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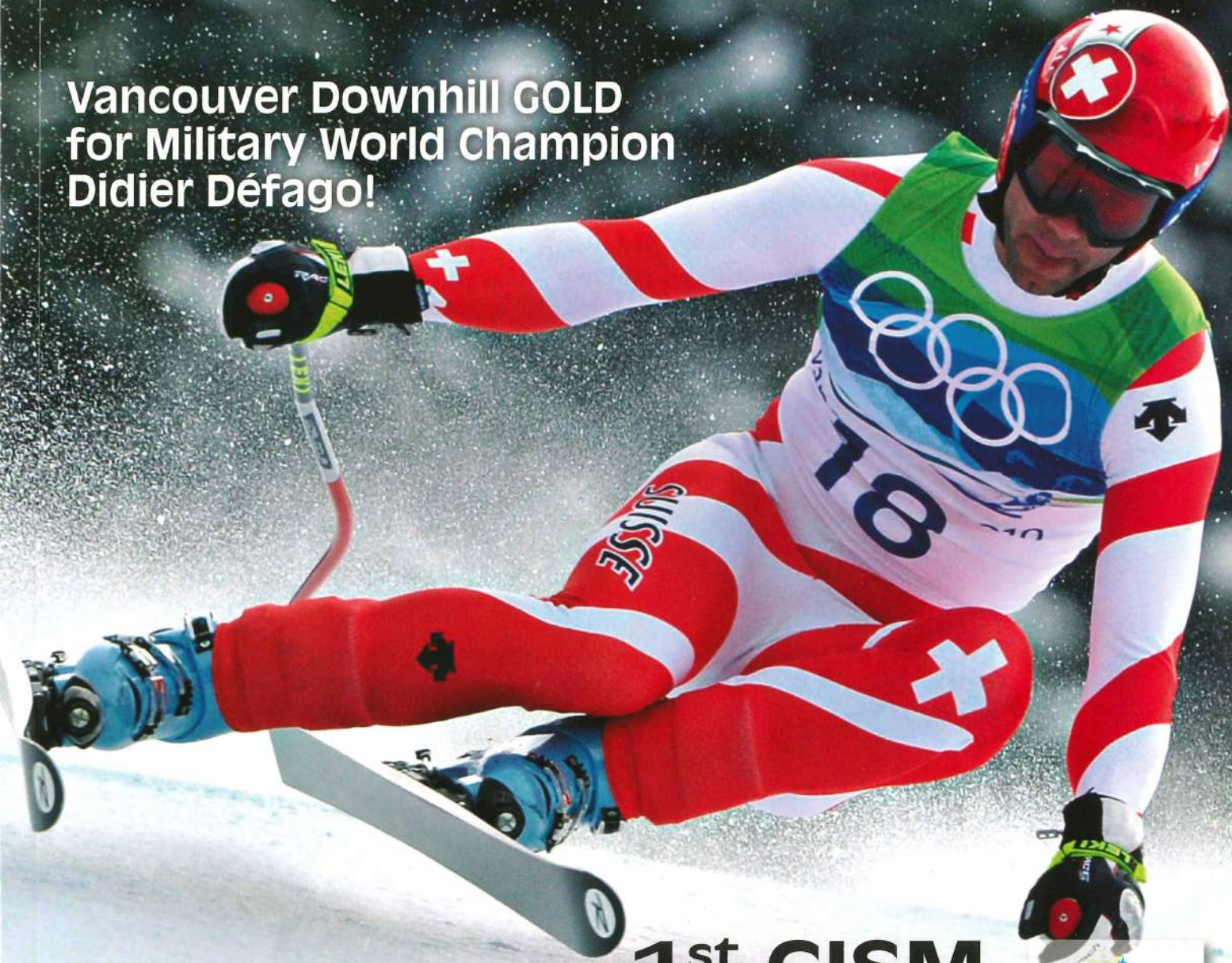
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Chers membres de la grande famille du CISM,
Chères lectrices, Chers lecteurs,

C'est avec grand plaisir que je vous présente la 1^{ère} édition du
CISM Magazine de 2010 !

Deux grandes premières sont au programme de cette année : les
1^{ers} Jeux mondiaux militaires d'hiver à Aoste (Italie) en mars et
les 1^{ers} Cadet Games qui se dérouleront en octobre en Turquie.
En tant que lecteurs réguliers, vous aurez sans doute remarqué le
nouveau design ainsi que la nouvelle structure de notre magazine,
conçus pour vous inciter, au-delà des joutes sportives et autres
manifestations du CISM, à découvrir plus personnellement
nos athlètes, nos dirigeants et nos partenaires et cela avec un
meilleur confort de lecture. Depuis 6 mois, de nombreuses idées
ont germé pour le développement de la communication et elles
se concrétiseront tout au long de l'année.
De belles surprises en perspective !

J'espère d'ores et déjà que vous lirez ce Magazine du CISM
avec beaucoup d'intérêt !

Colonel Alexandre Morisod
Secretary-General of CISM

Welcome Bienvenue Bienvenida مرحبا

Estimados miembros de la gran familia del CISM:
Estimadas lectoras, estimados lectores:

¡Es con un gran placer que les presento el primer número del
CISM Magazine de 2010!

Dos grandes acontecimientos figuran al programa de este año:
los primeros Juegos Mundiales Militares en Aoste (Italia) en
marzo y los primeros Cadet Games que se celebrarán en octubre
en Turquía.

Como lectores regulares, habrán probablemente observado el
nuevo diseño así como la nueva estructura de nuestra revista,
concebidos para invitarlos, más allá de los torneos deportivos
y otras manifestaciones del CISM, a descubrir de manera más
personal a nuestros atletas, a nuestros dirigentes y a nuestros socios,
todo ello con una mayor comodidad de lectura. Desde hace
6 meses, han ido apareciendo numerosas ideas para desarrollar
la comunicación que se concretarán a lo largo del año.

¡Unas agradables sorpresas nos están esperando!

¡Espero que lean esta revista del CISM con mucho interés!

Dear Members of the Great CISM Family,
Dear Readers,

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the first issue of
CISM Magazine for 2010!

This year's programme includes two major innovations: the 1st
Winter Military World Games to be held in Valle d'Aosta, Italy, in
March and the 1st Cadet Games scheduled in Turkey in October.
Being regular readers, you will no doubt have noticed the new
layout and structure of our magazine, designed to invite you
beyond sport and other CISM events, to discover more personally
our athletes, our leaders and our partners with even greater reading
enjoyment. ; For six months now, many new ideas have been
developed to leverage communication, which will materialise
throughout this year.

Wonderful surprises in store!

I hope you will thoroughly enjoy reading this issue of CISM
Magazine!

أعزائي أفراد العائلة الكبيرة للمجلس الدولي للرياضة العسكرية.
حضرات القارئات والقراء.

إنني لسعيد جدًا أن أقدم إليكم النشرة الأولى لهذه السنة لمجلة المجلس الدولي
للرياضة العسكرية!

وستشهد هذه السنة ولأول مرة حدثين كبيرين. الأول: الألعاب الأولى العالمية
العسكرية في مارس في أوسطا (إيطاليا). والثاني: الألعاب الأولى للأحداث
«Cadet Games» التي ستجري في أكتوبر في تركيا.

وبصفتكم قراء منتظمين فقد لاحظتم. دون شك. الوجه الجديد والهيئة
الجديدة لمجلتنا والمبتكرتين لحكمكم على اكتشاف المبارزات الرياضية وأحداث
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خاصة. وعلى مدارتنا. وشركائنا في شكل من القراء مريح أكثر.

ولا تزال الأفكار تزداد عندنا منذ 6 أشهر لتطوير الإتصال معكم وستسعى إلى
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أتمنى من الآن أن تقرؤوا هذه المجلة بكثير من الإهتمام.

العقيد الأسكندر موريسود
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Dott. Major General Gianni Gola
CISM - President



This is the last editorial I am writing as President of CISM

In Rio de Janeiro, next May, I will conclude my third mandate and the General Assembly will elect the new president.

We are now at the eve of another historical event for CISM: the first edition of the Winter Games.

While I am personally ready to enjoy, together with our people - delegates and athletes - the splendid atmosphere of the new Games, I am also trying to summarise in a few concepts the outstanding experience I have had the privilege to live in these last twelve years.

This experience is not only mine but belongs to all our organisation as such and to each of us, members in different ways of a huge family, full of outstanding potentialities.

And these are the main concepts on which I would like to draw the attention in this moment.

IDENTITY. In spite of the many international tensions and conflicts, we succeeded to maintain our neutrality and to keep harmony and cohesion. Against every pessimism, military sport has been able to raise the international awareness of its presence and its role and to reinforce its identities.

GAMES. As we know, the CISM permanent task is to use sport to bring together the Armed Forces of all the countries. That's why we have done our best for the "Military Games", to assure their continuity, to launch "new" Games. In 2010 we will have two first editions of Games: the Winter and the Cadets Games. And next year, in Rio de Janeiro (Olympic City 2016!) we will have the fifth edition of the overall Games.

Indeed, we succeeded!

SINERGIES. The most successful part of the recent CISM events has confirmed that it is vital for us to reject any perplexity and any reluctance and to believe that only a concrete overall interaction with all the stakeholders around us (political and sport bodies, media, sponsors, etc.) allow us to reach our most ambitious goals.

Even in period of financial crisis, military sport has demonstrated that there are important institutions ready to invest also on our initiatives and to support our development.

NEW HORIZONS. As many know, CISM has decided to enter the new Millennium by enlarging its horizons in some specific fields like: "sport for all soldiers"; a development philosophy; the humanitarian initiatives; the education to peace and the peace-keeping activities.

We can say that the international community has appreciated very much this new active role and is encouraging all of us to go ahead.

Dear readers, dear CISM friends, we still have much to do in all these fields; there is no doubt.

But, at the same time, we have the right to be proud and happy for the concrete achievements that, all together, we have been able to reach. A solid, durable legacy for the future of CISM.

Dott. Major General Gianni Gola



Colonel Alexandre Morisod
CISM - Secretary General

2010 Action Packed!

Several billion spectators have watched the XXI Winter Olympics held in Vancouver, Canada, between 12 and 26 February.

Twenty days later the International Military Sports Council, the Italian Armed Forces and the Autonomous Region of Valle d'Aosta (Italy) have invited thousands of selected athletes to the **1st Winter Military World Games**, on 20-25 March. And fortunately enough this year, military athletes prepared for the Olympics will still be in top condition to take part in their own international winter sports competitions. Used to organising major international events and highly experienced in this field, the Italian organisers are determined to ensure that this event enjoys the widest possible visibility worldwide – as military events are definitely on the rise and major progress has been made in recent years on that front.

In addition to these two momentous events, more than **20 Military World Championships** and many more continental and regional events will also rally thousands of athletes. The kick-off event was celebrated in Ostend (Belgium) on 11 March with the World Military Cross-Country Championship. It was impossible to remain indifferent to this event, even in Belgium since H.R.H. Prince Philip of Belgium honoured the event with his presence and was decorated by the President of CISM. Alongside these purely competitive events, the Member Nations of CISM worldwide were once again invited to take part in the **CISM Day Run** commemorating the anniversary of the foundation of CISM on 18 February 1948. Last year, more than 300,000 runners from 42 different countries mobilised to promote peace and the objective for 2010 was to rally more than 500,000. The final tally is not available yet, but there are strong indications that the objective will be met!

Next October, the Turkish Armed Forces will host the

1st CISM Cadet Games in history! CISM is proud to further grow this way. For the pupils and students of our military academies, sport is a strong vehicle to disseminate values. My sincerest congratulations to the organisers of this great initiative and I wish all participants a lot of success!

It is also appropriate to pay a special tribute to **women in 2010**. Their presence in recent years and their outstanding performances at the 4th Military World Games in India are evidence of their steadfast presence and determination to play a prominent role. Four separate women's military world championships will be held in 2010 (sailing, football, volleyball and basketball). I congratulate them wholeheartedly and wish them the best of success!

2010, a year full of hope for the future of CISM. This flurry of events shows once again that even as they face severe external challenges – economic pressure, society changes, political and other interference, etc. – our Member Nations are dynamic and their Armed Forces fully meet the requirements of their mission, i.e. to provide their athletes with an opportunity to meet and compete in sport events so that Friendship Through Sport may prevail.

Colonel Alexandre Morisod

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MILITARY WORLD GAMES
Aosta, Italy
20-25 march 2010

Why the
Winter
Military World
Games
Aosta Valley
20th-25th
March 2010 ?



To lead people to understand the extraordinary role of the modern Armed Forces, which is that of keeping peace through sport (the CISM President Gen. Gola).

Why in Aosta Valley

The Valley, a natural border territory characterized by a peaceful cohabitation among people, has been the seats of the Italian military tradition and its sports for 75 years.

In addition to that historical element, there is the basic presence of all the sport, organizing and logistic facilities, together with the useful proficiency for such important events.

The Organizing Committee principles

Three goals:

1. Organizing the Games
2. To release the values representing the base of the Games
3. To increase the abilities and opportunities of the Valley

One way: total optimization of the investment:

- absolute control of the budget (in proportion to such an important event)
- sole use of the already existing facilities
- total synergy and cooperation between the local abilities and proficiencies and those of the Armed Forces (1 + 1 makes 3)

The competitions

The Opening Ceremony will take place on Saturday 20th March at 5.00 p.m. in Aosta, the epicentre of the event; the most important civil and military authorities will attend the ceremony.

6 competition days, with the most exciting and significant Winter sports:

**Brusson (Biathlon),
Cogne (Cross-Country Skiing and Ski Orienteering),**

Courmayeur (Indoor Sport Climbing and Short Track),

Flassin Saint-Oyen (Ski Mountaineering)

Gressoney-Saint-Jean (Alpine Skiing ladies)

Pila (Alpine Skiing men)

Some data

There will be at least 40 participating nations.

About 1000 persons attending the event among athletes and technicians

About 40 hotels involved in Aosta and in the competition sites

More than 20.000 meals served in the competition sites

About 10.000 beds, sold thanks to the Games

The economic impact

1.100.000 euros (VAT included) of total investment, covered by the financial contribution of the Autonomous Region of Aosta Valley, divided into the following way:

- General Organizing costs about 240.000
- Hospitality, Opening and Prize-Giving Ceremonies about 380.000
- Event promotion and communication costs about 200.000
- Preparation of the competition sites 280.000

For each invested euro, no less than 5 euros of direct economic return on the territory, as demonstrated by the studies on previous similar events.

A very high economic equivalent, thanks to the media promotion of the Region and of the competitions sites, through the TV covering and the attention paid by the national and international press (an amount no lower than 1 million, a real value estimated on the base of the advertising investment necessary for such an impact).

A concrete effect, especially on the regional, but even on the national productive system, and a good participation chance for suppliers, technicians and partners.

Pourquoi organiser
les **Jeux mondiaux
militaires d'hiver** du
20 au 25 mars 2010
dans le Val d'Aoste ?



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Afin de participer à la sensibilisation des populations à la mission extraordinaire des Forces armées modernes : maintenir la paix par le sport (le Général Gianni Gola, Président du CISM).

Pourquoi dans le Val d'Aoste ?

Parce que le Val d'Aoste est un territoire frontalier naturel qui incarne la coexistence pacifique entre les peuples. C'est aussi, depuis 75 ans, le siège de l'Ecole militaire alpine italienne et de ses traditions sportives.

Outre ce motif historique, la région réunit d'ores et déjà toutes les facilités sportives, organisationnelles et logistiques nécessaires ainsi que l'expérience et la maîtrise des manifestations de cette ampleur.

Les principes du Comité organisateur

Trois objectifs :

1. Organiser les Jeux
2. Diffuser les valeurs fondamentales des Jeux
3. Mettre en avant et développer le savoir-faire et le potentiel du Val d'Aoste

Une méthode : maximiser le retour sur investissement à travers :

- Une maîtrise budgétaire rigoureuse (eu égard à l'ampleur de l'événement)
- Le recours exclusif à des installations existantes
- Des synergies et une pleine collaboration entre les compétences et savoir-faire locaux et militaires (1+1=3)

Les compétitions

La Cérémonie d'ouverture se tiendra le samedi 20 mars à 17h à Aoste, centre névralgique des Jeux, en présence des plus hautes autorités civiles et militaires.

Six journées de compétitions dans les sports d'hiver les plus passionnants et les plus significatifs :

Biathlon (Brusson)

Ski de fond et course d'orientation à ski (Cogne)

Escalade et short track (Courmayeur)

Ski alpinisme (Flassin Saint-Oyen)

Ski alpin féminin (Gressoney-Saint-Jean)

Ski alpin masculin (Pila)

Les Jeux en chiffres

Il y aura au moins 40 Nations participantes.

Environ 1 000 sportifs et techniciens en présence

Quelque 40 hôtels concernés à Aoste et sur les sites de compétition

Plus de 20 000 repas servis sur les sites de compétition

Environ 10 000 nuitées d'hôtel vendues grâce aux Jeux

Environ 240 000 en frais généraux liés à l'organisation ;

Environ 380 000 en frais de réception pour les Cérémonies d'ouverture et de clôture ;

Environ 1 100 000 (TVA incluse) couvert par l'intervention financière de la Région autonome du Val d'Aoste, réparti comme suit :

Environ 240 000 en frais généraux liés à l'organisation ;

Environ 380 000 en frais de réception pour les Cérémonies d'ouverture et de clôture ;

- Environ 200 000 en frais de promotion et de communication ;
- 280 000 pour la préparation des divers sites de compétition.

Chaque euro investi en rapportera au moins cinq sous la forme de retombées économiques directes pour la région, selon les études réalisées lors de manifestations similaires antérieures.

Un retour sur investissement économique substantiel (au moins un million d'euros, selon une estimation raisonnable des dépenses publicitaires à consentir pour obtenir un impact comparable) grâce à l'intérêt des médias pour la région et les sites de compétition, à la couverture télévisée et à l'attention de la presse nationale et internationale.

Un impact mesurable, principalement sur les filières locales – mais aussi sur le système productif national – ainsi qu'une belle occasion, pour les fournisseurs, techniciens et partenaires, de partager les bénéfices de l'événement.





Program Winter Military World Games

Aosta Valley 20th-25th March 2010

Day	Time	Event	Place
Tue 16th	11.30	Press Conference for introducing the Winter Military World Games	<i>Aosta Regional Government Palace</i>
Fri 19th	17.00	Technical and Information Meeting for the Chiefs of Mission (to be scheduled arrival timetable)	<i>Aosta Regional Government Palace</i>
Sat 20th	09.30 - 12.30	Forum "Sport for peace: from positives initiatives to systemic integrated programs" organized by the CISM - in partnership with the IOC	<i>Aosta Regional Government Palace</i>
	15.00 - 16.00	Press Conference of the best athletes	<i>Aosta</i>
	17.00 - 19.00	Opening Ceremony	
	20.00 - 22.00	Opening Dinner of the Winter Military World Games	
Sun 21st	09.00	Gigant Slalom (male)	<i>Pila</i>
	09.00	Ski Mountaineering (male and female)	<i>Flassin (Saint-Oyen)</i>
	10.00	Qualification Indoor Sport Climbing (male and female)	<i>Courmayeur</i>
	18.00	Medal Plaza (Giant Slalom male) Meeting with the old champions of the Italian Team (Blue Avalanche)	<i>Aost Regional Government Palace</i>
	21.00	Dinner in honour of the Chiefs of Mission	<i>St. Vincent Casinò de la Vallée</i>
Mon 22nd	09.00	Biathlon (male and female)	<i>Brusson</i>
	09.00	Gigant Slalom (female)	<i>Gressoney St.J.</i>
	10.00	Indoor Sport Climbing (male and female) Semi-final Race	<i>Courmayeur</i>
	15.00	Indoor Sport Climbing (male and female) Final Race	<i>Courmayeur</i>
	18.00	Medal Plaza (Biathlon/Giant Slalom female)	<i>Aosta Regional Government Palace</i>
Tue 23rd	09.00	Slalom (male)	<i>Pila</i>
	09.00	Ski orienteering (male and female)	<i>Cogne</i>
	10.00	Short Track (500mt)	<i>Courmayeur</i>
	18.00	Medal Plaza (Slalom)	<i>Aosta Regional Government Palace</i>
Wed 24th	09.00	Cross-country Skiing (male and female)	<i>Cogne</i>
	10.00	Short Track (1500mt)	<i>Courmayeur</i>
	17.00	Slalom (male and female) then Medal Plaza	<i>Gressoney St.J.</i>
Thu 25th	09.00	Biathlon patrol (male and female)	<i>Brusson</i>
	18.00	Medal Plaza (Cross-country, Biathlon Patrol)	<i>Courmayeur</i> <i>Courmayeur</i>
	20.00	Prize-giving and Closing Ceremony	
	20.00	Closing Dinner	
Fri 26th	10.30	Closing Press Conference	<i>Aosta Regional Government Palace</i>

20th/25th MARCH 2010 AOSTA VALLEY - ITALY

ALPINE SKIING
CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING
SKI MOUNTAINEERING
BIATHLON
SKI ORIENTEERING
SHORT TRACK
INDOOR SPORT CLIMBING



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The strip contains the following event posters from top to bottom:

- ALPINE SKIING**: Pila - 9.00 H, Sunday 21st March.
- CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING**: COGNE - 9.00 H, Wednesday 24th March.
- SKI MOUNTAINEERING**: FLASSIN (Saint-Oyen) - 9.00 H, Sunday 21st March.
- BIATHLON**: BRUSSON - 9.00 H, Monday 22nd March.
- SKI ORIENTEERING**: COGNE - 9.00 H, Tuesday 23rd March.
- SHORT TRACK**: COURMAYEUR - 10.00 H, Wednesday 24th March.
- INDOOR SPORT CLIMBING**: COURMAYEUR - 10.00 H, Monday 22nd March.



Olympic Brief!

Vancouver Downhill GOLD for 2006 Military World Champion Didier Défago!

Didier Défago (SUI) made history at the Vancouver Olympics, winning the downhill race to bag his first Olympic title. "This gold medal rewards my work and my patience", he said right after crossing the finish line in Whistler Mountain.

Last winter, Didier Défago successively won the two most prestigious downhill races on the ski World Cup programme: the superb Lauberhorn in Wengen – the longest downhill track in Switzerland – and the mythical "Streif" in Kitzbühel, Austria, the most vertiginous in the World Cup circuit. Eleven skiers only have managed this fantastic double in the entire history of skiing.

In Vancouver, the kind skier from Morgins – a resort in Valais, Switzerland, which forms part of one of the largest ski areas in the world, a stone's throw from the French border – made history by clinching Olympic gold, a genuine prowess!

The 2006 military world champion produced a veritable feat. The Olympic rings will forever shine on this pleasant village in Valais where emotions have been running higher and higher since Didier Défago started his professional skiing career back in 1996!

He comes from a family of champions: his father showed the way on competitive slopes, followed by brother Daniel (a former junior Giant Slalom world champion and now an Assistant IT Manager with the International Ski Federation, FIS) who preceded him on world military slopes and clinched silver at the 2001 CISM World Military Ski Championship in Stowe (Vermont, USA).

Married to Sabine and the father of two – Alexane and Timéo –, Didier Défago has become at 32, the oldest Olympic champion in downhill history. Beyond the athletic achievement, this win shows that you should never give up! A fine example of resilience!

The Swiss Armed Forces have renowned athletes on roll and are definitely not short of champions. It is quite creditable indeed, for a small country and its Armed Forces to be able to recruit the finest athletes every year thanks to its militia system. The Member Nations of CISM are very well represented in Vancouver and outstanding performances have been produced there that will be reported on the CISM website.

Col. Alexandre Morisod



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Clin d'œil Olympique !

Didier Défago, champion du monde militaire 2006, devient champion olympique de descente à Vancouver !

En remportant son premier titre olympique lors de la descente des Jeux olympiques de Vancouver, Didier Défago (SUI) est entré

dans l'histoire. « Cette médaille d'or récompense mon travail et ma patience » a-t-il déclaré à peine franchie la ligne d'arrivée à Whistler Mountain.

L'hiver dernier, Didier Défago avait remporté successivement les deux descentes les plus prestigieuses et les plus belles de la Coupe du monde de ski : la superbe descente du Lauberhorn à Wengen, la plus longue de Suisse, et la mythique « Streif », la plus vertigineuse du circuit de la Coupe du monde, à Kitzbühel en Autriche. Dans toute l'histoire du ski, seuls onze skieurs ont réussi ce fabuleux doublé.

A Vancouver, le sympathique skieur de Morgins (Valais), station appartenant à l'un des plus beaux domaines skiables du monde situé à deux pas de la frontière française, est entré dans la légende en épinglant l'or olympique – un exploit de taille ! Le champion du monde militaire de 2006 a réalisé une véritable prouesse. Les anneaux olympiques brilleront à jamais dans ce sympathique village valaisan où la fièvre n'a cessé de

monter depuis le début de la carrière professionnelle de Didier Défago en 1996 !

Il est issu d'une famille de champions puisque son papa Victor l'a précédé sur les pistes en compétition avant que son frère Daniel (actuellement Assistant IT Manager de la Fédération Internationale de Ski (FIS) et ancien champion du monde junior de slalom géant) le précède sur le circuit mondial militaire en obtenant en 2001 le titre de vice-champion du monde CISM à Stowe (Vermont, USA).

Marié à Sabine, Didier Défago est l'heureux papa d'Alexane et Timéo. A 32 ans, il est le champion olympique de descente le plus âgé de l'histoire. En plus du succès sportif, cette victoire nous apprend qu'il ne faut jamais renoncer ! Quel bel exemple de volonté !

Les Forces armées suisses détiennent en leurs rangs des athlètes de renom et ce ne sont pas les champions qui manquent. C'est à tout à l'honneur de ce petit pays et de son armée de pouvoir, grâce à son système de milice, recruter chaque année les meilleurs athlètes.

Les Nations membres du CISM sont très bien représentées à Vancouver et des résultats formidables ont été enregistrés qui sont communiqués sur le site internet du CISM.

Col. Alexandre Morisod





General (AF) Rinaldo SESTILI

Message of the Chief of the Italian Delegation to CISM on the occasion of the **First CISM Winter Military World Games** to be Held in Valle d'Aosta between 20 & 25 March 2010

« Whether in terms of technical outcomes, athletic performance or the number of participating nations and servicemen and women, the CISM Military World Games are the largest global event in the entire military sports movement.

For the Italian Armed Forces, hosting the first edition of the CISM WINTER Military World Games to be held in the wonderful and symbolic region of Valle d'Aosta, represents a new sizeable achievement when it comes to promoting

planetary sport events requiring a very significant organisational and managerial effort from the Administration of the autonomous region of Valle d'Aosta.

Due to their magnitude in both quantitative and qualitative terms, these first Winter Military World Games fully confirm this reputation and it is therefore an honour for me, on behalf of the Italian Armed Forces and in my own personal capacity, to warmly and sincerely welcome the roughly 1,000 representatives

(athletes, officials and accompanying persons) of the foreign military delegations of Member Nations coming from four different continents, also hoping for moving and exciting games embodying sport values and for wonderful and sound competition in sport, embodying the communion of peoples beyond political, religious and cultural differences, around the CISM motto: 'Friendship through Sport'.

Message du Chef de la Délégation italienne au CISM à l'occasion des **premiers Jeux mondiaux militaires d'hiver du CISM** qui se tiendront du 20 au 25 mars 2010 au Val d'Aoste

« Les Jeux mondiaux militaires du CISM constituent la plus importante manifestation planétaire de tout le mouvement sportif militaire, que ce soit du point de vue des résultats techniques ou du niveau des performances sportives ou encore en termes de nations participantes et d'athlètes militaires inscrits.

La 1^{re} édition des Jeux mondiaux militaires d'HIVER du CISM, qui se tiendra dans la région aussi splendide que symbolique du Val d'Aoste, constitue, pour les Forces armées italiennes, une nouvelle réalisation de taille dans le domaine de la promotion des manifestations sportives de dimension mondiale, exigeant par conséquent de la part de l'administration de la région autonome du Val d'Aoste un effort des plus significatifs sur le plan de l'organisation et de la gestion.

De par leur ampleur aussi bien qualitative que quantitative, ces premiers Jeux mondiaux militaires d'hiver confirment amplement cette réputation, et c'est donc un honneur pour moi, au nom des Forces armées italiennes et en mon nom personnel, de souhaiter chaleureusement et sincèrement la bienvenue au millier de représentants (athlètes, officiels et accompagnateurs) des délégations militaires étrangères, de provenance des Nations membres de quatre continents, en formant le vœu de vivre des Jeux plein d'émotion et d'enthousiasme au nom du sport et d'y assister à une belle et saine concurrence sportive qui saura exprimer la communion des peuples par delà les spécificités politiques, religieuses et culturelles, dans le respect de la devise du CISM : 'AMITIE PAR LE SPORT'.



Photo by Dirk De Vos



The Principality of Monaco, 132nd CISM Member Nation!

Welcome!

On 26 & 27 November 2009, General Gianni Gola, President of CISM, and Colonel Alexandre Morisod, CISM Secretary General, had the honour of meeting with His Most Serene Highness Prince Albert II, who is famous worldwide for his strong involvement in a wide variety of sports. The membership of Monaco had already been discussed on many similar occasions and today we can announce that it is a fact.

The Principality of Monaco

The Principality of Monaco is a sovereign city-state located in southwest Europe on the northern central coast of the Mediterranean. It is surrounded on three sides by its neighbour, France, and its centre is about 16 km from Italy. Its area is 2 km², with a population estimated at almost 33,000.

Monaco is the name of the country and of its capital (and only) city. It is a constitutional monarchy and principality, with His Most Serene Highness Prince Albert II as its Head of State. The House of Grimaldi has ruled Monaco since 1297, and the State's sovereignty was officially enshrined in the bilateral Treaty signed by France and Monaco in 1861.

The Armed Forces of Monaco comprise two full-time branches under the authority of the Department of the Interior. One is the Corps des Sapeurs-Pompiers de Monaco, and the other is the Corps des Carabiniers du Prince.

His Serene Highness Albert II of Monaco

A former bobsledder and an influential member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the Sovereign Prince is a dedicated defender of all athletes, who – rightly – condemns people who use sport events to convey a negative message of to further their business, i.e. people who leverage these events for purposes that have nothing to do with sport. He is an enthusiast who competed at the highest level as a bobsledder for 16 years. Living in this community for so many years durably influenced him. He defines his view of the Olympics in three words: competition, camaraderie and friendship. He fervently believes

in the usefulness of sport in life: digging deep inside oneself and surpassing one's mental limits. In this context, competitive sport constantly confronts individuals with – sometimes insurmountable – obstacles enabling them – in both failure and victory – to explore certain aspects of their personality.

His Excellency Prince Albert II has expressed his desire for the Principality of Monaco to join CISM on many occasions. It is now a reality and it is with unqualified pleasure that we thank and warmly welcome him!

The whole CISM Family is proudly looking forward to meeting the representatives of Monaco at both our sporting and institutional events.

Once again,

WELCOME Monaco!

WELCOME His Serene Highness Albert II

Colonel Alexandre Morisod



La Principauté de Monaco, 132^e Nation membre du CISM !

Bienvenue!

Les 26 & 27 novembre 2009, le Général Gianni Gola, Président du CISM, et le Colonel Alexandre Morisod, Secrétaire général du CISM, ont eu l'honneur de rencontrer Son Altesse Sérénissime le Prince Albert II, mondialement connu pour son profond engagement dans toute une série de sports. L'adhésion de Monaco au CISM avait déjà été évoquée précédemment en diverses occasions similaires mais l'on peut aujourd'hui annoncer que c'est chose faite.

La Principauté de Monaco

La Principauté de Monaco est une Cité-Etat souveraine du sud-ouest de l'Europe située sur la côte septentrionale centrale de la Méditerranée. Elle est bordée sur trois côtés par sa voisine, la France, et son centre se trouve à environ seize kilomètres de l'Italie. Sa superficie atteint 2 km² et sa population est estimée à près de 33 000 habitants.

Monaco est le nom du pays et de sa capitale (et seule ville). Il s'agit d'une principauté et d'une monarchie constitutionnelle dont le Chef d'Etat est Son Altesse Sérénissime le Prince Albert II. La Maison des Grimaldi règne sur Monaco depuis 1297 et la souveraineté de l'Etat est officiellement reconnue par le Traité bilatéral franco-monégasque de 1861.

Les Forces armées de Monaco réunissent deux composantes professionnelles placées sous l'autorité du Ministère de l'intérieur. Il s'agit, d'une part, du Corps des Sapeurs-Pompiers de Monaco et, d'autre part, du Corps des Carabiniers du Prince.

Son Altesse Sérénissime le Prince Albert II de Monaco

Ancien bobeur et membre influent du Comité international olympique (CIO), le Prince souverain défend farouchement les athlètes et condamne, à juste titre, les gens qui utilisent les événements sportifs pour véhiculer un message négatif ou mener leurs affaires, c'est-à-dire qui les exploitent pour des motifs totalement étrangers au sport. C'est un passionné qui a pratiqué le bobsleigh pendant seize ans au plus haut niveau.



Photo by Jean-François Fournier

Vivre dans cet environnement durant toutes ses années lui a laissé un souvenir impérissable. Son regard sur les Jeux olympiques, il le définit en trois mots : compétition, camaraderie et amitié. Il défend avec ferveur l'utilité du sport dans la vie car il oblige à puiser au fond de soi-même et à repousser ses limites mentales. Dans ce contexte, la compétition confronte chacun, en permanence, à des difficultés parfois insurmontables qui lui permettent – aussi bien dans l'échec que dans la victoire – d'explorer certaines facettes de sa personnalité.

Son Excellence le Prince Albert II a maintes fois exprimé le désir de voir la Principauté de Monaco adhérer au CISM. C'est aujourd'hui chose faite et c'est avec une fierté non dissimulée que nous lui adressons notre reconnaissance et nos souhaits de cordiale bienvenue !

Toute la famille du CISM attend avec fierté et impatience de rencontrer les représentants de Monaco lors de ses manifestations tant sportives qu'institutionnelles.

Nous adressons, une fois encore, nos vœux de bienvenue à Monaco et à Son Altesse Sérénissime le Prince Albert II !

Colonel Alexandre Morisod

22nd World Military Cycling Championship

09 - 14 September 2009
Clonmel, Ireland

Germany and Slovenia Victorious at the 22nd World Military Cycling Championship

The CISM World Military Cycling Championship took place in Clonmel, Ireland, from 9 to 14 September 2009. Clonmel is a typical Irish town, situated in the south-eastern part of Ireland. After several weeks of rain since June, we were welcomed by sunshine which remained our companion until the very end of the championship, not to mention that the conditions for the competitions were excellent. Organizers had nothing to worry about.

Ireland, a CISM member since 1964, hosted a cycling championship for the first time. The Irish had hosted CISM World Military Cross - Country championships four times (1969, 1979, 1994 and 1998), Boxing in 2002 and Golf in 2007. In 2010 they will host a CISM World Military Equestrian Championship.

Ireland followed the example of Slovenia's exemplary organisation model from the venue of the 2008 CISM World

Military Cycling Championship. The competitive part was organised in co-operation with the local civil cycling club. This model has proved to be very successful on several occasions as the armed forces joined their capacities (logistics, protocol etc.) with the experts (selection of the course, referees etc.). The competition followed the rules of the International Cycling Association (UCI) and their delegate also attended the event. The national teams of the Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, USA and the host nation Ireland were stationed in the Kilworth Camp military base in Fermoy, while the heads of the delegations stayed in an excellent hotel in Clonmel.

After the official training and the opening ceremony, the competition started with a Time Trial which was of particular importance and meaning for Ireland. The Time Trial was set between two towns (from Carrick to Clonmel) and was the same course which the famous

Sean Kelly, who is an Irish national cycling hero, had won several times. The finish area was set up on a square named after him. Tension was also felt among many locals and spectators along the course. All eyes were fixed on the score board in the finish area and the spectators awaited each competitor with excitement, hoping that nobody would beat the 20-km course record of 24 minutes and 9 seconds set by Sean Kelly in the Nissan Classic of 1986, known as the Tour of Ireland. Since then no one has succeeded in beating that record. All countries had very strong national teams but some expectations of the champions at the competitions came true.

The Time Trial is characterised by delayed starts of competitors and therefore the winner of the competition is not known until the very last competitor reaches the finish line. Towards the end of the second half the first places were already predictable based on the results of individual stages of the course. The German national team already started celebrating the double victory of Schaefer (GER) and Bengsch (GER). Then Bole (SLO), as the last competitor, bolted out from the blue with the best total time and took the title. In his last hundred metres all eyes were fixed on the score board and the Irish held their breath out of fear that he might beat Kelly, as he was obviously going fast. He had the best time and won

the title of the World Military Cycling Champion. He missed Kelly's record by just 7 seconds. His time was extraordinary as he blitzed around the variegated course at an average speed of 50.77 km/hr. Bole (SLO) added a new triumph to a string of Slovenian victories. He took the throne of Jani Brajkovic (SLO), three-time World Military Cycling Champion, who did not compete in Ireland.

The last day of the championship featured a 142 km road race. The competitors had to cycle nine laps, whereby the first half of the lap was slightly variegated and the second mainly level. Throughout the race, groups of cyclists tried to escape but never succeeded in

gaining more than a half-minute advantage. There were some falls during a race but no serious injuries. In the finish area, the victorious arrival of Bole (SLO) was already announced despite the fact that the German competitors had set the tempo during the main section. They caught up with Bole (SLO), who had gained a 20 second advantage at most, less than three kilometres before the finish line. What followed was a finish sprint of the leading group during which, 300 metres from the finish, Bole (SLO) fell and had to stop competing, the same as the first Slovenian sprint ace, Kump (SLO). This put an end to the hard work of seven Slovenian cyclists who failed to defend their achievements of last year.

The Germans in composition Bommel, Schaefer and Mohs dashed to the finish area and rejoiced in their absolute triple victory. Thus, the Germans won five of the six medals at the championship and also celebrated a team victory. Sincere congratulations to the German cycling champions!

The organising committee did a wonderful work with their excellent organisation of the championship and strong support of the Mayor of Clonmel, topped off by a harmonious atmosphere and the great participation of the locals. The closing ceremony was held at the platform of the Military Camp in Clonmel, similarly as the opening ceremony. In his speech, the official CISM representative Colonel

John A. Forquer (USA) thanked the organisers with the following words: "To our wonderful Irish hosts in truly one of the most beautiful places on earth, we are all extremely grateful. The hospitality, scenery and terrain of Ireland provides a perfect setting for this World Class competition. Ireland has produced a multitude of superb, world class athletes. And in the world of cycling, the name Sean Kelly is known by anyone who has ever ridden a bicycle as truly one of the greatest athletes and ambassadors of the sport."

*Lt-Col. Suzana Tkavc, MSc (SLO)
Photos: WO Rajko Petek (SLO)
and organizers WMC (Ireland)*



**HENNING BOMMEL (GERMANY)
WINNER OF THE ROAD RACE.**

What can you tell us about your victory today?

Today's victory is a very big success for me. Our team was very strong, except during the ascents. However, we managed to compensate for this deficiency during other stages of the course.

We had the feeling that your team basically put all your bets on the finishing sprint of the leading group?

This is true. Stefan Schaefer was our man for the finishing sprint. At the end, we had a bit of luck and we celebrated a triple victory. In the last few metres, Stefan realised we were heading for success and he left the victory to me, for which I am truly grateful.

Stefan is in excellent shape. Before this championship, he finished second in a race in Slovakia in sum total. It is evident that your performance as a team in the championship was excellent. You won five of the six medals. Are you satisfied?

Of course we are satisfied. We won medals in the Time Trial and also in the Road Race.

We were also victorious in terms of team ranking. This was confirmation that we are in good shape. Now we are leaving for Sierra Nevada, Spain, where we will do altitude training before hitting the race course again at the world championship.

What do you think of the championship organisation?

The championship was superbly organised. The last time I competed in the championship was in 2004. Other members of the team said that last year's championship also excelled in terms of organisation. The people are friendly and the weather helped us.

At the moment, the fate of the 2010 championship is not yet known. Do you think there will be an organiser for the next year?

That is what we all wish for. The championships are becoming very well organised and I believe that the organisation of a world military cycling championship is a sizeable task for the military forces of the organising country. It is clearly easier to organise a championship in judo or any other indoor sport.



**GREGA BOLE (SLOVENIA)
WINNER OF THE TIME TRIAL.**

Congratulations on your victory. In past world military Time Trial championships you won 10th place. How did you manage to beat all your competitors this year?

It was a bit of surprise for me, too. I am very pleased with the result as I have engaged in intensive training in the last period. In the last week of September Switzerland will host a world championship at which I will compete as member of the Slovenian National Team. This excellent performance is confirmation that I am in great shape. I have not been in such a good shape in this year's season yet.

In the last three championships the winner of the most difficult cycling discipline was your colleague Jani Brajkovic. Do you think he could have been better than you this time?

He would have had a good chance, like everybody else. However, I cannot comment on his performance at this championship because he was not here.

What do you think about your competitors in the individual Time Trial? The Germans Schaefer and Bengsch were excellent. And Kristijan Koren was not bad at all!

The competitors were all top-class. They all

compete in cycling races all over the world and achieve great results. I am very pleased that I succeeded in overcoming the specialists in this discipline.

What do you think about the organisation of the championship which, this year, was in Ireland?

The course was superb. Fast and varied. It really suited me and the course of the Road Race also suits me. The people are very friendly and I was very satisfied with the organisation and accommodation.

In the next season you will join the Italian team Lampre which is one of the best cycling teams in the world. What do you expect from the next season?

I am happy to have the opportunity to compete at the biggest cycling races in the world. I would certainly not have been given this opportunity if I had not been supported throughout all these years by the Slovenian Armed Forces. I will invest all my efforts in the spring season, featuring classical one-day races in Belgium. What I want the most is a good performance in the Tour of Flanders which, for me, is the most beautiful and most difficult cycling race in the world.

Interview with Chief of Irish Delegation to CISM, Col. Andrew Kilfeather



Why you decided to organize Cycling World Military Championship?

First of all I would say that the Irish Defence Forces are a great supporter of CISM. We realized that there was a great need to have this competition because of our historical connections from the civilian side with champions such as Sean Kelly and Steven Roche and the affiliation with the various other international cycling events, we thought that this would be an opportunity for the Defence Forces to show what we can do on the military side.

Did you chose this track because of Sean Kelly's record?

That is correct. We decided that it would be appropriate to align ourselves to the centre of excellence for cycling in Ireland, which is the hometown of Sean Kelly. I was a little bit worried during the time trial race as the cyclists were getting closer and closer to Kelly's time. In fact it would have been a disaster if Kelly's record was broken. You only have to come to Ireland to realize how people in this part of the world revere this man's achievements. He was truly

an historic athlete and still today he is so important to our country and to this part of Ireland itself. Indeed one of reasons is also this rural area which is perhaps one of the most historical and beautiful parts of Ireland. We thought it might be a good idea to show our international comrades what Ireland has to offer in this area.

Cycling and equestrian are the most popular sports in this region. Will you organize the next year's WMC in equestrian also in this region?

We would like to see the equestrian WMC perhaps run in conjunction with one of the major equestrian events in Europe- the Royal Dublin Society-RDS show which is usually held in August each year. We are planning the WMC Equestrian perhaps one week prior in order to give our international colleagues an opportunity to go to the RDS. It will be run as a military-private partnership again. We would like to bring the military to the public to see the equestrian event being organized in conjunction with a national or international show jumping event in Ireland.

How many personnel approximately were involved in this cycling championship?

The actual number of competitors and support staff would have been in the region of anything up to 150. It is not the size of the competition. If you run a competition for 50 people you might run it for 400. The logistics, the planning, everything has to be done, it doesn't make any difference. Perhaps into the future we should look for the ability of each country to run competitions, in terms of the financial outlays. I think there are areas where we could cut back and allow every country to come to the mark to organize an event.

You began the preparations for the WMC twelve months in advance and your delegation visited the CISM Headquarters in May. Is this helped you

somehow in organization of the event?

Our planning started when we went to Slovenia who hosted the WMC 2008 and the Slovenians were extremely helpful to us, in giving us guidance on how to run the WMC Cycling. We found it important also that all the time we would keep the CISM HQ up to date on how our preparations were going. CISM Sports Department gave us the expertise and also the PCSC Cycling Lt. Colonel Wim de Geyter. It was a partnership, they guided us and I think this is a very good idea, because it is quite important to count on the help of people who run these competitions on a yearly basis. This has been the success of the championship in Ireland. I feel as if we have run a good competition, it was a fair competition, run in accordance with the rules and everybody was extremely satisfied with the conditions.

You have done a great job; everything was excellent organized from logistics to competition. What are your recommendations for the next organizer?

We will do after action review, look at the lessons learned from this championship and prepare a file with all the documents. We are quite prepared to help any country that steps up to the mark to host a WMC Cycling in the future. What are the experiences we got from organizing the competition and any help that we can give to a country we will do. This is what these championships are all about. It is not about individual countries or individual winners. It's about cooperation between armed forces from around the world. We are all military people and we have served overseas in various operations and we can serve overseas in sports organizations as well.

By Lt-Col. Suzana Tkavc, MSc (SLO)

22^e championnat du monde militaire de cyclisme

09 - 14 septembre 2009
Clonmel, Irlande

CISM International Symposium

Prague, Czech Republic
18 - 23 September 2009 **2009**



The CISM International Symposium "Sports science: fundamental tool of modern sports management" was held in Prague from 18 to 23 September 2009, organized by CISM Headquarters and the Sports Research Institute of Czech Armed Forces (CASRI) with tight cooperation of Military Department of Faculty of Physical Education and Sport, Charles University in Prague.

70 participants from 27 countries have

been there with this occasion. There were guests from Angola, Austria, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, England, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guinea Republic, Hungary, Iran, Italy, Kenya, Nigeria, Norway, Sri Lanka, Slovenia, Sweden, Swaziland, Turkey, USA and Uzbekistan.

First of the symposiums' aims "to identify the importance of science as an efficient supporting tool of sports management"

was focusing on topics of symposium sessions. The second one "to create a favourable environment to re-launch the CISM Academy" was reached with excellent concept of symposium and high qualified speakers. Culmination of this goal has been achieved on 21st September with the Academy Re-birth Ceremony in Praha Hotel with the participation of CISM President General Gianni Gola and high authorities from Czech Republic, as Dean of Physical Education and

Sport Faculty, Chairman of National Olympic Committee, Deputy Minister of Defence and other. They mark the historical moment with a signature in the Academy book.

Opening and closing ceremony attended also six top athletes, Olympic medalists from Check republic. Two of them received CISM merits: Maj. Jan ŽELEZNÝ and Maj. Tomáš DVORÁK. The symposium began with Opening session speech of Capt Navy Bengt Nylander, Official CISM Representative and Vice president for Europe, followed by a speech given to the Symposium Director Lt-Col Suzana Tkavc, focusing on development of Sport and Science in CISM. Dean of Physical Education and Sport Faculty Prof. Vaclav Bunc continue with presentation, related to main goal of Symposium.

Sessions continues with 5 topics:

1st - Armed Forces as a stakeholder in the development of sports science;

- 2 presentations by Retired Navy Capt. Lamartine DaCosta (Brazil) and Prof. Tušak Matej (Slovenia);

2nd - Training methods: science in-

creasing performance;

- 6 presentations by Prof. Damir Karpljuk (Slovenia), Lt. col. Mesud Cerit (Turkey), Col. Wenbin Yang (China), Col. Ciamak Amiri (Iran), Lt. Col. Herald Dobmeier (Germany) and Prof. Michael Spivock (Canada);

3rd - Physical test: armed forces, fertile universe for scientific researches;

- 6 presentations by Prof. Heikki Kyröläinen (Finland), Prof. Damir Karpljuk (Slovenia), Dr. Med. Oliver Earley (Germany), Prof. Jean Marc Sene (France), Capt Rafael S. Pinheiro Cunha (Brazil) and Lt. Col. Suzana Tkavc (CISM HQ Brussels).

4th - Science: an efficient tool for sports administrators;

- 6 presentations by Prof. Tušak Matej (Slovenia), Lt. Col. Gilvan Vasconcelos da Silva (Brazil), Prof. Cedric Laurent (Belgium), Mr. Kjell-Erik Kristiansen (Sweden), Prof. Michael Spivock (Canada) and Col. Lubomir Privetivy (Czech republic);

5th - Creating synergy between science and management;

- 3 presentations by Prof. ing. Eva Caslavova (Czech Republic), Prof. Gary Armstrong (Great Britain) and Retired Navy Captain Lamartine DaCosta (Brazil).

Participants shared their point of view and experiences with 18 speakers (95% PhD and MSc) from Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, England, Finland, France, Germany, Iran, Slovenia, Sweden and Turkey that had presented their studies and researches in these fields of activities in overall 23 presentations. All the abstracts are published on CISM website.

It was a huge international CISM event with important historical moment of CISM Academy. CISM Headquarters would like to express once more gratitude and congratulations for excellent event done by the Czech Organizing Committee.

Lt-Colonel Suzana TKAVC, MSc (SLO)



Vaclav BUNC, PhD-Dean of Charles University (CZE)



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The Rebirth of the CISM Academy has begun

First of all, allow me to share an important piece of information with you: the CISM Academy already existed in the past (more about its history in the CISM Yearbook and in the Proceedings of the International CISM Symposium). The Academy Rebirth Ceremony took place as the Closing Ceremony of the CISM International Symposium. It was attended by CISM President General Gianni Gola and many high authorities of the Czech Republic including the Dean of the Faculty of Physical Educa-

tion and Sport, Prof. Vaclav Bunc, PhD; the President of the National Olympic Committee, Mr Milan Jirasek; and the First Deputy Chief of the General Staff, Major General Josef Prokš. To mark this historical moment, they officially signed the Academy Book, a book with glorious and special significance, created to be signed by the most important academic and military authorities, speakers and participants. This way, they all formally express their support for the initiative to reactivate the CISM Academy. While the ceremony held in Prague was

a central event in the rebirth of the CISM Academy, it was by no means the only important step in this process. The next one took place at the third CISM Board of Directors meeting of 2009 in Ljubljana, Slovenia, during which a report was presented on the CISM Academy Rebirth Ceremony. The Board of Directors supported the initiative and the next steps in the rebirth process. As a sign of their commitment, they too signed the Academy Book.

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3rd Meeting of the Board of Directors

Brdo, Slovenia
03 - 05 November 2009

From 3 to 5 November 2009 the superb Conference Centre in Brdo (25km from the capital Ljubljana), Slovenia, accommodated a meeting of the Board of Directors of CISM, of which Slovenia has been a full member since 1992. "Its great contribution to the promotion of CISM and organisation of military sport competitions as well as the participation of Slovenian athletes in world military sport championships and games have placed the Slovenian Armed Forces at the heart of the operations of CISM", underscored Major General Gianni Gola, President of CISM, who then also expressed thanks for the "support and extraordinary contribution of Slovenia to CISM given by both Lt-Colonel Suzana Tkavc, the first Slovenian – and the first ever woman – to hold the position of CISM Sports Director at the CISM Headquarters, and Major Jure Velepec, President of the CISM Sport Committee in Skiing. This places Slovenia at the top of the member nations." The meeting of the CISM Board of Directors in Slovenia was opened by Mr. Igor Lukšič, PhD, Minister of Education and Sport.

In addition to the members of the Board of Directors, Secretary-General Colonel Alexandre Morisod and other representatives of the CISM Headquarters, the opening ceremony was also attended by the highest military and civilian political authorities of Slovenia who accepted the invitation to attend the Opening and Closing ceremonies. The highest military official at the opening ceremony was Brigadier Bojan Pograjc, Chief of the Doctrine Development and Education Command of the Slovenian Armed Forces. The civilian spheres were represented by the abovementioned Minister Lukšič as well as the President of the Olympic Committee Janez Kocjancic, MSc, the Dean of the Faculty of Sport Milan Žvan, PhD, and the Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Sport, Janez Burnik, PhD. Besides the distinguished guests, the ceremony was also attended by elite Slovenian athletes and members of the Slovenian Armed Forces. The ceremony featured an interesting presentation session during which the organisers presented athletes by name and sport while acquainting the attendees of the meeting with some of their top achievements. The presence of elite athletes at such

top-level CISM events is extremely important as they are ambassadors of CISM who share CISM's motto of "Friendship through Sport" and its message of peace all over the world.

During its meeting in Slovenia, the CISM Board of Directors analysed events in 2009 and discussed future events, with particular emphasis on 2010. One topic was the organisation of the first Winter World Military Games in the Aosta Valley, Italy, at the end of March and the organisation of the fifth Summer World Military Games set to take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 2011. Their discussions also revolved around other world military championships to be held between 2010 and 2012, the CISM solidarity programme, CISM's Regional Development Centres for military sport on the continents and many more. The members of the Board also supported the initiative to re-vitalise the CISM Academy, a ceremony for which was organised at the end of the CISM International Symposium in Prague. They confirmed their support by signing the "CISM Academy" book. Other official occasions included an official dinner hosted by the President of

the Olympic Committee, Janez Kocjancic, also honoured by the presence of Mrs. Ljubica Jelušič, PhD, Minister of Defence. On the last day of the BoD, the Mayor of the capital, Ljubljana, Mr Zoran Jankovic, welcomed the BoD members to the Town Hall. The official part of the meeting ended with the Closing Ceremony. The central speaker at this ceremony was Major General Alojz Šteiner, MSc, Chief of the General Staff of the Slovenian Armed Forces, who highlighted the importance of the work of CISM and the involvement of the Slovenian Armed Forces in CISM. He also recalled important achievements of

members of the Slovenian Armed Forces in past military events, while expressing his firm belief that Slovenian military athletes would continue to be successful in the future. During the ceremony Major General Gianni Gola, awarded Major General Šteiner the medal of Officer of the Merit of CISM. In his closing address, Major General Gola thanked the Head of the Slovenian Delegation, Brigadier General Milan Obreza for his hospitality, the excellent working conditions and his support in organising the meeting at the Brdo Congress Centre. He then bid farewell to all those present and to the members of the CISM Board

of Directors until the next meeting in Washington, USA. This event resulted from the desire of the organisers to encourage multiple synergies among the different stakeholders of the military and civilian sport spheres. It showed how military leaders, accompanied by the best Slovenian military athletes can meet with the highest representatives of civilian sport in Slovenia in an excellent spirit of cooperation embodying the CISM motto of "Friendship through sport".

Lt-Col. Suzana TKAVC MSc (SLO)



Brigadier General Milan Obreza,
Chief of Delegation of Slovenia

Slovenia is in CISM since 1992 and has demonstrated high involvement in our activities on multiple occasions. The Slovenian Armed Forces successfully organised CISM World Military Championships in parachuting, triathlon, skiing, marathon and – last year – cycling. Why did you decide to host the 3rd BoD meeting?

Since joining CISM, we have mainly organised CISM World, European and Regional Championships. We are very experienced organisers of sports events so we decided to focus also on other CISM events like meetings, conferences and others. We have capacities to organise them. We had already organised the CISM European Conference in Ljubljana and this time the BoD meeting at a Conference Centre in Brdo. We want to be proactive within CISM and gain experience in all aspects of the organisation. During the meeting we had many opportunities to introduce the highest CISM authorities to our Minister of defence Mrs Ljubica Jelušič, PhD, and to Major General Alojz Šteiner, Chief of the General Staff of the Slovenian Armed Forces. All contacts and discussions were very successful and will help us in our future work. We are considering organising a future General Assembly. We are aware that this is the highest level event in CISM and we would like to take part in its organisation.

Slovenia is known as a "sport active" country and has top athletes in many sports. Which sports do the Slovenian Armed Forces focus on especially? The Slovenian Armed Forces have a system to support all

sports, with a special focus on the 14 in which we have top athletes. We take part in CISM championships in athletics, archery, boxing, cycling, judo, military pentathlon, orienteering, parachuting, sailing, shooting, skiing, swimming, taekwondo and triathlon. Athletes are important for us; they help our soldiers to build up their military skills.

How many medals have Slovenian military athletes won at CISM world championships?

Some of our athletes are really first class; they never come home from CISM World Military Championships without medals, like our parachutist Irena Avbelj and shooter Rajmond Debevec. Until now Slovenian military athletes have won 121 medals at World Military Championships: 56 gold, 38 silver and 27 bronze. I think this is not so bad for a country that joined only 17 years ago, especially if you consider that Slovenia's population is only 2 million.

What are your plans for the next few years, especially 2012, when Slovenia celebrates its 20 years in CISM – anything special?

In 2010, we plan to organise the CISM European Judo Championship. 2012 will indeed be the year of our anniversary and we would like to organise something attractive and characteristically Slovenian. We have some ideas but they are still being discussed so I do not want to talk about them. It should be a surprise.

Lt-Col. Suzana Tkavc, MSc (SLO)

42nd World Military Orienteering Championship

Voru/Vastseliina/Haanja, Estonia
16 -19 September 2009

Photos by Dirk De Vos

Sdt Daniel Hubmann (SUI)



Bjørn Eriksen (NOR)



Anders Arnesen Tilmes (NOR)



Finding your way in Estonia!

Sgt Thomas Jensen (DEN)

The Estonian Delegation to CISM has been a regular organizer of major events since it joined in 1993. This year, the world's best military orienteering specialists laid down their maps and compasses in the town of Vasteliina-Haanjaa to participate in the 42nd CISM World Military Orienteering Championship. Orienteering has always been practiced at a high level of performance within CISM, as most of the top IOF (International Orienteering Federation) runners regularly meet under the CISM flag. This year again, the top athletes of the 30 Member Nations in attendance hungered for triumph in the Estonian woods.

A Model Event to Open the Competitions

A genuine "observation round", the Model

Event provides participants as well as their team captains and coaches with an opportunity to test race conditions. They were all treated to a goodhearted tasting of the serious things that lay ahead, starting the very next day! What could at first sight have seemed funny and trivial also served to "spy" a little on the other competitors, sizing up their fitness and performance levels. But above all, the Model Event taught everyone lessons about themselves and how to best prepare the races of the next days.

Switzerland All Over the Podiums!

The Swiss team triumphed on the first day, winning both first and third places in the long distance event. All told, there were five Swiss men in the top ten. Daniel Hubmann won gold in 76'19".

As Thierry Guergiou was absent due to injury, the French honour was defended by Francois Gonon, who finished 3'43" behind the winner. Bronze went to Matthias Merz'le (SWI) (+4'28"), who beat Olle Kärner (EST) to the podium by only a second.

In the women's long distance event, Russia's Julia Novikova dominated the race, finishing in 65'55". Lithuania's Sandra Paužaitė finished second 3'20" behind. Again, the time difference between third and fourth place was minimal: Finland's Riikka Timperi (+5'22") bagged bronze, outrunning Estonia's Merike Vanjuk by only four seconds.

Sweet Payday for Aija Skarstina

Following her first-day failure, Latvia's Aija Skarstina came first in the middle distance event with a strong run (30'54").

She crossed the finish line 34 seconds before Julia Novikova (RUS), herself followed by another Russian competitor, Galina Vinogradova (31'58").

The men's race confirmed the Swiss dominion. No opponent managed to upset Daniel Hubmann, who arrived first in 27'30". Third was Fabian Hertner, also from Switzerland, who produced a strong 27'56" right at the beginning of the competition. Only Russian representative Valentin Novikov managed to come in between the two Swiss. Completing his run in 27'35", he lost to the winner by only 5 seconds.

The Swiss Men Remained Invincible in the Relay Race – the Women's Relay Event Became a "Baltic Affair"

Victory was at the end of the race again for the Swiss men's relay team (Fabian Hertner, Mattias Merz and Daniel Hubmann). Second place went to Russia, who finished only 9 seconds behind the winners while the Finnish team climbed on the third step of the podium.

Following the Russian women team's failure in the relay race, medals were divided amongst the three Baltic States. The winner of this Baltic Championship was Latvia (Kristine Kokina, Una Ara-

ma, Aija Skrastina). Second place went to Lithuania while Estonia finished an honourable third.

If you are an Orienteering aficionado, you must love mud, thick pine forests and technical courses... In that case, you should try to find your way in Estonia!

Article by Olivier Verhelle



Awarding of the Relay Men Russia and Switzerland by Maj. General Doug Langton (CAN)



Relay Women Podium

Long Distance Men: 15070 m

- 1. Daniel Hubmann (SUI) 1:16:19
- 2. Francois Gonon (FRA) 1:20:02
- 3. Matthias Merz (SUI) 1:20:47

Women: 9270 m

- 1. Julia Novikova (RUS) 1:05:55
- 2. Sandra Paužaitė (LTU) 1:09:15
- 3. Riikka Timperi (FIN) 1:11:17

Middle Distance Men: 5440 m

- 1. Daniel Hubmann (SUI) 27:30
- 2. Valentin Novikov (RUS) 27:35
- 3. Fabian Hertner (SUI) 27:56

Women: 4400 m

- 1. Aija Skrastina (LAT) 30:54
- 2. Julia Novikova (RUS) 31:28
- 3. Galina Vinogradova (RUS) 31:58

Relay Men: 7480 m

- 1. SWITZERLAND (1) 1:55:53
- 2. RUSSIA (1) 1:56:02
- 3. FINLAND (1) 1:59:21

Women: 5380 m

- 1. LATVIA 1:56:49
- 2. LITHUANIA 1:57:35
- 3. ESTONIA 2:05:49

Team Men

- 1. SWITZERLAND
- 2. RUSSIA
- 3. FINLAND

Women

- 1. RUSSIA
- 2. LITHUANIA
- 3. ESTONIA



Zagreb, Croatia, 10 - 17 August 2009 **44th World Military Shooting Championship**

This year, the CISM (Conseil international du sport militaire) World Military Shooting Championship was held in Zagreb, Croatia, between 10 and 17 August 2009. The Croatian organisers did a very good job indeed. Regarding accommodation, the military organisers put at the disposal of all participants the amenities of the Military Academy located in downtown Zagreb, where the different functions surrounding the Championship – including the Opening and Closing Ceremonies – were held too. As for the

competitions proper, they took place at a shooting range – which all competitors from many different countries were familiar with – located only a quarter of an hour by bus from the Military Academy. At the shooting range, all technical arrangements were handled flawlessly by the very experienced Croatian delegation under the masterful leadership of Tomislav Sepec. The event ran so smoothly and the organisers were so welcoming and warm that the participants could not stop singing their praise.

With 44 attending nations in the men's

and 30 in the women's – for a grand total of 499 athletes – the World Military Shooting Championship was the same success as usual in terms of participation. Like last year, Russia and its armada of world-class shooters were absent from the championship. Fortunately, almost all the other household names in the shooting world were present and performed up to expectations. Indeed, a new CISM world record was set and two more equalled: in the 300m rifle, rapid fire, Vebjorn Berg (NOR) equalled the record set back in 1986 (Goff, USA) with

a fantastic 578 points. Linda Olofsson (SWE) also equalled – under very difficult conditions – the 50m prone rifle military world record, scoring 597 points. And finally, Sonja Pfeilschifter set a new CISM world record in the 50m three positions rifle with an incredible 593 points.

The title of best nation went to Germany, with Norway in second place. Individual “best marksman” and “best markswoman” titles went to the following athletes:

300m rifle: Vebjorn Berg (NOR)
50m rifle: Sonja Pfeilschifter (GER)
25m pistol: Oleksandr Petriv (UKR)
25m pistol: Munkhbayar Dorjsuren (GER)

Flawlessly organised and conducted, the 2009 CISM World Military Shooting Championship in Zagreb (CRO) maintained the tradition of earlier editions. Once again, thanks, recognition and respect are in order for the Croatian organisers.

*Col. Joseph Fischlin (SUI)
PCSC Shooting
Photos: MediaProLog*



Rifle

**300m Standard Rifle,
3 positions
Team men ***
1. SWITZERLAND 1738p
2. SLOVENIA 1726p
3. NORWAY 1725p

**300m Standard Rifle,
3 positions
Individual men**
1. CAPT PUUSTINEN Jussi (FIN)
2. GEND GRAFF Cyril (FRA)
3. MAJ HOUSSEIN Amgad (EGY)

**300m Military Rapid Fire Rifle,
Team men**
1. NORWAY
2. FINLAND
3. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**300m Military Rapid Fire Rifle,
Individual men**
1. SGT BERG Vebjon (NOR)
2. CPL KAMMERLANDER (AUT)
3. PVT SCHAFTER Olivier (SUI)

**50m Rifle Prone,
Team women**
1. SWEDEN
2. GERMANY
3. DENMARK

**50m Rifle Prone,
Indiv. women**
1. CPL VORONOVA Anzela (EST)
2. 2LT NORMANN Anna (SWE)
3. SSG PFEILSCHIFTER Sonja (GER)

**50m 3pos rifle,
Team women**
1. GERMANY
2. CHINA
3. FRANCE

**50m 3pos rifle,
Indiv. women**
1. SSG PFEILSCHIFTER Sonja (GER)
2. SGT LECHNER Barbara (GER)
3. ENS OMELIANENKO Natalia (UKR)

Pistol

**25m Center Fire Course,
Team men**
1. UKRAINE
2. TURKEY
3. NORTH KOREA

**25m Center Fire Pistol,
Indiv. men**
1. SGT MOHAMED Samy (EGY)
2. CAPT PETRIV Oleksandr (UKR)
3. MAJ TKACHOV Oleg (UKR)

**25m Military Rapid Fire Pistol,
Team men**
1. CHINA
2. TURKEY
3. POLAND

**25m Military Rapid Fire Pistol,
Indiv. men**
1. CDT ZHAO Yang (CHN)
2. 2LT HEMBRE Pal (NOR)
3. PO2 PODGORIKI Radoslav (POL)

**25m Pistol
Team women ****
1. GERMANY
2. CHINA
3. NORTH KOREA

**25m Pistol,
Indiv. women**
1. PFC DORJSUREN Munkhbayar(GER)
2. CDT JING Lin(CHN)
3. SGT MARTIN Monika (GER)

**25m Military Rapid Fire Pistol
Team women**
1. GERMANY
2. NORTH KOREA
3. TURKEY

**25m Military Rapid Fire Pistol
Indiv. women**
1. PFC DORJSUREN Munkhbayar(GER)
2. LT SHAPIALEVICH Zhanna (BLR)
3. PVT SO Un Ju (PRK)

6th CISM World Military Golf Championship

Windhoek, Namibia,
14 - 21 November 2009

Photos by Dirk De Vos





CISM inaugurates Namibia's most splendid golf course! CISM World Military Golf championship 2009

The 6th CISM World Military Golf Championship was held at Windhoek Country Club in Windhoek, Namibia, between 14 and 21 November 2009. The Country Club golf course plays a total of 7,009 yards. In advance of the CISM World championship, the course underwent major renovations and the CISM tournament saw the inaugural rounds played on the freshly-mowed greens.

The Championship was a 72-hole stroke play tournament with competition in 5 categories: men's and women's individual competition; men's and women's team competition and seniors' compe-

tion. The golfers of the 16 attending countries were provided with the very best possible conditions. A real cluster of paradise just a few kilometres from the Kalahari Desert.

As in recent years, the US maintained its dominion, winning 4 of the 5 gold medals on offer. US Air Force Captain Linda Jeffery won her 4th consecutive gold medal in the ladies' individual competition, and the United States servicemen and women also conquered team gold for the fourth consecutive year.

The Don Keus Challenge Cup awarded every year to the team producing the most outstanding performance, went to the United States, also for the fourth year in a row.

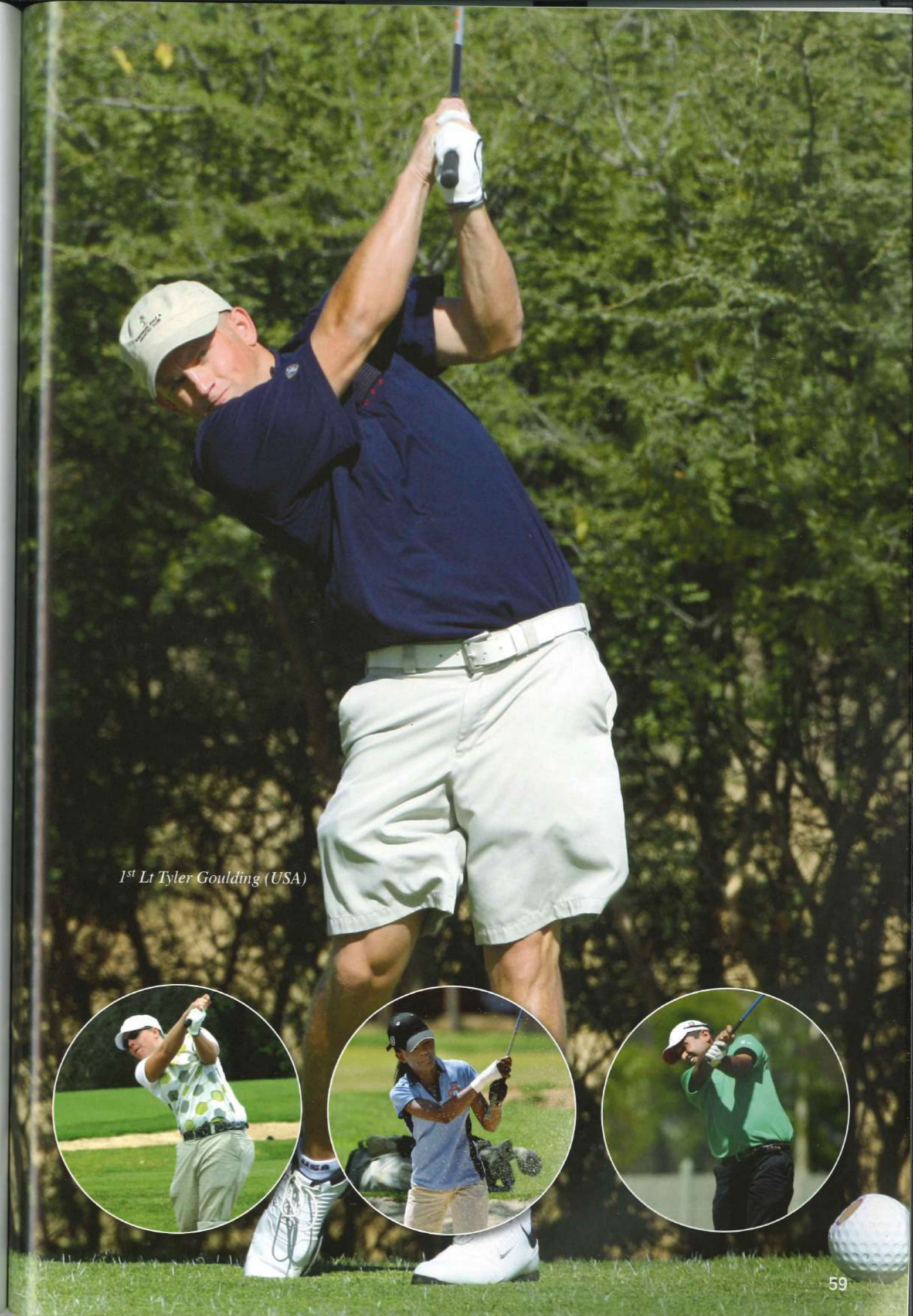
As is customary, the Sportsmanship Award was attributed to the team that best embodies the spirit of CISM sports. This year's award went to Canada.

We all know that CISM events are about

more than just competitive sport. Due to the wide range of golfing expertise in evidence among the players, the practice area soon epitomized the CISM spirit with experienced players spending time there helping less experienced ones improve their game. In the same spirit, the CISM golfers added a new activity to the "regular" program, inviting some of the local players, irrespective of level, to share some moments with them on the links. These one-day players shared long moments of close friendship and sportsmanship together. It was quite unique to see the golfers from the American continent sharing advice and technique with Namibian players.

At the conclusion of play, a Cultural Day was organised by the Namibian hosts, including a tour of Kuzikus Lodge and Nature Park. The participants were treated to close-up views of a broad selection of African wildlife.

Article by Bill Monguia



1st Lt Tyler Goulding (USA)



Capt Linda Jeffery (USA)



K. Kennedy (IRL)



Women Individual *

- 1. L. JEFFERY (USA)
- 2. H. BONDE (DEN)
- 3. M. GRONNING (USA)

Women Team

- 1. USA
- 2. Canada
- 3. Denmark

Men Individual **

- 1. T. GOULDING (USA)
- 2. D. MOGENSEN (DEN)
- 3. S. MOLDOW (DEN)

Men Team

- 1. USA
- 2. Denmark
- 3. Canada

Men Individual Senior

- 1. K. KENNEDY (IRE)
- 2. C. LOWDON (CAN)
- 3. T. STUCKLESS (CAN)

Challenge Cup

USA

Fair Play Award

Canada



Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
18 - 25 October 2009

Volleyball Coaching Course

An outstanding beginning to American CISM Regional Development Centre

This is a milestone for the CISM History, the first event organized by the American CISM Regional Development Center, The Volleyball Coaching Course. From 18 to 25 of October 2009, the Brazilian delegation carried out a high standard course aimed at military volleyball

coaches, for them to prepare their teams for the 5th CISM Military World Games - RIO2011.

During seven days, the 12 participants, coming from five CISM member nations, have successfully completed a 54-hour course, and immersed in an atmosphere set aside for champions. In fact, the course took place at Brazilian Volleyball Training Center, made available by the Brazilian Volleyball Confederation in an in-depth connection with the organizing committee under the responsibility of the Army Sports Commission, one of the stakeholders from Brazilian Delegation to CISM.

During the opening ceremony Rear Admiral Gambôa, Chief of Brazilian Delegation, highlighted the fundamental Armed Forces's contribution to the development of sport not only in Brazil but also in the Americas. He expressed how they are proud to host this important international center, which is going to help American countries to prepare their teams to take part in the 5th CISM Military World Games - RIO2011.

The Course Director, Mr. Célio Cordeiro, President of the National Volleyball Coaches Commission, has adapted the program between level II and level III, in order to adjust the course's contents to the audience, which was composed of

representatives from Brazil, Chile, Iran, Paraguay and Venezuela. The anchor of the instructors was Mr. Percy Oncken, six-time World Champion as coach of the Brazilian Volleyball Team Youth and Junior, who followed the participants throughout the event.

A mixing of theory and practice, the program has covered all aspects related to conducting volleyball teams: Physical, Psychological, technical, tactical, decision-making process, statistical, and physiological. During three days, the participants shared the courts with the Brazilian Women Volleyball Team, the current Olympic Champion, observing their practice and discussing concepts with their Technical Commission. At the end of the course, the participants were tested in three different domains: Theoretical, practical, and oral presentation. Apart from achieving the objectives in a high quality, the most important was the development of friendship between the participating nations. By quoting Major Erick Figueras from Venezuela: "This is to become a very important step to the development of South American Military Volleyball, allowing the exchange of knowledge between the continent's nations, and, the most important, with the presence of the best coaches of Brazilian National team who enriched the participants in the course with fresh knowledge."





4th CISM African Development Center Boxing Course for Coaches

Nairobi
The Republic of Kenya
02-16 November 2009

The Republic of Kenya is a country in East Africa bordered by Ethiopia (north), Somalia (northeast), Tanzania (south), Uganda plus Lake Victoria (west), and Sudan (northwest). The country is named after Mount Kenya, a significant landmark and the second among the highest mountain peaks of Africa.

People in Kenya are very sportive and the country is known as being active in several sports like cricket, rallying, football, rugby union and boxing. However, the country is known chiefly for

its dominance in Middle-distance and long-distance athletics, consistently producing Olympic champions in various distance events, especially in 800 m, 1.500 m, 3.000 m steeplechase, 5.000 m, 10.000 m and the marathons.

The famous "Moi International Sports Centre" in Nairobi, where the great champions invest their time every day in hard physical training programs, was also the place for the 4th CISM African Regional Development Center Boxing Coaches Course.

Over 10 days, between 2 and 16 of November 2009, about 20 coaches from 8 African countries got a theoretical and practical course given by one of the most famous boxing coaches of over the world, Professor Ruben Sanchez, from Cuba, who was assisted by high-level of instructors from the Kenyatta University of Nairobi.

The President of the Kenyan Boxing Association, Mr Samson Muchaga Mwangi officially opened the course with a very enthusiastic speech about the positive synergies around the CAD CISM in

Kenya. During the course more than 18 different topics linked to the preparation of the military boxers were broached. Among others, the participants were professionally addressed on items such as the bandaging techniques, the principles of fitness adapted to boxing, and the psychological readiness of the competitors. The participants joined the practice to the theory at the Sports Stadium of Kenyatta University for the targeted fitness tests which included physical education exercises such as upper body strength test, Shoulder Bridge, low back applied flexibility and many more.

One outstanding moment during the course was the visit of CISM Secretary General Col Alexandre Morisod, who

had the opportunity to thank the CISM Kenya Delegation, under Lt Gen Tuwei's leadership, for having successfully run the CISM Africa Development Centre (CAD). He noticed synergy required between the CISM Headquarters and Kenya Delegation, and also realized the importance of National and International Federations contributions to the CISM RDC. This would ensure recognition, support, and therefore success in CISM projects.

In 2010, it is expected a continuous improvement of the CISM African Regional Development Center and so to make available again the local welcome greetings: KARIBU KENYA BWANA!





Henri Debrus

Colonel Founding President of CISM

Paris, 1 November 1961

"...My 12 years as CISM President will remain the purest and most rewarding of my life as an officer. They are my pride. Thanks you, my friends, for giving them to me".

Military career

Born on 29 February in Narbonne. Enlisted on 15 October 1929 in the infantry. Sous-lieutenant (Second Lieutenant) on 1 October 1933. 1939-1940 campaign in North Africa. Joins the French Resistance on 1 July 1944. Organised sport in the French armed Forces from 1948. Brilliant campaign in the Far East. Promoted to Colonel on 30 March 1958. Left active duty on 5 February 1962. Recipient of many honours including the Médaille de la Résistance, the Légion d'honneur and the Croix de guerre des théâtres d'opérations extérieurs. Colonel Henri Debrus passed away on 18 March 1993.

The Allied Forces Sports Council (AFSC) was set up as an American initiative in Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany, on 7 February 1946. Membership of the Council was reserved to countries with occupation forces; there were twelve.

While the Presidency fell to an American, the Vice-Presidency went to France. The honour befell young Captain Henri Debrus.

After a brilliant start, the AFSC faced a period of decline due the consecutive withdrawals of several key member nations including the US, USSR and UK who decided to stay away from meetings and competitions. The Cold War was beginning!

The sixth statutory AFSC meeting was held in Nice, France, on 15-17 February 1948 in the margins of the Council's fencing tournament. The sessions were chaired by Squadron Leader Debrus, who had to take note of the AFSC's failure. However, rather than throwing in the towel, Debrus took a bold initiative without even consulting with his authorities first and suggested to disband the AFSC and replace it with a new organisation: CISM, the Conseil International du Sport Militaire (International Military Sports Council). This proposal was accepted by the five attending countries. Debrus was also appointed Founding President without a vote.

It was a wise choice: as it turned out, Henri Debrus managed his position very effectively and masterfully presided over CISM for twelve years – first in 1948-1953 and again between 1956 and 1961. The purpose of the break was to allow then Lieutenant Colonel Debrus to assume operational command – he spent two years in Indochina – and rise to the rank of full Colonel.

It was Debrus who came up with the idea of opening membership of the Council to all Armed Forces. This opening enabled CISM to grow incredibly fast. In just five years, membership had climbed to 20 Nations – there are more than 130 today.

Another two of Debrus' creditable achievements are particularly noteworthy. Back in 1946, while observing Dutch airborne forces training in Frankfurt, Germany, he noted that their routine included running, swimming, obstacle clearing, grenade throwing and shooting. This combination very much resembled

the modern pentathlon, an Olympic event. Debrus had the idea of codifying and regulating these events. He organised a test in Fribourg in 1947 and by 1950, the Military Pentathlon featured on the CISM calendar. The aeronautical and naval pentathlons followed. Those three typically military disciplines have become great participation successes. In them coalesce sports training and military technique. Colonel Debrus is credited with inventing the military pentathlon.

Another aspect of his personality was his taste for adventure, as illustrated by his participation in a number of long-distance car treks and rallies. He even won the so-called "Alger-Le Cap" Rally (officially known as "Rallye Méditerranée-Le Cap") in 1950 at the incredible average speed of 62.8km/h, a record that would not be improved until 1971!

Debrus spent much of his career as Head of the Service central des sports militaires ("Central Military Sports Department", now Commissariat aux sports). He developed a new sports doctrine to meet the requirements of modernised Armed Forces.

In recognition of his work and sport achievements, he was declared a Gloire du sport ("Sports Glory"), a much coveted title awarded to date only to 279 exceptionally deserving Frenchmen and women.

At CNSD (Centre national des sports de la défense, "National Sports Centre of the Defence Department), Colonel Henri Debrus has a street to his name. A fine tribute to a man who has more than earned our respect and gratitude.

Thank you, Sir!

*Colonel d'aviation B.E.M.e.r. / Air Force
full Colonel (Staff certified, Ret.)
Robert Vanmeerbeek*



CISM World Military Championships

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2010



Sport	Organizing City, Country	Date
54 th World Military Cross-country Championship	Ostend, Belgium	09-11 Mar
44 th World Military Sailing Championship	Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain	13-21 Mar
1st Winter Military World Games	Aoste, Italy	20-25 Mar
42 nd World Military Fencing Championship	Guaira, Venezuela	23-28 Apr
31 st World Military Volleyball Women Championship	North Carolina, USA	26 May - 01 Jun
6 th World Military Football Women Championship	Cherbourg, France	11-19 Jun
53 rd World Aeronautical Pentathlon Championship	Salamanca, Spain	13 -17jun
41 st World Military Modern Pentathlon Championship	Prague, Czech Republic	01-04 Jul
31 st World Military Volleyball Men Championship	Sofia, Bulgaria	04-11 Jul
19 th World Military Taekwondo Championship	St Jean sur Richelieu, Canada	15-19 Jul
35 th World Military Parachuting Championship	Buochs, Switzerland	16-24 Jul
19 th World Military Equestrian Championship	Kildare, Ireland	30 Jul - 01 Aug
27 th World Military Wrestling Championship	Lahti, Finland	12-15 Aug
43 rd World Military Orienteering Championship	Kongsberg, Norway	16-21 Aug
44 th World Military Swimming Championship	Warendörf, Germany	23-29 Aug
57 th World Military Pentathlon Championship	Schaarsbergen, The Netherlands	27 Aug - 02 Sep
1 st World Military Women Basketball Championship	Korea Republic	09-17 Sep
50 th World Military Men Basketball Championship	Korea Republic	09-17 Sep
53 rd World Military Boxing Championship	North Caroline, USA	10-16 Oct
1st Cadet World Games	Ankara, Turkey	17-24 Oct
43 rd World Military Marathon Championship	Athens, Greece	30-31 Oct
34 th World Military Judo Championship	Baku, Azerbaijan	08-13 Nov
7 th World Military Golf Championship	Karachi, Pakistan	28 Nov - 02 Dec
45 th World Military Shooting Championship	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	30 Nov - 05 Dec

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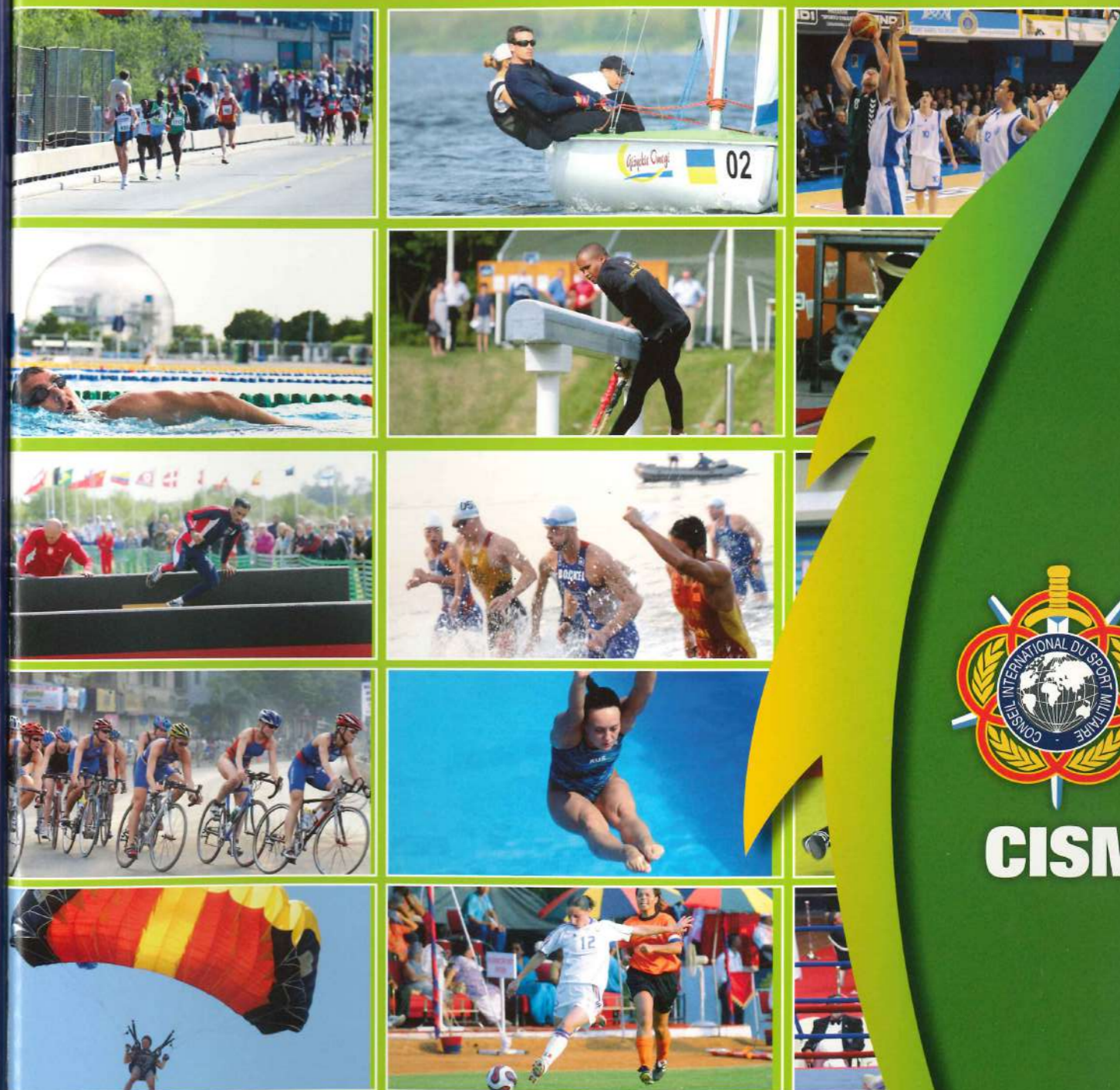
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