

MR FRANK FÜRST, DENMARK, LIFE-TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

To be awarded with the occasion of the Danish Open Intl. Tournament, 20 May 2017

I. Introduction

Mr. Frank Fürst has been serving ju-jitsu worldwide for 4 decades, from the early days when European Federation (EJJF -> JJEU) and, later, the International Federation (IJJF -> JJIF) were established. He has been a valuable help and guide for newcomers into our federation and from the capacity of his various positions (from athlete to Vice President and long-term General Secretary) within the federation, he was one of the key-persons in the successful evolving of the European Federation into the International one. He became one of the most recognised figures in ju-jitsu worldwide, as IJJF -> JJIF General Secretary for 15 years. Together with the President of the International Federation (at that time), Mr. Rinaldo Orlandi, and the rest of the Board members and technical officials, Mr. Fürst was the engine of worldwide development and acceptance of IJJF -> JJIF into IWGA and GAISF -> SportAccord. Throughout his career, he has been an example of sportsmanlike behaviour, fair play and friendship, as well-known as an individual with enormous energy when assistance and help was needed by the member federations.

In the year when the European federation is celebrating its 40th, and International federation its 30th anniversary, the JJEU has the pleasure and honour to award Mr. Frank Fürst from Denmark with the Life-Time Achievement Award.

II. Biography

1972 Started his Ju-Jitsu career

1982 –2017 International representative for Denmark in JJEU/JJIF

1982 - 1985 Assistant National Coach Denmark.

1983 - 2000 First JJIF (former IJJF) A-licensed referee.

1983 - 1995 President Ju-Jitsu Denmark.

1986 - 1989 IJJF Vice-president

1989 - 2004 JJIF General Secretary

1990 Danish Champion Ju-Jitsu, fight in "Fighting System"

1993 Graduation in highest Danish Sport Academy education as Sport Manager

1995 3rd Dan Ju-Jitsu

1995 - 1998 President Danish Judo Federation

1996 Coach and trainer for first World Champion in "fighting System" from Denmark, Pia Larsen. Former Coach and trainer for JJIF the famous most winning "Duo system Couple", Vibeke Mortensen and Karina Lauridsen, Denmark (3 World Cups, 3 European Cups and 2 World Games in a row)

1996 Co-signer for recognition of Ju-Jitsu in IWGA

1997 Co-signer for recognition of Ju-Jitsu as a sport in GAISF -> SportAccord

1997-2003 Member of the Committee in JJIF for Ju-Jitsu in IOC

2004 Honorary member of JJIF

2005-2012 Chairman of Marketing and Fundraising Committee in JJIF

2006 Honorary member of Danish Judo Federation

2006 Honoured by the Japanese Ambassador in Denmark for his work for Cultural exchange between Japan and Denmark.

2008 Honorary member of Danish Ju-Jitsu Organisation

2009-P.T. Member of the board of Copenhagen Sakura Festival Organizing Committee

2011-2015 President Danish Judo Federation

Frank has also trained - besides Ju-Jitsu - Taekwondo, Karate, Aikido and Judo.