

2008 SHINTAIDO EUROPEAN FESTIVAL

Italy
2-7 July 2008

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Ki No Nagare - Flow of consciousness
Calligraphy by Minagawa Sensei

Unifying diversity in the «flow of consciousness» Wednesday 2nd to Monday 7th July 2008

In the years since the beginnings of the Shintaido organisation, from the late seventies until today, our Shintaido community has developed into a diverse and multi-level International community. Each level has different expectations and wants a different kind of instruction. Acknowledging this growth and change, for the first time, we have designed our International Shintaido Quadrennial Festival so that all levels of practitioners in our community can get the best possible attention, while also making space and opportunities for the different levels to meet and enjoy each others practice. In this way we hope that the larger community can be unified in the flow of KI .

The Festival will comprise three events of growing importance :

[An International Shintaido Conference \(2-4 July\)](#)

a gathering of Instructors / Ni-dan holders and above

[A European Forum of Instructors \(3-6 July\)](#)

a gathering of Assistants / Ni-kyu holders and above

[A Tenshin meditation seminar \(6-7 July\)](#)

a gathering of the whole Shintaido community

The program of each event will be managed so people coming to one event will have an opportunity to share activities with people who have attended a previous event.

There will be examinations during the International Instructors Conference starting from senior (seishi-han) and above, and also during the European Forum starting from Graduate (shodan) up to Instructor (nidan). These exam sessions will be open for everybody to observe.

Organizers: Pierre QUETTIER, Clélie DUDON, Giovanni ROSSI

International Shintaido Conference

2nd - 4th July 2008

Direct Teaching by **AOKI SENSEI**



The first event of the Festival, the [Shintaido Instructors Conference](#) is open to experienced instructors, or sempai (ni-dan and above), who will be able to receive direct instruction from Aoki-sensei, cooperate with each other on international matters, and challenge international level exams. In turn they will be able to share some of this experience with other instructors and assistants during the [ESC Forum](#).

In this way, we expect that the KI from our national group practice will flow up, be gathered and made one under Aoki sensei's gorei, and then shared down-stream with other international instructors and assistants through the open space of the Shintaido Forum hosted by the European Shintaido Council.

Aoki Sensei's message for the Conference:

It has almost been 30 years since Shintaido first started spreading to Europe. I am extremely delighted to see that many people have gained a happy life through their involvement in Shintaido. However, it is also true that as years pass by, the distinction between the elements of Shintaido that are well understood, and those that are not well accepted or acknowledged are becoming more apparent. However, if each technique is thoroughly grasped in every detail, the whole Shintaido system can be understood, leading to a pleasurable practice. During this seminar, I would like to make especially sure that the core techniques are thoroughly understood by carefully correcting each person's movement.

Hiroyuki AOKI, Oct. 2007

Organizer **GIOVANNI ROSSI**

You are eligible to attend if you are an Instructor / Nidan or above and a duly registered member of the International Shintaido Federation (ISF)

Registration 2nd July 2008 - 11.00-14.00

International Exams 4th July 2008 - 08.00

Closing Ceremony 4th of July 2008 - 22.00

Price and deadline

Events	Very Early Price <i>15 January 08</i>	Early Price <i>30 April 08</i>	Late Price <i>untill 15 June 08</i>
International Conference	370	400	430

The price of the International Conference includes lunch on the 2nd July 2008, full meals and accommodations until breakfast on the 5th July 2008

European Forum

From 3rd July 2008 after dinner to 6 July 2008

The Annual European Shintaido College Forum is a unique opportunity for Shintaido Instructors, Assistants (and anybody else actively teaching Shintaido) to get together and learn from each other. If you have not attended such an event before, the structure is quite unlike any other Shintaido gasshuku you may have attended.

As we are all instructors or assistants, there are no formal gasshuku leaders. Anybody is welcome to teach a keiko, or to attend keiko led by any other instructor of whatever rank. Proposals for keiko are welcome, either on a theme of your choice, or a theme which reflects the theme of the gasshuku.

In past years there have been a multitude of keikos to choose from, allowing each participant to tailor their own gasshuku experience, attending as much or as little of the gasshuku as they wish.

The Forum will begin with observing the International exams as a study keiko (mitori geiko).

Organizer **MIEKO HIRANO**

You are eligible to attend if you are an Assistant/ Ni-kyu holder or above and a duly registered member of the European Shintaido Council (ESC) or of the Interational Shintaido Federation (ISF)

Registration 3rd July 2008, 21.00

International exam observation & study keiko 4th July 2008, 08.00

European Forum Exams 5th July 2008 Afternoon

Last plenary keiko + Closing Ceremony of the Forum 6th July 10.30

Price and deadline

Events	Very Early Price <i>15 January 08</i>	Early Price <i>30 April 08</i>	Late Price <i>untill 15 June 08</i>
European Forum	230	260	290

Indicated prices cover for accomodations and opening/closing keikos. Prices for workshop keikos are set according to offers and requests (i.e. 0 €for collegial keiko, 15 €for sempai keiko or 60 €for Master class).

According to your time of arrival, you might like to take dinner at the hotel on the 3rd of July (extra 15 euro). Price of the Forum includes full meals and accommodations until breakfast of the 6th July.

Tenshin Meditation Seminar

From the afternoon of 6th July 2008 to 7th July 2008 noon

Lead by AOKI sensei, founder of Shintaido:



I would like each person to master a correct meditation method that can really take us to a deep level of spirituality. This would help us have a greater sense of direction in our techniques as well as our hearts and intentions. I feel it is no exaggeration to say that techniques without a spiritual component are partial and incomplete.

The more we develop our meditation, the more effective our techniques will be, and the more accurate our timing in partner exercises.

In January 2006, I opened a Meditation College that represents a treasury of my life experience, and have been putting all my effort to teaching. In this seminar, I am planning to introduce excellent meditation methods, so I hope many people will have the opportunity to experience them.

Various practices such as Noh, Zen, Sado (Tea Ceremony), and various martial arts that originated in Japan inherently embody a way of life that opens us up to the universe through harmonizing with nature, people, and the universe. I really hope Shintaido will also be a place for such spiritual growth for each and every one of you.

Hiroyuki Aoki, Oct. 2007

Organizer **ULA CHAMBERS**

The Tenshin Seminar is open to everybody

Registration Green (watching exams) 5th July 08 14.00 -15.00

Registration Blue 6th July 08 11.00-12.00

Closing Ceremony 7th July 08 11.00-12.00

Price and deadline

Events	Very Early Price <i>15 January 08</i>	Early Price <i>30 April 08</i>	Late Price <i>untill 15 June 08</i>
Tenshin meditation Seminar	160	190	220
ESC exams watch and Seminar	240	270	300

The price of the Tenshin Seminar includes lunch on the 6th of July 2008, full meals and accommodations until breakfast on the 7th July 2008. According to time of departure, you might want to take lunch on the 7th of July at the hotel (15 euro extra).

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General calendar and attendance of the International Shintaido Festival

Since these three events are not completely separated, one flows in to the next. So, when the time and space of the RED meet the YELLOW, it becomes ORANGE, and when the YELLOW opens its doors to the people that are attending the BLUE, it becomes GREEN, etc.. Here is a summary of the events you may attend according to your level and membership:

	<u>International Conference</u> Instructor / Ni-dan and above, members of ISF	<u>European Forum</u> Assistant / Ni-kyu and above, members of ESC or ISF*	<u>Tenshin Meditation Seminar</u> Everybody, no membership condition
2nd a.m	Lunch		
2nd p.m	Keiko		
2nd even.	Meeting or lecture		
3rd a.m	Keiko		
3rd p.m	Keiko		
3rd even.	Collegial Keiko	Arrival (after DINNER) Opening plenary keiko	
4th a.m	International exams	Advanced exams watch (mitori keiko)	Advanced exams watch (mitori keiko)
4th p.m	International exams	Advanced exams mitori keiko - Offers/requests Keiko	Advanced exams watch (mitori keiko)
4th even.		Offers/ requests Keiko	TOUring lake area
5th a.m		Offers/ requests Keiko	TOuring lake area
5th p.m		European exams	Exams watch (mitori keiko)
5th even.		O/ R Keiko - Recreational activities	Arrival - RECREAT. ACTIV.
6th a.m		Offers/ requests Keiko Plenary Keiko	Plenary Keiko
6th p.m			OPENING CEREMONY TENSHIN Meditation keiko
6th even.			TENSHIN Lecture
7th a.m			TENSHIN Meditation keiko CLOSING CEREMONY
7th p.m			departure

* Assistants/ni-kyu should be recommended by a registered ESC or ISF instructor

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Registration

The registration will start **from 1st of November 2007** on the web site and will be closed 20 days before the events. A non-refundable deposit of 100 Euro (65 Euro for non participating person) is to be made to validate registration. The price category to be applied (very early bird, early bird or late) will be fixed according to the date of the bank transfer. The balance will be paid at the time of checking-in together with extra costs if any (e.g. exam fees, extra days or meals, etc)

Events	Very Early Price <i>15 January 08</i>	Early Price <i>30 April 08</i>	Late Price <i>untill 15 June 08</i>
International Conference (IC)	370	400	430
European Forum (EF)	230	260	290
Tenshin Meditation Seminar (MED)	160	190	220
IC + EF*	480	510	540
IC + EF* + MED	590	620	630
IC + MED	500	530	560
EF* + MED	360	390	420
MED + last part of EF	240	270	300
Non-participating persons	65 per day - 45 under 11 y. old		

* EF prices cover for accomodations and opening/closing keikos. Prices for EF workshop keikos are set according to offers and requests (i.e. free for collegial keiko, 15 €for sempai keiko or 60 €for Master class).

The money order for deposit will be sent to the following international bank account
IBAN IT92 E055 4845 5520 6257 0266 173 Banca Popolare di Intra-Ag.Crusinallo

Cost for extra nights

You may arrive early or leave late if you wish. The daily extra cost (full pension) is 65 Euro.

Contacts

[Giovanni Rossi](#) will be your contact for the U.S., North America and Australia; [Clélie Dudon](#) for Europe; and [Mieko Hirano](#) for Japan.