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*Unique opportunity to train
with Bakkies Sensei in Bratislava*



VIENNA
CAPITAL CITY OF AUSTRIA



BRATISLAVA
CAPITAL CITY OF SLOVAKIA

20. - 22. March 2020

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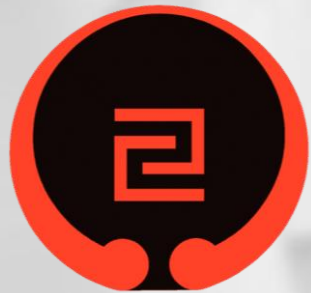
Bakkies Sensei was born in Bethlehem, South Africa on 30th November 1948.

His karate career started in 1964 practicing Kyukushinkai. 1965 he changed to Shotokan (JKA) and was graded to Shodan at the age of 16. In 1966 he commenced training in GoJu Ryu and in 1972 he trained under Higaonna Sensei for the first time when he visited South Africa for 3 months. During 1973 he spent 6 months training in Higaonna Sensei's famous Yoyogi dojo in Tokyo, Japan.

In the following years he regularly trained in Japan and Okinawa. He is one of the few Westerners who still trained in Okinawa during the „old days“, experiencing a training intensity that not many Karate-ka would survive.

Despite major successes in sport karate (South African national team; 5th place World Individual Kumite Championships; quarter finals Los Angeles Championships 1975, etc) he has devoted himself to traditional karate since 1975.

In October 2015 during the IOGKF Chief Instructor Gasshuku in Okinawa Bakkies Sensei's life master Higaonna Sensei graded him to KuDan (9th Dan) He became the first student and the first Westerner to receive such honour.



IOGKF Austria

The beginning of IOGKF-Austria can be dated back to April 2002, when the present chief instructor, Sensei Raoul Vogel, arrived in Vienna. In 2003 he met his present most senior student and friend Michael Holzer. The many hours of hard common training followed by long conversations resulted in the decision to open a Dojo to pass on the values of traditional Karate-Do. In

September 2005 they formed IOGKF-Austria. Here they both present their knowledge and experience and hope to transmit the „spirit and essence (gokui) of Karate“ to students.

IOGKF-Austria is currently run by Raoul Sensei. Their training focus is traditional – self-defence and ethical / moral values. They strictly follow the teachings of Miyagi Chojun Bushi incorporating modern scientific sport training methods into their approach.

Over the years since formation of IOGKF Austria they have formed a strong affiliation with the joint presenters of this event, IOGKF Dojo Slovakia. Regular trainings in Vienna and also in Bratislava enhance and strengthen the cooperation. In addition, they have also been very fortunate in establishing contact and joint trainings with GoJu Ryu dojo in Linz and Goju Ryu Dojo in Salzburg, Austria.

In summary, after many years of hard work trying to convince potential students of the value of their teachings, they are finally reaping the rewards and are looking forward to a rosy future with more positive developments for IOGKF-Austria.



IOGKF Dojo Slovakia

The official start of IOGKF Dojo Slovakia is dated in September 2007, when this organization became a part of worldwide IOGKF. But the real beginning was in January 2004, when the present instructors started cooperating with IOGKF representatives in Czech Republic. They wanted to practice traditional Karate-Do with all values and methods of „old days“.

These days IOGKF Dojo Slovakia closely and strongly cooperates with IOGKF-Austria not only by regular trainings but also by organizing Gasshukus twice per year. They also have good contacts with IOGKF organizations and members' clubs all around the world.

The Slovakian Dojo is run by Sensei Igor Vakoš and Sensei Michal Macák jointly. The Slovakian branch itself is administrated by Kobudo Kai Slovakia organization.

Trainings are oriented very strictly on the tradition of Karate handed down from Miyagi Chojun Bushi to Miyagi An'ichi Shihan and to Higaonna Morio Shihan. Focus is on practical self defence, traditional forms (Kata) and use of the forms (Kata Bunkai) exploring the legacy given to all practitioners of Karate-do through the generations.

Trainers of IOGKF Dojo Slovakia keep training hard and spreading technical, ethical and moral aspects of IOGKF literally through entire Slovakia. They also continue developing their knowledge on national and international Gasshukus.

Gasshuku Information:

Date: 20th to 22nd of March 2020

Place of Gasshuku: Friday: High School of Jur Hronec
Novohradská Streed 3
Bratislava

Sat&Sun: Grammar School of Pavol Mercely
Street Drienova 16
Bratislava



Vienna (www.wien.at).

Settlements along the Danube near what is now the City of Vienna can be traced back to the 5th century B.C. These were of Celtic origin - as is the name Wien, derived from the Celtic "Vedunia" meaning "river in the woods". The Romans established the garrison camp Vindobona in the 1st century AD. Reminders of the Roman camp can be still seen in some parts of The City. Vienna began its rise in importance in the Middle Age when it was made the residence of the Babenbergs and the city walls were raised in 1200. Vienna would become the capital of the Habsburg Empire and remain so for almost seven centuries. Today its imperial past is still visible in monumental structures such as the Imperial Palace (Hofburg), the Schönbrunn Palace, the buildings along Ringstraße, and many other sites throughout the city. After the end of the Second World War, Austria regained its independence with the state treaty signed in 1955. Unperturbed by the nearby existing Iron Curtain, Vienna continued to build on its international role during the Cold War years. It became a UN seat and was chosen as headquarters for the OSCE.



Bratislava (www.bratislava.sk)

Bratislava is situated in Central Europe. It stretches over both banks of the Danube River, and lies at the foot of the Small Carpathians. Bratislava spreads at the borders of three countries, neighbouring with Hungary and Austria west. Permanent residents of Bratislava are more than half millions. According to the archaeological searches the first colonies had their origin in the paleolítico, that is 5000 years B.C. After the born of the Celtic fortified center (Oppidium) and a short parenthesis of a Romanesque in the 5th Century A.D., the first Slavs appeared. During the 10th and 11th century the territory of Bratislava became a little part of the newborn Hungarian state. In 1291 Hungarian king Andrew III granted to Pressburg (Bratislava) privileges, the title of independent city, and others important prerogatives to develop an own free economy and independent market. After the Turkish occupation of Buda, in 1536 Pressburg became the capital city of Hungary. During more than two hundred years, 11 kings and 8 queens have been crowned in the gothic St. Martin's Cathedral. The most famous monarch has surely been the Emperess Maria Theresia. On 1st of January 1919 the city, with the Slovak name of Bratislava, entered to the joined state of the new Czechoslovakia and after the division on 1st of January 1993, Bratislava became the Capital city of the independent Slovak Republic.

Timetable of Gasshuku:

Friday:	19:00 – 20:30 All Grades Training is on High School of Jur Hronec	Saturday:	08:30 – 09:45 Black and Brown Belts 10:00 – 11:20 All Grades 11:30 – 12:50 All Grades Lunch 15:30 – 17:30 All Grades	Sunday:	09:00 – 10:00 Black Belts 10:15 – 11:30 All Grades 11:40 – 13:00 All Grades 14:00 – 16:00 Dan Grading
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Gasshuku Fee:

	Early Birds till 6 th of March		After 6 th of March	
	IOGKF Members	Non IOGKF	IOGKF Members	Non IOGKF
Black Belts	70 €	80 €	80 €	90 €
Brown Belts	60 €	70 €	70 €	80 €
Colored Belts	50 €	60 €/	60 €	70 €

Sayonara Party: no fee, everybody pays by their own. Please, announce when register (due reservation of places)
Place of Sayonara party will be specified

Notes:

1. Gasshuku organizers shall not be held responsible for any lost valuables.
2. At the Gasshuku the use of video cameras is strictly prohibited!!! Still cameras may only be used with the express permission of the gasshuku organizers. Persons who do not comply will be asked to leave the facilities!!!
3. **Disclaimer:** The organizers, location management and staff, the Gasshuku-Leader and other trainers and assistants do not accept any liability or responsibility of whatever nature. By participating in the Gasshuku every participant implicitly declares that he/she has the necessary physical constitution to participate in the Gasshuku and is fully aware that a Gasshuku implies physical challenges.
4. **Contact and more informations** available on: WebPage: www.kobudo.eu, E-Mail: igor@kobudo.eu, gasshuku@kobudo.eu, or by calling +421 903 759 212
(Sensei Igor Vakoš)

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