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After the accomplishment of the First WHA - Hapkido International Seminar, taught by GM Hwang In-Shik in Brazil, together with Master Dan Piller and many other representatives from different countries, ANHT – Associação Nacional de Hapkido (official) WHA – World Hapkido Association representative in Brazil)

efforts got stronger.



ANHT – Associação Nacional de Hapkido Tradicional, intends to continue to doing an excellent job on behalf of WHA in Brazil and another south American countries. At the end of 2007 Brazil's Regional Director, Master Carlos Feliciano appointed Master Paulo Caldas Junior to replace Master Reinaldo Leonardi as Sao Paulo State Representative upon his retirement.

Master Carlos Feliciano also appointed Instructor Luiz Carlos Guedes, as represent the WHA of Rio de Janeiro city. 1º SEMINARIO HAPKIDI HWANG

This way, the two principal Brazilian's States would be supervised by two great representatives that will certainly contribute to the WHA's growth. Continued on page 2



Flexible strength is better than inflexible. Let the storm flow over vou, and then pop back up." --Michael Kabotie, HOPI



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Pernambuco State also joins to our great family. They started the technique adaptation and soon will make part of our team of State Representatives.

After visiting Recife city at Pernambuco state, Master Carlos

Feliciano received a compliment of his efforts in promoting Hapkido in Brazil

New Ranks and new members of **World Hapkido Association – WHA** in Brazil:

Master Carlos Feliciano – 5th Dan

Master Paulo Caldas Junior – 4th Dan

Professor Luis Fernando – 3rd Dan

Instructor Carolina Rafaine – 2nd Dan

Instructor Anderson Rafaine – 2nd Dan

Instructor Evandro Mendes – 2nd Dan

Instructor Roberto Bademian – 1st Dan

Instructor Evandro Cesar – 1st Dan

Brazilian team is working hard to organize a group to participate of the **Summer Camp 2008!!!!**





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Ask questions, state opinions or tell of experiences!

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Pro Hapkido 2008 West Coast Championships

Saturday, April 26th, 2008 Location:

Way of Orient Martial Arts Academy 2750 E Main St, Suite I (downstairs) Ventura, CA 93003 805-652-1214 www.wayoforient.com see included flyer

Ventura County Fairgrounds

Master Russell Seveney February 23rd Includes a Pro Hapkido Division.

Pro Hapkido 2008 **Eastern Regional Championships Hosted by Dragon Star Martial Arts**

Sunday, March 2, 2008 @11am Norristown PAL Building Harding Blvd Norristown, PA 19401 contact Mr. Robert Benedetto or visit www.dragonstarma.com for more info—see included flyer

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Welcome new WHA member Colm Breen from Cork, Ireland.

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Sleep is in fact one of the most important elements of skill, safety and happiness in the martial arts, including Hapkido. Impaired sleep can lead to irritability, low frustration tolerance, depression, and reduced mental and physical performance, thereby increasing the risk of injury.

In adults, what constitutes an adequate night's sleep varies from individual to individual. The range of a normal night's sleep spans from roughly four to nine hours per night. In some cultures, there is an afternoon nap of 1-2 hours and a correspondingly shorter night's sleep that, in sum, constitutes full restorative sleep. Sleep is less efficient and continuous in the elderly; they need more time in bed to obtain sufficient sleep in total.

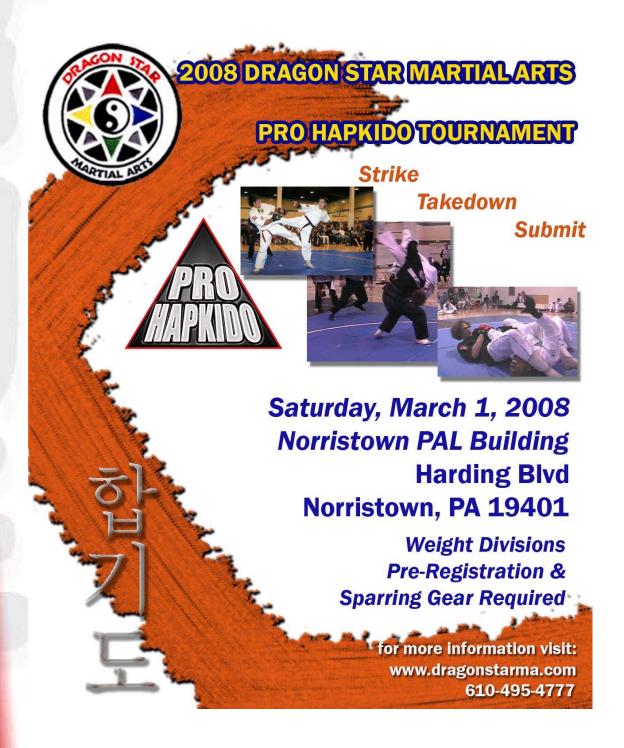
Sleep deprivation or fragmented sleep quickly leads to multiple adverse effects on the body and mind. Problems include decreased brain function as demonstrated by PET functional brain imaging studies; decrease in core body temperature, growth hormone secretion, and immune system function; impairments in coordination, reaction time and intellectual functioning; and increased heart rate variability. Daytime sleepiness due to poor sleep is of course also dangerous with regard to driving or the use of dangerous machinery.

Multiple factors can negatively impact sleep quality and efficiency. They include situational stress, anxiety and depressive disorders, excessive alcohol use, certain prescription medications and illicit drugs, and general medical conditions. Many of the over-the-counter or herbal sleep aids either provide inefficient sleep or carry significant risks. All of the prescription sleep medications, no matter how they're portrayed in advertisements, are not appropriate for chronic usage in the vast majority of individuals. Late night exercise can actually cause Restless Legs Syndrome and impair rather than help sleep.

Overall, the best treatment for mild, uncomplicated insomnia is good sleep hygiene. If you get up at the same time every morning, no matter how tired you are from a poor night's sleep, and then don't nap during the day, within a few days your sleep should normalize. Watch excessive alcohol or late-night eating. Take control of life stresses.

Be happy - sleep well - enjoy Hapkido!





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