



Aiwakai Karate do

Wadokai Summer Camp Aug 2009 - Portimao, Lagos

What an excellent excuse for a week in the sun enjoying the best of the food, drink and hospitality of our Portuguese friends! – A superb course... when is the next one?

At time of writing the UK is experiencing the highest level of unemployment in decades. Only yesterday did the BBC News broadcast that more than 3.3 million homes have no adults in employment, which translates to 1 in 6 homes. But we are not alone in feeling the effects of questionable banking practices and the resulting 'spend-less' culture. The rest of Europe is experience the same discomfort and this was reflected in the abilities of some of Europe's younger membership to make such a trip.



Attendance at the 2009 course was slightly down on that of 2006 but quantity was replaced with quality with senior representatives from the UK, Portugal, Spain and Italy participating. Eager to absorb what they could to further their Wado practice, and the dissemination of theories to their own federations, it was a strong demonstration of well founded Wadokai karate from Europe.



Representatives from Tunisia, Mozambique, Dominican Republic and Cuba had committed to attend with Portugal Wadokai supplying paperwork to the Embassy. We never did find out whether they made the journey or not, and wonder if they chose to participate in the Capoeira that we saw on the Portimao pier instead, as it was tempting!



This years' tuition was given by Sakagami Sensei 7th Dan JKF-Wadokai, president of Wadokai England and W.A.K.F., Peter May 6th Dan JKF-Wadokai, Chairman of W.A.K.F, Keith Walker 5th Dan JKF-Wadokai, Senior Aiwakai Instructor, and Joao Henriques 5th Dan JKF-Wadokai, President of Portugal Wadokai.



The course was hosted in Portimao, Portugal, and focused on the development of 'standardised' Wado to advanced Wado. In next month's newsletter I hope to summarise what we studied on the course but before I finish I would like to thank everyone who

attended for their hospitality and friendship.

I hope to see you at the European Championships in Dublin, Ireland in October.

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