

## Report on the activities of the IBSSA International Sport Federation in the last Educational Year

The last educational year of IBSSA – ISF is coming to an end as one of our most active and eventful year.

IBSSA–ISF started the year with one of the highlights in **Ft. Lauderdale, Miami USA, at Nationals of the AAU**. IBSSA was represented by Prof. George POPPER – President, Prof. Rony KLUGER – President of IBSSA–ISF and our host, Mr. Joe B. MIRZA – Executive President of IBSSA–ISF for America, President of AAU karate.

AAU Nationals is a week long event with clinics and the National championships with over 6000 participants. This year – as usual – the best of the bests came together to teach during the clinics, such as: Chuzo Kotaka Sensei (Hawaii) – Head of the famous IKF, Nishimura Sensei (Japan) – ex Japan national team fighter and team coach, Kozo Kuniba – the famous leader of the Kuniba Kai of Japan, myself in the capacity of representing IBSSA–ISF and the IBA (International Budo Academy) of Israel, and also our host Mr. Joe Mirza – Head Master of TKO International. After two days of teaching for the thousand of participants, we ran some official meetings and discussions with local leaders and VIP as well.

In the past year IBSSA–ISF had some successful courses of military Self Defense in Italy, the Netherlands, South Africa and preparing some trainings in Romania, Greece, UK, US and Canada. Those specially tailored courses are unique composition for the need of the governmental and the private security industry. Some of those courses are for official qualification and accreditation.

In March 2012, IBSSA–ISF organised its first official **Martial Arts Instructors Course** in **Haartenbosh, South Africa**. This was an extremely successful, well attended course, 35 senior Martial Arts Instructors came together from all over South Africa to join this special project first of its kind. The successful candidates accredited officially by the International Budo Academy.

*Some of the memorable moments of this project you may enjoy by clicking here, put on sound, let it download and enjoy... :*

<http://www.photoshow.com/watch/eb5eN9Xn>

April 2012: **Japan and Okinawa**. As always the yearly visit in Japan and Okinawa is a kind of high light for me as a professional Martial Artist.

I spent the first week in Kyoto as participant of the **50<sup>th</sup> All Japan Dai Nippon Butoku Kai's Butokusai** held at the historic **Butokuden**, the oldest Martial Art Dojo (training hall) of Japan.

Dai Nippon Butokukai (DNBK) is a historic, elite society for the most senior classical Budo Teachers, existing since the XVII. Century, under the wings of the Emperor's wing, as the only official and governmental Budo society. The Dai Nippon Butokukai is the professional entity that awarded the ranks of all the famous style creators of the modern Martial Arts, just to mention a few: Kano of Judo, Ueshiba of Aikido, Miyagi, Funakoshi and Konishiki of Karate Do.

Every four years the DNBK organises a huge gathering of Japan's best Masters of the various Martial Arts together with selected international Teachers of the Art. It is always a very exciting and unique experience to train, exercise and demonstrate at the historic Butokuden, under the watchful eyes of the best of the bests.

This time I was accompanied by two of my South African students: Sensei Mario Sequiera and Che Jagger both 5<sup>th</sup> Dan from our Johannesburg Dojo. We trained and demonstrated our art every day of our hectic week. **At the last day of the event, Dai Nippon Butokukai bestowed upon myself the highest possible Teachers title, HANSHI!** This is the most outstanding honour to be the 7<sup>th</sup> non Japanese to achieve this rank, since the existence of the Dai Nippon Butokukai.

The second week we moved to Okinawa, to the birth place of Karate Do, to our home Dojo the world famous, historic Jundokan Dojo the base of Okinawa Goju Ryu. This is our professional umbrella in the last 35 years. We spent a whole week training with our Friends and Seniors daily 4-6 hours, excellent quality time and lovely training and exchanging of experience with the best of the bests.

Beside all these International activities IBSSA–ISF hosted professional meetings and courses at its HQ in Israel, with some of the outstanding leaders of IBSSA–ISF and close friends:

- Mr. Ljubomir Vracarevic (Serbia), Vice President of IBSSA–ISF and Head Master of Real Aikido International
- Mr. Florentin Marinescu (Romania), with whom IBSSA–ISF hosted a specially designed course of Military Self Defence – Krav Maga
- Mr. Gyula Sira and Mr. János Hülber (Hungary) arrived with a team of Hungarian friends
- Shihan Attila Miskolczi, Head Instructor in Hungary was also hosted

During the summer IBSSA–ISF ran a huge International training camp of Karate Do with the participation of Hungary, Australia, UK, South Africa, USA, Okinawa and our own locals from Israel.

*Photo-shows can be found here: <http://www.photoshow.com/watch/vP9Qj2uE>*

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