

GOLDEN DRAGON

In Sauerlach, on Saturday, October 28th, 2017 for the first time in the martial arts scene, the awarding of the Golden Dragon by the International All Martial Arts Federation e.V. (IAMAF) took place. The martial arts association IAMAF was founded at the beginning of the year.

To celebrate this event, the cooperation partner Yoshinkan International e.V. received the honorary president Rainer Grytt as well as the vice-president Andreas Lorenz with a large group of students. In addition, presidents and representatives of several associations from Germany and abroad as well as guests from 8 countries, including Canada and Russia were present.

The event was opened with the first international course of the IAMAF. This offered the participants the opportunity to train with different grandmasters and masters. For eight hours the interested martial artists were presented with the different types of martial arts and the peculiarities of the respective systems were taught. The technical director of the IAMAF Antonino Marchese ensured a smooth process.

In the evening, the gala with the awarding of the golden dragon took place.

Why dragons? In the Western world, he often looks scary and has negative qualities. In Asia - the home of most martial arts - but it has a very different meaning: here he is regarded as a lucky charm. He stands for power, wisdom, strength, supernatural power and divine protection.

The first 12 of a total of 100 custom-designed and numbered dragons were handed over by the President Carolin coat and the vice-president Luciano Gallus solemn eulogies to deserving personalities from the field of martial arts.

One of these coveted dragons went to the president of IAMAF Italy, Domenico Collalto, in the category "successful association work".

In 9 months of consistent work, he was able to achieve what already has one or two tries before him and which today many dream of: the official recognition by the Italian Sports Federation (due to cooperation and a recognition by the "ASI" Associazioni Sportive e Sociali Italiane).

May the dragons bring luck to the honorees and protect them, and start the IAMAF together with their cooperation partners for a successful future.