

# NEWSLETTER - JULY - 2024

## IMAF EUROPE DAILY BOARD



### ***After a Few Months***

On October 22, 2023, the board of IMAF Europe completely changed. A transformation. We would like to keep you informed about the progression within and outside our federation. Our first concern was with communication within the management of the IMAF branches in the member countries..

*Our new website is a clear step forward. From now on you can order beautiful budo items in the web-shop. Every month we collect the necessary orders and ship them shortly afterwards. To ensure smooth running, we ask all boards of the IMAF countries to request a login on our website. This login will be approved promptly. The intention is that the board of each country will collect orders from all dojos and order them in bulk via the website. This method will ensure that we can reduce the cost price very much to ship everything neatly. You can read the correct procedure again on our website.*

### ***Communication***

With this 2nd newsletter we would like to inform you about the actions we have taken in recent months. Hundreds of emails have already been sent, countless phone calls and several countries have already been visited by members of the European Board

### ***Connections***

In October 2023, we were determined to increase the number of countries affiliated with IMAF Europe and consolidate the existing member base. And we succeeded. So we warmly welcome all member countries and hope to get a lot of input from you. Use the indicated channels for this. We would like to list them for you in this newsletter.

**MORE INFO**  
**[WWW.IMAFEUROPE.COM](http://WWW.IMAFEUROPE.COM)**



# PICTURES AND EXPLANATION WHAT WE ALREADY DID

## Good Organization

At the beginning of June 2024, most of our board travelled to the IMAF European Championships 2024 hosted by Poland. Overseen by Piotr Witowski (IMAF Poland President) and organized by Krzysztof Mroz the tournament was a great success for Poland and IMAF Europe alike.

Piotr personally received his Certificate of Membership 2024 and was deservedly awarded the rank of Hachidan from European President David Buckley, for his outstanding work in teaching & promoting Shotokan Karate throughout Poland and Europe.



**IMAF  
Poland**



A few months ago the need arose to design new and unique certificates. Each member country will annually receive a uniquely designed Certificate of Membership. We pride ourselves on personally delivering these to as many countries as possible. The certificates for a DAN degree have also been updated and are unique. There is a different design and description for each degree. If we say so ourselves, the designs are absolutely fantastic.

To promote our webshop, each country will also receive a number of our items to experience their quality. The Hoodie, T-shirt, Backpack and Jacket are already for sale via our webshop. If you want to order a discount package, you will certainly find it a lot cheaper. Individual orders are more expensive to ship. That is why we ask all affiliated countries to take orders from their affiliated dojos and order in bulk via the web-shop.

Many thanks to renowned Irish artist, Mairead Brennan for designing all our new certificates and indeed the images on the items in our web shop – fabulous work!



# PICTURES AND EXPLANATION IN THE OFFING

## Our Website

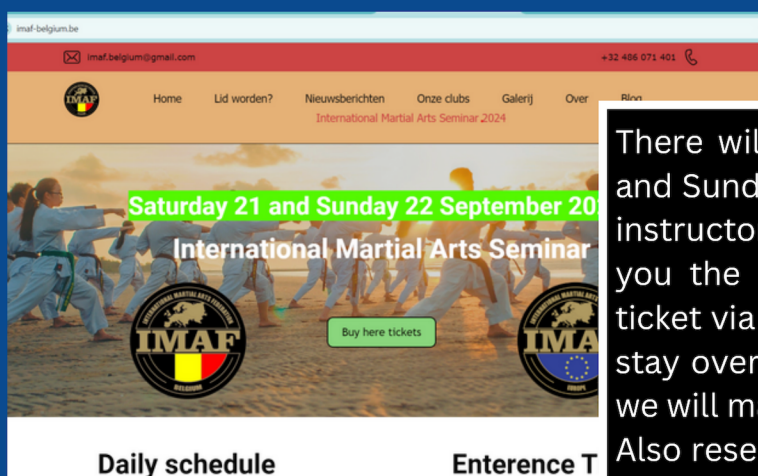
Our website is in full development. In the meantime, our webshop is open. This can only be visited with a valid and approved account. If you want to place an order as an IMAF member, this is intended to be done through the country's board. So we ask every country to create an account on our website. After approval, the entire webshop will become visible to you.



[www.imafeurope.com](http://www.imafeurope.com)

**IMAF  
Europe**

## **& IMAF Europe AGM Annual Seminar (Belgium)**



**registration is required**



There will be a large attendance on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 September 2024. More than 30 top instructors will be present that weekend to teach you the latest skills. You can now reserve your ticket via the IMAF Belgium website. If you want to stay overnight, that is possible. Give us a call and we will make sure your bed is reserved.

Also reserve your own ticket in time to be present during the internship. The weekend program is well filled and accessible to everyone. There will also be a sensation for the youngest children.

What is the program? On Friday evening there is the opportunity for a meet-and-greet with a number of sensei during a cheese dinner. On Saturday and Sunday there is a seminar followed by a barbecue on Saturday evening. Afterwards you can enjoy a performance by the cover band Gravity from Belgium in the bar.

More information and registrations at:

[www.imaf-belgium.be](http://www.imaf-belgium.be)

[secretary@imafeurope.com](mailto:secretary@imafeurope.com)

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## WORD OF OUR PRESIDENT

Our IMAF European Open Championships 2024 are over and were a resounding success and now we turn our attention to the many events occurring throughout the Summer and Autumn across all IMAF countries.

Most notable will be our European Congressional AGM & Seminar in Belgium. This year promises to be spectacular with over 30 instructors from varying styles and countries. Summer camp in Poland, Kobudo and Kenjutsu seminars in Ireland and Poland, seminars in Spain, Germany, France, etc, the list goes on.

But what heartens me the most is not just the level of activity but the cross-border interaction from country to country. We know the skill level in IMAF Europe is high, we've spent years maintaining levels beyond where others have fallen behind, but more importantly is the level of camaraderie and fellowship.

The pandemic, fluctuating economies and so much more has thrown many obstacles and obstructions in our way but we have beaten our way through them all. The IMAFE Daily Board have worked tirelessly over the last few months to reconnect where bonds have been lost. It is one of our main targets to solidify the IMAF we now have, cement our base and expand slowly but only where we know our values and skill levels will be maintained.

Personally, I have always been an innovator, looking to find the better way, the more efficient way, sometimes the easier way. Not wanting to reinvent the wheel but make it more streamlined, more effective. Often these ideas come from within but many come from around us. IMAFE has enabled us to have a source for these ideas, a springboard to bounce them off and often a voice to tell us - "No-that's not going to work!" or hopefully - "Wow - super idea!!!"

For me, this ensures that I never lose touch of who I really am and stay in touch with traditions whilst growing and becoming the best that I can be to the greatest of my abilities.

IMAF should be like this for us all - maybe your reason is different to mine but all our goals are equally important. Without reason and purpose, we are nothing! On that note, we are striving that each of you can find your own reason and purpose. If there is anything that we as the IMAF Board can do to help you, please tell us. To make IMAF "Yours" we need your ideas and feedback. It is a team effort. Together we can make IMAF the best that it can possibly be.

David Buckley, president IMAF Europe  
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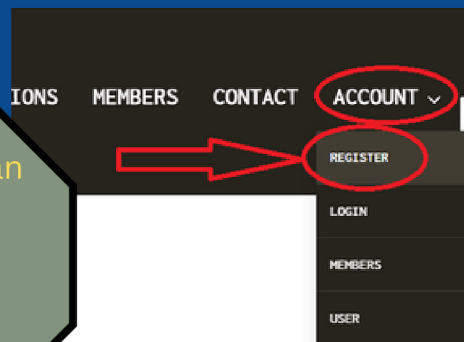


## TIPS FROM THE WEBMASTER

### Our Web-shop

Our webshop is only visible if you create an account on the IMAF Europe website.

- Surf to: [www.imafeurope.com](http://www.imafeurope.com)
- Click on: Account
- Click on: Register



Username

First Name

Last Name

E-mail Address

Password

Confirm Password

Confirm Password

Register

Login

Then complete the form correctly.

- Username: Choose a name that contains the name of your dojo or that starts with, for example, IMAFBelgium.
- First Name: clearly enter your own first name here.
- Last Name: clearly enter your own last name here.
- E-mail Address: use a recognizable e-mail address.
- Password: choose a password yourself. We have not set any restrictions for this.
- Confirm Password: Confirm your password.
- Now click on the Register button.

You will then immediately receive a message on your screen that your access is being reviewed and will be approved shortly.

Once you have approval, you can view our webshop and place an order.

When placing an order in your shopping cart, you can proceed with your order from there. You will then promptly be able to transfer the amount to IMAF Europe through a payment link.

After payment, your order will undergo examination by us, and you will be sent a confirmation and a delivery estimate to your selected email address.

At our upcoming seminar in Belgium, there will be a clothing booth from IMAF Europe where you can evaluate the quality of the products.