

## special Tai Ki Gasshuku in ACBB at 29 -30 may 2010



**a special Tai Ki Gasshuku was held in ACBB dojo of sensei Jacques Legree, Boulogne Billancourt (France)...directed by sensei McDonagh (Sweden), sensei Jeanluc Lesueur (France) and Yan Kallenbach (Holland), all TaiKi Kyoshi graded teachers.**

The arrangements for this gasshuku were made one year before...and finally the weekend-training for all students at Saturday, followed the next day with a test for 12 advanced and longtime students of sensei Legree... was there.

As usual there was a TaiKi senior delegation from Amsterdam to join this whole weekend gasshuku. Mr Julien Porterie and Nicolas Enescaux arranged things for them nicely so they indeed could stay in Paris and join.

At Saturday sensei McDonagh gave a lecture first and taught TaiKi after and sensei Yan finished the 2,5 hours training in the nice ACBB dojo.



That evening the teachers were invited to a nice dinner in a Tibetan restaurant.

At Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> the gasshuku continued with a kind of special test for those ACBB students who follow sensei Jacques - a Gomuku-roku grade Renshi-teacher himself - already for a long time on his TaiKi way. There were 12 candidates to be observed, of which mr. Maurin with his 56 years was the oldest student participating.

We all do know there has always been a strong connection with Kyokushin fighters and their interest in TaiKi, which is the case also in the ACBB dojo. They all know how to fight and to compete, so their nai-chia abilities are good, but there are of course more qualities to obtain in our budo-lives...so we were all interested to see how far these students had grown in the TaiKi way, let us say the more sensible way of nei-chia moving.

We were happy sensei Jeanluc Lesueur came to assist us, so three Kyoshi and four Renshi teachers: mr. Legree, mr. Rouzeau, mr. de Waart and mr. M. Kraan could see and observe the possible progression of the students.

One must know this test was more or less an experiment, as TaiKi doesn't favor examinations and grades. Grades are usually given when a teacher wants to express his concern for the progression of his student and so he will give him a Menkyo (certificate) to show this. Mostly as an appreciation for his loyalty to the TaiKi principles and his dedication, but also to stimulate him to continue his TaiKi way.

The whole session took place at Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> of May from 10 o'clock until 14.00 hrs. and as said it was no examination...so the students had to show how to move under *all possible* circumstances and with *all kind* of partners.

At two o'clock we had seen enough and after a short deliberation we were ready to call the students in and give them our approval.

**Following the names of the twelve candidates who participated and got a TaiKi Menkyo:**

Adolphe Stehpane ,	5-6-1971	became	Oku-iri	Sho dan
Dessaint Laurent	1-7-1963		Moku-roku	San dan
Enescaux Nicolas	1-12-1974		Oku-iri	Ni dan
Fraisse Frédéric	22-8-1975		Oku-iri	Ni-dan
Maurin Jean-Christophe	24-9-1954		Moku-roku	San-dan
Moreau André	14-10-1960		Oku-iri	Ni-dan
Pernas Sophie	21-7-1970		Oku-iri	Sho-dan
Philouze Laurent	19-1-1971		Oku-iri	Ni-dan
Porterie Julien	20-10-1976		Moku-roku	San-dan
Rajabaly Charlie	12-1-1974		Oku-iri	Sho-dan
Toutain Laurent	23-7-1964		Oku-iri	Ni-dan
Uk Hel Chau Vatha	1-3-1969		Moku-roku	San-dan



above the 12 succesfull ACBB-students around their sensei mr. Legree in their middle. With at far left sensei M. McDonagh and at right sensei's J. Lesueur and Yan Kallenbach.

It was a very special gasshuku indeed. We do thank everybody for their contribution.

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