 3. | STELLA WIKLANDER | SWEDEN |

SENIOR FEMALE INDIVIDUAL KUMITE 61KG+

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|----|-------------------|----------|
| 1. | NIKA SENICA | SLOVENIA |
| 2. | HELENA LOURENCO | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | BEATRIZ GUERREIRO | PORTUGAL |
| 3. | ZOJA AVZNER | SLOVENIA |



Kofukan International Dan Gradings & Awards

Despite Covid, members continued to practise and improve themselves over the last few years. It's good to see continuing progress through the ranks in all member countries. Congratulations and well done to the numerous members shown in the following lists who have successfully graded since our last Newsletter. In addition, Shihans Omi and Tomiyama made further awards to senior members, which are explained on page 11. Good luck to everyone who will be grading in the coming months.



Junior 1st Dan

Silas Thomsen	Denmark
Kiharu Takeda	Japan
Ryuya Taniguchi	Japan
Kou Saiki	Japan
Natsu Nakama	Japan
Miyu Moromizato	Japan
Aiki Yanaoka	Japan
Eita Okada	Japan
Morimichi Momohara	Japan
Suzu Sinzato	Japan
Ichigo Chinen	Japan
Nanami Azato	Japan
Haruna Tsukayama	Japan
Haruto Okada	Japan
Haruto Ueda	Japan
Yuusei Tamura	Japan
Jigen Tanaka	Japan
Eito Sawada	Japan
Ibuki Matsukawa	Japan
Haruse Wakugawa	Japan
Anri Miyaguni	Japan
Yuuri Miyaguni	Japan
Himari Sawada	Japan

Harriet Miles	New Zealand
Oscar Sørensen	Denmark
Sarthak Atul Potdar	India
Aoi Hashimoto	Japan
Yamato Okada	Japan
Kouta Imada	Japan
Alfred Koenig	Australia
Ibuki Kurita	Japan
Riwa Takeda	Japan
Hayato Sakane	Japan
Ryusei Inoue	Japan
Sara Uematsu	Japan
Kan'u Tomishiro	Japan
Ibuki Matsukawa	Japan
Haruse Wakugawa	Japan
Ryoma Oyazato	Japan
Eishan Chand	Australia
Jaelle Kyle	Australia
Rashall Sumadipradja	Australia
Taine Stutley	Australia

1st Dan

Ayuka Okada	Japan
Kristina Miles	New Zealand
Glenys Currie	Australia

Brenden Hatton	Australia
Monique Kroese	Australia
Victor Sommar	Sweden
Amanda Birch-Aune	Norway
Edgar Correia	Portugal
Diamantino Oliveira	Portugal
Victor Barros	Portugal
Alice Navalho	Portugal
Beatriz Gregório	Portugal
Martin Sousa	Portugal
Vasco Melo	Portugal
Anne Marie Fischer	France
Lanej Šporn	Slovenia
Zoja Avžner	Slovenia
Jena Knez	Slovenia
Jaka Kodelja	Slovenia
Ricardo Javier Santolaria	Argentina
Máximo Andrián Camiolo	Argentina
Brandon Didsman	Australia
Clara Gustafsson	Sweden
Gal Požarnik Knez	Slovenia
Marko Grasselli	Slovenia
Blake Bairstow	Australia
Riccardo Dyer	Australia

Kofukan International Dan Gradings & Awards continued

1st Dan

Stuart Ree-Simpson	Australia
Curt Moss	Australia
Anna Freja	Denmark
Anders Hoedt	Denmark
Per Skygge	Denmark
Kasper Rasmussen	Denmark
Bjørn Weitemeyer	Denmark
Julie Mollerup	Denmark
Silas Thomsen	Denmark
Alexey Podymako	Belarus
Ilya Krauchanka	Belarus
Corey Parker	Australia
Toon Larsson	Sweden
Peter Boccaccio	Sweden
Jesper Thorsson	Sweden
Vesnaa Šketa	Slovenia
Tilen Riosa Novak	Slovenia
Nejc Šelih	Slovenia
Eva Šelih	Slovenia
Maks Jagodič	Slovenia
Jakob Arlič	Slovenia
Vid Požarnik Knez	Slovenia
Jaka Brilej	Slovenia
Martin Pipet	Channel Islands
Harriet Miles	New Zealand
Alexandre Cha	France
Auriane Quesnel	France

Sacha Zig	France
Johan Bruno	France
Nolan Albert	France
Noa Tricerri	France
Liam John Kirkman	Zimbabwe
Peter Kamasho	Zimbabwe
Arnold Mudede	Zimbabwe
Marcus Fuglsang	Denmark
Askur Breki	Denmark
Vladimir Mishkin	Ukraine
Simranjeet Kaur	India
Aleksandr Liashenko	Russia
Mikhail Liashenko	Russia
Daria Nazarkina	Russia
Rune Jensen	Denmark
Steen Jensen	Denmark
Kostadin Petrunov	Bulgaria
Lina Tyankova	Bulgaria
Bruno Correia	Portugal
Diogo Gonçalves	Portugal
Miguel Caetano	Portugal
Rafael Lourenço	Portugal
Gustavo Santos	Portugal
André Rosário	Portugal
Miguel Cavaco	Portugal
Francisco Moita	Portugal
Eusébio Santos	Portugal
Leticia Moreno	Portugal

Lance McGregor	Australia
Matthias Zver	Australia
Aneja Jesenek Rojšek	Slovenia
Kaloyan Kirilov	Bulgaria
Ariel Barg	Japan
Nadja Lindhard	Denmark
Andrea Kemter	Denmark
Janick Bauer	Switzerland
Vitali Dziashkovich	Belarus
Roman Rouba	Belarus
Melissa Robinson	Australia
Jaelle Kyle	Australia
Helena Lourenço	Portugal
David Cristina	Portugal
Rafael Pitta-grós	Portugal
Hayleigh Cunningham	Scotland
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Nejc Stojin	Slovenia
Jaka Vasle	Slovenia
Wilbert Chikanya	Zimbabwe
Professor Bhidi	South Africa
Aidin Wylbacht	South Africa
Abraham Grobler	South Africa
Thomas Pike	England
James Dean Campbell	England
Eishaan Chand	Australia
Curtis Koenig	Australia
Aaron Wilkinson	Australia

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1st Dan

Mikael Wallin	Sweden
Andrius Viederis	Sweden

2nd Dan

Brian Moe Holter	Norway
Fiona Miles	New Zealand
Laurana Haddab	France
Anika Jagarinec	Slovenia
Svit Podpečan	Slovenia
Maruša Žučko	Slovenia
Nika Senica	Slovenia
Blanca Haydee Martínez	Argentina
Sayaka Ishigami	Japan
Hanna Palahuta	Belarus
Ryhor Lapitski	Belarus
Dimitar Kirilov	Bulgaria
Stancho Stanchev	Bulgaria
Mikael Ström	Sweden
Urška Krašovec	Slovenia
Alja Dečman Stisovič	Slovenia
Drago Brilej	Slovenia
Henrik Överstam	Sweden
Jonas Kagebeck	Sweden
Iraklyi Sichinava	Russia
Robert Sage	Australia
Melissa Dunn	New Zealand
Margarida Freitas	Portugal

Ryuya Taniguchi	Japan
Maksim Mazurov	Ukraine
Silas Thomsen	Denmark
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Lubomir Stoimirov	Bulgaria
Yavor Kolev	Bulgaria
Markus Bittel	Switzerland
Godwin Munyoro	Zimbabwe
Peter Kamasho	Zimbabwe
Arnold Mudede	Zimbabwe
Maria José	Portugal
Brandon Didsman	Australia
Corey Parker	Australia
Gerhard Brits	South Africa
Igor Ašič	Slovenia
Obvious Moyo	Sweden
Victor Sommar	Sweden

3rd Dan

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Luka Deberšek	Slovenia
Juš Jagarinec	Slovenia
Steven Mason	England
Bogdan Bonev	Bulgaria
Borut Čretnik	Slovenia
Katja Stisovič	Slovenia
Aleš Farčnik	Slovenia

Jeff Law	England
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Wilma Eklund	Sweden
Mathias Jensen	Denmark
Lindon McKenna	Australia
Rebecca Dobson	New Zealand
Paulo Caeiro	Portugal
Rui Machado	Portugal
Gentil Metelo	Portugal
Pedro Palma	Portugal
Motoki Nishimura	Japan
Joe Gill	New Zealand
Mihail Genadiev	Bulgaria
Didier Labbé	France
Henrik Överstam	Sweden
Bosse Andersson	Sweden
Thomas Gunnarsson	Sweden

4th Dan

Gaston Frédéric Francillonne	France
Hiromi Inagaki	Japan
Christopher Taylor	England
Dennis Schörling	Sweden
David Ferbrache	Channel Islands
Anže Siljan	Slovenia
René Poulsen	Denmark

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4th Dan

Dimitar Troanski	Bulgaria
Neliyan Nedyalkov	Bulgaria
Hamid Mammeri	France
Edward Gezhoyan	Ukraine
Lawrence Petty	England
Gonçalo Doroana	Portugal
Vacson Dube	Zimbabwe
Maria Oinas	Sweden

5th Dan

Tatsuya Masuda	Japan
Shinji Nakanishi	Japan
Pedro Gonçalves	Portugal
Victor Barreto	Portugal
Stephen Goubert	Channel Islands
Yvon Le Groux	France
Yinn Tan	France
Camille Tordjman	France
Zhan Maksudov	Russia
Vitorino Ribeiro	Portugal
Patrik W. Eklund	Sweden
Gerald Muusha	Zimbabwe

6th Dan

Brian Nigel Chambers	Australia
Aleksander Biryukov	Russia
Philip Holding	England

Mitja Stisovič	Slovenia
Ndabezinhle Mazibuko	Zimbabwe
Otto S. Tafa	Botswana
Daniel Antonio Spinato	Argentina
Grigori Formin	Russia
Rihard Žibrat	Slovenia
Guliver Nunes	Portugal
Alexander Durrand Lyall	Scotland
Nedyalka Stancheva	Bulgaria
Lucas T. Rakgampu	Botswana
Branko Cimperman	Slovenia
Shamil Petersen	Denmark
Lars Sørensen	Denmark
Jonas Bisgaard	Denmark
Kimikazu Inagaki	Japan
Aika Inagaki	Japan
Yvon Le Groux	France
James Liddell	New Zealand
Patrice Benitsa	France
Camille Tordjman	France

7th Dan

Brian Dryden Davis	New Zealand
Matthew Beaumont	Australia
Garry Pettit	England
Domenico Graziano	Norway
Jacques Roustain	France
Gérard Meunier	France

Jean Noël	France
Alain Fantou	France
Mikael Johansson	Norway
Enrico Vatteroni	Sweden
Marius Ferreira	South Africa
Nelson Muthiah	Kuwait
Million Tabalume Masumbika	Botswana
Noriko Inagaki	Japan

8th Dan

Didier Couet	France
Stephen Coupland	England
Dick Schorling	Sweden
Paul Reid	Scotland
Serge Martinet	France
Toshihiro Inagaki	Japan

Shihan Diplomas

Didier Couet	France
Stephen Coupland	England
Dick Schorling	Sweden
Paul Reid	Scotland
Serge Martinet	France
Toshihiro Inagaki	Japan
M. Kanaharaj	India
Michael Norman	South Africa
João Dias	Portugal

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Shihan Diplomas continued

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Matthew Beaumont	Australia
Garry Pettit	England
Domenico Graziano	Norway
Jacques Roustain	France
Gérard Meunier	France
Jean Noël	France
Alain Fantou	France
Mikael Johansson	Norway
Enrico Vatteroni	Sweden
Marius Ferreira	South Africa
Nelson Muthiah	Kuwait
Million Tabalume Masumbika	Botswana
Noriko Inagaki	Japan

Shōgō titles

Renshi

Brian Dryden Davis	New Zealand
Matthew Beaumont	Australia
Garry Pettit	England
Domenico Graziano	Norway
Jacques Roustain	France
Gérard Meunier	France
Jean Noël	France

Alain Fantou	France
Mikael Johansson	Norway
Enrico Vatteroni	Sweden
Marius Ferreira	South Africa
Nelson Muthiah	Kuwait
Million Tabalume Masumbika	Botswana
Noriko Inagaki	Japan
Sally Tomiyama	England
Tzvetan Georgiev Trentchev	Bulgaria
Rosalio Cabrita Martins	Portugal
Bojan Pižmoht	Slovenia
Viacheslav Dubrovine	Russia
Gary Hoyle	England

Kyoshi

Didier Couet	France
Stephen Coupland	England
Dick Schorling	Sweden
Paul Reid	Scotland
Serge Martinet	France
Toshihiro Inagaki	Japan
M. Kanaharaj	India
Michael Norman	South Africa
João Dias	Portugal

Shihan Diploma

“Shihan” means “Senior Instructor / Master” and the minimum grade to receive a Shihan Diploma is 6th Dan. To be called Shihan, one must have received a Shihan Diploma.

It is the head of style/school who has the right to issue a Shihan Diploma.

Shihans Omi and Tomiyama have the authority to issue the Shihan Diplomas of Kofukan Shito-ryu to eligible members, and decided to do that in 2022 on the 50th Anniversary of their coming to Europe, to commemorate the occasion and to express gratitude for their loyalty and service to our organization over so many years.

Shōgō titles

“Dai-Nippon Butoku-kai” was the official governing body of Japanese Martial Arts until the end of WWII and they graded people using a title system. Because it was the governing body of different martial arts, it graded only the top end of each discipline and each individual discipline organization generally graded its members using the Dan grade system.

After “Dai-Nippon Butoku-kai” was dismantled (the current one is only the name-sake and not the same thing), some organizations adopted this Shōgō system, applying it in addition to Dan grades.

Instead of a five tier title system adopted by some, we have decided to adopt the original three tier system of “Renshi”, “Kyoshi” and “Hanshi” as follows:

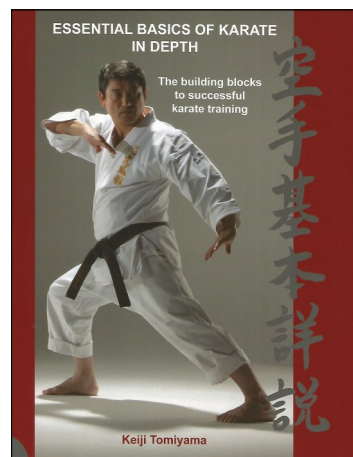
* Renshi (expert), awarded to eligible people who have had 6th Dan for some years.

* Kyoshi (fine teacher), awarded to eligible people who have had 7th Dan for some years.

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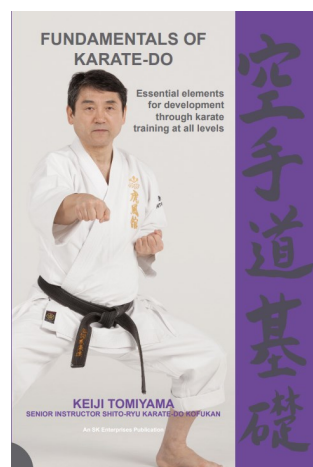
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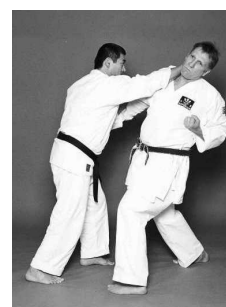
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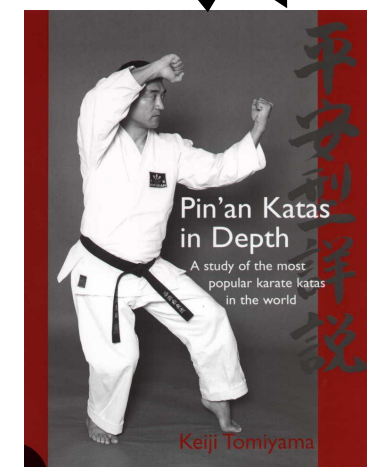
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SHIHAN TOMIYAMA RESUMES WORLDWIDE SEMINARS AT LAST

Trying to follow the ever-changing rules for travelling during the Covid-19 pandemic, visits got off to a slow start at the beginning of 2021, only to falter until early 2022, as related on the front page. Shihan Tomiyama describes some of his courses in 2023 below and p14.

INDIA

I flew from Birmingham via Dubai to Chennai on January 18 and arrived early in the morning of the 19th. This time I did not go to Kerala, but only to Chennai.

On the weekend of January 21/22 Kofukan India organized a seminar in a local school gymnasium.

Although the number of participants was smaller than usual, it was a grand event with people from all over India.

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND PLUS SINGAPORE

I left London's Heathrow Airport on the night of April 19 and arrived in Perth, Western Australia, via Singapore at midnight on the 20th. I stayed in a rented apartment there for a week with two instructors from Kalgoorlie, practising mainly with Kofukan Australia instructors during the day and instructing the general members on evenings and weekends.

The children practised basic techniques and katas; seniors practised tonfa and bo, in addition to katas such as Koshiki-Rohai, Basai Dai, Seipai, Kururunfa, Kosokun-Dai, Seisan and Nipapo.

After a busy visit, I left Perth on the evening of the 27th, arrived in Auckland, New Zealand, on the morning of the 28th, and started training in the afternoon of the same day. As well as general training, students practised katas including Seisan, Niseishi, Matsukaze, Seienchin, Annanko and Kosokun-Dai.



Shihan Tomiyama with Mr Wong, centre, and senior SKA instructors in Singapore

On the morning of May 5 I flew to Singapore for a short stopover. There is no branch of Kofukan in Singapore, but I have a longstanding relationship with Sensei Wong, who runs the Shitoryu Karate Association dojo of the same Shito-ryu lineage, so I taught there the following day and renewed my old friendship with the leading instructors.

I left Singapore late in the evening of the 7th after an enjoyable time in the region as usual.

NEPAL

I departed from Birmingham Airport in the early afternoon of September 13 with Qatar Airways and arrived in Kathmandu just after 10 o'clock the next morning via Doha. The gate, immigration area and baggage collection were the same as before, but a new arrival gate had been installed. I was greeted by the leader of Kofukan Nepal, Mr Trilok Pandey, and several officials of the Nepal Karate-do Federation. We took a short break at a nearby café.

In the early afternoon I moved to the domestic terminal and flew to Dhangadi by myself. When I arrived there I was greeted by executives Mr Ashok and Mr Khatri. From the next day we had two practice sessions every day, one from 7 a.m. and the other from 4 p.m.

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Dhangadi is located in a low-lying area near the border with India, so the residual heat was severe. There are many young members here, even though the impact of the years lost during the Covid-19 epidemic was significant. Over the course of four days, we practised a great variety of material. Mr Pandey, who had remained in Kathmandu for business, came to join us in Dhangadi on the 17th.

On the morning of the 19th, the Hon. Jhapat Bahadur Saud (shown right), who was the Minister of Social Development at that time, came and held the closing ceremony, and the Minister and I planted a commemorative tree.

Afterwards, I had lunch with the executives, joined by a former competitor who is now a detective in the police force.



Together with Mr Pandey I took an afternoon flight back to Kathmandu. It was gratifying to see that Kathmandu and the temples damaged by the earthquake in 2015 were gradually being repaired. The hotel I was staying at was right next to the symbolic tower of Kathmandu. Restoration work on the tower was almost complete at that time, and it was expected to be open to the public soon. I look forward to seeing all the restorations on my next visit.

On returning to air travel, that had been restricted for so long, it was perhaps natural that costs had risen by a large percentage, sometimes two or three times higher than before Covid-19. Another downside was that when lockdowns were lifted there was a lack of manpower, leading to issues with luggage handling. Over time these have thankfully subsided, although not always returning to what they were before. It is good to have freedom to move around without too many restrictions again.



SEMINARS BY SHIHAN TOMIYAMA IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2025

As most members are aware, Shihan Tomiyama teaches around the world as much as possible during the course of each year. The courses are normally open to all members, so if you are willing and able to travel to other countries, maybe during a family holiday, you may wish to know where the seminars are to take place. Some dates that have been arranged are listed below. If you are interested in details, please contact the relevant person in the country where the seminar will take place (see www.kofukankarate.com/members/) or e-mail to the Secretariat.



January	11 / 12	Zurich, Switzerland
February	1 / 2	Norway
February	15 / 16	Sweden
March	1 / 2	Slovenia
March	8 / 9	Denmark
March	15 / 16	England with Sensei Omi
March	22 / 23	Bulgaria

April 5 / 6 Kofukan International Cup, England

***Late news : KOFUKAN INTERNATIONAL CUP 2025 INFORMATION BULLETIN OUT SOON !**

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**Until next time, enjoy your training ! - Editor**