

INTERNATIONAL AIKIDO KOSHUKAI

April 9–10 2016



Seminars with **SHIHAN PAOLO CORALLINI** and **SHIHAN ULF EVENÅS** are a longstanding tradition. This year, for the first time teaching in Sweden, we have the pleasure and honor to invite the legend **STANLEY PRANIN SENSEI**. Pranin Sensei is an Aikido researcher, author, and the editor of Aikido Journal. Furthermore he is a long time student of Morihiro Saito Shihan and the publisher of Morihiro Saito Shihans book series in the 90's. This guarantees an extra dimension to this seminar and an unique opportunity to meet these three legends teaching together. The last class on Saturday, Pranin Sensei will be giving a lecture on Aikido which will be a fantastic way to deepen your knowledge about Aikido.

- LOCATION** Frölunda Judoklubb, Klubbvägen 8. V. Frölunda
- FEES** 900 SEK (€ 90), for the whole seminar, including the lecture on Saturday.
One day 500 SEK (€ 50), not including the lecture.
Only lecture 200 SEK (€ 20). Payment before first training.
- PARTY** 160 SEK (€ 20). Notify participation when you register.
- ENROLMENT** info@takemusu aikido.org (deadline is April 2, 2016). Since we can only accept a limited number of participants, priority will be given to those that apply for both days
- ACCOMMODATION** Gothenburg Aikido Club 50 SEK (€ 5) per night, or Frölunda Judoklubb 75 SEK (€ 10) per night. Bring sleeping bag. Ibis Hotel, www.ibishotel.se/goteborg-molndal/
- OTHER** Bring ken and jo. Participants traveling by airplane can borrow weapons.
Selling of products or advertising is permitted by Gothenburg Aikido Club only.
All participants must be fully insured.
Photographing and filming during classes is forbidden without permission.
- SCHEDULE**
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| Saturday 9/4 | 10.30 – 13.00 | 14.30 – 16.45 | 17.00 – 18.30 (Lecture) | 19.30 (Party) |
| Sunday 10/4 | 09.00 – 11.30 | 12.30 – 14.30 | | |

Gothenburg Aikido Club started as a small group of enthusiasts in the late 1960's, under the leadership of Carl Hansson (1910–1996). In 1969 the group began with Iwama Takemusu Aikido, introduced by Takeji Tomita Sensei. With 47 years of experience in Iwama Aikido, Gothenburg Aikido Club is the oldest existing Iwama "style" dojo outside Japan.

Welcome,
Ulf Evenås & Gothenburg Aikido Club





Stanley Pranin Sensei - 5th Dan Aikikai

In 1962, Pranin saw a demonstration of Aikido at his high school in San Pedro, a suburb of Los Angeles, California, and in August of that year began to practice Yoshinkan Aikido in Lomita, California, under Virgil Crank (2nd Dan). He successfully tested for 1st Dan (Aug 1965) and 2nd Dan (1967) before Koichi Tohei.

With a letter of recommendation from Rod Kobayashi, Pranin visited Japan for the first time in June 1969 and spent the summer practicing at Aikikai Hombu dojo, Tokyo. He attended classes taught by Kisshomaru Ueshiba, Koichi Tohei, Kisaburo Osawa, Seigo Yamaguchi, Yasuo Kobayashi and Morihiro Saito, among other instructors. He also practiced at Shoji Nishio's dojo in Sugamo, Tokyo.

Pranin received his 4th Dan certification in January 1977. Pranin relocated to Japan in August 1977 where he studied Aikido under Morihiro Saito in Iwama.

In May 1978, he interviewed Kisshomaru Ueshiba on the occasion of the publication of his Japanese-language biography of his father, Morihei Ueshiba: Morihei Ueshiba, Founder of Aikido. Pranin interviewed Kisshomaru Ueshiba on more than ten occasions, the last in December, 1996.

In July 1981, Pranin discovered Budo, the 1938 training manual authored by Morihei Ueshiba, while interviewing Zenzaburo Akazawa. Pranin was promoted to 5th Dan by Morihiro Saito in 1983.

From 1985-1989, Pranin accompanied his teacher, Morihiro Saito, abroad as interpreter at Aikido seminars held mainly in the USA and Europe. Pranin promoted his teacher through his magazines and the organization of events. His association with Morihiro Saito also included the publication of several books and videotapes, and lasted until the latter's death in 2002.

During his 20 years of living and researching in Japan, Pranin conducted over 200 interviews. The Aikido Journal audio archives house over 700 hours of audio recordings, a large part of which have been edited and published in issues of Aiki News / Aikido Journal. Pranin has collected hundreds of hours of film and video recordings, part of which have been edited and published. In addition, Aikido Journal's photo collection includes over 100,000 images including several thousand of Morihei Ueshiba.



Paolo Corallini Shihan - 7th Dan Aikikai

Paolo N. Corallini is the President of Takemusu Aikido Association Italy (T.A.A.I.). He started Aikido in April 1969 under the guidance of Motokage Kawamukai Sensei, Hirokazu Kobayashi Sensei and André Nocquet Sensei, who appointed him, in 1981, as President and Technical Director of Unione Italiana Aikido – a division of the Union Européenne d'Aikido in Italy. In the same year Paolo Corallini wrote his first book on Aikido. He followed Nobuyoshi Tamura Sensei in France closely during this period.

In 1984, wishing to meet Morihiro Saito Sensei and visit the dojo where the Founder created and defined Aikido, Corallini went to Iwama. This was his first enchanting meeting with Morihiro Saito Sensei. Immediately Paolo Corallini became aware that the training method in Iwama dojo followed the traditional methods of the Founder. Then, from that moment he decided to devotedly follow Morihiro Saito Sensei. Since that time he has been to Japan as uchi deshi (direct, live-in student) 25 times to train with his Sensei.

On February 1985 Corallini invited Morihiro Saito Sensei to Italy for the first seminar. This was the first time Saito Sensei was in Central Europe. From that year, Corallini followed Morihiro Saito Sensei everywhere, and invited him to Italy for seminars each year. In 1985 Corallini Sensei created the IWAMA TAKEMUSU AIKI ITALY, an association of dan (black belt) ranked Aikidoka that trained under Saito Sensei faithfully.

In 1988 he received 5th dan Takemusu Aikido from Saito Sensei, and also the 5th Buki Waza Mokuroku (weapons rank) as well as the authorization to give Tai-Jutsu (body techniques) and Buki Waza (weapons techniques) dan ranks. He was also appointed by Saito Sensei as direct Representative in Central and Southern Europe. In March 1993 Saito Sensei awarded Paolo Corallini 6th dan and the Shihan title in Iwama. He subsequently received 6th dan Aikikai.

Corallini Sensei directs many seminars in Italy and foreign countries such as Germany, Scotland, Switzerland, France, Portugal, Austria, England, Bulgaria, Croatia, Slovenia, Rep. of South Africa, Spain, Denmark, Sweden and Lebanon each year.

Morihiro Saito Sensei gave 7th Dan Iwama Ryu to his representatives Paolo Corallini and Ulf Evenås on May 25th, 2001. In the year 2006 Paolo N. Corallini, together with Ulf Evenås founded the Takemusu Aikido Kyokai (T.A.K.).

On January 9th 2011 Paolo N. Corallini Shihan receives the 7th dan Aikikai directly by Moriteru Ueshiba, Aikido Doshu.



Ulf Evenås Shihan – 7th Dan Aikikai and Aikikai Shihan

After training Karate, Ulf Evenås started Aikido in 1968, and in 1969 he began training Iwama Takemusu Aiki, under Takeji Tomita Sensei.

Evenås became an uchideshi under Morihiro Saito Shihan first time in 1973 for 6 months, as one of Saito Sensei's first non-japanese students. After another long uchideshi period in 1977, Evenås accompanied Saito Sensei on his first visit to Europe. From 1981 Evenås met his teacher at least once a year in Iwama or in seminars, until Saito Sensei's passing in 2002. He was a close student of Morihiro Saito Senseis for 29 years.

In October 1992 Saito Sensei appointed Evenås to 6th Dan and Shihan (master teacher) in Iwama Ryu, and his personal representative in the northern half of Europe, Russia and Australia. Evenås also holds the 5th level of Mokuroku (instructor license for weapons). In May 2001 Morihiro Saito Shihan appointed Ulf Evenås and Paolo Corallini to 7th Dan. Saito Sensei also authorized Evenås to test for Taijutusu and Bukiwaza ranks.

Iwama Ryu Scandinavia was founded in 1992, and in 1993, together with Paolo Corallini Shihan, Evenås founded Iwama Ryu Europe, later Takemusu Aikido Kyokai (TAK).

Doshu Moriteru Ueshiba appointed Evenås as Aikikai Shihan on January 14, 2007, and to 7th Dan Aikikai on January 12, 2008.

Ulf Evenås received the Swedish Federation's award "Budoka of the year" in 2001. He also received the highest award of the Swedish Budo & Martial Arts Federation in 2010, and was appointed the Traditional Martial Artist of the year at the 2014 Swedish Martial Arts Awards Gala. In 2015 Ulf Evenås received the Swedish Sports Federation golden medal of service, the highest award in Swedish sports.

In 2012 Ulf Evenås was leading the Swedish demonstration team at the International Aikido Federation (IAF) Congress in Tokyo. In 2013, Evenås was the IAF:s representing Shihan at the World Combat Games in St. Petersburg. In September 2014 Evenås was again IAF:s representing Shihan, to teach and demonstrate at IAF:s Directing Committees meeting in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. At this time Evenås received an award from the Government of Romania for his "contribution to the development of Aikido".

Ulf Evenås Sensei is the Chief Instructor of Gothenburg Aikido Club and teaches seminars in Sweden and about 15 countries throughout the world.