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AIM OF THE SYMPOSIUM

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- universal character of CISM and its role for a better understanding between people of all regions;
- relations between the sports practice in the Armed Forces and in society;
- role of the Armed Forces as promotor of health, well-being and good physical fitness of the citizens.

MAIN TOPICS

Universal character of CISM and its role as a facilitator for a better understanding between people of all regions

Sport and Physical Education in the Armed Forces and in society

- the social functions of sport practice (individual – and team sports of both gender),
- the role of sport as an integration factor in society,
- sport as promotor of gender equality.

The Armed Forces as promotor of health, well-being and physical fitness of the citizens

- sports activities improving physical fitness,
- the benefits of sports activities on health and well-being,
- sports activities related to different age groups.

ORGANISATION

The CISM International symposium on « Sport in the Armed Forces - A factor of socio-cultural integration in the society » was held in Albena near Varna from 22 to 25 September 1997.

It was organised by the Permanent Commission for Sport of CISM, in close collaboration with the Bulgarian Delegation.

The European Commission supported financially this initiative.

The Executive Committee was composed as follows:

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« A FACTOR OF SOCIO-CULTURAL INTEGRATION IN THE SOCIETY »

PRESENCE LIST

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Mr SLAVKOV President of the Bulgarian Olympic Committee
Mr KOSTADINOV President of the Bulgarian Federation of Physical Education and Sport
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RegDir Hans NEISBERGER

It's a great pleasure and an honour to me to welcome you to this international CISM symposium.

I'm very pleased being able to welcome especially:

- LtGen LJUTZKANOV, Deputy Minister of Interior Affairs
- Admiral KONTROV, Chief of the Bulgarian Navy
- Mr ZAYAKOV, Vice-President of the Bulgarian Olympic Committee
- Colonel HURST, Secretary General of CISM

I would like to point out that it's the third time that an Eastern European country organises such an important CISM event since starting our scientific programme in 1993 in Prague (Czech Rep) followed by the symposium in Warsaw (Poland) in 1995.

And once again I'm very glad about the high participation especially of delegates coming out of the new CISM member nations of Eastern Europe. It shows once more the growing interest in our events - that are to be seen in the context to the successful development of CISM especially in the last few years.

The International Military Sports Council is one of the three pillars of world sport alongside the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International University Sports Federation (FISU) as well as being the military organisation with the highest number of different Armed Forces.

CISM recognises it as an honour and duty to develop the following missions:

1. To be the spirit and the representative of sports within all Armed Forces of the world;
2. To bring together all sportsmen of the world;
3. To join in those major credos with all other international institutions who have the same mission of being forces in bringing citizens of the world together.

In this respect I would like to underline the close co-operation of CISM with the European Commission that we started on the occasion of the Warendorf symposium on « Sport for All » last year. This event as well as ours today are to be seen within the framework of the project « EURATHLON » that was launched by the European Commission in 1955 on the basis of comments made by the European Parliament and the European Sports Forum.

The general objective of "EURATHLON" is to contribute to better understanding between citizens of Europe through sport and to promote sport's essential role as a contributing factor to social integration, health education and human solidarity.

If you look at the topic of our Symposium: "Sport in the Armed Forces – a factor of socio-cultural integration in the society" then you can easily notice that our goals are congruent – and in this context I would like to express CISM'S gratitude to the European Commission for the financial support of our Symposium here in Varna.

Ladies and gentlemen, the aim of our symposium is to give the participants ideas and models upon:

- the universal character of CISM and its role for a better understanding between people of all regions;
- the relations between the sports practice in the Armed Forces and in society and
- the role of the Armed Forces as promoter of health, well-being and good fitness of the citizens.

The International Military Sports Council is organising this International Symposium in close co-operation with the Bulgarian Delegation to CISM.

My congratulations go to the Bulgarian Armed Forces who have played since their adhesion to our world wide movement in 1991 a leading role in the promotion of sports within the military in a spirit of mutual understanding and of our motto « Friendship through sport ».

Consequently I'm very happy being able to say - at the beginning of this symposium - that the local organising committee, that all personnel who has taken part in the preparation of the symposium, has done an excellent job up to now till the end of this week.

Thank you very much for your outstanding work. I'm very convinced that this symposium will end with a great success.

GREETING MESSAGE

Mr Georgi ANANIEV

Minister of Defence of Bulgaria

Allow me on behalf of the Minister of Defence of the Republic of Bulgaria to welcome all of you, and to express our thankfulness for the possibility to organise and conduct this symposium of CISM.

For all of us and for the Bulgarian sports society also, the very important role of military sport for development and consolidation of the international sport activities is clear for the good relations between our armies and as a contribution to the Olympic movement.

I wish all of you fruitful work, pleasant days in our country and let us consolidate and expand our friendship through sport as well.

generation, its preparation for military service in the Bulgarian Army, physical and psychical strengthening. These tasks are successfully fulfilled mainly by means of competitive training forms and practising of military sports by young people.

The Department for Pre-Military Training of the Youth is not only a structure within the Ministry of Defence. According to its organisational construction, as well as functions and tasks, its character can also be described as public. The Department's organisational construction resembles the one of public organisations and authorities - it consists of central body, regional centres in the country and training units (schools and clubs). Recruitment and training of young people is carried out in accordance with the democratic principle, as young people participate in the many-sided Department's activity at their own free will. The management of the centre, of the country and especially the one of the training units is largely supported in fulfilling its tasks on a large social base - in the face of local administration authorities, school management, authorities of the Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Health, military units, etc.

CLUBS AND SCHOOLS - MAIN TRAINING CENTRES OF THE SYSTEM FOR PRE-MILITARY TRAINING

The training centres - schools and clubs are built and work under special regulations and programmes. Conscripts-specialists are being trained there for the needs of Bulgarian Army, such as: drivers, radio-telegraph operators, specialists for land, air and acquire virtues of great importance for their military service and civil life. Purposeful activity is being held out for youth breeding in patriotism, respect of military labour, officer's profession and Bulgarian Army as a whole.

For implementation of all these tasks and activities the country is completely covered by a network of clubs and schools for training of automobile, connection, air, land and sea force specialists. These sport clubs and schools are typical examples of integration of army sports in the society. Of big importance is the great number of conscripts trained in shooting in the training centres of Department. Under special programmes and leadership of qualified specialists they are trained in shooting combat skills and are acknowledged with main shooting weapon systems, have a lot of theoretical and practical classes in shooting and participate in many shooting competitions. In shooting clubs activities considerable take part also other young people - students, university students and workers. For that reason it is necessary to pay greater attention to these clubs, continuously to renew their technical devices and equipment and to supply them with new weapon systems.

In the presence of you, I want to share my point of view about possibilities of this so called military-applicable sports.

Practising of military sports by the youth is of a great importance for the quality and effectiveness of complete pre military training and especially for its practical part because military training and sports activities are the two unbreakable connected and mutually complemented parts of one and same process.

As a first example I can refer to parachuting sport. This sport require but educated in the same time many human qualities such as boldness, decisiveness, physical and psychological steadiness - all of them very important for the soldiers of landing troop and others.

The next typical example is air acrobatics by light sport planes. A military pilot of contemporary fighter the American "F" or the Russian "MIG". Who is skilful at acrobatics in the sky, gained first by sport plane, is a real leader, may be a champion in the aerial combat.

The next example ! A sportsman of diving sport with his mastery for excellent orientation and speedy swimming under water, is a irreplaceable soldier for execution of special tasks in the heavy circumstances of the non known basins.

And the last example for a technical sport with practical appliances in the anti-air defence. This is telecommanding of flying objects - controlled by radio model of aeroplane. The skill for such

TRAINING IN BRAVERY AND PATRIOTISM

**Major-General Boris VAKAVLIEV -
Head of Department for Pre-Military
Training of the Youth -
Chief of Bulgarian Delegation to CISM**

In the Republic of Bulgaria there is a well-built system for youth pre-military training and for practising of the attractive and emotional military sports. These important and state significant activities are carried out under the leadership of specialised state authority, which during the different stages of its existence and in accordance with the specific conditions in the country has been known under different names - Nation Union for Sports and Skill (NUSS), Volunteer Organisation for Defence Support (VODS), Organisation for Defence Support (ODS). The new stage of state development, characterised by broadening and strengthening of democracy in all spheres of socio-political and economic life, has imposed the necessity of undertaking fundamental changes in system character, functions and tasks. During the last five years the above mentioned activities are carried out by a specialised authority of the Ministry of Defence - THE DEPARTMENT FOR PRE-MILITARY TRAINING OF THE YOUTH (DPMTY).

CHARACTER, STRUCTURE, FUNCTIONS AND TASKS OF THE SYSTEM FOR PRE-MILITARY TRAINING OF THE YOUTH

The Department, as part of MoD, is under the leadership of the Minister of Defence. It can be characterised both as state and public. The Department state character results from its integrity to state structure system as it obtains and fulfils tasks, mainly related to state defence, such as: training of conscripts-specialists for the needs of Bulgarian Army, primary military training and mass military training of people of all ages. At the same time through the available material base, technical means, equipment and qualified specialists the Department co-operates with and supports Bulgarian federations in the field of military sports. To demonstrate the fact, that as Department of the Ministry of Defence, we work to realise in practice the integration of military sport in the society. I think, it is necessary to draw your attention on following information.

In the Republic of Bulgaria there are more than 15 sport federations of military-applicable and technical sports. They organise the competitions and championships in our country and represent the Republic of Bulgaria on the international sport field. They are civil structures.

On other side, near all of the sport base facilities - air clubs and air fields, ranges and the special techniques as sport aeroplanes, parachutes, motor boats and s.o. are in our department.

The most of our specialists, working on pre-military training are specialists in sport aspects too.

In this situation, the forms of integration between our department and the federations for technical sports are realised as official statements to collaboration. This guarantees that the federations and the clubs members of them, by paying of minimal charges, can use the base, techniques and equipment in their activities.

These are the main parts of the specific forms for integration of army-sports in the society in Bulgaria.

All the aforesaid functions and tasks have state character and are of great national significance, especially from the point of view of taking concern and purposeful organisational activity of the Department, related to the right breeding, maturing and developing of young

control give aeromodeling as a technical sport. This allows to train the team of anti-air radar station and firing air objects not too expensive as a real fighter or missile.

I do not more burden you with other details of other sports near to army specialities and I will only list some of them, with possibilities of applications in military cause.

Except the above mentioned, others are:

- biathlon, sport shooting, the radio sports ("fox hunting", SW and USW relations) radiocontrol of models of cars, rockets and ships, gliding, motor boats sport, east fighting sports and s.o.

Besides that military sports is a part of importance for many-sided youth development, for nation's activity and vitality raising. At the same time practising of all these kinds of sports influences formation of subscript's intellectual, moral, psychical, physical and combat skills, contributes for the right attitude towards labour and sports and facilitates creation of moral virtues.

TRAINING IN BRAVERY AND PATRIOTISM - generally said, this is the name symbol of system for pre-military training of the youth, which is very popular, among Bulgarian society and is respected and admired by many people of different age, educational level and profession.

All this, I mentioned, now is not enough, that we can say - we have attained all on this field and we are satisfied. On the contrary, we consider, that the tasks and the ways for achievement of goals, must be perfected and diversified. By this way, we can be effective, and then we will bring more and more for our integration in the society of the Republic of Bulgaria. We will work with hardness on this field.

Thank you for your attention!

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