Oko Kyudokai

Dear Kyudo friends,

My best wishes to you all for the coming year, 2005.

A good way to start the year is to look back at the previous year. A year in which the second General meeting of the umbrella organisation and also the European wide organisation Oko Kyudojo e.V. took place. I would like to take the chance here to thank all the committee members and welcome Siegfried Roscher as the new deputy chairman of the umbrella organisation. Once again this year has shown that the more shoulders the work load is spread over, the more that we can achieve – a great achievement for our young organisation.

This spring Kanjuro Shibata XXI (Waka Sensei) will visit Europe. Courses will take place in:

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please spread these news!

The timing of the summer courses in Dechen Choling have also been fixed. The course for experienced students will take place between the 5th to the 10th of August, with the open course for beginners set for the 9th to the 21st August. (Contact: Dechen Chöling, Tel: +33 – 555 03 55 52 or email: dechencholing@dechencholing.org). I hope very much that Kanjuro Shibata XX, Sensei will come to Europe for these courses.

As well as the afore mentioned major events in the Kyudo calender, I would also like to mention the weekend courses that are planned for the coming year. In spring a weekend course in Rotterdam, the first weekend in September is reserved for a course organised by Shuko Kyudojo in Bohmte and once again in the autumn the annual Panhelvetic takes place in Bern. This list is certainly incomplete, information will be sent by email with details of further events as and when it becomes available.

And so to the last point, my yearly appeal, please when you are not a member of one of the following Dojos listed below, please show your solidarity for our school of Kyudo and our teachers through the punctual payment of the annual subscription of 100 Euros (or as much as your finanancial situation allows, to: Konto: Oko Kyudojo e.V., Account Nr: 76001800, BLZ: 401 600 50 the Münster branch of the Volksbank.

Dojos: Doko, Paris; Gako, Vienna; Hoko, Düsseldorf; Koko, Bern; Shiko, Marburg; Shuko, Münster; Zenko; Bonn (these Dojos transfer the annual subscriptions direct to the umbrella organisation).

With much love and best wishes for your Kyudo practice in the coming year.

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