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To: JJEU members  
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Dear friends,

As member of the JJEU Board, in the position of 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President, during the 2017-2018 sports season, I continued to work together with my colleagues, for the strengthening of our Continental Union and for the development of ju-jitsu in Europe. Since June 2017, according to the JJIF Statutes and requirements, I serve also as JJRIC member, for the region East-South-East Europe, being, in this capacity, a participant to the JJIF Session.

### Management / strategic function:

Together with my colleagues, we met in the JJEU Board meetings and with the occasion of various ju-jitsu events, were we discussed initiatives for the future and we took care of the daily management of our organization, for the benefit of our members.

Continuing the JJEU initiative of last year, in 2018, we organized another successful event for the technical persons, this time focused on referees and their education. With the help of the Dutch Judo & Ju-Jitsu Federation, the CARE system was presented to our selected World Referees, as a first step towards introducing the system of video refereeing in the ju-jitsu competitions. The seminar, held in conjunction with the 2018 Dutch Open was very successful, the feedback from the participants giving us hope for the future development of ju-jitsu sports.

### Events / representation function:

In addition to the Board meetings and constant consultation and cooperation with my other colleagues, for the daily business, I had the honour of representing the JJEU Board in several events/tournaments, as follows:

- 2017 Ju-Jitsu European Championship U18 & U21, organized in Bucharest, on October 27-29. As part of the organization team, I coordinated the running of the event and represented the host federation, as well as the JJEU Board. I was very proud to have the opportunity to celebrate together with more than 600 athletes from 26 European countries the passing of 40 years of ju-jitsu in Europe, 40 years since the establishment of the Ju-Jitsu European Union. It was our pleasure to have first JJEU President, Mr. Rinaldo Orlandi, as our distinguished guest for this event.
- 2018 Paris Open, organized in the period April 28-29, 2018. Due to overlapping agendas and personal schedules, this year I was the only JJEU representative present in Paris.

I am looking forward to the next challenges and opportunities which may come our way in the coming years.

Kind regards,  
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