



NAJA: Nederlandse Amateur Ju-Jutsu and Judo Association

Picture is taken in the year 1958 in the dojo of my Judo-teacher sensei Ubben located in the Vondelstraat in the city of Nijmegen. I was part of a group youngsters that were tested for kyu-gradings. There I earned my green belt.



My karate/kempo-teacher Gerard Karel Meijers (later in time known as Mongolian Prince Dschero Khan Chen Tao Tze) with Gogen Yamaguchi in Japan, 1966.

In 1931, Gogen Yamaguchi was introduced to Chojun Miyagi who visited Japan. Gogen Yamaguchi became Miyagi's representative of Goju Ryu in Japan. In 1950, Yamaguchi founded the national organization of All Japan Karatedo Goju-kai in Tokyo, Japan. In that same year students of the College of Art from the Nihon University made the black/white film that we now can have a copy of. It is wonderful to see Mr. Ujita and Mr. Kizaki, who had propagated Japanese Goju-Ryu in Osaka and Kyoto area, demonstrating Kata in the film. The versions of the Goju-Ryu kata around 1950 are close to the versions of Morio Higaonna sensei which are standardized around 1970 and can be found on YouTube.com



Having fun with budo-colleague and close friend Harry de Spa (January 23, 1951 - January 24, 1999) in the garden in front of his student residence, 1981, Vosseveld - Nijmegen.

Both of us were students of Prince Dschero Khan at that time and we had our own kempo-karate schools. In October of 1981 our dojo's joined the Dutch National Karate-Do Federation (KBN).

**Harry de Spa founded the Netherlands Okinawa Goju-Ryu Karate-Do Association on December 21, 1984. He followed seminars from his teacher Morio Higaonna sensei in many European countries, Russia, Kazakhstan, the USA and on Okinawa. Harry de Spa introduced Goju-Ryu in the Sovjet Union in 1990 (Alma-Ata and Moskou). In Stockholm, 1993, Harry de Spa became Go Dan IOGKF. In 1994 Harry de Spa became member of the shihan-kai of the IOGKF.**



In order to become an official Karate-Do teacher, instructors and school leaders of all styles throughout Holland were required to follow the official course set by the Dutch National Karate-Do Federation. In March of 1984 Harry de Spa and I became among the first official teachers certified by the National Karate-do Federation of the Netherlands.

## 7th World Karate-Do Championship

October 18-21, 1984  
Maastricht - Netherlands

In October, 1984, the National Karate Federation of the Netherlands (KBN) hosted the World Championships Karate-Do of WUKO. The event took place on October 18-21 at "Eurohal" located in Maastricht. The President of the World Union of Karate-Do Organizations was Ryoichi Sasakawa. The WUKO Chairman was Jac Delcourt. In 1999 Antonio Espinos became the President of the then called W.K.F. The name WUKO changed into W.K.F. in the year 1993.



On December 8, 1986 the Dutch National Referee Committee decided that I passed the test for National Referee (A-license) for Kata and Kumite.

In the period Nov 1981 until Nov 1986 I learned the trade by going to local, regional, national and Open tournaments as much as I could. It was worth while. I jumped from C-license to B-license and to A-license (The highest national license).

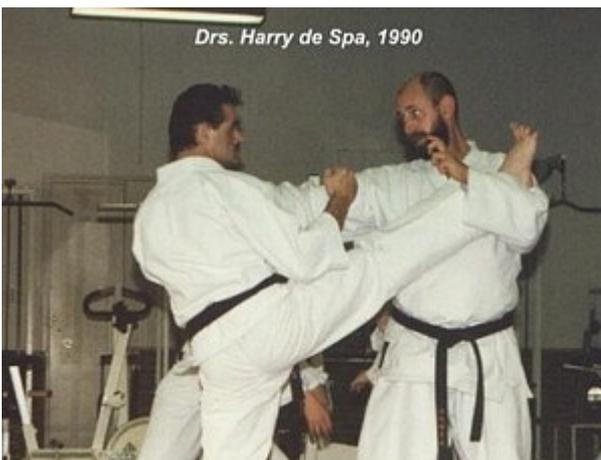
On the picture I am refereeing a final bout (80+ kilo) during the Open Dutch Championships held at Amstelveen - Netherlands.



Prof. Dr. Sian-Teh Huang, prins Dschero Khan

Receiving my Go Dan (Tang So Tao) from Sian Teh Huang (president WMAPEF) and from Prince Dschero Khan Chen Tao Tze (vice president WMAPEF). Taiwan, Taipeh, May 5, 1989.

In the year 1989 I joined the WMAPEF and became life-time member  
WMAPEF = World Martial Arts and Physical Education Federation



Drs. Harry de Spa, 1990



Workout with my close friend and budo colleague Harry de Spa, Chief-instructor IOGKF Netherlands and Kazachstan. Preparing for Harry's Go Dan (5th Dan) testing in the Dutch Karate-Do Federation (K.B.N.). I was one of the two partners who assisted Harry during the national exams of the Dutch Karate Federation in Hilversum.

Picture: dojo Groesbeek, Netherlands, March, 1990.



Morio Higaonna Sensei, Prince Dschero Khan, the mayor of Naha-city Mr. Kosei Oyadomari, and other officials during the First World Okinawan Goju-Ryu Karate Championships, Naha, August 31 - September 1, 1991.

Mr. Kosei Oyadomari was Tournament Chairman and Prince Dschero Khan was Special Tournament Advisor.



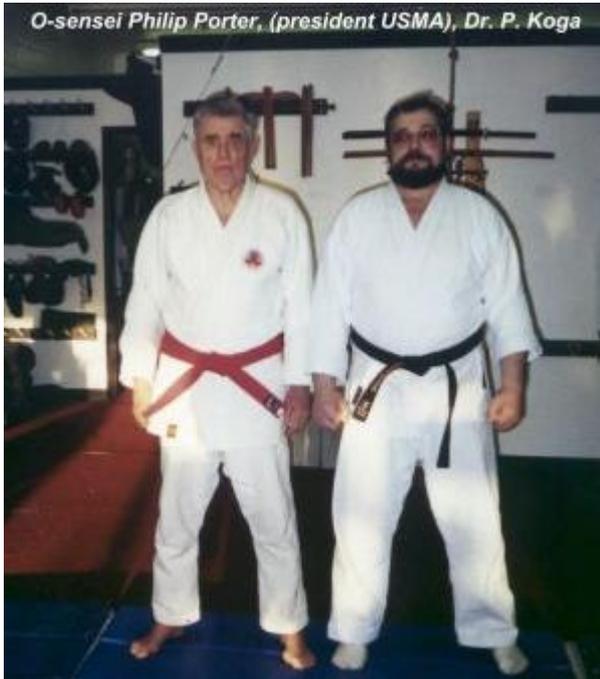
The 27th European Karate-do Championship, May 10-11, 1992, Den Bosch, Netherlands. Prince Dschero Khan, Jacques Delcourt (President WKF), Walter de Mooy (Chairman National Karate-do Federation).



The 27th European Karate-do Championship, May 10-11, 1992, Den Bosch, Netherlands. Prince Dschero Khan and his secretair visited me in the referee room off sportshal Maasbracht and this picture was made.

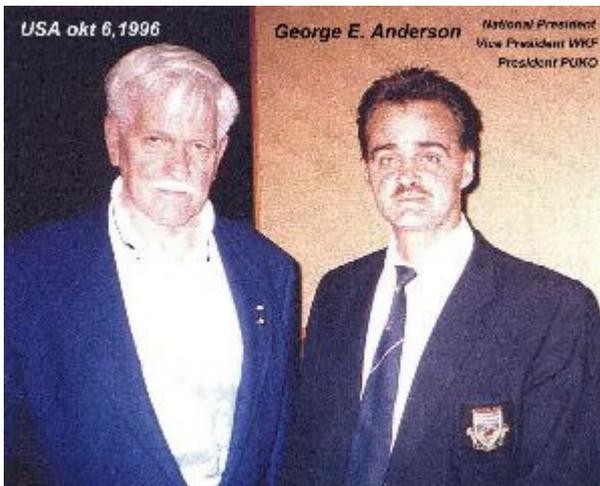


December 13, 1993  
George Andrews and Ernie Molyenux, joint IOGKF Chief-Instructors invited me as a referee during the IOGKF European Iri-Kumi and Kata Championships which took place in Oxford, England. During the first round of the kata competition all competitors were required to do Sanchin kata. Iri-Kumi was divided into Iri-Kumi Go and Iri-Kumi Ju. During the finals of this European Championships I had honor to work together with sensei Ernie Molyenux.



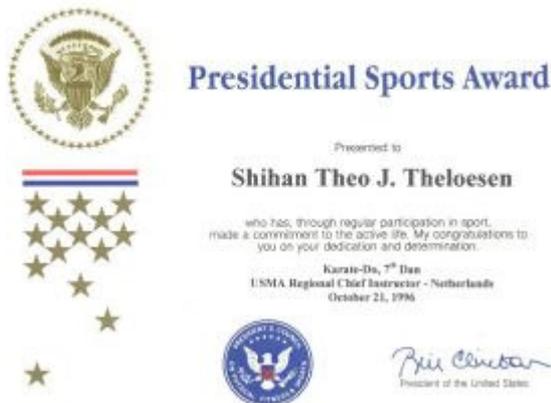
O-sensei Philip Porter the President of the USMA together with Dr Patrick Marius Koga.

I met Dr. Patrick Marius Koga (with beard) in a Uechi Ryu dojo in Citrus Heights, USA, in 1995. Dr. Koga was a board member of the USMA and a good friend of o-sensei Porter. I became close friends with Dr. Koga. In the years that followed he visited my house in Holland two times. Dr. Koga worked for a period at the University of Oxford in England. At the same university Dr. Koga's son studied neurology. The distance Nijmegen - Oxford was just a day travel (by boat and train). Dr. Koga invited me to come over and see the Oxford University.



George Anderson: vice-president WKF Citrus Heights, October 6, 1996

I was introduced to Sensei George Anderson during a karate/kobudo event where Mr. Anderson was one the VIP's. The event was organized in cooperation with the USMA. As WKF vice-president Mr. Anderson has been in Holland when the 7th World Championships were held at Maastricht in October 1984. Mr. Anderson remembered very well Mr. John Bontje who was the chairman of the Dutch national karate-do federation in 1984. We talked about many things. As result I became member of the USA National Karate Federation. A social security card, a California State driver-license, and living at the address of my friend Dr. Koga helped me to become a member of the USA NKF.



After visiting the USA in 1995 I also made a second trip in 1996. In 1995 I became Life-Time member of the USMA under the guidance of O-sensei Philip Porter.

During my second USA trip I gave seminars in USMA affiliated dojos in and around San Francisco bay area. On October 21, 1996, I received a Presidential Sports Award. I was appointed USMA Regional Chief-Instructor Netherlands, Karate-Do Nana Dan. The Award was signed by Bill Clinton, President of the United States.



I was invited to referee by Shihan Alan Dollar (Uechi Ryu) during the Golden Gate Okinawa Karate and Kobudo World Championships in San Francisco, June, 1998. One could only function as a referee if one participated in seminars before the Championships. The Chief-Referee of that event was sensei Shinzo Chinen who was at that time Director of Jundokan Okinawa. During the seminars sensei Shinzo Chinen was held responsible for the Goju-Ryu tatami. Together with other Goju Ryu referees (Meibukan, IOGKF, Jundokan) we reviewed the Goju Ryu kata during the seminars.



Karate & Kobudo seminars in Vichy, France. Two days of training under sensei Zenei Oshiro who was representative of Okinawa Goju Ryu Karate-Do and Kobudo, July, 2000

Sensei Zenei Oshiro is a student of sensei Seikichi Higa who is in direct lineage to Chojun Miyagi.



Together with 15 students I visited the Millenium Budo Seminars which took place near Antwerpen, Belgium, October 14 and 15, 2000.

The organization was a cooperation of IMAF-Belgium, IMAF-Europa, IOGKF and SKIF.

I followed training sessions with sensei Morio Higaonna. Being a member of the commission of the National Karate-Do Magazine called Taiko, I was asked to do an article on Bun Bu Ryo Doh. Morio Higaonna sensei was willing to cooperate and he gave me a exclusive interview and made the drawings (kanji) of Bun Bu Ryo Doh for our National Karate-Do Magazine.



Having a small conversation with IOGKF Founder and Chief-Instructor Morio Higaonna sensei during a break at Herentals, Belgium, 2000.



Okinawa Goju Ryu Karate-Do guest Seminar in my dojo in Nijmegen with Wijnand Meurs sensei (IOGKF) January 10, 2001. Heidebloemstraat 75, Nijmegen - Netherlands.