

IAF DIRECTING COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24 (THURSDAY) □ 29th (TUESDAY), 1998
At Hombu Dojo, Tokyo

DECISIONS and APPROVALS

IAF Directing Committee Meeting was held from 24th to 29th September, 1998 at the Aikikai Hombu Dojo, Aikido world Headquarters, in Tokyo.

The meeting was attended by all the IAF Directing Committee Members except Mr M Cela, the IAF 3rd Vice-Chairman, all the IAF Superior Councillors; and the Director and Assistant Director of the International Department of the Aikido Hombu Dojo.

Participants

- a) IAF Directing Committee Members**
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| Dr Peter A Goldsbury: | Chairman |
| Mr Tony Smibert: | 1st Vice-Chairman |
| Mr Lee Chin Nan: | 2nd Vice-Chairman |
| Mr Maxim Delhomme: | 5th Vice-Chairman |

- Mr Hiroshi Somemiya: General Secretary
Mr Mitsuyoshi Ishihara: General Treasurer
- b) IAF Technical Councillors**
Mr Hiroshi Isoyama: Technical Councillor
Mr Masatomi Ikeda: Assistant Technical Councillor
- c) IAF Superior Councillors**
Mr Shigenobu Okumura
Mr Sadateru Arikawa
Mr Hiroshi Tada
Mr Nobuyoshi Tamura
Mr Yoshimitsu Yamada
Mr Katsuaki Asai
Mr Guy Bonnefond
Mr Giorgio Veneri
Mr Kenneth Cottier
- d) Hombu Dojo International Department**
Mr Hideo Yonemochi: Director
Mr Masaki Tani: Assistant Director
- e) Interpreters**
Ms Mutsuko Minegishi
Ms Carolin Funk

Decisions and/or Approvals

- The Meeting was opened by Dohsu.
- Dr Goldsbury presided over the meetings in accordance with the IAF Statutes and according to the agenda. (Appendix 1)

[A] Web-site; IAF home-page (www.aikido-international.org)

Dr Goldsbury reported that IAF would make best possible use of the Internet. An IAF Home Page had been opened, and Mr S Stenudd of the Swedish Federation had worked very hard to set up the web site and the IAF Home Page. In addition, the Swedish Federation had generously offered to finance the cost of opening and maintaining the web site.

Decision 1. The Directing Committee decided to send a letter of appreciation to Mr Stenudd and Swedish Federation formally expressing gratitude to them.

[B] Changes made to the IAF Directing Committee

- a) The following two new committees were established in the Directing Committee according to the Chairman's proposal.

Decision 2. It was decided to establish a BUDGETING COMMITTEE in the Directing Committee in order to assist the General Treasurer and to make a more detailed budget.

Decision 3. The Directing Committee decided to establish a WORKING GROUP in the Directing Committee in order to prepare for the 8th IAF.

- b) Mr Somemiya appointed the following three persons as his assistants:

Mr Stefan Stenudd: in charge of WEB-SITE business,
Mr August Dragt: in charge of making the official Minutes (English version),
Mr Mutsuko Minegishi: in charge of making the official Minutes (Japanese version)

Approval 1. The Directing Committee approved the appointments.

[C] Financial matters

- a) Treasurer's Report (□ Appendix 2)

Approval 2. The Meeting approved the Treasurer's report presented by Mr Ishihara.

- b) Concerning the resolution of the IAF's debt to NCAF and SPAN

Dr Goldsbury reported that he had made an agreement with the NCAF, the Dutch Aikido Federation, concerning the resolution of the debt of the IAF to the NCAF and SPAN following the 1993 World Games. He said that the total amount IAF owed NCAF and SPAN was Dfl. 18,156.46 and that the debt would be paid by the IAF by means of a remission to IAF affiliation fees payable by the NCAF for the years from 1993 through 2007. (□Appendix 3)

Approval 3. The Agreement signed by Dr P Goldsbury and Mr A W Dragt was approved by the Directing Committee.

Decision 4. The Directing Committee approved a proposal by Mr Smibert and decided that a letter requesting to pay the contribution for the 1993 World Games should be sent to those Federations that are in arrears with their share. And if they should be unwilling to accept the decision made by the Congress to pay their share, another letter requesting to explain their reason should be send to them again. Then, we could begin to bring up some solution concerning the matter.

- c) Concerning an alleged deficit of \700,000 following the 1995 World Games held in Finland

Dr Goldsbury reported that Mr Rautila, who had been the president of the Finnish Aikido Federation, said that they had been very happy to organise the World Games in a successful manner, and, therefore, they would like to have the Matter closed; which offer made by Finnish Aikido Federation was gratefully accepted by the Directing Committee.

[D] Participation in the IWGA, Akita to be held in 2001

Decision 5. The participation in the IWGA, 2001 was decided by the Directing Committee as was the general principle that the IAF would participate in future World Games as long as the IAF Statutes and the general conditions for such participation allowed such participation.

Dr Goldsbury announced that he had appointed Mr Isoyama, the IAF Technical Councillor, as the IAF Technical Delegate for the IWGA, 2001.

Mr Isoyama reported that he was keeping closely in touch with the Aikita IWGA Organising Committee along with Mr Kawabe, the Chief of the Akita branch of the Tohoku Aikido Federation, who would be actually in charge of organising the Aikido Demonstration in Akita IWGA.

Approval 4. The Meeting approved the appointment of Mr Isoyama as the Technical Delegate.

Mr Arikawa suggested that a formal letter written by the IAF Chairman requesting to organise the Demonstration in IWGA Akita should be sent to Mr Okumura, the Chairman of the Zen Nihon Aikido Remmei, which was accepted by Dr Goldsbury.

[E] Date and Place of the 8th Aikido Congress

- a) Date of the 8th Congress

Decision 6. The Meeting decided that the 8th Congress would be held from September 12 (Tuesday) to September 17th (Sunday), in the year of 2000.

- b) Place of the 8th Congress

The decision on a suitable location for the Congress would be entrusted to the organiser, the Zen Nihon Aikido Remmei.

Mr Arikawa suggested that a formal letter written by the IAF Chairman requesting to organise the 8th Congress should be sent to Mr Okumura, the Chairman of the Zen Nihon Aikido Remmei, which Dr Goldsbury accepted.

- c) Aikido seminar to be held on the occasion of the 8 Congress

Dr Goldsbury stated that an Aikido Seminar would be held as usual on the occasion of the Congress.

Mr Somemiya proposed that the Seminar should be opened not only to the IAF Members but also to the non-Members, which was approved by the Meeting.

Approval 5. The Aikido Seminar to be held on the occasion of the 8th Congress will be open to all the aikidoists who are under the Aikikai Foundation.

[F] Revision of the IAF Statutes

(The Directing Committee expressed many thanks for the efforts of Mr Rogers in producing a draft of revised IAF Statute of his own, which were gratefully referred to as one of the working documents.)

- a) Articles 3 and 5 of the revised IAF Statutes and Regulations, which had been approved by the 7th Congress, were circulated among the members.

Approval 6. The Articles 3 and 4 of the new articles were accepted by the Meeting.
(□ Appendix 4)

- b) On the principle of one organisation per country

- i) Two French Federations in France, FFAAA and FFAB

Mr Bonnefond reported that the two above mentioned Federations, of which the both have Hombu Recognition, were negotiating, about their unity. He said that they were actually united under the name of UFA (Union des Federations d'Aikido).

Mr Arikawa suggested that FFAB, which was headed by Mr Tamura, should have IAF membership, whether those two Federation might be united or not, because Mr Tamura was sent to France with the mission given by O Sensei to propagate Aikido. He insisted that some sort of special treatment, without hurting the rights each Member has and maintaining the one organisation per one country principal should be taken so that FFAB might be an IAF Member.

Mr Arikawa proposed that the following provision, which was an exceptional rule to the one organisation per country principal, should be included in the IAF Statutes so that it might resolute the French matter and, also, the matter which would arise from the reversion of Hong Kong and/or Macau to the Mainland China, as for instance. He said that this proposal of

his should be discussed by the IAF Directing Committee alone and put to vote at the next Congress.

ii) The proposal made by Arikawa Shihan

Arikawa Shihan's Proposal: Notwithstanding the principal of one organisation per country, in the two exceptional cases mentioned below, multiple membership may be allowed in a country where there are two or more organisations that have Hombu recognition.

1. An organisation with Hombu Recognition, which is founded and has been supervised by a person of high dan holder (or Hombu Uchideshi) who was dispatched from Aikikai Foundation with formal authorisation in the Founder's time, may be a member.

2. In case that two or more organisations come into existence by changes of the state of the country.

iii) The matter was discussed by the Directing Committee in a closed session and Dr Goldsbury reported the following:

- Since English was the base language for the revision of the Statutes and an acceptable English translation of Mr Arikawa's proposals had not yet been made, full discussion of the proposal was not possible;*
- The Directing Committee believed that it was undesirable to allow exceptions to such an important article for the sake of individual cases;*
- Nevertheless, the Directing Committee did not object to Mr Arikawa's proposal being considered by the 8th Congress;*
- However, Dr Goldsbury indicated that he would consider the matter very carefully when producing the final version of the revised Statutes.*

iv) New version (5th version) of the IAF Statutes

Dr Goldsbury stated that he would make another version of the revised Statutes according to the discussion made at the Meeting, if necessary.

[G] Any other issue

a) On the establishment of another international Aikido organisation

Dr Goldsbury and Mr Smibert suggested the possibility of establishing an Aikido Federation apart from the IAF. All the organisations that have Hombu Recognition can join this new Federation no matter they are IAF Members or not. There was a hot discussion on the subject. No definite agreement was reached among the Members that it was necessary to establish such a Federation and it was felt that this subject should be left for further discussion. Mr Y Yamada said that he would send his ideas on the subject to Dr Goldsbury in writing.

b) In connection with French affair, the IAF Superior Council produced a declaration.
(Appendix 5)

~~~~~(The Directing Committee Meeting closed) ~~~~~

After the Meeting closed, a Farewell party organised by the Hombu Dojo was held at the Hotel Strada.