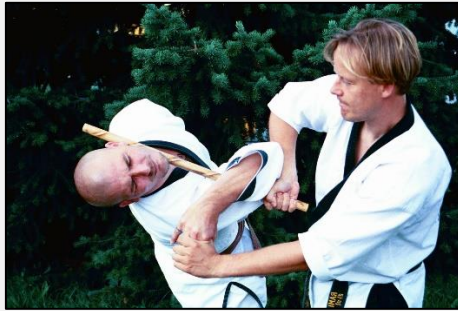


KOMBATAN AND MANO MANO IN FINLAND

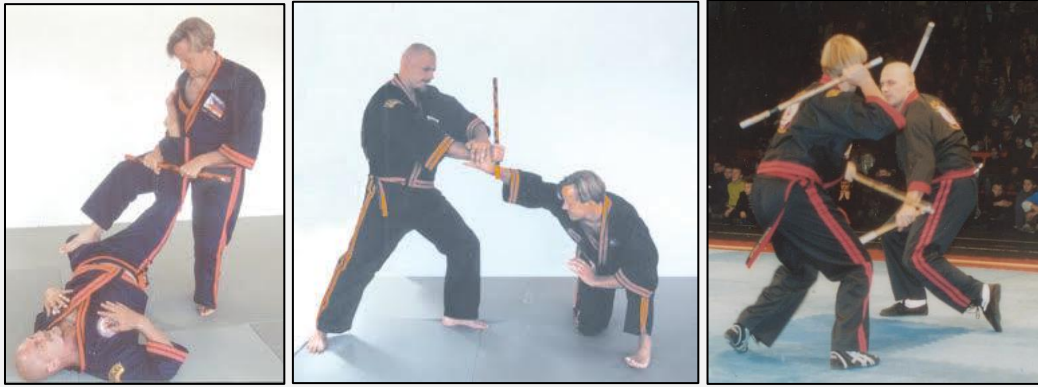
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Grandmaster Rami Vainionpää is the Chief Instructor of Sin Moo Hapkido in Northern Europe, and he had a close relationship with the late Grandmaster Juerg Ziegler, who lived in Switzerland and was one of Rami's teachers. I had a good teacher-student relationship with Rami, and in the late 1990s, Rami asked me if I would be willing to co-lead Kombatan in Finland with him. I was willing and, of course, grateful for this opportunity.



Grandmaster Juerg Ziegler visited us in Pori to lead a couple of introductory camps on Kombatan techniques, and that's how it all began. This happened in the year 2000.





Shortly after this, we had the opportunity to go to Switzerland to attend a Kombatan training camp in the year 2001. The camp was led by the founder and chief instructor of Kombatan, Grandmaster Ernesto A. Presas Sr. We went to Switzerland with open minds and the goal of learning the Kombatan program to begin teaching in Finland.

From the first meeting with Grandmaster Ernesto Presas, I remember his kindness and how he welcomed us with open arms and thoughtfulness. We practiced diligently every day, and I recall that after a few hours of daily training at the camp, Grandmaster Rami and I thought we could relax, but Ernesto Presas gave us a few extra hours of training every day. The week was physically very demanding, but it opened the door to Kombatan for us.



After returning to Finland with Grandmaster Rami, we began to build the curriculum system of Kombatan in Finland. Officially, we started teaching Kombatan in Finland in the same year, 2001. In the early days, it was natural for us to operate under the umbrella of Sin Moo Hapkido and teach Kombatan at the Sin Moo Hapkido school in Pori. From 2001 to 2003, we taught according to the technical system we received from Ernesto Presas at the camp in Switzerland. We immediately began to spread the art outside of Finland, and together with Rami

and I held the first Kombatán camp in Latvia in 2001. Since then, I have been teaching many seminars in Latvia, with the most recent being in the year 2024.



LATVIA 2001



LATVIA 2009



LATVIA 2012



LATVIA 2024

In 2001, we joined the main organization of Kombatán worldwide, called the International Philippine Martial Arts Federation (IPMAF).

GGM ERNESTO A. PRESAS SR. IPMAF logo until 2010



GM ERNESTO G. PRESAS JR. IPMAF logo from 2010 onwards

In 2003, we invited the founder of Kombatán, grandmaster Ernesto A. Presas, to Finland to teach us. He and his family spent a week in Finland. We practiced a lot privately, but there was also an open camp in Pori over the weekend. During the week of training, we fine-tuned the Finnish technical system, and a big help in that was Master Michael Ermac, who was accompanying grandmaster Ernesto Presas.



PORI 2003





In 2003, we held our first summer camp in Pomarkku, near Pori. Since then, the summer camp has been held every year, with the exception of the COVID-19 pandemic period.



KOMBATAN FINLAND
PATCH FROM THE
YEAR 2003



At some point after Grandmaster Presas's camp, Finland's Kombatan rented its own small space in the old Cotton Mill in Pori, and thus the first Kombatan facilities in Finland came into being. The camps were primarily held on the other side of the wall in the Sin Moo Hapkido school. Beginner courses were offered, and a few clubs also started in Finland. Personally, I stepped back from active involvement in teaching and practicing Sin Moo Hapkido in 2004, and since then, I have focused 100% on Filipino martial arts, with Kombatan being my main discipline.

Kombatan in Uusikaupunki started operating in 2004 by Teppo Honkasalo. The group was in connection with the local Sin Moo Hapkido club. In 2005, Veli-Matti Uusikartano began to take responsibility for running the training group and in 2007 he started the first official Kombatan beginner course in Uusikaupunki. In 2008, the Uusikaupunki club also started teaching Mano Mano.



After Rami and I, the first individuals in Finland to achieve the black belt in Kombatan were Jouko Kivelä, Arttu Heinilä, and Antti Kata. Jouko attained his black belt in 2005, while Antti and Arttu achieved theirs in 2006. Altogether, 25 people have earned a black belt in Kombatan in Finland.

At this point, Kombatan clubs were established not only in Pori but also in Vantaa, Tampere, and Uusikaupunki. The activities in Vantaa eventually ceased, but the other clubs continued to thrive. Tommi Ylirönni began teaching Kombatan in Tampere in 2007, and the activities are ongoing.

Next, Grandmaster Ernesto visited Finland in 2008 to teach us. The camp was fantastic, with many participants, and there are plenty of great memories from that week. During the same camp, I was granted permission to establish the European Modern Mano Mano Association and begin offering Mano Mano training.



KOMBATAN
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2001-2002

KOMBATAN
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2003-2014

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FINLAND LOGO
IN COLOR
2003-2014

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2011-2015

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2016 ->



FINLAND AND
EUROPEAN
MANO MANO
LOGO
2008-2015

FINLAND
MANO MANO
LOGO
2015

EUROPEAN
MANO MANO
LOGO
2016 ->



Since the beginning of 2016, we have ceased using Finland's own logo and have exclusively used logos of European organizations. The first Mano Mano logo was designed in 2008 by Kari Pennanen from Vantaa, who had previously taught Mano Mano. The latest and current logo for the European organization of Kombatán was designed by Tommi Ylirönni from Tampere. All other logos were designed by external parties.

In 2008, a distinct belt technique system was created for Mano Mano, and teaching commenced. Mano Mano is Kombatán's unarmed self-defense system, with techniques based on Ernesto Presas's vision of unarmed self-defense. Mano Mano has been taught in Finland in Pori, Lohja, Vantaa, Seinäjoki, Uusikaupunki, and Lappeenranta. Seinäjoki and Vantaa are no longer active, but activities in other cities continue to run smoothly.



After attending Grandmaster Presas's camp, myself and Jouko Kivelä, followed the Grandmaster to Sweden, where we participated in an international Kombatán camp. At this camp, I met Grandmaster Andy Elliott (Australia), Grandmaster Johan Skålborg (Sweden), and many others for the first time. This marked the beginning of Finland's international relations within Kombatán.



Since then, I have frequently traveled to Sweden to teach Kombatán and Mano Mano, including in the years 2011, 2013, 2015, 2018, and 2019. Often, Finnish practitioners have accompanied me during these trips.



In 2009, the first Finnish Kombatan Championship was held. Jani Laasa won the heavyweight stick-fighting category, while Markus Leino secured the title in the lighter weight division. Tuomas Aalto won the gold in the forms competition.

Porilaisille kolmoisvoitto kombatanin ensimmäisissä SM-kisoissa

KOMBATANIN ensimmäiset suomenmestaruuskilpailut ratkoitiin Porissa viime viikontoppuna. Suomenmestaruuskisista taisteltiin liikesarjoissa (anyo) ja yhden kepin täyskon-taktiotteluissa.

Porilaiset olivat hurjana otelussa ja ottivat kolmoisvoiton molemmissa otteluluokissa. Nuoret Markus Leino ja Alfred Koikkonen taistelivat tasapuolisesti viimeiseen pisteeseen saakka Leino niukasti sarjan voittaan. Pronssia samassa sarjassa tydensi Sami Lehtonen.

Raskaan sarjan finaalissa Jani Laasa otteli tasaväisessä ottelussa voiton Jani Ojalasta ja sarjan kolmonen oli Toni Romppanen.

Liikesarjoissa Porin tuli suomenmestaruus Tuomas Aal-lolle, joka näytti kyntensä voittaen avoimen sarjan, josta muut sijat menivät Uuteenkaupunkiin.

Porin Kombatan-seuralla oli kunnia aloittaa ensimmäi-set SM-kilpailut, kun tämmökin lajin pääkallopaikka löytyy Porista.

-Otteluiden taso oli erittäin korkea ja nämä pojat tulevat pärjäämään tulevaisuudessa suuremmisakin kisoissa kun vain jaksavat edelleen harjoitella pitkäjänteisesti, Suomen Kombatanin pääohjaajat Rami Väistönpää ja Toni Harell vakuuttavat.

Suomen maajoukkue on kutsuttu Atlantaan huhtikuussa järjestettäviin Kombatan World Open 2010 tapahtumaan, johon suomenmestarit lähtevät mukaan.



The next significant event with Grandmaster Ernesto, which had a profound impact on both myself and Kombatan in Finland, was the IPMAF-Kombatan World Camp held in the Philippines in 2009. Six individuals from Finland attended the two-week camp: Jouko Kivelä, Veli-Matti Uusikartano, Milla Ranta, Toni Niemi, Tiia Niemi, and myself.

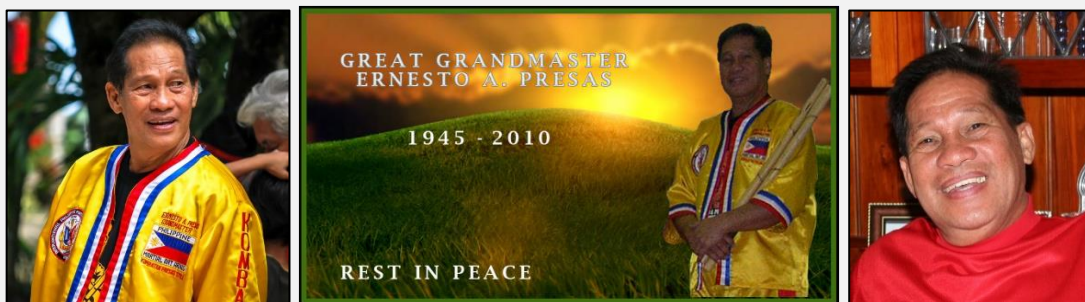


Grandmaster Ernesto had a dream of creating two movies about Filipino martial arts. The first movie was filmed in 2007. During the 2009 camp, a sequel to the movie was shot, and myself along with other Finns had the honor of being part of the movie-making process. I was one of the actors in the movie, and my role name was Master Leopard 😊. I met my future wife, the lovely Ruby, for the first time during the same movie project. She was an actress in the movie as well as participating in training during the camp.

After the camp, Jouko Kivelä and I stayed in the Philippines for a couple of weeks to continue training. We practiced daily with Grandmaster Ernesto and many other masters, such as Michael Ermac and Oliver Garduce. Our journey also involved experiencing much more. We visited various places and immersed ourselves in Filipino culture and way of life.



Unfortunately, that turned out to be the last time we saw our grandmaster, as he passed away due to a serious illness in late 2010.



I have fond personal memories of Grandmaster Ernesto. We spoke a lot, and I remember many of his instructions to me. One of them was to remember that we have no secrets. Share all your knowledge and skills. This way, we secure the future. My time with him is one of the reasons why I continue to practice and teach Kombat. Before his passing, Grandmaster Ernesto granted me the rights to open my own Kombat organization in Europe, which happened in 2011. I am a founding member of the European Kombat Association along with Salvador Caballero (Spain) and Marina Regner (Sweden). Since then, our European organization has grown, and currently, we have 11 member countries (as of April 1, 2024). After his father's passing, Grandmaster Ernesto Junior became the Chief Instructor of Kombat worldwide.



In 2011, we attended the world camp in Hinigaran, Philippines, with six people from Finland: Joel Pentikäinen, Jari Kosola, Ville Kosola, Rami Alamaa, Lea Hilden, and myself. Joel Pentikäinen achieved his first-degree black belt during the camp.



In 2011, the Helsinki branch, led by Joel Pentikäinen, began its activities. During the grand opening, Master Michael Ermac conducted a seminar and martial arts demonstration.

We also opened a large school in Ulvila, near Pori, in 2011. Master Michael Ermac from the Philippines conducted a seminar during the opening ceremony. Michael has been close to me and has taught me a lot during the early stages of my Kombat career. In addition to this camp, he has visited Finland several times to teach. While the facilities in Ulvila were excellent, Ulvila, known as a baseball city, wasn't suitable for us, and we had to relocate back to Pori to smaller premises.

However, during our time in Ulvila, we hosted the Kombatan World Camp in 2012 and a few other major international camps with international instructors. During the Kombatan World Camp, Grandmaster Ernesto Presas Jr. appointed me as the Chief Instructor of Kombatan for Europe.



Since the Sin Moo Hapkido school and our new Kombatan & Mano Manos school were located in different cities, Grandmaster Rami and I no longer taught together in the same place. As Grandmaster Rami served as the Chief Instructor for Sin Moo Hapkido in Northern Europe and was the creator of the Hyol Do Bup concept, his focus naturally shifted to those responsibilities. It was a natural progression for me to take on the main responsibility for Kombatan in Finland. However, Rami still participates in our Kombatan events, and our collaboration and friendship have continued to this day.



In the years 2012 and 2013, I was teaching Kombatan in Ukraine at a summer camp alongside my daughter, Vilhelmiina.



In 2013, our gym in Pori relocated from Ulvila to the Vanhakoivisto neighborhood of Pori, where we remained for quite some time. Here, in this gym as well, we organized numerous national and international seminars.



In 2013, we attended the world camp in Hinigaran, Philippines, with eight people: Joel Pentikäinen, Juha Riutta, Vilhelmiina Harell, Rami Alamaa, Alfred Kokkonen, Mia Ojala, Jani Ojala, and myself. During the camp, Joel Pentikäinen received the IPMAF-Kombatan Instructor of the Year award, and I received the Chief Instructor of the Year award. Both awards were presented by Kombatan's president and chief instructor, Grandmaster Ernesto G. Presas Jr. Additionally, I participated in the stick-fighting and forms competitions for black belts, winning gold medals in both categories.



In 2014, my daughter Vilhelmiina and I traveled to the Philippines together. We participated in significant stick-fighting competitions, where I won the silver medal and Vilhelmiina reached the semi-finals in her category, narrowly losing to the eventual winner. We also participated in the Filipino Martial Arts Hall of Fame and competed in sinawali pairs competition, which we won. At the Hall Of Fame event, we were both honored. Vilhelmiina received the "Instructor of the Year" award, and I received the "Master of the Year" award.



In 2015, FMA Lappeenranta was founded with founding members Jarkko Honkanen, Pasi Lehtonen, and Heikki Vehmas, thus marking the birth of a new Kombatan club in Finland. The trio from Lappeenranta has shown remarkable dedication over the years, and in 2020, they achieved their first-degree black belts in Kombatan. FMA Lappeenranta hosts the annual Saimaa Camp every August by the shores of Lake Saimaa, which has become a tradition.



I have taught Kombatán and Mano Mano several times in Spain, including in the years 2011, 2013, and 2015. Many Finnish practitioners have joined me during these occasions. A highlight was in the 2011 camp, where we had 22 Finnish participants.



In 2015, I traveled alone to the Philippines with the goal of improving upon my silver medal placement from the 2014 competitions. In Baguio City, there were significant tournaments held in conjunction with the Filipino Martial Arts Hall of Fame. In the semifinals, I faced off against an opponent who had defeated me the previous year. I won against him decisively, and in the final, I competed against a Filipino multiple-time champion, whom I also defeated. Thus, I won the gold medal in the competition.

At the Hall of Fame event, our European organization received the "International Organization of the Year" award, and I personally received the "Silver Merit" award for the work done for Filipino martial arts. I also had the honor of teaching a seminar held during the event.



PHILIPPINES 2015

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One wonderful memory from my trip to the Philippines in 2015 was being interviewed on live television during the "Rise & Shine" show. I discussed Filipino martial arts and the cultural differences between Finland and the Philippines. It was a memorable experience to share insights into both martial arts and cultural exchange on such a platform.



Collaborating with the Danish organization has been rewarding over the years, and I have had the opportunity to teach Kombatán, Mano Mano, and Kalis Ilustrisimo there on several occasions.



Over the years, I have had the honor of teaching Kombatan and Mano Mano in many other countries as well, including multiple times in Austria and in Norway in 2019.



NORWAY 2019



AUSTRIA 2018



AUSTRIA 2023



AUSTRIA 2022

ITÄVALTA 2022

In 2016, the Kombatan Finnish Championship was held in Pori. In the stick-fighting category, Veka Rounevaara won the men's division, and Charita Limbag won the women's division. Ruby Dela Rosa – Harell won gold in the open forms competition.



In 2016, during the anniversary camp of Finnish Kombatan in Pori, the head instructor of the Tampere club, Tommi Ylirönni, became the first Finn after Rami and me to achieve the title of Master and the fifth-degree black belt in Kombatan under the auspices of Finnish Kombatan.



In 2016, the world's fastest wheelchair racer and five-time Paralympic champion, Leo-Pekka Tähti, was preparing for the upcoming Paralympic Games, and I had the privilege of being involved in his training. We focused on a lot of boxing techniques but also incorporated traditional Kombatan techniques into his training. Leo-Pekka went on to win gold, and it was truly an honor to be part of his preparation journey.



In 2017, I obtained a teaching license in a martial art called Abaniko Tres Puntas. The license was granted to me by the world chief instructor of the aforementioned martial art, Grandmaster Rene Tongson.



In 2017, we traveled to the Philippines to participate in the fourth Filipino Martial Arts Hall of Fame in Manila. From Finland, Juhani Pantsar, Alfred Kokkonen, Veka Rounevaara, Kati Rounevaara, Ruby Dela Rosa – Harell, and I attended the event. The Kombatan team from Spain, led by Master Salvador Caballero, was also present. During the Hall of Fame event, I was honored with the "International Master of the Year" award.



In conjunction with the Hall of Fame event, a large international seminar on Filipino martial arts was organized, where I had the honor of teaching and representing Kombatan and Mano Mano.



The men's team from Finnish Kombatan, consisting of Veka Rounevaara, Juhani Pantsar, and Alfred Kokkonen, participated in the stick-fighting competitions at the Hall of Fame event, and all of them won medals.



An unforgettable and rare moment was when the chief instructors from different countries had the opportunity to visit Malacañang Palace, the official residence and workplace of the President of the Philippines.



We also traveled to Ruby's hometown, Kalibo, on the island of Aklan, where we conducted a charity seminar. Veka and Kati Rounevaara taught Practical Wing Chun Kung Fu, while Ruby and I taught Kombatán and Mano Mano.



In 2018, I established the World Kombatán Family website, with the aim of bringing together all Kombatán practitioners worldwide who wish to carry forward the legacy of Grandmaster Ernesto Presas.



In 2018, the Kombatán Finnish Championship took place in Helsinki. In the stick-fighting category, Vesku Karvonen from Helsinki won the men's division, and Merite Kevätsalo from Pori won the women's division.



In 2018, the Finnish Kombatarn organization hosted the Kombatarn Super Camp and the first Kombatarn World Championships in Pori.



The super camp gathered around 150 individuals from 15 different countries. It was undoubtedly the best camp ever, thanks to the dedication of the practitioners from Pori. The spirit of collaboration during the camp was truly amazing, and we went through the entire event with the motto of "together we make everything better."



At the World Championship, the Finnish athletes performed exceptionally well, securing medals in every competition category. Esko Pajunen from Pori clinched the men's black belt championship. In the women's category, Porilaiset achieved a triple victory, with Charita Limbag winning gold, Merite Kevätsalo taking silver, and Merita Kevätsalo earning bronze. In the men's novice division, Helsinki practitioners secured a one-two victory, with Joni Litmanen winning gold after a close final match and Vesku Karvonen taking home the silver. Joel Pentikäinen and I served as the national team coaches.



The cooperation with the City of Pori for the Super Camp and the World Championship went smoothly and it was fantastic to see how much the city valued our event and Filipino martial arts. We received an invitation to a reception organized by the City of Pori, held at the Pori City Hall.



In 2018, the Council of Filipino Martial Arts in the Philippines recognized me with the title of Grandmaster in Filipino Martial Arts. The recognition was bestowed upon me at the FMA Festival in the Philippines, which is one of the largest Filipino martial arts events in the world. I also had the honor of being one of the instructors at the event.



During the aforementioned trip to the Philippines, there were three of us: Alfred Kokkonen, Ruby Dela Rosa – Harell, and myself. Before the FMA Festival, Alfred and Ruby participated in local stick-fighting competitions. Ruby emerged victorious in her category, while Alfred secured two silver medals.



In 2018, we performed at the Asian Day event in Kamppi, Helsinki. The demonstration team included myself, Alfred Kokkonen, Ruby Dela Rosa – Harell, Juhani Pantsar, Joel Pentikäinen, Vesku Karvonen, and Joni Litmanen.



In 2019, we participated in the European Championships held in Sweden with the Finnish national team. Once again, we achieved success similar to the World Championships. Merita Kevätsalo from Pori won the women's category, becoming the European champion, while the dynamic duo from Lappeenranta, Pasi Lehtonen and

Jarkko Honkanen, secured a double victory with Pasi winning gold and Jarkko taking home silver. Also competing were Joni Litmanen and Guy Pettersson from Helsinki, as well as Juhani Pantsar and Merite Kevätsalo from Pori. I served as the coach for our national team alongside Joel Pentikäinen.



In 2019, the Finnish Kombat joined as a member of the Philippine Eskrima Kali Arnis Federation (PEKAF), a Filipino martial arts organization. PEKAF serves as the main organization for Arnis stick fighting competitions in the Philippines and is rapidly expanding internationally. I had the honor of administering the oath of membership to the Chairman of PEKAF, Senator Migz Zubiri, during the ceremony held in the Philippines.



In 2021, Ruby and I received official teaching licenses for Kalis Ilustrisimo from Grandmaster Ms. Peachie Baron Saguin.



In 2021, Ruby and I moved away from Pori, and the Pori school transitioned into the management of Juhani Pantsar and Merita Kevätsalo. They have continued the excellent work in Pori. Ruby and I taught in Espoo in the years 2022 and 2023.

However, the constant commute from Lohja to Espoo was challenging, and at the beginning of 2023, I started looking for school premises in the Lohja area. I found partners from Lohjan Moo Do Club, and together we rented premises in the summer of 2023. The grand opening was held in the fall, and our school was officially named Lohja Self-Defense School.



In the spring of 2023, we organized the Finnish National Championship as part of the summer camp in Lohja. The series was open to everyone, and the gold was won by Jarkko Honkanen from Lappeenranta. Alfred Kokkonen from Tampere took silver, and Juhani Pantsar from Pori won bronze.



In the summer of 2023, we participated in the European Championship in Austria with the Finnish national team. Success came as in previous years. Merite Kevätsalo from Pori won the women's division European Championship, while another from Pori, Merita Kevätsalo, took silver. Alfred Kokkonen from Tampere won silver in the men's black belt double stick category, and Ruby Dela Rosa - Harell from Lohja won the women's double stick European Championship. Also competing were Pasi Lehtonen and Heikki Vehmas from Lappeenranta, as well as Juhani Pantsar from Pori.





In November 2023, we organized a major Kombat camp in Lohja, Finland. The camp was led by the world chief instructor of Kombat, Grandmaster Ernesto G. Presas Jr. Approximately 100 participants from 13 different countries attended the camp.



During the Lohja camp, Kombat's world chief instructor Ernesto G. Presas Jr. conferred upon me the title of grandmaster and the eighth-degree black belt in Kombat.

In 2024, four of us participated in a large international camp in the Philippines called the FMA Festival. Alongside me were Marko Toivonen, Alfred Kokkonen, and Ruby Dela Rosa – Harell. We had the honor to represent Kombat there and act as one of the camp's instructors. During the same trip, we were invited guests at the Bayanihan event, where I was awarded the "Hero of FMA" award for my long-standing efforts in promoting Filipino martial arts. The award was presented by the President of the Senate of the Philippines, Senator Migz Zubiri, together with Filipino grandmasters. During the trip, we also participated in the international Modern Arnis event in Manila, where I also served as an instructor.





In March 2024, I was elected as the Chairman of the European Kombatan Association.



By April 1, 2024, in Finland, 25 individuals have achieved a black belt in Kombatan, and 14 individuals have achieved a black belt in Mano Mano.



KOMBATAN

LAKAN WALO (8th-degree black belt)

surmestari Tomi Harell

LAKAN LIMA (5th-degree black belt)

Master Tommi Ylirönni

Master Rami Vainionpää

LAKAN APAT (4th-degree black belt)

Guro Joel Pentikäinen

Guro Veli-Matti Uusikartano

LAKAN TATLO (3rd-degree black belt)

Guro Jani Ojala

Guro Alfred Kokkonen

LAKAN DALAWA (2nd-degree black belt)

Guro Vilhelmiina Harell

Guro Mika Alisaari

Guro Toni Niemi

Guro Arttu Heinilä

MANO MANO

LAKAN TATLO (7th-degree black belt)

Tomi Harell

LAKAN TATLO (3rd-degree black belt)

Joel Pentikäinen

LAKAN DALAWA (2nd-degree black belt)

Vilhelmiina Harell

Juhani Pantsar

Marko Toivonen

Kalle Laine

Veli-Matti Uusikartano

LAKAN ISA (1st-degree black belt)

Ruby Dela Rosa - Harell

Jani Ojala

Kimmo Nevala

Milla Ranta

Jani Pelttari

Guro Jouko Kivelä
Guro Merita Kevätsalo
Guro Merite Kevätsalo
Guro Ruby Dela Rosa - Harell
Guro Jarkko Honkanen
Guro Pasi Lehtonen
Guro Heikki Vehmas

Toni Niemi
Alfred Kokkonen
Timo Widbom

LAKAN ISA (1st-degree black belt)

Guro Antti Kata
Guro Esko Pajunen
Guro Julle Kallio
Guro Kimmo Nevala
Guro Milla Ranta
Guro Sonja Tuomenvirta
Guro Juha Riutta

We have organized numerous international camps in Finland from 2000 to 2024. The list below does not include the Finnish instructors who participated in these camps. In addition to the list below, we have also organized many national camps in all Kombatán and Mano Mano locations.

2000

- Grandmaster Juerg Ziegler (Switzerland) Kombatán camp in Pori.

2002

- Grandmaster Juerg Ziegler (Switzerland) Kombatán camp in Pori.

2003

- Grandmaster Ernesto A. Presas Sr. (Philippines) and senior master Michael Ermac (Philippines) Kombatán camp in Pori.

2008

- Grandmaster Ernesto A. Presas Sr. (Philippines) and senior master Michael Ermac (Philippines) Kombatán camp in Pori.
- Master Heikki Martikainen (Sweden) Kali Sikaran camp in Pori.

2009

- Grandmaster Andy Elliott (Australia) AMOK camp in Pori.
- Kombatán & Mano Mano summer camp in Yyteri, Pori. Instructor: Master Pedro Silva (Portugal).

2010

- Grandmaster Carlos Pulanco (Germany) Agos Kamay camp in Pori.
- Senior master Michael Ermac (Philippines) Kombatán & Mano Mano camp in Pori.

2011

- Senior master Michael Ermac (Philippines) Kombatán & Mano Mano camp in Ulvila.
- Grandmaster Thorbjørn Hartelius (Denmark) Kombatán camp in Ulvila.
- Kombatán and Mano Mano summer camp in Ulvila. Instructors: Grandmaster Randy Remolin (Italy), senior master Salvador Caballero (Spain), and senior master Ask Agger (Denmark).
- Tuhon Ray Dionaldo (USA) FCS camp in Ulvila.
- Senior master Michael Ermac (Philippines) Kombatán camp and demonstrations in Helsinki.

2012

- Kombatán and Mano Mano world camp in Ulvila. Participants from 13 different countries. Instructors: Grandmaster Ernesto G. Presas Jr. from the Philippines, Grandmaster Walter Hubmann from Austria, grandmaster Randy Remolin from Italy, senior master Salvador Caballero from Spain, senior master Marina Regnér from Sweden, Guro Jeffrey Cajigas from the Philippines, senior master Herman Mochalin from Latvia, and Finnish instructors.
- Tuhon Felix Cortes (USA) Filipino Combatives camp in Pori.
- Kombatán & Mano Mano summer camp in Kullaa. Instructors: Senior master Marina Regnér (Sweden) and senior master Salvador Caballero (Spain).
- Grandmaster Johan Skålberg (Sweden) & Heikki Martikainen (Sweden) Kali Sikaran camp in Pori.

2013

- Kombatán & Mano Mano summer camp in Kokemäki. Instructors: Senior master Marina Regné (Sweden), Senior master Salvador Caballero (Spain), and grandmaster Andy Elliott (Australia).

2015

- Kombatán & Mano Mano summer camp in Ahlainen. Instructors: Senior master Marina Regné (Sweden) and senior master Salvador Caballero (Spain).
- Senior master Michael Ermac (Philippines) Kombatán & Mano Mano camp in Pori.

2016

- Kombatán & Mano Mano summer camp in Pori. Instructors: Grandmaster Rene Tongson (Philippines) and senior master Salvador Caballero (Spain).
- Grandmaster Andy Elliott (Australia) Kombatán camp in Pori.

2018

- Kombatán World Championship and super camp in Pori. Participants from 15 different countries. Instructors: Grandmaster Oliver Garduce from Canada, senior master Salvador Caballero from Spain, Senior Master Marina Regné from Sweden, Grandmaster Tim Hartman from the USA, Grandmaster Thorbjørn Hartelius from the Denmark, Grandmaster Rene Tongson from the Philippines, Grandmaster Robert Castro from the USA, Grandmaster Juerg Ziegler from Switzerland, Master Jhun Occidental from the USA, Master Andrey Gross from Russia, and Master Fredrik Johansson from Sweden.
- Saimaa Camp in Lappeenranta. Instructor from Sweden: Senior master Marina Regné.
- Kombatán, Mano Mano, and Arnis summer camp in Pori. Instructor: Master Demetrio Matulac from the Philippines.

2019

- Grandmaster Ms. Peachie Baron Saguin (Philippines) Kalis Ilustrisimo camp in Pori.
- Grandmaster Samuel Bambit Dulay (Philippines) Modern Arnis camp in Pori.
- Saimaa Camp in Lappeenranta. Instructors from Sweden: Senior master Marina Regner and from Spain: Senior Master Salvador Caballero.
- Kombatán, Mano Mano, and Kalis Ilustrisimo summer camp in Pori. Instructors: Grandmaster Rene Tongson (Philippines), Grandmaster Ms. Peachie Baron Saguin (Philippines), Masters Marina Regné and Fredrik Johansson (Sweden), Master Paulo Vilaça (Portugal), and grandmaster Perry Zmugg (Austria).

2021

- Saimaacamp in Lappeenranta. Instructors from abroad: Senior Master Marina Regné from Sweden and master Paulo Vilaça from Portugal.

2022

- Saimaa Camp in Lappeenranta. Instructors from abroad: Grandmaster Perry Zmugg from Austria and Master Fredrik Johansson from Sweden.

2023

- Grandmaster Ernesto A. Presas Jr. (Philippines) Ipmaf-Kombatán camp in Lohja.







And the story continues...



Our latest group in Lohja on March 24, 2024.

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Lohja April 1st 2024

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