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Report of the Turikumwe Project - Bujumbura Oct-Nov 2008



Introduction

From October 22nd to November 7th, 2008, (Centre Alsacien de Coopération Internationale and Ligue d'Alsace de Judo) we returned to Burundi for a technical, teaching and administrative training course.

Since April 2006, this training course was the 5th one. We intervened in various sectors: improvement of the practice of the judokas, training sessions with the leaders of judo in Burundi, improvement of the federal structures and development of new projects.

Many meetings took place and strong actions were carried out in the disinherited districts (peripheral) of the capital, like inside the country for the first time.

For the very first time also, we intervened with young handicapped people, in a specialized centre. We took part in a great conference on the values of judo and sport and on the way in which those can be useful in a country in a rebuilding process.

Through this detailed report, we invite you to take note of the whole of the carried out actions, in the way in which those are articulated between them.



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II) The stay in some figures

- **1** conference on the values of judo and how to adhere to it to help a country under reconstruction (Meridian hotel)
- **1** demonstration in Ngozi, in the north of the country
- **4** handing-over of books in the schools which are our partners (3 in Bujumbura, 1 in Bisoro)
- **12** judo lessons with the confirmed judokas (improvement, formation...)
- **18** work meetings
- **25** judo sessions including 7 in a centre for young handicapped children
- **249** judokas concerned in the 5 clubs of the city
- **489** young Burundeese concerned with the animations in the schools of the peripheral districts
- More than **1400** spectators attended our actions and thus returned on their premises while saying that they knew from now on judo

III) The situation of the country

Troughout several trips, we could note that the country is under rebuilding and particularly in the capital. The roads were or will be rebuilt along the majority of the main roads of circulation. This largely facilitates our moves and we, consequently, wasted much less time in transport. Building sites are in hand through all the city. It is an undeniable sign of rebuilding as well in the streets as in the spirits and that is encouraging.

We regularly take from now on the public transport (taxi, minibus and motor bike taxi) even if we still remain, most of the time, conveyed by the members of the FBJ. On the safety point of view, we had no problem at all and could, on any occasion circulate freely and without fear, day and night.

Nevertheless, economic situation of the country, and particularly in the climate of current world-wide crisis (that for which Burundi is of course not responsible), remains unstable and very sensitive to the fluctuation in price of the gasoline (comparable with ours) or of the first need food products, for example. The economic activity is really slow. Some sectors, as fishing, are in quasi-situation of discontinuance of business. Around Bujumbura, for instance the lack of fish in the lake

Tanganyika (Ambassade information of France) is a big problem.

Burundi, from its geographical location, remains a isolated country in the middle of Africa (not of direct access to the sea routes), but we could note with interest, that a radiation, at least on the sporting level, was considered possible, in all the area of big lakes (Burundi, Rwanda, DRC). We will return there later on in this report.

The interior of the country where we went for the demonstration of Ngozi (cf later on) remains dominated by its mountainous green aspects even if most of the primary forest disappeared involving ecological problems. The subsistence of the families is mainly based on the agriculture.

Partnerships of co-operation were signed between Burundi and the Pays de la Loire; partnership of co-operation which is based on the development of sectors related to health, agroalimentary or sport are developed. Through the discussions which we could have with all our interlocutors in Burundi (Olympic Ministries, National committee, ONG...), it also appears obvious that a certain number of social problems are still present. We

could strongly feel that in the peripheral north districts which we furrowed with our tatamis and our kimonos.

The downtown of Bujumbura, in this context, appears in a much better situation. This is why a development effort in the north and south peripheral districts must be considered as fast as possible. In certain disinherited districts, it would seem, for example, that more than 40% of the population is touched by the virus of the AIDS (estimate) and that most of youth (not only youth) is workless and does not eat enough every day, not for lack of food, but for lack of incomes.

Manpower of certain schools are plethoric (from 50 to 120 per class according to the districts and the type of school - public or private).

The shortage of school handbooks, of books of library and teaching supports is also shouting and reinforces

the impression that an enormous work of formation is to be considered.

This inventory does not want to be exhaustive. It is indicative and is the consequence only of impressions collected through the exchanges which we had on the spot. The situation changes in Burundi, it is certain, slowly of course, sometimes, they are stopped and pain to find a new breath, but the actions which we could carry out, during two weeks, in the middle of the districts of Bujumbura and inside the country, leave us a marked taste of optimism.

Our presence, as during each one of our stays, probably gave birth to new vocations. An always renewed passion emerges at the time of our passage. Ourselves let us find there a new breath for always going forward.



IV) Activities and impressions

Cooperation Agreement

It is the most important fact on the administrative level. At the time of the preceding trip (February/ March 2008) we had launched the Turikumwe project (all together in Kirundi). This project was designed to embrace all the actions that we (CACI) lead in Burundi in partnership with the Burundi Judo Federation (FBJ).

During this stay, we decided "to officialize" this project by signing a cooperation agreement between the FBJ and the CACI with, for technical and teaching partner, the League d'Alsace de Judo (cf in appendix the text of the cooperation agreement). The Turikumwe project is thus from now on bicephalous (FBJ + CACI) and recovers all the aspects of the development by judo which is and which will be led to Burundi in the future.

Turikumwe has from now on a double carrier of project: one in France or Europe and the other in Burundi. This new cooperation agreement for a national federation was signed in the presence of the representative of the Ministry for Youth, Sports and Culture of Burundi as well as executive secretary of the Olympic National committee of Burundi. Both underlined all the best they think of the signature of such an agreement. The development of such partnerships is really welcomed by the leading authorities of the country.

It must enable us (FBJ + CACI) to be more effective in our actions by coordinating them in an optimal way. Each project integrated into Turikumwe consequently becomes a wheel of the development of the judo in Burundi like in the area of the big lakes (Rwanda, DRC...) with for ultimate objective making sport a tool for social rebuilding and a vehicle of messages of mutual aid and peace.



Administrative Work

Throughout our stay, we took part and animated many meetings to help to organize the FBJ. For instance, we lead learning sessions to optimize the organization events (championships, tournaments or demonstrations...) or to manage in an autonomous way the Internet site (www.judo-burundi.com).

It is obvious to note that within two years, the work undertaken by the leadership team of the FBJ was enormous and that it bears from now on its fruits.

The FBJ is often shown in example ahead of the other sporting federations in Burundi. It is the consequence of the structuring work undertaken and the quality of the management of President Valéry Manirakiza and of its team.

Nevertheless, one should not be grayed too quickly because much things are still to make and the management of all the projects under process will require even more work, abnegation and professionalism.

At all events, the committee of the FBJ and all the sympathizers of the Burundian judo represent a solid framework to consider the future with optimism.

It is a fact also interesting, to note that the old generation of judokas, which does not practise necessarily any more today, is always present at the special occasions and can prove to be a strong support for the future of the judo in Burundi.

Training (with judokas)

During our presence, we intervened daily with the members of the FBJ, in several manners:

- in the clubs of Bujumbura (technical and teaching)
 - 5 clubs: Entente Sportive de Bujumbura, Judo Club Tori (French School), Ingabo Judo Club, Army, University
- Theoretical courses: musculation, dietetics, new refereing rules, organization of demonstrations...
- Practical courses: musculation, organization of demonstrations...



Within the framework of the co-operation between the Egyptian government and the Burundian government, an Egyptian national trainer was sent to Burundi to help the FBJ. This national trainer must stay during four years. He is already working since January 2008.

We could note that the work undertaken under his responsibility is visible (at least partly).

On the other hand, we have the regret not to have been able to exchange with the national trainer who was not



very present during our stay even if he was in Burundi at the same time. It is sad because it should be an important relay of the technical work initiated by us. We wished to be able to communicate largely with him, but that did not seem to be able to be the case for reasons which escape to us and which concern neither the members of the FBJ, nor of us.

That was discussed with the leaders of the FBJ which is charge of the management of the work of the Egyptian expert.

Concerning the level of practice, we can only congratulate the Federation on the constant progress of the judokas.

The federation has from now on a group of girls and boys of which some have a real potential. Within two years, the group took consistency. The relations between the judokas are excellent and they are not afraid to invest themselves thoroughly in their passion for judo.

A lack of technico-tactic vision is still present and will require to be corrected to optimize the performances at a national and continental level before considering the possibility of results at the continental and international level.

Physical engagement is total during the judo courses and the judokas are not afraid "to hurt themselves", in a positive way. We all were astonished by athletic physical qualities of the judokas who passed between our hands.

On the practical level, we noted the installation of a true National Technical Direction, with the creation of commissions. For the moment, certain aspects are still quite theoretical and work to be undertaken is colossal, but the will to do well is present.

The opinion of David Charles

(Expert technique et pédagogique):

- An interesting quality in the management of the meetings and an undeniable positive improvement in practice in opposition are to be noted
- Nevertheless If the sporting level is improving, the fundamental aspects deserve to remain in the middle of the programming
- The development of judo for young people is an important axis of the development of the FBJ
- The training of future teachers must be considered quickly and the accent must thus be put in priority on pedagogy (intermediate exercises)

- The absence of programming is obvious

- It is necessary to make a teaching effort on the comprehension of the exercises and the way in which they must be integrated into the physical preparation

Possible objectives:

- An international referee (continental + world)
- To maintain the first place at the East African level
- To take part in international competitions (acquisition of experiment)
- To develop a policy of detection



Promotion of the female practice

At the administrative level, the FBJ is exemplary in more than one way. The executive committee of the federation is based on parity (3 men, 3 women) and women are always present in the Steering Committees of the various programmed demonstrations or events. This is exceptional!

On the level of the practice, in the clubs, at least three of them, we noted that the girls practised the judo with enthusiasm and that in perfect co-education with the men.

Nevertheless, it appears useful to promote even more the female practice of judo in Burundi because it will have without any doubt a powerful capacity of social development (violence against women). It appears interesting to support the access to the black belt of the first women (several of them already reached the braun belt). These women will be able thereafter to become teachers and then will be able to promote the female practice.



Teachers

During our stay, we intervened with the teachers of the federation, as well on the tatami as on a theoretical basis, to bring more technical and teaching knowledge to them.

All the judo activities today which are circumscribed for the moment to the capital (even if projects are scheduled inside the country: Ngozi, Gihanga) are based on the voluntary help of the judokas whom we work for two years with. Their engagement is exemplary and they have all a real capacity of teaching and formation, but they will be soon not enough.

The accent must be put in priority on the training of the existing teachers and the training of new professors of judo. If that were not the case, very quickly, all the scaffolding of the projects in progress could be threatened.

New clubs are scheduled to open as well in the capital as in the rest of the country. New "Plateaux sportifs" within centers of young people (Peace and Sport projects) are also considered. All that will not be possible if a real training policy isn't initiated and perennialized.

This must be a priority for the months and the years to come. It could be possible, and it would be interesting for the FBJ, to create a kind of diploma of aptitude for the teaching of the judo. Nevertheless, it is necessary to take care not to copy our system on the system of Burundi which has its own specificities.

In the clubs, it happens that they are young promising judokas who deal with the young people when there are not enough black belts teachers. We could note that the work was done well even by those young judokas.

In that area of using judo as an important development tool and in connection with the projects which could be settled down in the big lakes region, it is consequently possible that Burundi becomes the reference center in terms of formation for judokas of the country but also of the bordering countries.



Working within the quarters

This part of our action was particularly important during this stay. Initiate for the first time in June-July 2007 with only one session for ten young children, last February, we had carried out 14 animations in various schools and associations of Bujumbura. This time, we have conducted 24 animations in 3 schools (17 animations) and in a specialized center for handicapped children of the northern peripheral districts (7 animations).

The three schools were not randomly selected:

- The 3 schools count in their manpower of teachers, a professor of physical education who is also a black belt judoka, member of the FBJ. The engagement of these three professors as well on the level of their establishment as within the FBJ is exemplary. Their motivation use judo to develop an effective educational program is serious and they all are very qualified in judo (each one of them is to lay out to teach the judo voluntarily and to carry the creation project of a club). The three teachers targeted took part in animations which we carried out,
- We already paid a visit, had a meeting with the director of the school and we organized a demonstration, in February/March 2008. At this occasion, speech had been held not to confine our intervention with sporting animation, but to also work to send school-books and reading books to supplement emaciated school libraries. Exchanges also took place with the teaching team,
- The direction of the schools gave their agreement for the animations,
- There exists a establishment project which makes the good share with the sport,
- The three schools are located in the northern peripheral districts which belong to the disinherited zones of the capital.



The three schools are :

- Lycée Gikungu
- Collège Gassenyi (quartier Kamenge)
- Ecole Sainte-Famille (quartier Kinama)

Guided by the initial idea of Judo, worked out in its time by Master Jigoro Kano, as an educational support



to the socializing virtues and morals taught at the school, we renewed our operations “of judo initiation” in the peripheral schools of Bujumbura, by supplementing them with conveyed books, and by focusing our work on the imminent creation of judo clubs on these three pilot sites.

Once again, the desire for discovering our activity was great. For a professor of Judo which forged his experiment in France, the enthusiasm of the young schoolboys and the demonstrations of joy on and apart from the tatami (public many) is amazing and extremely powerful.

Conscious that this type of preliminary action especially consists in making known the Judo over a short time, we retain two major goals: pleasure shared to evolve together (Turikumwe) without reference of sex, and social or ethnic origin, and sensitizing with values which are important to us (respect of the rules and the people, and solidarity between the various participants).

By the emulation raised up during our interventions, we could measure the thirst to learn of the whole youth seated on the school benches. The access to education as been recently set up for free, in spite of the lack of materials and human resources to face the surge of schoolboys... During animations within the Gassenyi college, pupils of the nearest schools joined the schoolboys to assist as spectators, and at the conclusion of our intervention, long discussions could take

place in order to answer their curiosity: from which does the Judo come? Why do you practice Judo in Burundi? How is the life in France? Does poverty exist in France? etc... The animations carried out at the school Sainte Famille, undoubtedly the more touched establishment by extreme poverty, attracted children who do not attend this school of Kinama...

On the question of help the schools to send them teaching equipments, it should be recognized that our interlocutors, directors of school, had shown themselves dubitative during our first contacts last February. Not held promises certainly invited them to a prudence which we largely understand. That's why most of them were really astonished to see us again for new judo sessions and also with books which are cruelly lacking. It is with a not dissimulated gratitude, and an great attention paid to the contents of the boxes which accompanied us, that we carried out the official handing-over of books in the presence of the directors, some professors, and the young girls and boys of the school. For the material support as for the whole of the actions which we lead to Burundi, it seems that only the concrete actions attest true follow-up of the project and give a value to the announced promises.

Approximately 500 kilos of books, sorted beforehand in France, were distributed and offered to our three partners. The container which will leave soon will contain some in greater quantity. In the light of the success



of our increasing co-operation near these educational establishments, the principal recipients are already found...

Lastly, in the optics of the nearest creation of Judo clubs in school, we polished with the concerned future Judo teachers their teaching luggage in particular by acquiring better knowledge in the fundamental aspects of the practice, in the judo for a young public, in the structuring of a meeting, but also overall in the mana-

gement of a club. As that was already mentioned, this axis of the training of the teachers remains a major sector of intervention in the future. None of these objectives must be continued with the detriment of the other if we want to preserve our leitmotiv to put the Judo at the service of a country in rebuilding process whose youth appears as much struck by a sudden idleness than by the desire of emancipation.

Seeing forward to finalise the projects to create clubs, our stay of November 2008 was a good occasion to identify the places where Judo will be able to be initiated with the agreement of the persons in charge of the schools. The sending of a container charged with tatamis and kimonos will complete the process because as soon as tatamies arrive in Bujumbura, clubs can be opened. If we manage to respect the program that we fixed ourselves, the year 2009 will be the occasion of



launching a “new wave” of interventions in the schools and to find new targets, also in difficulty. In liaison with the leading authorities of the Burundian Judo, we will then try to firstly touch the Southern peripheral districts of Bujumbura as well as schools inside the country.



Judo for handicapped persons

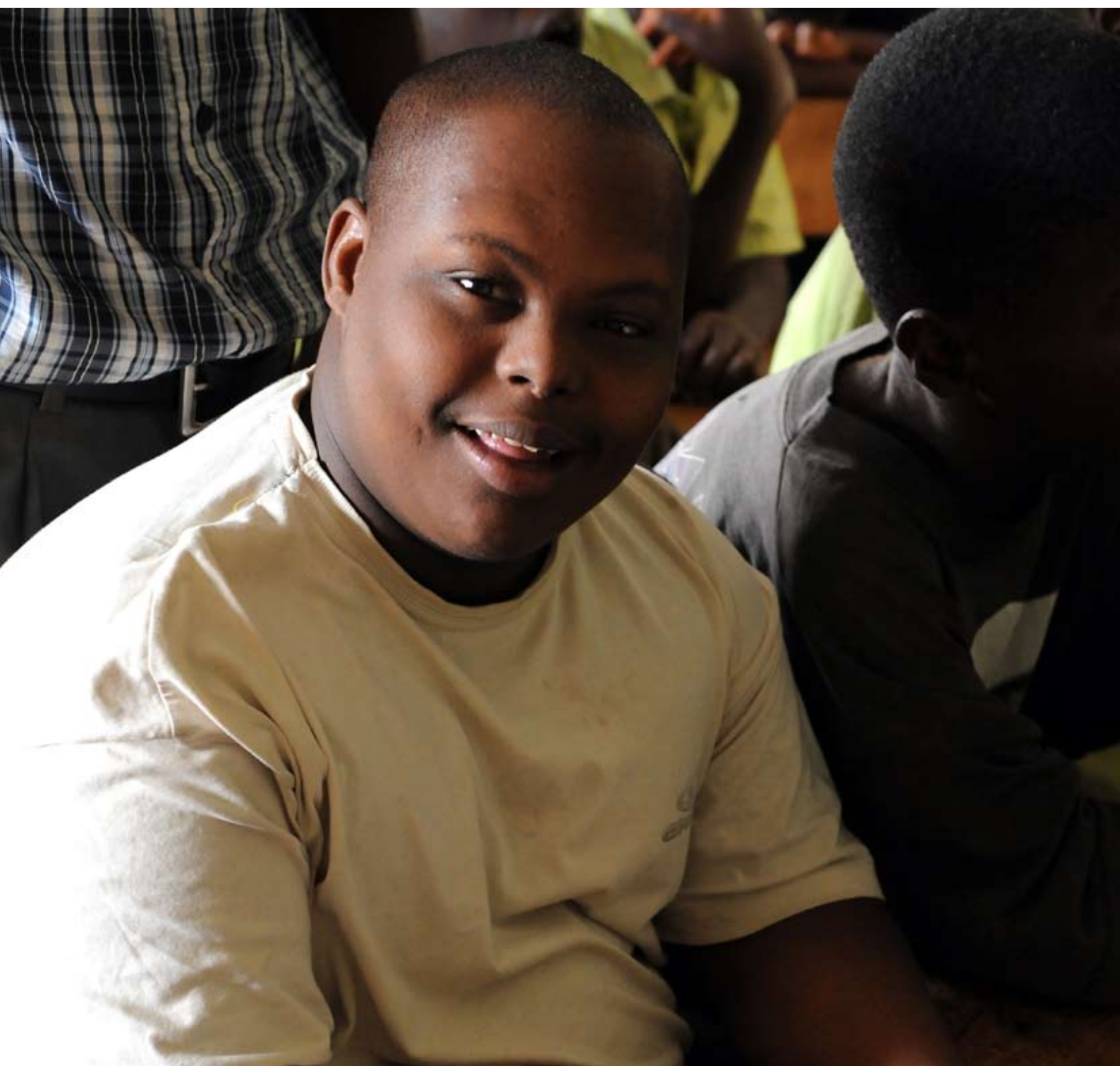
During our last trip to Burundi, we had evoked with the persons in charge of the FBJ, the possibility of developing a judo activity adapted to the world of handicap and particularly to the mental handicap (initially).

Denis Reymann who had already been participating of the trip in April 2006 and recently graduates in the field of the adapted sport, was the right man for the right job.

During 4 sessions (1 presentation using video supports, 3 practices) he has animated several groups of

young handicapped people. The general impression released by these animations is excellent.

We could note that the children of the Akamuri center are particularly well treated and. Nevertheless it remains obvious that the lack of training of the teachers is shouting. Many educational behaviors are based on empiricism only. The theoretical basement is quit poor and the teachers and persons in charge of the center are in the search of an educational luggage which they would be able to apply to their population.





In only one meeting of practical judo, some of them came to testify their “admiration” on the benefits of judo and sport and on the fact that we had managed to make accept orders (put in line, respect of the instructions...) with autistic children who had never accepted any order.

Very quickly, we were solicited to bring answers to the problem of perpetuating the activity. To schematize, to come once, twice, three times, as we did, is excellent, but quid of the future? How to be able to propose an structuring activity like judo over a longer duration?

How to train teachers? Where to find the adequate equipments?...

If these questions apply to the Akamuri center, they are not specific for it. In the schools also, we need to find solutions of continuity, solutions in human AND material resources.

Conference on the Values of Judo

It was the very first time that such a conference was organized by the FBJ, on Thursday, October the 30th, at the Hotel Sources du Nil (Meridian) of Bujumbura, a great conference on the topic:

“Understand the judo in order to adhere to its values”

A first time why? Firstly by the extent of this conference. Nearly a hundred people were present with representatives of:

- Minister of Youth, Sport and Culture
- National Olympic Committee of Burundi
- FBJ private partners (Socabu, Mister Minute, Ecole Française, TV renaissance...)
- Schools and associations (partners of the project)
- the media
- judo clubs
- former judokas
- judokas
- other sport federations

Secondly by the set of themes. Indeed, the subject wanted to be didactic and explanatory with presenting to the greatest number what was the judo and how, through its values, it could fall under the politico-économico-social context of Burundi. The two-hour conference was articulated around strong points :

- a welcome speech for the FBJ President
- a powerpoint presentation made by Salvatore BIGIRIMANA, FBJ secretary general, concerning:
 - World judo history (from Jigoro Kano to today)
 - National Judo history in Burundi
 - Today functioning of the FBJ
 - its structure, its forces, its ambitions and projects...
- a 25-minute powerpoint presentation made by us on:
 - history of the engagement of Ligue d'Alsace and CACI
 - presentation of Turikumwe project

- projection of 15-minute film of our last trip to Burundi
- Exchanges based on questions/answers
- An exhibition of the photographs of Nicolas Messner. It was about the exhibition which we use in France to sensitize with our action in Burundi. To organize the exhibition to Bujumbura, with an aim of restoring in Burundi the images which belong to the people of Burundi.

In an unquestionable way, one can affirm that this conference was a great success. It was first of all really well organized by the members of the executive committee of the FBJ.

This conference made possible to explain in an original and didactic way the bases of our action (FBJ + CACI + LAJ) both in Burundi and in France.

This conference was also a very good sensitization operation and a popularization tool, while being a successful communications action. It made possible to show the determination of the whole of the executive team of the FBJ, its engagement on a daily basis to promote judo and its values, its ambitions to make judo and sport powerful and an effective social development tool.

In this field once again, the FBJ is exemplary. At the end of the conference, the discussions began between older and young generations of judokas and, between practitioners and not practitioners in a way that was great to be part of.





Judo Demonstration in Ngozi

Another big event organised for the very first time in Burundi! During our last trips we have often spoken about it: going inside the country, not to visit, but to act and establish the judo out of the Capital. Easier to say than to make, because if, in Bujumbura, the infrastructures miss sometimes, whereas to say in the all country. Where to practise judo, with who and which teacher? ...

The town of Ngozi, in the north of the country, not far from the border with Rwanda, was selected because a school (Secondary School Don Bosco) was ready to accomodate us, a teacher of this establishment was judoka and would be ready to take again activity within the federation. Ngozi is also a rather great urban centre, in an area hardly touched by the crisis. There is thus a basic work of animation to undertake there.

The organization of this demonstration initially made possible to carry out a preparatory work with a group of 14 judokas of the FBJ coming from the different clubs of the city.

The group was made of :

- judokas between 18 and 30 years old,
- green to black belts
- girls and boys
- all weight categories
- different levels of practicing
- competitors and teachers



This homogenous group composed of defferent people aimed to show the force of judo which is addressed to all the types of public. It should be said that the new moto of the FBJ is "the judo, a sport reserved for all". It is an interesting approach because the reserved term calls upon a form of elitism, connotation which the judo for a long time had in Burundi (sport reser-

ved for the white people in the first times, then for the young black people coming from the rich districts) whereas today the will of the FBJ is to address itself to everyone whatever the origins, the social situation, the religion or the ethnic membership is.



On Friday October the 31st, the group (14 judokas, masculines and female, 10 guides, 4 Alsatian experts) left bujumbura by bus, a transport offered gracefully by the State.

Arrived in Ngozi, some of us (the young boys) were lodged at the College Don Bosco, for the others in residences placed at the disposal by the Governor of the area of Ngozi, which represented a true honor. The fact that the transport and lodging were offered made possible to strongly minimize the costs of such an operation which is not negligible. That proves at which point the federation has from now on a true knowledge to organize events and that she has already develop a lot of strong partnerships.

This has been without any doubt the consequence of all the work undertaken for more than two years .

Concretely, the demonstration was articulated around several key points :

- A 25 minutes demonstration by the judokas of Burundi
- a demonstration lead by our people
- a first animation session with school children of the Don Bosco School
- a kata demonstration and a second technic demonstration lead by the FBJ and us
- a second animation session with school children of the Don Bosco School

The demonstration which was strongly appreciated, proceeded in front of nearly 400 attentive and enthusiastic spectators, and also in front of the executive team of the school and in front of the governor of the area of Ngozi.

We have not waited too long to find volunteers to take part in the animations to discovered judo. The demonstration proceeded on the tatamis which were offered by the International judo federation and which had been transported, for the occasion, from Bujumbura.

Nevertheless, we have now on to work hard to find the solutions of perpetuation of such an action which, of no to doubt, have an unquestionable repercussion in the north of the country.

Hundreds of young people returned at home, the following evening, by explaining that now on they knew about judo. Objective reaches at a 100%!

Judo at the army

For the first time, we intervened within the military institution. The club at the army was created after our last trip to Bujumbura (February/March 2008) and there are right now several tens of judokas particing regularly a at the judo section.

As well as within the framework of the military formation as for the maintenance of a regular physical-activity, the judo is completely adapted to the public we met. The miliary people have excellent physical qualities.

The tatami offered by the IJF is currently installed at the army in a dedicated and maintained room. It is mobilizable (for demonstrations or competitions) at any time.



V) Meetings

During two weeks, we have had many meetings with representatives of different institutions which are or could be partners of the development of Judo as a tool to promote peace throughout the whole region.

Minsiter of Youth, Sport and Culture

It is from now on about a required passage when we arrive in Burundi. We are particularly grateful to the Minister for Youth, Sport and Culture, Prof **Jean-Jacques NYENIMIGABO**, to each time grant to us a little his invaluable time, so that we can present the projection of our work to him.

At the occasion of this meeting, we have had the possibility to present to him the video of our last stay and we have exchanged on our respective points of view. A certain number of solutions were emitted which will deserve to be studied in the future such as the animation of the district and the access to the work by the sport (job creation of sporting teachers which could intervene in the country).

The Ministry for Youth, Sport and Culture is the partner which who we have to develop all our actions in Burundi. He is the privileged interlocutor of the judo in Burundi.

French Embassy

Each time we arrive in Burundi, we pay a visit to the French embassy and we submit a report of our activities. During that last trip, we met, during more than two hours, **Christian DELAWOEVRE**, attache of co-operation and humanitarian affairs.

During a very open and animated discussion, we presented what was done and what had evolved positively since our last meeting with him in November 2006.

We obtained interesting information in teh fiel of partnerships to be developed and privileged (e.g. Pays de la Loire).

We decided to continue to keep us informed of the evolution of the Turikumwe project so that information can also go back to the level of the French Ministries (Ministry the Co-operation, Ministry for Foreign Affairs...). We also committed ourselves informing the embassy as soon as possible on the developmental perspectives of the actions led in Burundi.

Région Pays de Loire

Following our meeting at the French Embassy, we contacted **Laurence ARNOUX**, legal representative of the Pays de la Loire in Burundi. The Pays de la Loire Region signed a cooperation agreement with the government of Burundi, agreement which applies in various branches of activity like health, agro-alimentary sector or sport.

It is of course this last sector which particularly interests us and specifically in the field of the sport adapted to the handicapped publics.

The Pays de la Loire act very actively on the training level of the teachers of Sport and Physic Education. A delegation of the University of Nantes was in Burundi during the same period as us to intervene in schools with Burundian students.

Certain sports have been targeted, but the judo does not form yet part of their programme. We proposed to be able to bring an expertise in the field of judo in order to combine our efforts.

Ecole Française (French School)

A new director was recently nominated at the head of the French School of Bujumbura: **Régis**. The former director, Augustin ZELTZ, had already strongly begun to work with certain national sport federations by supporting them humanly and materially.

The new direction renewed this engagement by stressing that if other manners of being an effective partner of the action of the FBJ in Burundi could be found, it would begin to be the partner of those new actions.

Today already, the presence of the French School on a central location of Bujumbura is an undeniable asset. The head office of the FBJ (before creation of an independent seat) is located today at the heart of the school.

One of the most active clubs of the capital is also based there and national competitions (even international - Championship of East Africa) are organized in the French School. During our various training courses, we intervene also with groups of judokas in classrooms.

Peace and Sport

It is a particularly interesting appointment within the framework of the development of the Turikumwe project. We met **Laurent TORRECILLAS**, Expert Field Operations Director, for the organization Peace and Sport whose missions are to promote the structuring values of education by sport to the service of the individuals and the communities throughout the world.

Whereas the political officials and sportsmen are conscious of the peaceful values conveyed by sport, and of its capacity to prevent the conflicts, they still too seldom collaborate on this precise sector.

Confronted with complex situations, they often test difficulties of setting up synergies necessary to regulate the problems. Thus "Peace and Sport" proposes to act so that the sport becomes the fulcrum of concerted political actions, effective and adapted, and becomes an essential tool to the service of peace.

We presented our joint action (FBJ and CACI) and emitted the wish to be able to integrate the policy of construction of peace by sport conveyed by Peace and Sport.

We remain in close contact in order to be able as soon as that is possible to present the work which we have undertaken in a very concrete way for more than 2 years with a history which goes back to more than 25 years.

Comité National Olympique

We met, on several occasions, **Tharcisse HARERIMANA**, executive secretary of the Burundian Olympic National committee which, within sight of all what the National Judo Federation in collaboration with CACI, undertakes, decided to support even more our action.

After having assembled the request dossiers, two training courses should be able to be financed by the NCO and Olympic Solidarity during 2009 (a training course of 2 weeks and a training course of 2 months). These actions will have to be carried out to help the national team of judo of Burundi to improve itself, but they must also have a strong impact near the populations of the districts of the capital (particularly disadvantaged districts) like inside the country.

Tharcisse underlined the fact that the projects that could be helped have to be capitalized on what already exists in order to benefit of the expertise of people knowing Burundi (CACI + LAJ) and so that those project can enter a development policy on the basis of platform of widened knowledge.

The CNO is committed actively supporting the federations which have projects which fall under a development of the Burundian society and which are carrying strong values of social cohesion and mutual aid.

He emitted the wish that we can intervene on a popularization of the moral code of the judo applied to other sectors of the everyday life.

In close cooperation with the national federations, and for this reason the FBJ is exemplary, and with structures such as Peace and Sport or Judo for Peace (FIJ), development projects in the axis of Ruzizi (Burundi, Rwanda, DRC) with the nerve centre based in Burundi, training programs and multinational exchanges or prospects for creation of associations in the districts of Bujumbura (Town hall of Bujumbura) for the animation of youth, are under studying.

The FBJ will have to play a paramount role in this development policy. The signature of the cooperation agreement between the FBJ and the CACI, registers us de facto from this point of view also.

Handicap Federation

Through our discussion with **Nicodème KAMURARI**, national chief technical officer, we had contact with the handicap federation of Burundi which is in the search and in request for development programs by sport for the handicapped people (mental and physics handicaps). The intervention that we had in the Akamuri center must be used as a basis for future developments.

City of Bisoro

We supported, through the contacts tied via the FBJ, the educational development of the Commune of Bisoro, inside the country. More than two tons of school books and library books were conveyed in September in Burundi, through a German financing. A half returned to the FBJ with which we made distributions in the partners schools, while other half was given officially to **Mathias Ndikumana** representing of Bisoro, at the end of our stay. Other sendings are possible in the future with the possibility of making use of this springboard to establish the judo in this area of the country. We will remain in close relation.

Directors of school and persons in charge of the Akamuri center

During each one of our passages in the partners schools where we have setted up our actions of discovering judo, we met the directors who all testified their will to make of their establishment a center of support for the development of the practice in the districts.

They all without exception asked us when we have schedule to come back and how we consider the perpetuation of the activities. Our answer is clear: if there is a will of the directions (with provision of a room), if there is a judo teacher, and if only the equipments are missins, we will do our best to support the sending of thoses equipments.

It is precisely on that that we work actively in France with the sending of a container. The same problems were raised by the team responsible for the Akamuri center. We have, with our presence, revealed the needs and we have caused an attempt. It is necessary from now on to be able to answer it positively not to cause frustration and dissatisfaction which would be prejudicial to everyone.

Conveyor

Within the framework of the project of sending of a container, we met the selected conveyor. He is installed in Burundi.

It is the SWIGT GLOBAL LOGISITIC socity. We will be put in relation to the office of Strasbourg and all the formalities will be managed starting from Strasbourg, while the payment of all the service (+/- 6000 euros) will be done in Burundi. The container should be able to be ready from here end 2008/beginning 2009.

To date, the budget is in way to be buckled and we can right now consider the sending of a container for the year 2010.





VI) Perspectives, projets et conclusions

We tried to be the most exhaustive possible in the drafting of this report. It must be the base of our common reflexion (CACI + FBJ + institutional and private partners) for the future developments.

An important turning was negotiated with the signature of the cooperation agreement officialized between the FBJ and CACI, which makes Turikumwe project a platform of work which must become increasingly effective and powerful. Judo consequently becomes a powerful development tool. But the main aim is, through the development of judo activities, to make sport development and consequently, social development. Judo has this huge chance to be based on a moral code which must allow us, all together, to convey messages of peace, to work with education and training, while giving to the center of all the development process, the human being (which is young person, less young, in good health or in situation of difficulty).

The Turikumwe project is thus, by the signature of the cooperation agreement, widened. Contacts made with Peace and Sport (transnational projects) or with Judo for Peace (contact of the FBJ - construction of the federal



HQ and the dojo, training centre, reception of young people...) and with all the institutional or private partners have as an aim posted to widen the platform of the project and to make of it an important actor of human development in Burundi, with connections with all the other actors already engaged on the field.

In this context, the Olympic National committee committed itself very strongly financing development programs containing judo, during 2009. An important prepara-

tory work is to be realized. Always in same logic, very interesting ideas were emitted for the animation of the districts of Bujumbura like inside the country.

Lastly, we seriously discussed the initiation of a transnational project between France and Burundi (young



people in difficulty in France which could come to share one moment of life with young Burundians during the construction of a classroom). The methods of this project of which the responsible is our educational person in charge Frederic Barthélémy, are still to determine because it is about an objective of scale.

All the actions which we have concretely carried out on the field for more than two years bear their fruits. We note it at each one of our arrivals. And it is a true happiness. We all are very proud of the work which is completed on a daily basis in Burundi as in France. It is truly a great success which is now in a new phase of development.

We multiplied the actions always in close cooperation with the FBJ people, in the center of Bujumbura as in periphery or inside the country. We worked with all the publics (valid and handicapped, young judokas and less confirmed judokas, beginners and practitioners, men and women...) always in a cordial environment.

The important idea of all these actions is that it is from now on absolutely necessary that we set up a true policy of formation. Without that, the raised hopes could remain dead letter and cause much disappointments. We hardly believe in it, but it is paramount to be vigilant.

All our work, during the coming weeks will have to be focused on the teaching policy that we have to invent for the months and years to come. Burundi can become in a future a powerful training centre of which all the actors will be able to be proud of.

The PERPETUATION of the actions is necessary. To come to make animations in the districts, it is good, it is necessary, but it is not sufficient. Let us be imaginative and original to make judo and sport a tool impossible to circumvent for social rebuilding.

For that, we owe all to work with the problems of the sending of material. Our passage in a school generates desires and needs for which they is necessary for us to be able to answer effectively. A container is under preparation. It will undoubtedly be followed by others. At the time of this trip, we also, on several occasions, made



handing-over of books which made the happy ones. We will reiterate this type of operation because the sport should not be confined within its only activity.

2008 is completed on an extraordinary assessment after the two trips which we carried out this year (February/ March and October/November). We intend to make of 2009, the year of pedagogy as the one of routing of materials.

We cannot complete this report without sending a enormous thank you to all our Burundian partners which complete a colossal work on the fields, as with all our partners in France without which nothing would be possible since more than 25 years in Burundi.



APPENDICES - text of the cooperation agreement

Between

Burundi JUDO FEDERATION, called FBJ
Represented by Valéry MANIRAKIZA
President

And

The Centre Alsacien de Coopération Internationale, called CACI
Represented by Nicolas MESSNER
vice-President, representing the President

Within the framework of the development actions by sport and judo, led to Burundi, by the FBJ and CACI, in close cooperation with the Ligue d'Alsace de Judo, already partner of the FBJ, two associations (one of Burundian right and the other of French right) officialize, by the present one, the cooperation agreement linking them in an implicit way since April 2006.

The whole of the operations undertaken within the framework of this agreement, as well on the Burundian ground as on the French territory is gathered under name "PROJECT TURIKUMWE" (all together in Kirundi).

This collaboration is established in the various sectors of competence of the two signatory parties and has the aim of implementing all the legal and respectful means of the deontology of the sport and the moral code of judo, for the promotion of judo and sport to the service of a country in rebuilding process.

This cooperation agreement, whose modes of enforcement could be, constantly, revised or modified with agreement of the two parts, extends, as from this day, without definite duration.

It recovers aspects going of the teaching and technical support, of the formation of teachers, leaders and practitioners, with the logistical support for the promotion of judo and sport in Burundi.

This co-operation can also extend to other fields, such as education, health or culture... but always in agreement with the leading authorities of judo in Burundi.

The means implemented can be of different nature, as well human as material.

The FBJ and CACI are committed communicating all the information considered to be useful for the promotion of the ideal of social development by sport which they set.

The FBJ and CACI are committed to support themselves in all confidence, on their mutual expertise in their field of competence.

Made in Bujumbura, Novembre the 6th 2008,

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President de la FBJ

Nicolas MESSNER
Vice-President
For the President of CACI







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