

NEWS ARCHIVES 2015

SENSEI RONNIE COLWELL

It is with great sadness that we have learnt of the passing of Sensei Ronnie Colwell, 10th Dan on 27 February 2015.

We offer our condolences to his family and all his many martial arts friends.

News Archives 2014

November 2014 - Coaching and Competing

The topic of what a Coach Competitor should wear during the recent Council meeting lead to a lively debate. The issue was discussed with the the FEKO Executive. As founder members of the English Karate Council , discussions were held with other senior EKC board members.

The outcome is that Coach Competitors may wear a track suit top and gi bottoms whilst they are coaching if they are also still competing.

Alan Carruthers - Died 26 August 2014

The Funeral Service was held on Wednesday 10th September 2014 at 12md at St John the Baptist Beeston Parish Church, Middle Street, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 1GA

Flowers / Donations to McMillan Nurses
c/o Julie Wesson Funeral Directors, 22 Wollaton Road, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 2NR



News Archives 2013

July 2013 - Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

Important changes to the FEKO DBS procedure introduced.

26 May 2013: Recognition for Alan Carruthers and Dr Josh Johnson

Sensei Ronnie Colwell 9th Dan President of the World Kobukan Federation Kizuna awarded Alan Carruthers, Chair of FEKO International, and Dr Josh Johnson, Development Director of FEKO International, the Noble Order Of Kuzuni Jikisan-Hatamoto (knight guardians of the Kizuna) at the Old Ways course on 26 May 2013. Pictures on FMA page.

26 February 2013: English Karate Council Update

At the English Karate Council meeting on Tuesday 26th February 2013 it was confirmed that the EKC would not support the newly formed world karate body (IKU).

November 2012 - Congratulations Azad

Many congratulations to Azad Kumar who was promoted to WUKF Continental Chief Referee at the recent 4th Asia Intercontinental WUKF Karate Championships held in New Delhi

May 2012: Recognition for Dr Josh Johnson

Dr Josh Johnson, FEKO's Development Director has received recognition for his services to karate via a Lifetime Achievement Award presented at an old way seminar in May 2012.



24 January 2012 Formation of the English Karate Council

Four of England's major Karate bodies held two meetings last October and December to discuss unification with all its inherent benefits. These benefits include: the creation of one Governing Body for Karate in England which will consolidate guidance on health and safety, child protection and Karate instruction/coaching. This new, unified body will also be in a strong position to apply to Sport England for recognition as the National Governing Body for Karate. This recognition would open the door to lottery and other funding for Karate at all levels.

The second meeting of 2011 was held at the offices of the Sport & Recreation Alliance (S&RA) in London, and chaired by its Chief Executive Tim Lamb. At that meeting a paper was discussed which proposed a new umbrella Governing Body which would bring together all the major groups in English Karate. This new body would allow the constituent Karate organisations to remain intact, licensing their own members and organising their own courses, gradings and competitions. The proposed structure was designed to facilitate the continuation of the WKF mandate through the EKF, whilst allowing the freedom for the other Groups to affiliate to other World Bodies. At the time it was assumed that the published WKF Statutes would permit the EKF to participate in an umbrella Governing Body for English Karate.

Although the meeting ended without a final decision being reached, Tim Lamb felt that we were making great progress and suggested that a private meeting between the four groups should take place early in 2012; all four groups accepted his suggestion and a joint Press Release was agreed to this effect.

However the EKF have subsequently withdrawn from the process despite strenuous efforts to persuade them otherwise. This is because the EKF now consider that their participation in the new body would result in the withdrawal of the WKF mandate and this result was not acceptable to the EKF Board.

The remaining three groups; AMA, FEKO and KE therefore met on 24th January and have agreed to continue the process without the EKF, although the door is always open for them to rejoin at any time.

January 2012

FEKO is proud to announce that along with two other major groups, the AMA and KE, it is a founder member of the English Karate Council, formed on 24 January 2012.

November 2011 - Feko International to Rejoin World Union of Karate-do Organisations (Wuko)

To continue in the spirit of offering FEKO International and FMA members a wide range of opportunities, FEKO International will be rejoining WUKO.

November 2011 Referees Promoted

FEKO was represented at the WUKF European Championships 2011 in Italy by our Chief Referee accompanied by Azad Kumar, Stuart Forsyth and Alan White. In recognition of their superb work at WUKF events Robert and Azad were promoted to WUKF World Senior Referees with Stuart and Alan being promoted to WUKF Continental Judge status. Many congratulations to them.

August 2011 - Feko/fma Trademarks

The FEKO International, FEKO and FMA logos have been registered with the Patent Office.

Member associations may use these freely with their own logos on their web sites, stationery and advertising material whilst their association is in membership of FEKO.

For any other purpose approval must be sought from the FEKO Executive.

September 2011 - More Recognition for Feko

CLOSE COMBAT AND HEAD MASTERS FEDERATION - HALL OF FAME AWARD

FEKO received a Golden Award for the Best Karate Organisation and entry into the Hall of Fame of the above organisation. This prestigious award was given at a presentation in Dubrovnik in September 2011.

15 May 2011 - World Kobukan Federation World Medal

This medal is presented to outstanding individuals for their distinguished service to the world of Budo.

This is the highest honour the World Kobukan Federation Kizuna has to offer and is a reflection of a lifetime of service in honour and unselfishness. The recipient embodies the best qualities of Budo. Their life is one of contribution and historic preservation of the martial arts at a global level.



On 15 May 2011 our Chair, Alan Carruthers was presented with this award and again reflects the high esteem in which FEKO and in particular its Chair is held. (see <http://www.worldkobukan.com/medal.html>)

April 2011 - Fma Joins World Kobukan Federation

The World Kobukan Federation is a non political federation with a purpose of uniting martial artists of all styles. It is led by many legendary martial artists. Membership means that FEKO International and FMA members will have the opportunity to take advantage of courses and events across the spectrum of the martial arts.

Its web site is <http://www.worldkobukan.com>

FEKO Leaves Karate England

Last year FEKO pulled out of Karate England mainly because of unacceptable procedural and management issues regarding the structure and processes within Karate England. We were later asked to put our concerns in writing to the KE Board. This we did and all our recommendations, without change, were accepted and were to be acted upon. It was agreed a business plan would be put in place which would reflect open and transparent management and procedural arrangements. Based on those re-assurances we rejoined Karate England. Regrettably since that meeting FEKO has been placed in many situations where we have had to challenge many of the practices that went against those agreed arrangements. FEKO felt that these arrangements were important to the smooth running and harmonious relationships within Karate England but they have not been adhered to and afforded importance of place.

It is with regret therefore that FEKO has withdrawn its membership of Karate England from 7 January 2011. Obviously FEKO is committed to ensuring the development of Karate and Martial Arts in England. With this in mind FEKO will continue to work with major organisations that offer the best opportunities for this to happen.

FEKO and Premier Inn

Premier and Inn get together to provide accommodation assistance.

Congratulations Referees

Many congratulations to Robert Phillips and Azad Kumar on their promotion to WUKF World Senior Referees. Many congratulations also to Peter Radway on his promotion to WUKF World Judge; Alan White and Stuart Forsyth on their promotion to WUKF Continental Judges.

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Congratulations Amy and Maddison

Many congratulations to FEKO members Amy Wright Hamilton and Maddison Moore.

Amy achieved individual gold and along with her colleague Maddison Moore helped to secure gold medals in team events at the WUKF World Karate Championships held in Brazil July 2010.

FEKO to work closely with NAKMAS

FEKO and NAKMAS opt for joint working in interests of British karate. [Read more \(pdf lightbox\)](#)

Congratulations Dr Josh Johnson

Many congratulations to Dr Josh Johnson, 8th Dan Hanshi on his new role as FEKO Development Director

Fighting for you

The cancer appeal fund account has now been closed. The balance remaining in the account was £5752.34 which has been donated to Macmillan Cancer Support. This fund was started by Brian Philcox with Alan Carruthers and Bill Evens as joint signatories. It has donated to many different cancer charities over the years and hopefully helped many people with this terrible illness.

Bill and Alan would like to thank you all for your support and hard work in raising funds and hope you agree that the balance from the account has gone to a good cause. Many thanks to you all.