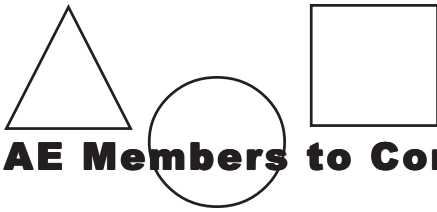




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## **AE Members to Convene at Augsburg**

The Fifth International Conference of Aiki Extensions will take place at the University of Augsburg (an hour's bus ride from Munich), July 25-27, 2003. Organized by Peter Schettgen, who previously organized two German-language conferences on aiki extensions work, AEC5 will include presentations both on and off the mat, as well as round-robin keiko and program-planning meetings. Sessions will include:

The Many Dimensions of Aiki Extensions  
Donald Levine, Chicago, IL

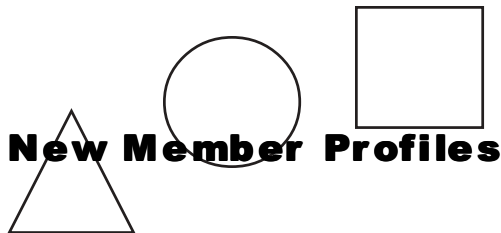
Mediation: The Martial Art without Sword  
Harald Melchior, Munich  
Managing Schools - Conflict Management on All Levels  
Ernst Friedrich, Michael Pest, Stephan Daniel Richter & Markus Gante-Walter, Munich

How to Use an Attack as a Tool  
Carlo Küster, Inning  
Friend or Foe? Aiki Reframing as a Mode of Reality Construction  
Peter Schettgen, Augsburg

Go and Wash Your Plate. Or: How to Teach Aikido to „Human Resources“?  
Martin Gruber, Birach  
Aikido, Systemic Sculpture, and Team Supervision  
David Sikora, Limburg

Organizational Aesthetics and the Art of Leadership  
Jack Richford, Richmond, VA  
Business Energy  
Frank Käppler & Werner Möstl, Offenhausen

Participants will enjoy a sightseeing trip through Augsburg, a Roman town more than 2000 years old. For more information on the program, as well as travel and lodging, see:  
<<http://www.aiki-extensions.org/events/>>



DONALD FANN, HOBOKEN, NJ

A management executive with over twenty-five years of experience in health care and human service administration, Donald Fann provides management consulting and training for corporations, governmental agencies, and non-profit organizations. As managing partner with CenterPoint Consulting Group, he integrates aikido principles into proprietary custom training programs, as well as strategic management consulting work. <[www.centerpointgroup.com](http://www.centerpointgroup.com)>

CHARLIE BADENHOP, TOKYO, JAPAN

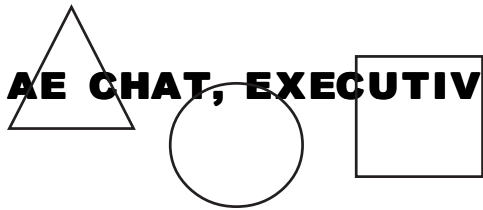
An internationally respected healer, consultant, and coach, Charlie Badenhop has lived in Japan since 1985. While there he has developed a many-sided practice: teaching aikido, offering Neuro Linguistic Programming, self-relations therapy, Ericksonian Hypnosis, and the Japanese healing art of Noguchi Sei Tai. Charlie has created Seishindo, a discipline that works to develop the human potential of individuals and organizations. His corporate and organizational services include seminars on organizational intelligence, team building, creativity training, and listening skills. Charlie seeks to offer his clients a perspective that incorporates both Eastern and Western sensibilities and wisdom. <[www.seishindo.org](http://www.seishindo.org)>

GORDON TEEKEL, OAKLAND, CA

Gordon Teekel is a business manager based in Oakland, CA. After studying aikido on the mat for 22 years, he has decided to introduce aikido concepts to a number of communities that otherwise would never approach an aikido dojo, let alone get on the mat. Through a venture called "Aikido At Work," he will teach classes in businesses, clubs, organizations, schools, and youth groups as well as in traditional dojos. The classes will show how aikido principles can be used to resolve conflict and produce optimal outcomes. Presentations will range from introductions of one hour or so on through all - day seminars or regular consultations with businesses that wish to have employees look at conflict situations in a different way.

TONY WILDEN, WEST SUSSEX, UK

Tony Wilden founded the Arun Aikido Club in 1992. At present he continues to teach in West Sussex UK, and manages a monthly "Aiki warrior training camp," a retreat that combines the practice of Aiki skills with the experience of outdoor training. Other projects include the running of a health-based website, and the publication of a monthly newsletter, "harmony of mind/body/spirit." Information on all of these subjects is available at his website, [www.aikido-health.com](http://www.aikido-health.com).



## **AE CHAT, EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The AE chatline <ae-chat@aiki-extensions.org>, an outlet for formal discussion among members, started early in April. The initial rounds of postings concerned ways to deal with antagonistic responses to anti-war communications. Here are a few quotes from the postings:

... In regard to attacks, either:

Create a target to be attacked and then deal with the attack effectively. (This could be any irimi technique in particular.) Move and offer an ever-changing profile, so that there is no target to be attacked. -Charlie Badenhop

... One aspect of an aiki response to a challenge is:

Not to get caught up in the content of the challenge but to stay mindful of the body and create a body state of calm acceptance. -Paul Linden

... For meaningful engagement:

Engage genuinely and sincerely with people who disagree with us, and who express their disagreement in a way that allows meaningful communication. Perform irimi-tenkan in the dialogue to stand beside and get a clear idea of your thinking. This should be with a view to inducing change in your thinking, or mine or both, not a device to get you off-balance and throw you. -MichaelWilliams



## **Keiko in the Classroom: Facilitating Disagreement in Discussion**

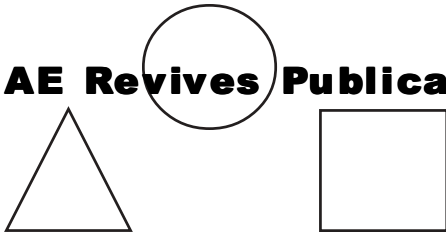
As part of his Ph.D. in education at the University of Washington, Seattle, Jonathan Miller-Lane is investigating whether social studies teachers can better facilitate disagreement in classroom discussions by learning some basic principles of aikido.

A social studies teacher himself, Miller-Lane not only helps his students learn more about how to disagree but also helps teachers learn how to facilitate disagreement in the classroom. Since people often feel intimidated by disagreement and many react with active intimidation or violence, teachers can fear the effects of open disagreement in the classroom environment. Students often lose the opportunity to learn how to disagree.

Miller-Lane believes that learning to take ukemi during aikido practice can be conceptualized as the performance of disagreement. Uke delivers an attack (disagreement) and must adapt to nage's response. Uke can function like the loyal opposition in a democracy, full of intent to challenge but not to harm. In practice, uke commits to perform the techniques as accurately as possible without injury, not shying from this form of disagreement but learning how to welcome it, whether with irimi, tenkan, or both.

By comparing aikido instructors and experienced classroom discussion leaders, his dissertation seeks to discover whether commonalities exist between these two sets of educators. He also is investigating whether classroom discussion leaders who are introduced to aikido believe aikido practice will help them teach students how to disagree. Ultimately he is attempting to understand how disagreement might become more commonplace and acceptable in our democratic republic.

## AE Revives Publications Work



The recently reconstituted AE Publications Committee is gearing up to produce a number of new Aiki Thought Papers as well as an online inventory of aikido-related research material. The purpose of the Papers is to promote serious thought about the theory and practice of aikido, including all relevant applications.

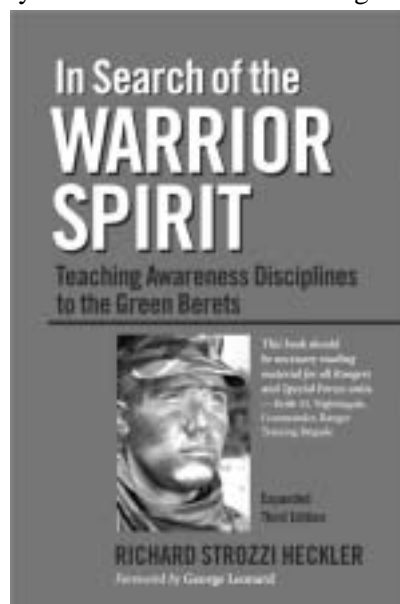
In May, the committee (Judy Warner, chair; Richard Heckler, David Lukoff, Steve Vernon) plans to issue Aiki Thought Paper #2, Paul Linden's AIKIDO ROOTS AND BRANCHES. The paper will be distributed at no cost to all paid up AE Members. Others will be able to purchase it for \$10.00. They will also be able to purchase copies of ATP #1, THE PSYCHOLOGY OF AIKIDO by Larry Novick for \$8.00. Members who have ideas for future Aiki Thought Papers should send their suggestions or submissions to Judy Warner at <judy@judywarner.com>.

## New Edition of *In Search of the Warrior Spirit*



The long-awaited revised edition of Richard Heckler's *In Search of the Warrior Spirit* has arrived! This edition features a dramatic new cover and endorsements from the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps (a four-star general), and a Lt. Colonel in the Army Special Forces who has studied under Heckler Sensei for ten years. Their recommendations signal a further opening in the military to aiki principles and the possibility for deep transformation within this institution. A new chapter on the development of the Marine Martial Art demonstrates the power of using budo ideas to strengthen character values. (See reports on this project in AE Newsletters 9, 12 and 18.)

*In Search of the Warrior Spirit* is available on-line through <www.amazon.com> and <www.northatlanticbooks.com>. It can also be ordered through the Strozzi Institute: (707) 778-6505, in which case the author says he would be honored to sign a copy.



## **AIKI EXTENSIONS NEWSLETTER**

**Editor: Scott B. Evans**

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