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Dear Anita's Family, Friends and Students,

With deep regret we received this very sad information, that our Friend and Colleague Anita Köhler has passed away untimely.

Anita was Co-founder of ISBA and Board Member for 8 consecutive years. She was always among creators, organizers and participant of meaningful activities: GERK Self-Study Group of European Instructors on Kashima-no Tachi (2011-2014), International Summer Seminars in Darmstadt (2009) and Strausberg (2012), Budo Spirit Research Seminars with Inaba Sensei (2013-2015), Youth Exchange between Japanese and German Kids (2014, 2016), Women Group Visit to Shiseikan in 2015. In May 2017 she accomplished her long-term dream: Himorogi Budojo. Unfortunately, due to health heavy condition, Anita was unable to attend its inauguration.

In August 2017 we started to discuss with Anita plans to celebrate 10th Anniversary of ISBA, aimed for 27th of April 2019. We chose Bad Saarow as a place, and Anita was happy to host us at Himorogi Budojo. We want to keep up the wish of Anita, and, if circumstances permit, look forward meeting there in Spring next year, believing that Anita's spirit will be with us.

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Within last 2 weeks ISBA Board received many letters from Europe and Japan with commemorative testimonies. Let us quote some of them:

"It is with great shock and sadness that I learned of Anita's passing away"

"Anita san was always full of motivation, confidence, and challenging spirits. At the same time, she was warm-hearted."

"I am very sad about Anita's decease. It has been such a pleasure to collaborate with such a smart, committed and heartedly person. I'll be present with my spirit to accompany Anita in her last home."

"Anita and I became close in the last few years. I was hoping for more time. A great loss..."

"I just read - that Anita passed away!! Can't believe it. Can't believe it. I am very sad about that. This is way too early."

"I just cannot believe. I met Anita last year that's why it's so hard for me to believe this and I feel deep sadness. I pray her soul may rest in peace."

"We didn't know Anita long, but she was always very kind to us"

"I am very very sad. She will keep living in my heart forever"

"I remember her as a good human being, a fair, caring and supportive person, with a nice sense of humor."

"I will not forget her passion, curiosity and kindness."

She will always remain in our hearts.

On behalf of ISBA Board and Community

Adam Radecki

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