

ALPINE BUDO SEMINAR 2025

XXV TRADITIONAL JAPANESE MARTIAL ARTS INTENSIVE SEMINAR

June 26 ~ 27 ~ 28 ~ 29, 2025

Soraga, Val di Fassa, Italy



The Alpine Budo Seminar reaches its 25° edition!

An exceptional achievement, almost a dream when, in June 2000, two friends in Budo, Livio and Lorenzo, gave life to the project of a multidisciplinary seminar in the Dolomites, in a context that allowed combining intense practice, well-being and participation of companions and family.

We shall meet again for an exciting practice experience guided by Malcolm Tiki Shewan Shihan and Pascal Krieger Shihan who, in memory of "VDB" Sensei (René Vandroogenbroeck, 1941-2012), will accompany us in the study of Aikido, Aikiken, Iaido and Jodo. I hope to welcome many of you to the Wellness Hotel Dolomia in Soraga, in the splendid Val di Fassa, to celebrate this special anniversary together!



General information

Technical direction

The seminar is directed by two of the most renowned international experts: **Malcolm Tiki Shewan Shihan**, *Aikido* VII Dan and deeply versed in *Iaido* and *Kenjutsu*, and **Pascal Krieger Shihan**, *Shinto Muso-ryu Jodo Menkyo Kaiden* (the highest rank in traditional schools) and expert in *Iaido* and *Judo*.

Location

Wellness Hotel Dolomia, Via Molin 2, 38030 Soraga (Val di Fassa, TN), Italy.

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Dates and time schedule

Opening on Thursday, June 26th, at 2:00 pm – Closing on Sunday, June 29th, at 1:00 pm.

Conditions for participation

We propose the participants a "full package" including:

- seminar: Aikido, Aikiken/Kenjutsu, Iaido and Jodo for about 18 hours total;

Seminar participation fee: **Euro 160** (a special T-shirt is included) to be given <u>exclusively</u> in <u>cash</u> on site by Saturday, June 28. Other forms of payment will not be accepted.

- full board: 84 €/person/night, tourist tax included (without extra fees)
 - lodging in double, triple, 4-bed rooms as appropriate (the organization might mate participants in the available rooms when needed); it is possible to ask for single-bed use (extra: 35 €/night) and/or for upgrading to a Junior Suite (extra: 25 €/person/night);
 - all meals from Thursday evening dinner to Sunday lunch;
 - use of the hotel relax & wellness facilities and of the reserved parking.

Full board for 3 days: **Euro 252** (without extra fees). An <u>advance payment</u> is requested (see below). The balance payment will be settled at the hotel (cash, credit card or other means of payment).

Children, according to their age, may take advantage of reduced participation fees. Please contact the organizer.

Reservation and payment

Interested participants must:

- 1) fill the **online form** at this <u>link</u> (one form for each participant, trainee or not)
- 2) pay an **advance payment of 100 Euro** for each participant (trainee or not) through bank transfer to the hotel bank account specified in the online form and send a **confirmation email** to the organizer

Reservations must be made not later than Saturday, May 24, 2025, to insure room availability.

Organization and information



Technical programme



Planning

The seminar is conceived to be attended in its entirety. Practice starts on Thursday at **3:00 pm** and closes on Sunday at **1:00 pm**.

About **18 hours of practice** are envisaged, a part of which in common classes, another in parallel courses, in the following disciplines: *Aikido*, *Aikiken* with elements of classical *Kenjutsu*, *Iaido* (*Muso Shinden-ryu* and possibly other schools), *Shinto Muso-ryu Jodo*.

Practice will in the open air and in a hall fitted with tatami mats.

The **detailed programme** of activities will be finalized on site: in addition to practice and resting time, it will include the traditional conference on **Shodo** (Japanese calligraphy) by P. Krieger, *Shodo Shihan*.

On Saturday morning, given suitable weather conditions, a mountain practice session is scheduled, in a nearby alpine pasture at 2,000 m. A meal – fully arranged by the hotel – will be served on place.

Equipment

It is essential to bring, together with a few *keikogi* and the **weapons** (*bokken*, *jo*, *tanto*, possibly *iaito*), the minimal equipment for a **mountain walk** (trekking boots, wind coat, small rucksack, etc.).

Sunglasses and hat may be useful for **outdoors** practice. Please consider the possibility of variable weather conditions in an alpine climate setting.





Teachers

Malcolm Tiki Shewan Shihan

Aikikai Shihan VI Dan, student of Tamura N. Shihan since 1964 and of other students of the Founder M. Ueshiba, and expert in Kenjutsu, Iaijutsu and Iaido. Following his beginning in New York in 1962, he has been exposed to the teachings of various classical schools, such as Muso Shinden-ryu, Tenshinsho Jigen-ryu, Takenouchi-ryu, Yagyu Shinkageryu, also during prolonged stays in Japan. Founder and Technical Director of the European Iaido Federation (FEI-EIF), Shihan-dai of Ryushin Shochi-ryu and Technical Director of the Mutokukai Europe Aikido network, he is also versed in traditional Japanese sword forging. Author of the introductory bilingual English/French book entitled 'Taido, l'Art du Sabre Japonais/The Art of Japanese Swordmanship" and of the comprehensive work "Japanese Swordmanship" dedicated to the complete Muso Shinden-ryu tradition.





Pascal Krieger Shihan

Student of the 25th headmaster of Shinto Muso-ryu Iodo, Shimizu Takaji, since 1969, and after of Nishioka Tsuneo Sensei, in 1998 he received the Menkyo Kaiden, the highest teaching license in this art, becoming the shihan of the European branch of the Seiryukai tradition. Technical Director of the European Jodo Federation (FEJ-EJF) and President of the International Jodo Federation (IJF), he also practices Judo (IV Dan), Iaido (Adjoint Technical Director of the European Iaido Federation), kenjutsu, and the weapons associated to Jodo: tanjo, kusarigama and jutte. He is also an accomplished expert in Shodo, the "Way of calligraphy", in which he holds the highest qualification (shihan). Author of the bilingual English/French book on Shinto Muso-ryu entitled "Jodo, la Voie du Bâton/The Way of the Stick" and of the trilingual English/ French/Spanish book on the relation between Budo and Shodo entitled "Tenjin-chi" (Heaven-Man-Earth). In 2008, after an accurate examination lasted some months, the Japanese government honoured him with the imperial decoration of the Rising Sun with golden and silver rays for outstanding merits in the diffusion of Japanese culture and arts.