

Letter from Marie-Rose

At my request, the KnKi General Assembly discussed my proposal to no longer administer in any shape or form Ki Aikido, its teaching or examinations, and to dissolve the associated members (namely the Aikido Dojos and Aikido Associations) from the membership of the KnKi. The General Assembly unanimously accepted my proposal. In a subsequent letter, the KnKi Board will provide information to ensure that this transition is as smooth as possible.

The reasons of my request are as follows

When someone dies, he or she leaves behind a legacy, and often several different legacies depending on the position that this person has held in society.

Yoshigasaki was my husband and leaves me a private legacy. Doshu Yoshigasaki was the Sensei of his students and left them a legacy. And everyone is obliged to accept it in full, the benefits as well as what is more difficult to deal with.

For my part, the fact that I am on KnKi board obliges me to take care of the Doshu's legacy, even though I am not his student. Yoshigasaki is not my Sensei.

I therefore ask that the two legacies be separated and that each one take care of its own, myself of Yoshigasaki's/private, the Aikido people of Doshu Yoshigasaki's.

I can't resign from KnKi and leave the association to Doshu's students

In my heritage, I have, among other things, FURUSATO. I am not talking about the building. I am talking about a project that Yoshigasaki wanted to develop in this place: to educate children (and adults) through movement, meditation, agricultural and manual work. And he had decided that the KnKi association would manage the proposal. He had chosen the organizing power: namely Marie-Rose, Anne, and Iris. Iris, because she has been proposing seminars in Furusato for some years, which correspond to what Yoshigasaki was looking for; Anne, because she has been a member of the Board of Directors of the association for some years; Marie-Rose because...me. So, it has become an association that is no longer focused on Aikido. The statutes were not yet established at the time of the death.

At the time of Doshu Yoshigasaki's death, we were all lost and in shock. Aikido people around me felt the need to create a structure that would encompass all his students. I answered, "Create your own association". To this I was told that there was already the KnKi.

This was not wrong... except that it was the Doshu alone that created the link between all these different and distant people in the 4 corners of the world. However, I finally agreed. I thought maybe it would work and help with the transition. Was I right? The future will tell. But in any case, I don't regret the experience, which made me meet beautiful people and which taught me a lot about how a group works.

The book “Aikido in real life”

It is a part of the Doshu's legacy to his students. I assign all publishing rights to Michael Holm. May he make good use of it for the good of all!

Occupation of Furusato

There is an obvious link between Furusato and Doshu's students. His teaching of Aikido is part of the activities of the place. Instructors will be welcomed there to hold seminars according to the rules established by the Doshu.

The seminars already planned are maintained if the instructors wish (Eugene and Heike). For any request, please contact me on my Email.

Marie-Rose 22 December 2021.