

Bernhard Keller 8th DAN Karate-Do,.. a life for karate

Bernhard began his karate studies as a white belt with Kanazawa Sensei which culminated in the 8th Dan.

Bernhard Keller is known as a master, examiner and referee of championships and tournaments, he is also the author of several first-rate treatises on the development and practice of karate. he is

recognized as an international expert in martial arts and as a teacher of theoretical and practical seminars.

Bernhard Keller was born on January 5, 1954 in Potsdam. He was already keen on martial arts in the 1960s. It all started in Dortmund in the 60s with Judo (he obtained the 1st Dan of Judo) at the Budokan where he also obtained the 1 dan of Taekwondo. When karate came to Germany, he started practicing Karate Shotokan with Kanazawa Sensei (today he is 10th Dan SKIF), who taught karate-do in the Ruhr (Krefeld) region.



His parents took him to practice twice a week.

Here he also witnessed the move to Hideo Ochi Sensei (as the new national team manager) and successor to Kanazawa Sensei, who took over the position of European JKA manager.

Since then he has followed Ochi Sensei for over 40 years and has also taken exams with him up to 5th Dan JKA. Against Hideo Ochi's wishes, he flew to England with some like-minded people to see JKA's then European coach, sensei Enoeda, in order to validate his rank at the Tokyo JKA. Since then he has remained a member of JKA Tokyo and one of the few German Kodansha (grandmasters), along with some great masters such as Horst Handel, Franz Bork and Fritz Wendland.

In the mid-1980s, Bernhard Keller was fortunate enough to work with experienced JKA coaches, such as Shihan Asai - 9th Dan (World Chief Trainer JKA, IJKA, JKS), Shihan Eneoda - 9th Dan (JKA

Europe Trainer) alongside the former quoted Shihan Hideo Ochi - 8th Dan (JKA, national trainer DJKB, DKV, DKB). He lives in Germany and has greatly expanded his martial arts vision and has begun extensive research into the history and philosophy of karate, which he has not yet concluded.

In 1985 he deepened his research on Budo and his anthropological, ethical and technical theories. Since then he has been in direct contact with JKA traditional Shotokan Karate-Do leaders, intensified his training and established important relationships with various Budo teachers.

As Honorary President of the German-Russian Confederation of Karate, National Director of the German-Russian Confederation of Karate and President of the WUKO (WKMO) - Germany, Bernhard Keller is one of the most renowned teachers in the field of "ancient" karate and teaches original values and goals of ancient martial arts.

Assignments

Honorary Presidency of the DRKC = German-Russian Karate Confederation, founded under Professor T. Asai, Professor Peskov, S. Spivak, the city councilor of Moscow-Dmitrov, the mayor of Moscow and other high-ranking personalities, today leads the " German Department "of the Karate World Association WUKO & AD and the" German Department "of the IJKA-World, as well as the" German Department "of the DRKC.

He has also led several national federations through numerous successes, won the medal table for two consecutive years in the "German JKA Karate Association" with his athletes from the WKC = World Karate Confederation, the WUKF = World Union of Karate Federation and WUKO = World United Karate Organization, winner of multiple European and world championships (winner of the 2015 World Cup).

Excellent martial arts schools around the world are led by his students.

DAN exams

1st Dan 1979 - 5th Dan 1999:

(DKB * / DJKB ** / JKA ***) enrolled in the role Dan of JKA Tokyo

<http://www.jka.or.jp/english/about/kodansha.html>

From 6th DAN to 8th DAN 1999-2012: WUKO-World, WUKO & AD-World, WUKF-World, IJKA-World, Kanazawa Shihankai

8th DAN 2012: 17th Kanazawa Shihankai, International Master Committee, Moscow

WUKF-World + IJKA-World (WUKF - World Union of Karate-Do Federations with entry into the Dan role of WUKF)

* 1986 Merger of the organizations that formed the German Karate Association (DKV)

** 1993 Foundation of the German JKA Karate Federation (DJKB) under the direction of Hideo Ochi

*** The JKA of April 10, 1957 was the first karate association to be recognized by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.