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Portugal

From 21st to 26th of May 2008 Liga Portuguesa de Karate participated on the World Union Karate Organization European Championship, in Liege – Belgium.

The team had the following results:

Kata Individual: Ivo Leite – 9th place

Kumite Individual: Carlos Gomes - (- 70kg) got injured in first round,

Hugo Lourenço – (- 80kg) – Lost in 1st round

Sérgio Ferreira- (-80 kg) – 3rd place

Kumite Team: Carlos Gomes/Hugo Lourenço/Sérgio Ferreira/Ivo Leite – lost 1st round



On 31 of May 2008 Liga Portuguesa de Karate had participated on the Shito-Kai Ishimi International Cup in Madrid – Spain.

The team names and results:

Kumite Individual: Inês Rey - 3rd place

Sérgio Ferreira- (-80 kg) – 3rd place

Kumite Team: Ricardo Ribeiro/Américo Gonçalves/Hugo Lourenço – 3rd Place



2 Gold and 2 Bronz for Seiko Kai Germany in Int. Open Championshiop in Porto Portugal

On the 11th of May there was a International Open Karate Tournament in Porto, Portugal. This was organised by the Associação de Karate-Do Porto who is a member and representative for Dhammika Karate-Do in Portugal.

The Organiser managed to find sponsors who offered every team coach and referees two nights accommodation free of charge in a 3 star hotel. It was a very successful attendance including Goju Ryu, Shotokan, Shito-Ryu clubs from Portugal as well as few National Team members from foreign countries including England and of course from Germany.

Shitoryu Seiko Kai German branch in Beilstein representatives Meva Tokaya took part 13 to 14 years old female category Kata and Kumite and Ebru Baytemur took part 15 to 18years old Kata and Kumite Category.

As their Chief Trainer Shihan Athula Minithanthri was suffering from an arm injury, he was only able to attend as a VIP. England National team member Bakhtiyar who won 2nd place in WKF team Championship in Finland 2007, help out by coaching both kids.

Everywhere we saw competitors who were practising very hard and showing determination to win. But our both members managed to receive 1st places in both Kata categories and 3rd places in both Kumite categories which was a great result for Dhammika Karate-Do e.V. as well as for Shitoryu Seiko Kai in Germany. Next day both groups from England and Germany enjoyed visiting Porto city, testing some Porto wine and doing some shopping.



International Tournaments

Here are some suggestions for organizing international tournaments.

- 1) To make sure that refereeing meets the highest possible standards, organize a refereeing clinic before the start of the tournament that everybody who is involved in the tournament refereeing attends.
- 2) If you provide a package that includes meals and accommodation, make it very clear what is provided and included. The same works the other way, if you sign up for a package make sure you understand what is offered and included. For example if you show up a day earlier than provided for in the package you will be responsible for that day and night's accommodation.
- 3) When organizing a tournament, consider also the position of non-participants and spell out what you are offering. For example are coaches included and will you pay for their accommodation?

Black Belt Certificates

It has now happened several times that certificates sent out by Sato sensei via regular mail have gotten lost. We strongly advise you to have them send to you by courier service. It is more expensive, but also much more reliable. If you decide to have them send you by mail and they get lost, you will from now on have to buy new certificates.

Saudi Arabia Training

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