

# Ilio Semino

Born in Genoa in 1951, he became interested in karate in October 1965 with the Master Valerio De Gaetani (student of Augusto Basile) and practices WADO RYU with teachers Atsuo Yamashita, Iwao Yoshoka and Iutaka Toyama.

In 1970 he started the SHOTOKAN with Master Luciano Parisi.

From 1972 he follows the master Hiroshi Shirai with whom he collaborates for twenty years, becoming one of the major Italian experts of Shotokan.

In the years between 1969 and 1974 he participates in numerous national and international kumite competitions (junior champion '69) and kata but more interested in the technical-philosophical aspect of the discipline, he leaves the competitive spirit and devotes himself to teaching.



In 1972 he obtained the 2nd dan, in 1974 the 3rd, in 1979 the 4th and in 1985 the 5th.

In 1975 he obtained the qualification of Master at the first national course of the Italian Karate Academy (A.I.Ka.) in Milan. At the end of the 1970s he actively collaborated in the unification process between the F.I.K. by Augusto Ceracchini and the Fe.S.I.Ka. by Giacomo Zoja.

In 1980 he was national secretary of the High Specialization Karate Centers (CASK).

From 1974 to 1997 he held the position of Technical Commissioner of Liguria.

From 1986 to 1989 he studied SHITO RYU with the masters MIKI and NAKAHASHI.

In 1990 he was awarded the degree of 6th dan by the Federation for the activity carried out.

From 1990 to 1997 he is a member of the National Style Commission of Filpjk and periodically holds refresher courses for the study of traditional Shotokan Karate throughout Italy. In the last four years, his company ranked 11th overall for competitive merits (out of a total of 1250 companies).

Athletes trained by him hold Italian, European and world titles and are part of the Italian national team. Together with the Masters Nando Balzarro and Santo Torre he produced the series of videotapes relating to traditional Shotokan kata and their application, used by the



Karate sector of Filpjk as a study tool. Member of the National Association of Azzurri Athletes of Italy, he was named "Azzurro of the Year" in 1995.

In 1998 he joined the Panathlon of Genoa and the Japanese Seishinkai, worldwide recognized, gave him the 7th Dan which, in 1999, was recognized by the European Karate Union (UEK) and the WKC (World Karate Confederation).

In 1998 and 1999 he was invited by the Royal House of Morocco to hold refresher courses for technicians. He teaches in France, Malta, Romania and England. Deep connoisseur of Karate and expert in the application of kata to personal defense (GOSHINDO) he is currently one of the most appreciated technicians in Europe. He collaborates with Sport Promotion as editor of the Karate sector of the specialized magazine "Samurai".

From 2001 he will take care of the Shotokan sector of the F.E.S.I.K. (Italian Karate Sports Educational Federation)