

Report

Referee seminar in Maintal, Germany, 09-10 March 2002

Organization: DeutscheKarate Verband

Directed by: Klaus Sterba, DKV chief of referee council and world referee (WKF).

Participants: national and international DKV referees and masters, about 70 referees

Seminar theme: Shitei KATA (Standard) of W.K.F.

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Saturday 9th of March 2002 the kata of Shotokan-ryu were performed (by Mr. Karamitsos Eftimio), Goju-ryu (by Mr. Stanko Kuma), and Wado-ryu.

Sunday 10th of March from 9:00 until 12:00 was the time for Shito-ryu, the Kata Bassai-dai and Seienchin, with **Shihan MITSUYA Seinosuke, 8th Dan, Chief Master of the Hayashi-ha Shito-ryu** and his assistant Sensei Mimmo Vermiglio, responsible of the Shito-ryu in the German Karate Federation.

Shihan Mitsuya wanted to begin with the kata Bassai-dai because the majority of the referees was from Shotokan, however the Chief referee Klaus Sterba asked to begin with the Kata Seienchin so to show it to the referees from Goju-ryu which had to go right after that. Therefore Shihan Mitsuya began with Seienchin. First he executed the whole Kata and then he explained it in parts. By his performance of Seienchin I had the impression that he was sharp from any side, I thought that none of the referee had anything to ask, because his techniques and his movements were like a feline. I saw all the referees paying attention to Shihan Mitsuya astonished by his ability.

When done with the Kata Seienchin, we thought that the referees from Goju-ryu would depart, however they stayed. Shihan Mitsuya began with the Kata Bassai-dai, showing form, technique and an exceptional power, so that all the participants were there all the time.

That very same day there was the training of the Kata athletes of the federation DKV and seeing Shihan Mitsuya perform Seienchin, with his ability, they came among the referee group to follow him. In fact, because of the way Shihan Mitsuya was demonstrating Seienchin, it was impossible staying to watch him without follow him and trying to imitate his movements.

Shihan Mitsuya demonstrated Karate of high level, soft, fast, powerful, sharp and technically perfect, bringing honour to his Master Soke Teruo Hayashi.

When the seminar was over, the organizer thanked Shihan Mitsuya on behalf of all the referee of the German federation (DKV) for his teachings and with a strong applause from all of them.

I also thank with all my heart my Sensei, which with this seminar has clarified some misunderstandings about the Shito-ryu style, demonstrating his knowledge, his technical as a Great Master of the Martial Arts.

With respect,
Mimmo Vermiglio