



SAITO SENSEI KINEN KOSHUKAI

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAITO SENSEI'S PASSING

MAY, 14TH~15TH 2022

TAKEMUSU AIKI DOJO LAGO DI GARDA

SOLFERINO (MN) ITALY

HELD BY

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After training Karate Ulf Evenås started Aikido in 1968 and Takemusu Aikido in 1969 under Takeji Tomita Sensei, a student of Morihiro Saito Shihan. Ulf went to Iwama as an uchideshi to Morihiro Saito Shihan for half a year in 1973. From then Ulf was a close student of Saito Sensei for 29 years and has now followed Saito Sensei for 49 years and Iwama Takemusu Aikido for 53.

After another long uchideshi period in 1977, Ulf accompanied Saito Sensei to Sweden where Saito Sensei taught seminars in Sweden and Denmark. This was Saito Sensei's first trip to Europe and in 1982 he returned for a week seminar. From 1981 Ulf met Saito Sensei, in Iwama and in seminars, at least once year until the passing of Saito Sensei.

In the late 1980ies Saito sensei introduced instructor certificates in bukiwaza (Mokuroku) on five levels. Ulf was awarded the 5th level. In the summer of 1992 Saito Sensei asked Ulf to come to Iwama in October. Saito Sensei told Ulf that he now would officially establish Iwama Ryu also with taijutsu ranks. He promoted Ulf 6th Dan Iwama Ryu, Iwama Ryu Shihan and his personal representative.

In 1992 Ulf together with the dojo leaders in Scandinavia created Iwama Ryu Scandinavia, and in 1993, together with Paolo Corallini Shihan, Ulf started Iwama Ryu Europe. In 2001 Morihiro Saito Shihan appointed Paolo Corallini and Ulf Evenås to 7 dan Iwama Ryu.

In 2007 Ulf Evenås was appointed Shihan by Aikido Doshu, Moriteru Ueshiba, recommended by Hiroshi Isoyama Shihan, the Managing Director of Aikikai Hiroshi Yonemochi and the Swedish Budo Federation. In 2008 Ulf 7th dan was recognized as an Aikikai rank by Aikido Doshu.

In 2013 Ulf was appointed representing Shihan (together with Christian Tissier Shihan) by the International Aikido Federation.

Ulf Shihan has taught about 800 seminars in Europe, North- Central- and South America, Asia and Australia.

PAOLO CORALLINI AIKIKAI 7TH DAN SHIHAN

Paolo Corallini Shihan, Iwama Ryu 7th Dan, Aikikai 7th Dan, Technical Director and Past President of Takemusu Aikido Association Italy and the uppermost representative of Iwama Ryu Aikido in Italy. Since his youth he is interested in martial arts. At 18 years of age, he joins a Ju-Jutsu dojo and after soon he experiences the art which would mark his life, the Aikido, at its first steps in Italy at that time. In those years he studies under Motokage Kawamukai Sensei who gives him the 1st dan in 1977.

In 1979 Paolo Corallini is ranked 2nd dan by Hirokazu Kobayashi Sensei and starts is attending at French Aikido schools, where he meets André Nocquet Sensei, direct student of the Founder and President of Union Européenne d'Aikido. Nocquet Sensei gives him the 3rd dan in 1981 and the 4th dan in 1984 and appoints Corallini as President and Technical Director of Unione Italiana Aikido - division of the Union Européenne d'Aikido, in Italy.

In the same year Paolo Corallini writes his first Aikido book and regularly follows many seminars held by the most skilled Japanese Sensei: Tamura, Tohej, Yamada, Saotome, Chiba, Endo, etc. In 1984, wishing to meet Morihiro Saito Sensei and visit the dojo where the Founder created and defined Aikido, Corallini goes to Iwama (in the Ibaraki Prefecture, about 90 Km north-east far from Tokyo).

Here is the enchanting meeting with Morihiro Saito Sensei. Immediately Paolo Corallini becomes conscious that the training method in Iwama dojo follows the traditional one of the Founder. Then, from that moment he decides that only Morihiro Saito will be his Sensei and become an extremely devoted deshi of this unique Sensei.

In February 1985 Saito Sensei accepts Paolo Corallini's invitation to hold an Iwama Ryu Aikido seminar in Italy and for the first time he comes to Central Europe.

From that year, Corallini invites Morihiro Saito Sensei to Italy each year until 2001 and he has gone to Japan as uchi deshi (inner student) for 25 times to train with his Sensei. In 1985 Corallini Sensei creates the Iwama Ryu Italy, an association of black belted Aikidoka that only train under Saito Sensei faithfully.

Since 1984 up to now Paolo Corallini has followed his Sensei in many countries as his enthusiastic student and he has been working to spread Iwama Ryu Aikido all over Europe and in many other countries.

In 1988 he receives, from Saito Sensei, the 5th dan Iwama Ryu and also the 5 Buki Waza Mokuroku and the authorization to give Iwama Ryu Tai Jutsu and Buki Waza dan. On 1990 he is appointed by Saito Sensei as his Representative in Central and Southern Europe.

In March 1993 Saito Sensei awards Paolo Corallini with Iwama Ryu 6th dan and Shihan title in Iwama.

Corallini Sensei currently holds many seminars in Italy and abroad: Germany, Scotland, Switzerland, France, Portugal, Austria, Algeria, England, Bulgaria, Croatia, Slovenia, Romania, U.S.A., Rep. of South Africa, Spain, Denmark, Russia, Lebanon, Sweden, Morocco, etc...

On May 25th 2001 Morihiro Saito Sensei delivers 7th Dan Iwama Ryu to his representatives Paolo Corallini e Ulf Evenås. They are the only two in the world who received such a high rank directly from Morihiro Saito.

For the National Federation he writes "Aikido Iwama Ryu" in 1998 and "Iwama Ryu Aikido" in 1999, edited by Sperling & Kupfer.

Paolo Corallini also translated in Italian all Takemusu Aikido books written by Morihiro Saito and he wrote the vol. 7 and 8 (Aiki Jo and Aiki Ken).

On April 15th 2003 Moriteru Ueshiba Aikido Doshu officially authorized Paolo Corallini Sensei to test and rank his students and to require for them, personally and directly, Aikikai dan certificates.

On February 5th 2005, F.I.J.L.K.A.M. (Italian Federation of Judo, Greco-Roman wrestling, Karate and Martial Arts) awards Corallini Sensei with the Gold Medal for Sports Merits.

On January 9th 2011 Doshu Moriteru Ueshiba awards Corallini Shihan with the 7th Dan Aikikai Tokyo, in recognition of the previous Iwama Ryu rank.

On January 8th 2017 Moriteru Ueshiba Aikido Doshu awards Corallini Sensei with the Aikikai Shihan title.

Il presente evento costituisce iniziativa spontanea di soggetto privato associato alla Takemusu Aikido Association Italy, inserito nel calendario associativo in quanto l'Associazione, preso atto dei contenuti ivi proposti, pone il suo patrocinio in via gratuita, autorizzando l'utilizzo gratuito del logo e delle immagini di sua proprietà e, attraverso i suoi canali, ne promuove la divulgazione. La TAAI non prende parte in alcun modo all'organizzazione dell'evento.

The Seminar will take place at

TAKEMUSU AIKI DOJO

LAGO DI GARDA

c/o Agriturismo Le Sorgive
Località Sorgive - 46040, Solferino (MN)

SATURDAY, MAY 14th 2022

- h. 8.30-9.45 Enrollement
- h. 10.00-12.00 Keiko
- h. 16.30-18.30 Keiko
- h. 18.30 Ceremony in Commemoration
of Morihiro Saito Sensei's death
- h. 20.30 Party

SUNDAY, MAY 15th 2022

- h. 10.00-12.00 Keiko

The event will take place in compliance with the current provisions regarding the prevention of contagion from Covid-19.

On May 13th 2002 our beloved Sensei, Morihiro Saito, passed away. He was a man who devotedly dedicated all his life to the Founder of Aikido, O Sensei Morihei Ueshiba, and to preserving his teachings in the most faithful and rigorous way possible. To the ones who followed him, Saito Sensei left a deep spiritual heritage made of respect, kindness, gentleness and love towards others.

The Takemusu Aikido Association Italy wants to honor the 20th Anniversary of Saito Sensei's passing with a large koshukai in Italy, to take place exactly in the country where Saito Sensei first came in 1985 and where Iwama Aikido started its spread throughout Europe.

This important event will take place on May 14th-15th 2022 in Solferino (MN), at the Takemusu Aikido Lago di Garda, and will be directed by Saito Sensei's closest deshi, who are still working hard together to preserve his beautiful pedagogy with the same harmony and friendship they experienced through this amazing Aikido Master.



From Milan: Leave the A4 motorway Milan-Venice at the Desenzano exit, continue to Castiglione delle Stiviere (7 km), turn left at the first traffic light and after 20 meters turn left again, continue towards Solferino (5 km) until you reach the crossroads, on the left is the sign indicating the farm "Azienda Agricola Le Volpi".

From Verona/Venice: Leave the A4 motorway Milan-Venice at the Sirmione exit, turn left, continue to Pozzolengo (3 km) and then to Solferino (7 km), at the first junction turn left, then keep to the right towards Castiglione delle Stiviere (1.5 km) until you reach the crossroads, on the right is the sign indicating the farm "Azienda Agricola Le Volpi".

From Bologna: When you reach Modena take the A22 Brennero and exit at Mantova Nord; follow the indications for Brescia until you reach Guidizzolo (30 km), go through the village and after 2 km turn right towards Solferino until you reach the large roundabout. Go towards Castiglione delle Stiviere (2 km) and at the crossroads you will see the sign on the right showing the Farm "Azienda Agricola Le Volpi".

*The seminar is open to everyone provided they are fully insured.
Please, show your Federation Aikido Card at the registration table.
Jo and Ken are required for Buki-Waza classes.
Hakama may be worn by Dan grades only.
The use of any kind of camera/camcorder is forbidden during the sessions.*



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