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## CONCLUDING REMARKS

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Ladies and gentlemen,

It's a principle of CISM to give within a symposium the floor to the participants as often as possible and to listen to them.

We did so- four long days we listened to 22 lecturers.

The range of themes was wide - but that's the character of a multidisciplinary approach; in our case: to problems connected with teaching, learning and training in the field of sports and physical training.

The multidisciplinary and critical analysis of the participating experts have provided us with new information that can be the basis for future evaluation and development of sports and physical training in our Armed Forces.

Well - can I now declare that we have reached our goal? First of all: yes- although plenty of questions have to be put.

It is a characteristic of scientific research that behind an answer we found - ten new questions will emerge.

In a symposium like ours in PRETORIA we can do a first step - to give scientists, researchers, teachers the opportunity to inform their audience about their studies and results.

It is normally not enough time to discuss these subjects intensively.

So, often the lecturers don't get an adequate feedback - and they are perhaps a little disappointed.

On the other hand it is for the audience hardly possible to put more than one or two questions. So the deeper sense of our symposium can only be to stimulate the participants - lecturers and audience.

The second step must the participants make themselves.

How does it work? The key word is: communication!

Everybody here in the auditorium who is really interested in a lectured subject had and has still the opportunity of communicating with the lecturers - to discuss problems, to change arguments.

Friendship trough sport means in our opinion: communication.

The exchange of information, data, research work and experimental results is crucial for the wider understanding we all seek as we develop and expand our programmes for sports and physical training in our Armed Forces.

Have you got the address of some lecturers? Did you discuss with them in the coffee-break? Did you probably arrange a new meeting with them? Everybody should ask himself!



We can write, phone, fax, send a diskette for the personnel computer, and since recently surf in the internet. We live in the century of communication. Use the technic to get and give information!

So if you will make the second step - then we have not only reached the aim of our symposium - then we had a great success - that promotes our intention for future, to develop not only permanent relation between the Armed Forces in the world but to create a close cooperation between the researchers and scientists and those who do practical work within the field of sport and physical education - according to our CISM - moto: "Friendship through sport"!

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