

A beautiful year 2019 to all of you



Hoping I can tell you this “viva voce” at the *Kagamibiraki* 2019...

Preparing myself for an open-heart surgery (not risky - about 5 % failure...) I thought appropriate to make sure that the EJF and Seiryukai-Europe continue to enrich the spirit of the European practitioners.

I have brushed “the heart”, (*kokoro*, above), for my surgeon asking him to watch carefully the model before he starts opening my chest... I have full confidence in him...

I see there an occasion to approach, for the first time, a subject we have never discussed before. *What happens after PK?* I had a long thought about it and I would like to tell you what follows before that surgery.

The EJF and Seiryukai-Europe need, as a leader, a *Menkyo-Kaiden* who is available, speaking English and French, with a long experience in *Shintô Musô Ryû Jô*, with an affable character, and who entertains a serene relation with his congeners. You certainly have guessed, I am speaking of Michel Ducret.

Michel is at my side since 1976, so 43 years. Unmarried and retired, he is very available. He accompanied me to all international seminars, from Malaysia in 1979 to Australia in 2018, as well as to all the European *Gasshuku*. More, he followed several seminars in Japan and keeps a very good relationship with the Japanese group post-Nishioka Sensei.

I think that after 43 years of indefectible friendship, he knows exactly my wishes concerning our two groups of *Jô*.

As myself, as all of us, he got his flaws. But I have a total trust in him to continue to lead our art in the right direction in case I am not available anymore or heavily handicapped.

With our President Barbara, our Secretary, Jérôme and our Treasurer, Raphaël, and grateful to our actual teachers group, I am sure that the EJF and Seiryukai will continue to develop in the right direction.

Concerning the future *Oku-iri*, *Shomoku-roku*, *Gomoku-roku* and *Menkyô-Kaiden* scrolls, Maria-Rosa Valluzzi, excellent calligrapher, has the required competences to write these scrolls and apply the seals (that are still in my hands).

I am aware that this message is not very joyful as far as I am concerned. But considering this next surgery or not, this decision concerning the “*After PK*” is something that I should have been busy with a long time ago. This surgery encouraged me to do it and it is well so.

I am looking forward to seeing you again at the *Kagamibiraki* and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

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