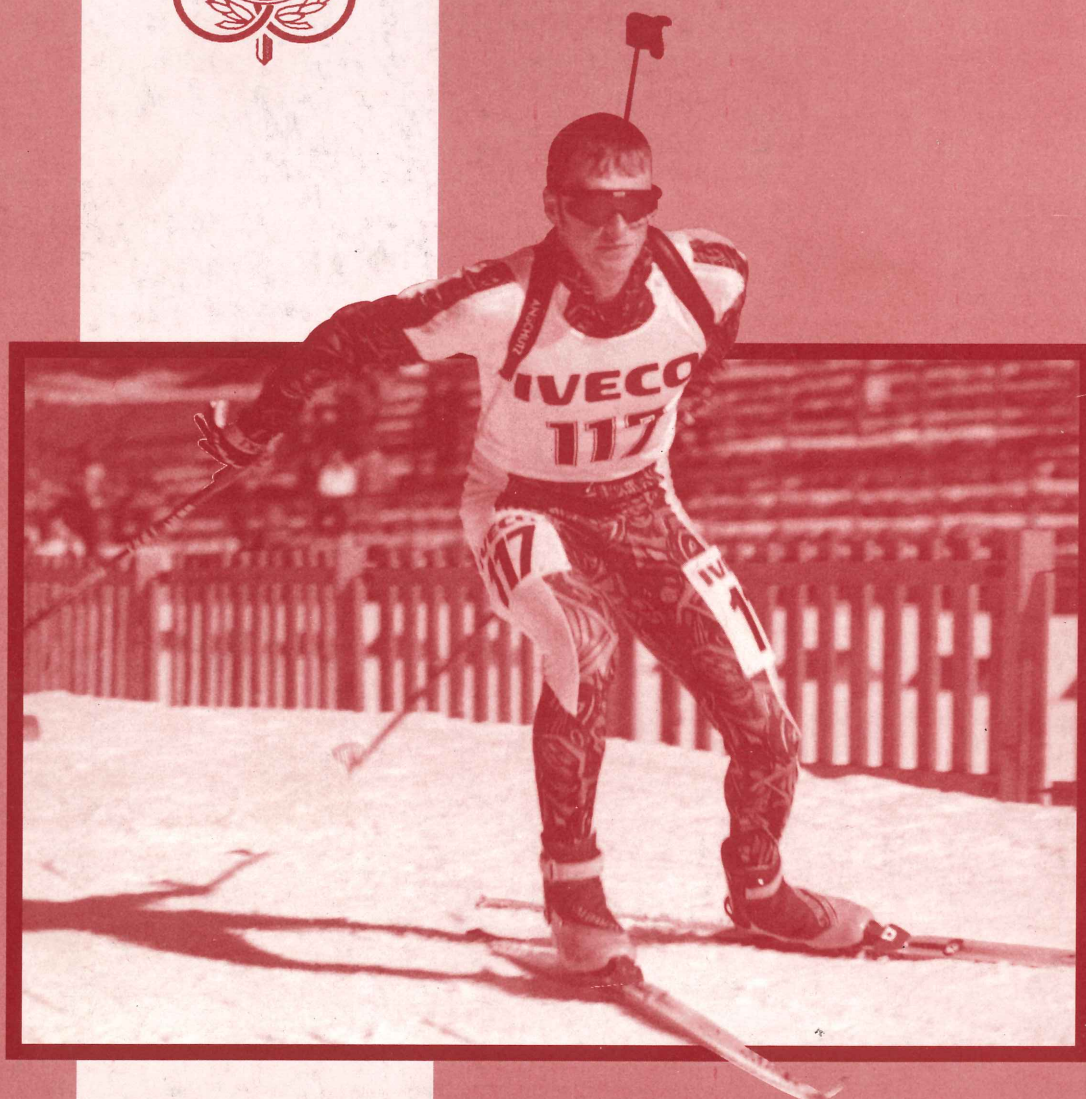


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THE PRESIDENT'S WORD

For me, 1998 has been a very special year. So much so that I can assure you that it will forever remain engraved in my memory. Indeed, it is the year during which the International Military Sports Council honoured me in an unparalleled way during its General Assembly in Baden by trusting me to preside over the destiny of the organisation for the next four years. It is with immense pride that I take over from General Zechner, who is very much an example to follow and whose contribution to the development of CISM — which he joined as an athlete 41 years ago — is so extensive that it will likely take several years before it can be fully measured.



Colonel Gianni Gola, President of CISM

No more about personal feelings. I can say loud and clear that 1998 will be remembered as an outstanding year, on several grounds. For example, CISM has taken a huge step forward on the road to international recognition thanks to the celebrations organised for its fiftieth anniversary. The highest authorities of sport as well as delegations from major international institutions, head of States and members of their governments have honoured both our national and international events with their presence, thereby endorsing our ideals, principles and *raison d'être*. CISM has become a much courted actor and partner — and sometimes one that cannot be overlooked —, not only in the world of sport, but also in the world of international solidarity.

Early in 1998, the contract for the Second Military World Games to be held in a few months in Zagreb was officially signed with Croatia. This was the only way of ensuring the perpetuation of the Military World Games, which I think are the best — if not the only — sport platform at our disposal capable of improving our media visibility and our financial resources.

But 1998 has also been the year of the Nagano Winter Olympics, at which our athletes took the lion's share yet again with 76 out of 207 medals. This is additional proof of the importance of military sport at the top, and I must regret the lack of echo generated by these feats in the international media.

As usual, the last 365 days were as many occasions for our delegations — 119 of them at last count, Swaziland and Vietnam being the latest additions — to meet, fraternise and show the civilian public in attendance something of the military's contribution to world peace at events such as the 15 World Championships organised last year or the countless other championships, regional tournaments and non-sport meetings. World peace is yet another reason to avoid at all costs the — very rare — occurrences of violence between athletes at our competitions. The spirit that

presides over our events is in sharp contrast with what can be seen in most other international championships. It is a specificity of our sport joists that they brilliantly combine top-notch performances with a spirit of friendship that is very much our organisation's hallmark.

I may feel optimistic in view of this 1998 balance, but the next 12 months are still going to be decisive. The Second Military World Games in Zagreb in August will rank among the organisational rendezvous we cannot afford to miss, because they are a sport, marketing and communication tool that must push us further to the front of the international sports scene. Participation by all our member delegations is a must and a challenge which CISM must take up heartily. This edition of the Military World Games will be a remarkable symbol — and therefore a booster with the media — in a region which is struggling to close the physical and moral wounds inflicted by a conflict that is still very much present in our memory.

At the next General Assembly, to be held in The Netherlands, we will select the organizer of the Third Military World Games in 2003. For the first time in the history of CISM, the delegation organising the MWG will have a full four years to prepare the event. With the expertise acquired in the first two editions, we will undoubtedly be in a position to make the best of a preparatory period that is at last reasonably long.

My hopes for our organisation for this year that brings us to the year 2000 are, in keep with our pride as servicemen, to increase our visibility, secure our financial development, expand our organisation and enhance our solidarity endeavours. As I already said, I am and will always be the President of all continents, and those must be represented in a balanced and homogeneous way at our championships and other events.

I wish you all, athletes, trainers, team leaders, members of delegations and of the Executive Committee alike, a very fruitful 1999. I am counting on you all, on your good work and commitment, to ensure that the year 2000 dawns on a CISM equipped with foundations and structures worthy of one of the largest multi-sport organisations in the world. That is my objective, our objective.

FRIENDSHIP THROUGH SPORT

THE SECRETARY GENERAL REPORTS...



Colonel Bernard Hurst, Secretary General of CISM

Permanent General Secretariat (PGS)

Structures and change

The PGS is presently organised according to the necessary structure. It's composed, under the direction of the Secretary General, of 3 sections: "Administration", "Sports and Sports Medicine" and "Communication and Marketing" as well as a reduced military staff of officers chiefs of projects and the secretary of the SG.

The working regulations have been established and agreed by the working office of the Belgian Ministry of Employment. Each employee has a job description at his/her disposal and a new working contract. Only one exception has still to be finalised.

Concerning changes of personnel, after the departure of Mr. Poortmans, Lt-Colonel Konter (NED) took over the direction of the Sports section. Lt-Colonel Arends, new German officer detached in Brussels, took the direction of the section of Administration. Captain Layadi (ALG) has been replaced by his compatriot, Captain Ziada.

With the support of our delegations, we have to re-enforce the PGS with Of's or NCO's having the required capacities mentioned in a precise job description, for ex. a lawyer, a computer specialist, etc.

The M. Moussa matter is over and the indemnity has been paid. M. Poortmans' dismissal became a new legal problem. His claims are so high that the SG had to transmit the whole file to our lawyer for liquidation in the best possible delays.

D. Delvigne's departure, on 15 January 1999, does not require urgent measures for his replacement. We will wait and see how the situation will evolve on the marketing plan in order to carefully determine the profile of the person who will have to replace him.

Planning

The connection of CISM (CISM-Flash and Sport International) to the Net and the E-Mail address are now a reality, without any additional expenses for CISM. But, we have to realise that it's not our property and that we are depending of other people.

We are now working on the planning of a future CISM database which will have to group all the information we have at our disposal after 50 years of activity.

The maintenance of our building is also a cause of worry. Several possibilities have to be studied in order to find, in the best possible delays, the most interesting solution.

Expansion

Up to now, we passed over the respectable number of 119 member countries. Indeed, Swaziland and the Republic of Vietnam joined the big CISM family in 1998.

The rule "No pay - No play" is applicable to inactive nations. We hope that in view of the 99 Military World Games (MWG) in Zagreb, a big majority of inactive countries will have a keen interest in, on one hand, fulfilling their financial duty and, on the other hand, participating with a delegation in this important event. A special effort made in order to find new member countries, in Asia and Oceania, will make us hope for other adhesions before the beginning of the 2nd Military World Games (MWG).

General Assembly (GA) and sessions of the Executive Committee (EC)

It's with great pleasure that I'm starting that chapter by addressing my most grateful thanks to the two countries that organised these annual events, so important for the good functioning of our organisation.

That's why in April CISM had the great pleasure of setting up its quarters in Baden-Vienna for its 53rd General Assembly and the EC members were at the beginning of November in Windhoek, Namibia to hold the 2nd annual meeting of the EC.



The Executive Committee in Windhoek (Namibia).

50th Anniversary

Events organised by CISM for its 50th Anniversary had the success which was anticipated.

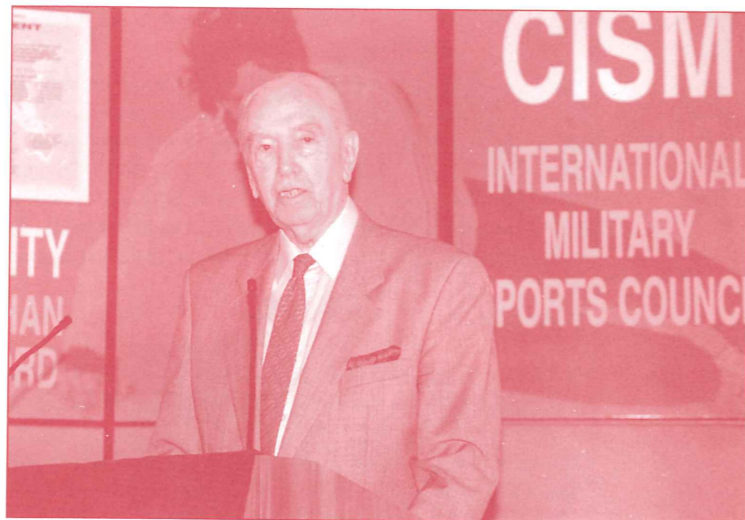
The academic session organised on 18 February 1998 in Brussels at the Palais d'Egmont on the date of the Anniversary of the foundation of CISM, allowed the attribution of a decoration to the Ministers of Defence of the five founding countries (Belgium, Denmark, France, Luxembourg and The Netherlands) and also to honour three of the four founding members still alive today.

The special academic session, organised on 15 April 1998

during the GA of Baden, allowed to celebrate with some ostentation our 50th Anniversary, in the presence of several high personalities of the sports and political circles, as well as 88 delegations from the 117 member countries. The solemn signature of the Mission Statement by HE Mr. J.A. Samaranch was certainly one of the highest facts of that event.

The international symposium of Prague from 13 to 15 October 1998 was also a success. Its theme "Sports in the Armed Forces at the dawn of the 21st century" saw the presentation of high quality speeches which are all part of a document available to all.

In a great number of our member countries, a special day commemorating our 50th Anniversary has been organised. Sport International reflected and will still reflect on these events.



The Chevalier Raoul Mollet, a founder of CISM.

Military World Games

The announcement in August 1997 of the withdrawal of the Argentine delegation and of the city of Mar Del Plata as organiser of the second edition of the Military World Games in 1999, made it necessary for CISM to find a last minute solution of replacement.

The candidature of the Croatian delegation and of the city of Zagreb to organise the 2nd Military

World Games was concretised by the official signature of a contract on 18 February. Several meetings as well as three working days in the presence of the PTC presidents concerned, are allowing us today to confirm that the preparations are in good progress.

The sending of the official invitation to



The signature of the contract of the 2nd Military World Games which will take place in August 1999 in Zagreb.

all CISM member delegations is an additional step towards that important event.

The procedure started in order to find, before the 99 MWG, an organiser for the third edition, which will take place in 2003, is also an important step for the future of our organisation. Let's hope that the GA of May 1999 will make it possible to definitely attribute the organisation of that important event to one of our delegations.

Sports and Sports Medicine

During 1998, CISM organised 15 world championships as well as numerous continental and regional championships.

Again during 1998, some delegations cancelled at the last minute their participation to one or another world championship.

Our objective is still to initiate a more serious planning of future championships and competitions.

Sports is still our business card and our sports events have to stay at a high level. An additional reason for the organisation and the participation to be as high as these events.

In order to make the task of the different CISM authorities much easier during our sport events, we are going to prepare check-lists for each function (official representative, organising committee, chief of mission, etc).

The statute of military athlete is still under study. For the MWG, a special solution of accreditation will be set up.

Concerning Sports Medicine, our up-to-date regulations on doping have been adopted by the GA of Baden/Vienna.

Like what happens in civilian sports, our organisation also counts several cases of doping. It's a pity that that kind of process is also damaging military sports.



The Solidarity Trophée was handed over to the South African delegation.

Solidarity

Apart from sports, CISM solidarity, second pillar of the foundation of our organisation, allowed, thanks to General Simonet's efforts, the accomplishment of several missions for the benefit of less favoured nations.

The preparation of a more generalised concept as well as the setting of a special programme in order to ensure the participation of a maximum of countries in our 2nd MWG, are still more elements which need to be accomplished during next months.

Statutes and Regulations of Procedure

The numerous modifications adopted, thanks to the system of decision files during the Baden GA, have been inserted in our Regulations of Procedure. A new numbering of articles should also make them easier to use.

A task which must be undertaken very soon is to conform the statutes and the regulations of procedure to the content of the Mission Statement. Propositions will have to be part of a decision file which will be submitted to the approval of a next GA.

The different propositions from the Academy as well as some future modifications of our structures will necessitate, in medium term, a global revision of our Statutes and Regulations of Procedure. This job will have to be done very carefully to that our regulations correspond to the modern needs of a big international organisation.



Commodore Cooper (Canada), photo above, and Colonel-Major Oueslati (Tunisia), photo left, left CISM in 1998.

Communication and marketing

In the field of communication and marketing, a lot has been done during the whole year of 1998.

For CISM, marketing constitutes, apart from annual fees from member countries, the only financial revenue. Since the set up of the MWG, the situation has somewhat evolved. It looks like, except from the organisation of the GA, EC sessions and world championships, only the MWG can be commercialised as a professional marketing.

After the rupture with Dialogic, we have decided to pursue a collaboration with Mr. A. Benazzo, in order to find possibilities of financial resources. As conventional marketing did not bring the necessary results, we directed ourselves more specifically to the United States, country where 70% of world sponsoring financing is engaged. As CISM is not as ample nor visible as the IOC, our organisation had to identify and show the value of the fields which could attract possible partners. Several specialised personalities and firms transmitted to us their own interests, but none of them could cover the whole range of the activities of our organisation. The set up of a new society, grouping military and civilians, became necessary. International Sports Properties LLC (ISPL) was born and submitted to us an action plan which is presently analysed.

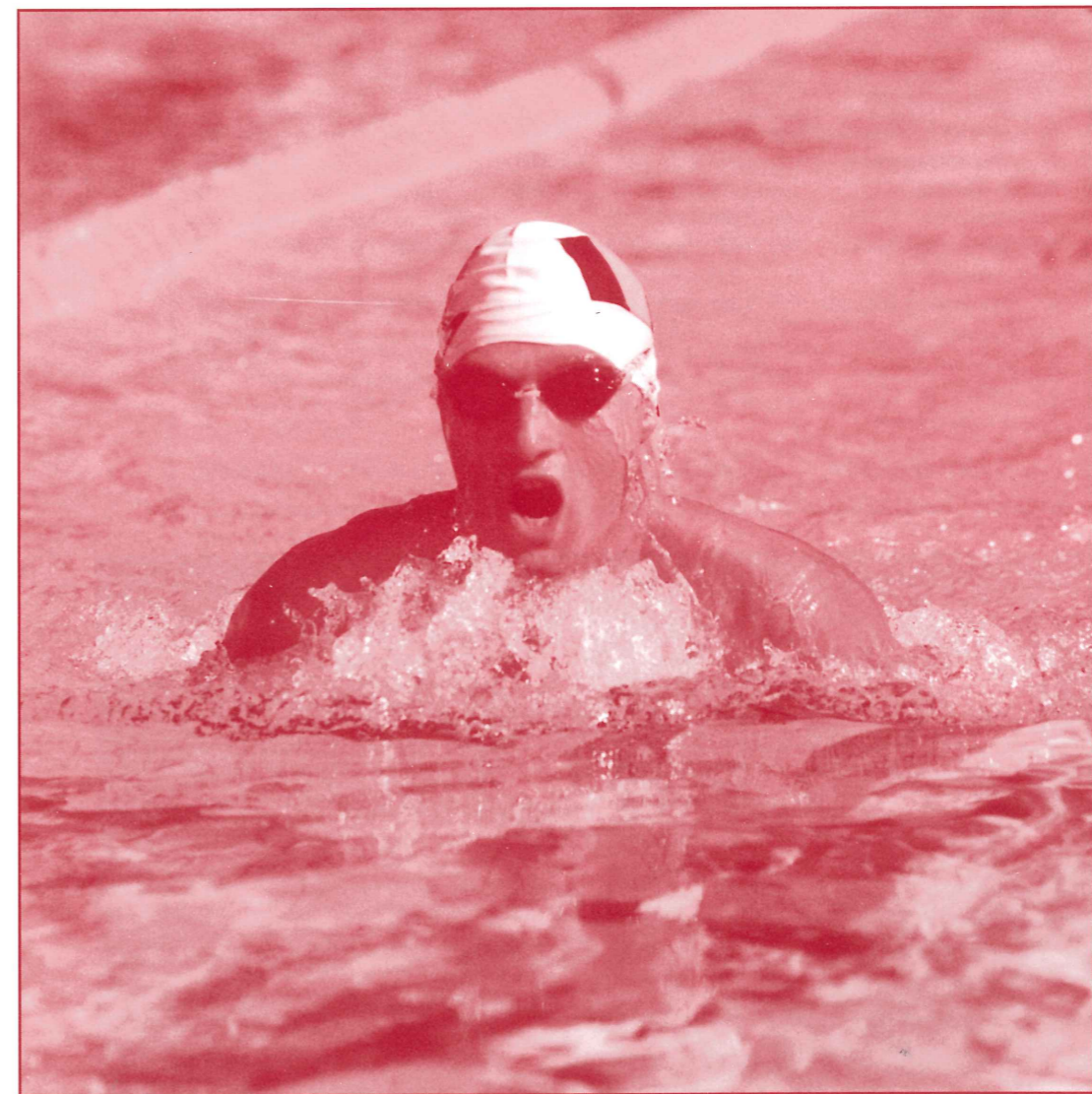
We received the approval of the EC in order to pursue in that way with a mandate to find, in the best possible delays, the necessary funds our organisation needs in order to improve its visibility and get the public image it deserves.

Finance

On the financial side, we insisted above all on introducing some money saving measures at the PGS level. We found some solutions in order to decrease working and administration expenses. As working charges are constantly increasing, we have to rapidly increase our receipts. It is imperative that each country should pay more regularly its annual fee and that the nations inactive today, fulfil again their financial statutory obligations. We are counting on the support of all continental Vice-Presidents to exercise their influence on the failing delegations.

According to the current situation and thanks to the efforts made, we think that the 1998 exercise will end with a slight bonus.

Translated by Nicole Richard



Results of the 1998 budget as of 30 Sept 1998 and the 1999 budget

The results as of 31 Dec 98 and the 1999 budget will not be established at the same time of this report and will be prepared as separate documents for the 1999 General Assembly.

RECEIPTS (IN BELGIAN FRANCS)					
N°	ITEMS	RESULTS 1997	BUDGET 1998	RESULTS 30/9/98	BUDGET 1999
1.	Annual membership fees	24.500.000	24.500.000	24.875.000	24.250.000
2.	Fee Surcharges	350.000	300.000	0	300.000
3.	Sport International	0		5.280	0
4.	Publicity	63.000		0	0
4.1	Sport International	63.000			
4.2	Yearbook	0			
4.3	Miscellaneous	0			
4.4	Yearbook M.W.G.	0			
5.	Articles for championships	330.910	300.000	266.396	300.000
6.	Financial proceeds	1.753.393	600.000	253.172	300.000
7.	Marketing	2.151.346	910.000	1.655.776	0
7.1	Partnership	800.000			
7.2	Sponsoring	1.027.500	750.000	750.000	
7.3	Donations	323.846	160.000	905.776	
8.	Exceptional proceeds	1.488.486	4.000.000	93.320	7.100.000
8.1	Reserve fund	0	0	0	6.300.000
8.2	Solidarity fund	1.383.777	4.000.000	0	800.000
8.3	Others	104.709	0	93.320	0
9.	TV productions	0	0	0	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS		30.637.135	30.610.000	27.148.944	32.250.000



EXPENDITURES (IN BELGIAN FRANCS)

N°	ITEMS	RESULTS 1997	BUDGET 1998	RESULTS 30/9/98	BUDGET 1999
1.	CISM headquarters	1.253.019	1.050.000	850.906	1.440.000
1.1	Charges	405.993	490.000	420.003	475.000
1.2	Taxes	134.126	137.500	144.107	137.500
1.3	Maintenance of office equipment	573.936	300.000	185.596	705.000
1.4	Interest due	138.964	122.500	101.200	122.500
2.	Management expenses	3.037.787	3.850.000	3.049.430	4.766.000
2.1	Office supplies	304.913	425.000	226.380	400.000
2.2	Printing costs	267.853	360.000	237.639	580.000
2.3	Mailing costs	506.629	575.000	724.313	906.000
2.4	Maintenance of office equipment	245.857	640.000	813.634	640.000
2.5	Telephone	781.243	850.000	347.571	980.000
2.6	Bank charges	151.325	150.000	247.104	250.000
2.7	Income tax on investments	67.707	35.000	20.805	50.000
2.8	Miscellaneous costs	144.163	175.000	63.269	275.000
2.9	Legal and professional charges	424.314	400.000	336.104	450.000
2.10	Insurance	121.743	160.000	25.203	120.000
2.11	Tavelling costs	14.540	15.000	7.408	25.000
2.12	Translation costs	7.500	65.000	0	90.000
3.	Personnel	12.785.040	12.200.000	10.595.920	11.625.000
4.	Championships - Official meetings	989.630	1.100.000	575.555	1.500.000
4.1	Gifts for championships	463.384	500.000	0	500.000
4.2	Gifts and mementos	221.090	200.000	575.555	600.000
4.3	CISM awards	43.851	150.000	0	100.000
4.4	Articles for championships	261.305	250.000	0	300.000
5.	Solidarity and Technical assistance	1.657.286	1.667.500	1.015.750	1.450.000
5.1	Congress	86.877	0	0	0
5.2	Clinics and study days	922.544	710.000	409.741	0
5.3	Anti-doping	42.643	157.500		50.000
5.4	Solidarity actions	605.222	800.000	606.009	1.400.000
6.	Publications and documentation	3.785.068	5.150.000	3.877.160	5.194.000
6.1	Sport International	3.666.581	3.800.000	2.382.101	3.000.000
6.2	CISM Flash	0	0	77.120	144.000
6.2	Documentation	51.672	100.000	38.148	0
6.3	Brochures	66.815	1.250.000	1.379.791	2.050.000
7.	Travel expenses	1.464.773	2.000.000	956.436	2.400.000
7.1	General Assembly	821.880	600.000	402.764	500.000
7.2	Executive Committee	124.516	550.000	0	400.000
7.3	Missions	369.749	600.000	469.548	1.300.000
7.4	Other meetings	54.153	150.000	17.195	100.000
7.5	Travel insurance	94.475	100.000	66.929	100.000
8.	Public relations	203.976	1.600.000	974.645	300.000
8.1	Miscellaneous		300.000	40.829	300.000
8.2	50th anniversary		1.300.000	933.816	0
9.	Communication programme	1.718.134	850.000	1.456.933	1.850.000
9.1	Honorary - costs	1.357.021	750.000	925.187	1.750.000
9.2	Promotion	361.113	100.000	0	100.000
9.3	Commission	0	0	531.746	0
9.4	Press conference	0	0	0	0
10.	Depreciation, provisions and reserves	710.334	1.142.500	0	1.725.000
10.1	Depreciation	709.285	888.000	0	1.200.000
10.2	Provisions and reserves	1.049	254.500	0	525.000
11.	Miscellaneous	130.125	0	18.135	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		27.735.172	30.610.000	23.370.870	32.250.000
FISCAL YEAR SURPLUS		2.901.963			
TOTAL		30.637.135	30.610.000	23.370.870	32.250.000

Presentation of the balance sheet as of 31 Dec 1997

The balance sheet as of 31 Dec 98 cannot be established at the same time of this report and will be prepared as separate documents for the 1999 General Assembly.

ASSETS (IN BELGIAN FRANCS)			
N°	ITEMS	1997	1996
1.	Fixed assets	15.070.232	15.219.588
	House, rue Jordaens	13.776.000	13.776.000
	Furniture and equipment	1.153.482	1.051.015
	Leasing	0	0
	Guarantees deposits	140.750	392.573
2.	Stocks	1.943.450	2.214.739
	Printers and office supplies	103.770	89.040
	Gifts and mementos	1.757.035	2.125.699
	Cismo	82.645	0
3.	Amount receivable	23.006.635	22.986.878
	Amounts owed by CISM member countries	22.573.131	22.634.007
	Amounts owed by CISM partners	140.690	67.690
	Amounts owed by CISM miscellaneous clients	790	1.920
	VAT balance	111.524	111.420
	Amount owed by miscellaneous	180.500	171.841
4.	Available funds	18.471.767	17.391.023
	Term accounts	5.368.178	2.594.990
	Financial investments	9.755.476	8.154.333
	Bank- current accounts	3.231.321	6.567.534
	Cash	116.792	74.166
5.	Differals and accruals	1.222.607	140.516
	Differed charges	335.107	110.798
	Accrued income	47.500	29.718
	Miscellaneous	840.000	
	TOTAL ASSETS	59.714.691	57.952.744

LIABILITIES (IN BELGIAN FRANCS)			
N°	ITEMS	1997	1996
1.	Social assets and reserves	25.517.183	23.131.890
	Capital	16.036.038	16.036.038
	Reserve fund	4.600.000	2.100.000
	Reserve for solidarity	4.881.145	4.995.852
2.	Surplus/loss	2.901.963	3.769.070
3.	Provisions account	4.000.000	4.500.000
	Provision for uncollectible fees	4.000.000	4.500.000
	Provision for outgoing personnel	0	0
4.	Amounts payable	4.932.549	5.083.595
	Mortgage loan	1.621.235	1.742.063
	Leasing of copyprinter	0	0
	Prepayments received	2.824.805	2.522.902
	Other amounts payable	486.509	749.386
	VAT balance	0	1.658
	Personnel costs	0	67.586
5.	Differals and accruals	22.362.996	21.468.189
	Accrued charges	236.249	968.189
	Differed income	22.126.747	20.500.000
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	59.714.691	57.952.744



CISM to a waltzing tune

This 53rd General Assembly, held in the small spa town of Baden – some 30 kilometres from Vienna, the Austrian capital –, definitely had style. Indeed, this General Assembly was like no other before, not only owing to the striking cultural, architectural and historical treasures to be found in this part of Europe – so fascinating to tourists, whether trotting alone or in busses –, but also because of the succession of events.

The menu for this yearly CISM rendezvous attended by a record 86 delegations – plus an invited country and an observer –, was rather copious. Alongside the usual programme, there was the double celebration of the 50th anniversary of CISM and the 40th anniversary of Austria's membership, a new president was elected and our past president, General Zechner, took his leave, as well as other members who have left their marks in the daily life of our organisation.

15 April 1998 was undeniably a very eagerly awaited date : the 50th anniversary of CISM, following the celebration in Brussels on 18 February, 50 years to the day after its foundation. The ceremony took place in the wonderful small Imperial Theatre in Baden. It featured the official signature of the CISM Membership Charter voted at the last General Assembly in Togo and previously signed in Baden by all the delegates mandated by their governments. It was symbolically signed by General Zechner, President of CISM, Colonel Hurst, Secretary General, and the



The new President of CISM, Colonel Gianni Gola (Italy).

Austrian Minister of Defence, Dr Werner Fasslabend, whose speech about the importance of military sport and CISM made quite an impression. Another grand moment during the ceremony was when Juan Antonio Samaranch, President of the International Olympic Committee was awarded the Trophée des Mousquetaires. In his address – and in an official charter which he signed on the occasion –, Mr Samaranch made a commitment to strengthen co-operation between the IOC and CISM.

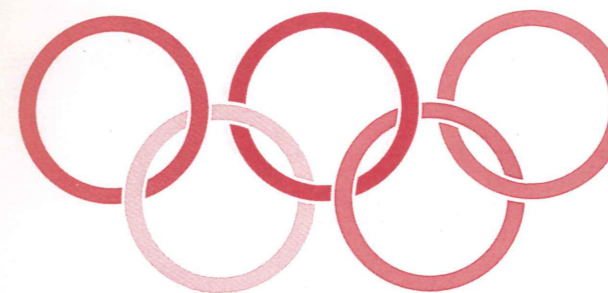
The election of CISM's new President, Colonel Gianni Gola (Italy), certainly ranks high among the key events of this General Assembly. He became the 12th President of CISM.



H.E. Juan Antonio Samaranch with the former and the new elected President of CISM, General Zechner and Colonel Gola

IOC Testimony

CISM Mission Statement was officially signed during the ceremony of the 50th CISM Anniversary on 15 April 1998 as part of the General Assembly in Baden (Austria) and was one of the greatest moments of that celebration. The honourable guest of that ceremony was H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). He officially acted IOC's desire to go on and develop the good collaboration between these two big sports organisations. You can look at that very important document which officially shows the high position and indispensable role CISM is playing in the world of international sport.




Nous, soussigné Son Excellence le Marquis Juan-Antonio Samaranch agissant en temps que Président du Comité International Olympique, avons eu le plaisir d'assister, en ce mercredi 15 avril 1998, dans le cadre de la 53^{ème} Assemblée Générale de Baden/Vienne, à la Cérémonie officielle célébrant le 50^{ème} anniversaire du CISM.

Nous tenons à exprimer officiellement notre satisfaction d'avoir pu être témoin de la signature de la Charte d'Adhésion par tous les pays membres du CISM. En effet, les objectifs poursuivis par le CISM tels qu'ils sont définis dans sa dite Charte d'Adhésion, sont similaires aux buts fixés dans la Charte Olympique. La construction de la paix mondiale en établissant par le sport des liens d'amitié et de solidarité entre toutes les nations émane du même souci commun aux deux organisations.

La coopération entre le CISM et le CIO est donc naturelle et se concrétise notamment dans le cadre de la Solidarité Olympique dont la création et le développement sont liés directement avec l'histoire et les activités du CISM. En temps que Président du Comité International Olympique, nous tenons à acter notre désir de développer et de perpétuer cette collaboration.

Par la présente, nous formulons officiellement les vœux du Mouvement Olympique tout entier pour le succès du Conseil International du Sport Militaire dans la poursuite de ses nobles objectifs de promouvoir, au moyen du sport, la paix et la solidarité entre les peuples.

Fait à Vienne, le 18 avril 1998


Son Excellence, le Marquis Juan-Antonio Samaranch
Président du Comité International Olympique

General Arthur Zechner takes his leave....



General Arthur Zechner is a true CISM monument who leaves after 41 years of active involvement in our organisation is definitely not an exaggeration. Enclosing his CV again after so many years of faithful service to CISM would amount to mere repetition of eulogies printed time and again in these pages. But for those who would no know it all yet, let us briefly indulge and bridge an unfortunate gap in our readership's knowledge of our organisation. This handsome and athletic Austrian has practically done it all within CISM : an athlete in 1957, he went on to coach the Austrian modern and military

The last gift of General Zechner to CISM : a star called «CISM-Friendship through sport» in the list of officially identified celestial bodies.



Emotional farewells.



pentathlon teams, then became team leader, chief of mission and then of delegation, and moved on to become a member and then President of the Permanent Technical Committee for Military Pentathlon, member of the Executive Committee and of the Commission of Sports, President of the Commission of Finance and Sports and of the Academy, Vice President of CISM for Europe and finally President of our venerable organisation (1994-1998). A pretty thorough career in CISM.

His farewell ceremony and speech were sober, like the man himself, but very emotional. General Arthur Zechner is a genuine pillar of CISM and a dedicated defender of military sport. He loves to discuss his sport strategy and philosophy for hours, and has written several books and speeches as evidence of his involvement. It is thanks to his endless efforts that the structures of the Commission of Sports have evolved so much. His contribution to the staging of the first Military World Games held in Rome in 1995 was very sizeable. His term as President of CISM was also marked by the establishment and strengthening of international sports, political and institutional relationships, which have paved the way for the recognition of CISM at global level.

Within CISM, General Arthur Zechner is universally praised. The cherry on the cake of his presidency was a gift : a star named «CISM , Friendship through Sport» which – thanks to his initiative –, will forever stand out in the list of officially identified celestial bodies. This latest endeavour is shining evidence – should any more be required – of his indestructible love for CISM, its ideals and values.



Official handing over of presidential power



Last decoration

The final symposium

Prague, (Czech Republic),
13-15 October 1998

It was both the last and the climax in a series of ten International symposiums initiated in the early '90s. The Prague symposium, held in October under the auspices of the International Olympic Committee was part of the official programme of events scheduled to commemorate CISM's 50th anniversary. The theme chosen was «Sport in the Armed Forces at the dawn of the 21st Century».

Needless to say our organisation attached a lot of importance to this symposium which concluded a programme started eight years ago exactly in Warendorf. Eight years during which the following themes have been covered :

Sport and Physical Education in the Armed Forces (1990 — Warendorf, Germany and 1991 — Fontainebleau, France).
CISM in the World of Sport (1992 — Olympia, Greece and 1993 — Ostia, Italy).
The Scientific Aspects of Sport Activities in CISM (1993 — Prague, Czech Republic; 1995 — Warsaw, Poland and 1996 — Pretoria, South Africa).
CISM and Sport for All (1996 — Warendorf, Germany).
Integration of Sport in the Armed Forces and in Society (1997 — Albena, Bulgaria).
Sport in the Armed Forces at the dawn of the 21st Century (1998— Prague, Czech Republic).

The European Commission had identified the Prague symposium as a project meeting the objectives of the Eurathlon programme, an initiative aimed at improving comprehension among the citizens of Europe, and co-financed the event.

CISM invited — mostly as speakers and sometimes as observers — representatives of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the United Nations Education, Science and Culture Organisation (UNESCO), the World Health Organisation (WHO), the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE), the Trim and Fitness International Sport for All Association— (TAFISA) and the European Commission (EC).



President of ICSSPE, Professor Gudrun Doll-Tepper.



- Some members of the Permanent Commission for Sport
- Closing Ceremony (below).

The speeches all related to one of the three following topics :
Sport and Physical education in the Armed Forces, High-Level Sport and Sport for All.

The 60 delegates from 28 different countries listened carefully to the speeches delivered very clearly and pointedly by representatives of the above mentioned guest organisations, they were also seduced by the contributions of some of their CISM colleagues. Colonel Sakki Jacobs on «The Soldier for Peace», Captain Bengt Nylander of Sweden on «Military Competitive Sports and the Future» and Colonel Dr Peter Jenoure on «the unavoidable problems of doping », literally grabbed the audience with the quality, clarity and dynamism of their respective exposés.

The scientific aims of this symposium were met. The protocol and media coverage objectives were equally achieved. Among the Czech personalities present at some of the sessions were Dr Ladislav Mal, Deputy Minister of Education, Youth and Sport of the Czech Republic; Major General Ladislav Klima, Commander-in-Chief of the Czech Airforce; Dr Milan Jirasek, President of the Czech Olympic Committee and two famous Olympic Champions : Dana Zatopkova and Emil Zatopek. The news of CISM's 50th anniversary as well as information about the symposium itself were circulated at a press conference which was broadcast live on TV. The press conference was given jointly by Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Hlutsik, head of the Czech Republic's delegation to CISM, and Dir.Reg. Hans Neisberger (Germany), president of the «Sport Science» section in the Commission of Sports.

So 1998 was concluded with a success which CISM can but be proud of.



Jubilee around the world

At the end of this, CISM's jubilee year, it is time to draw a balance. CISM's anniversary has been celebrated throughout the world and the values of friendship between peoples defended by the organisation have been honoured. Indeed, CISM is first and foremost a great family, without any distinction of race or culture. CISM gathers, stimulates cultural exchange, allows military sportsmen from around the world to form friendships which often become rock-solid. Sport as such has been celebrated too during this year, because it is the universal uniting factor and without it, CISM would not exist. Indeed, it is thanks to sport that one day of February 1948, a few young military officers laid the — somewhat crazed — foundations for a peaceful world military organisation.



Ireland celebrates CISM's anniversary.

Ireland and CISM : 34 years of faithfulness.

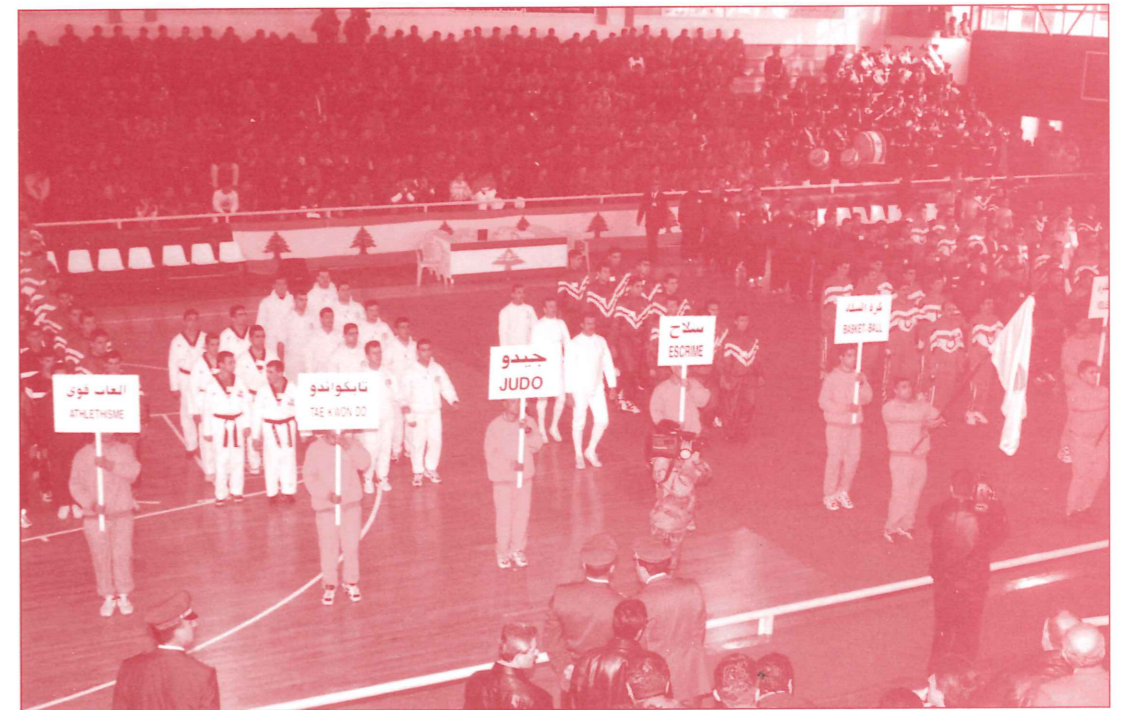


With the commemorating events organised by CISM member countries, we have revisited CISM's entire history this year. Fifty years of life, fifty years of joy, fifty years of emotion. It is not without a lump in our throat that we look back. The images of friends gone, the memories of extraordinary sport performances, the moments of solidarity experienced on sport fields,... they all come back vividly. CISM as we know it today is the result of the work of thousands of men and women who have laboured during fifty years to grow the organisation. The legacy received by today's generation brings new hope. Many more events will certainly pave CISM's way in the future. The Zagreb Military World Games are but the dawn of CISM's second set of fifty years which starts in 1999. Celebrations and meetings will continue after this jubilee.

Beyond the human aspect of this fiftieth anniversary, it is interesting to see how much CISM has opened up to the world during these five decades. Except for Oceania, all continents take part in the organisation's fulfilment and development on a daily basis. The last major political event was the fall of the Berlin Wall, which opened the door to a rapprochement between SKDA and CISM. The arrival of Eastern European countries in CISM competitions constituted at the time a token of CISM's growing strength in the world of international sport. A concrete example thereof was CISM's official recognition by the International Olympic Committee in 1994.



General mobilization in the Lebanon.





Even the new members (above Barbados, member since 1997) celebrated CISM's anniversary.

It is in this context that CISM's member delegations tried to give their contributions to jubilee celebrations a personal touch. The Barbados Republic was one of the first nations to act. Even though it was still a very junior member (1997) without much in the way of experience in our organisation, Barbados chose to commemorate the event with a cricket match between a team of the Barbados Armed Forces and the West Indies University. Taking advantage of the fiftieth anniversary of the university, the Armed Forces showed that they were keen to open toward the civilian world. Lieutenant Colonel Dayton Maynard, head of delegation, hopes that his country's athletes will make their grand entrance in CISM world championships at the Zagreb Military World Games in 1999.

Other continents, other events. In Ireland, the Irish delegation officially celebrated CISM's jubilee during the World Military Cross Country Championship. Led by head of delegation Colonel William Fitzgerald, a conference was held on CISM's history and Irish participation in its activities. The civilian world was invited too since the doors of Curragh's military sport installations were open to the public, which turned up in large numbers. A member for 34 years, Ireland has always showed up at CISM competitions, mainly in boxing, cross country, shooting, orienteering, rowing and golf.

Africa did not remain in the shadow either. For instance, on 21 February 1998, the Central

The Czech Republic proved once more to be one of the most active member nations in CISM.



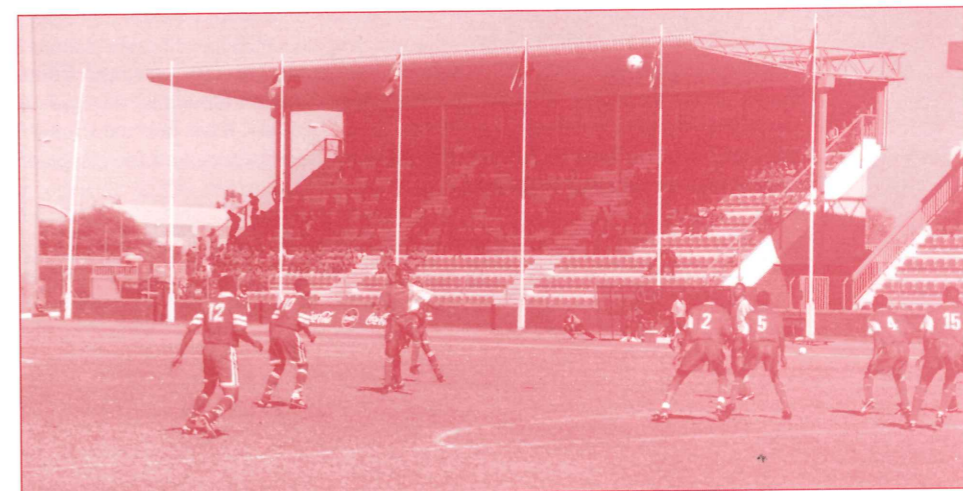
Friendship and football get on well in Centrafrican Republic.

African Republic organised an open day entitled «Friendship Through Sport» in Bangui, during which were emphasised not only the ideals pursued by CISM but also our organisation's role in promoting world peace. In order to demonstrate how open military sport is, the Central African Republic invited athletes from France, Mali, Chad, Togo, Senegal and Burkina Faso, who took part in volleyball and football matches, cross-country runs parachuting drops. Brotherhood resonated in Bangui.

As for Asia, The Lebanon scored high by inviting sport aficionados to three days of festivities. The Lebanese wanted a grandiose party mobilising every corner of the country. Military teams and regional civilian clubs met in football, volleyball, basket ball and handball matches. Taekwondo in the North, Boxing in the South, plus track and field competitions, judo and fencing meetings were offered to the large crowds attending the event. In Beirut, all accredited military attachés were even invited, so they could discover a jubilant country that does not spare its efforts when it comes to combining sport and friendship.

However, these four representative initiatives should not overshadow the many other events organised by CISM member delegations which also contributed in their own way to the dissemination of the festive message broadcast by CISM on 18 February 1998. The fiftieth anniversary is over. Life goes on...

Botswana celebrated CISM's 50th anniversary by organizing ESALO football



Solid...arity !



Much has been said about solidarity in 1998, year of the International Military Sports Council's jubilee. Indeed, many former CISM members got together, after long years of separation, for the ceremonies commemorating the event. And in everyone's opinion, solidarity remains, more than ever, one of our organisation's fundamental characteristics. It finds an expression not only in the human beings who belong to CISM, but also among the member nations themselves, which have countless occasions to meet throughout the sport activities they organise. Solidarity is a source of alliance. It is ultimately a common language that unites cultures around the world.

Very few organisations are still faithful to their motto after 50 years, and CISM ranks among them with "Friendship Through Sport". This motto has survived all these years without so much as a wrinkle. To the contrary, it has become stronger over the years to become, after half a century, the most wonderful message of peace for humanity expressed by CISM.

The Permanent Commission for Solidarity — in charge of perpetuating solidarity actions — remained very active and methodical in its action in 1998. Activities in the field of solidarity are quite varied. They do no longer, as was the case a few years ago, come down to the organisation of grouped consignments or to the issuing by one delegation of free plane tickets for athletes from neighbouring countries. This practise still exists, of course, and has even reached cruise speed. It allows CISM member nations to help each other, makes for easier transport and allows more countries and athletes to take part in international CISM competitions.

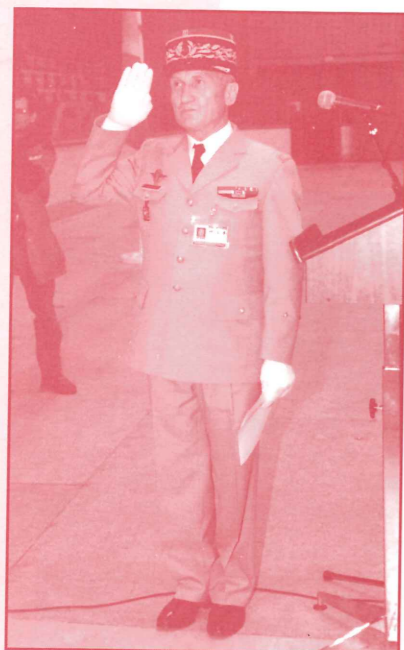
As a rider to this type of action, others have been developed in order to permanently renew the impetus of solidarity in CISM. Because, were solidarity to become routine, it would be practised *out of habit* and would not evolve anymore. But CISM is progressing, evolving, launching new challenges. Solidarity follows in its tracks, seeking to embrace this positive movement which provides additional dynamism for its projects and accomplishments.

Credit for this goes to the cell created in 1994 and chaired by Brigadier General Rémi Simonet of France, also a member of CISM's Executive Committee, who will soon retire from our organisation, following a decision of the French Armed Forces. So the President of the Commission will not seek a new mandate. « *Everything comes to an end some day. I'm grateful to the French Armed Forces for allowing me to contribute to the development of solidarity within CISM and I accept the decision which has been taken. I hope that the efforts made by the Commission will be continued and will evolve to include an in-depth debate, which I intend to initiate with the decision-making authorities of CISM before I take my leave at the next General Assembly in 1999. Indeed, solidarity within CISM needs to be further enhanced, and it must take a new direction.* »

The in-depth reflection process mentioned by General Simonet, which he proposes to initiate with CISM, will constitute a testament of sorts. Who, better than him, could identify the future priorities and main avenues of the policy to be led by CISM in the field of solidarity.

The main initiative undertaken by General Simonet with his team is concerning the relationships established with international organisations such as UNESCO, which has become a partner in CISM's solidarity endeavours. Thanks to the logistical support provided by some member nations, material offered by UNESCO is properly forwarded and efficiently distributed to consignees. This is how more than 50 tons of material — essentially sport and medical equipment — have been sent throughout the world over the last five years.

Others institutions have contributed to the reinforcement of solidarity within CISM as well. Worth mentioning are the European Union — which namely finances a large number of co-operation



General Rémi Simonet, President of the Permanent Commission for Solidarity and member of the Executive Committee.

projects —, the Council of Europe, the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), the International Federation of Sport Equipment Manufacturers, Builders Without Borders. These partners all decided one day to team up with CISM and support solidarity initiatives. After this initial stage, they are now expecting CISM to define its solidarity policy more strategically and to embark upon a second in-depth debate leading to new orientations.

This second stage should bring CISM to institutionalise solidarity. CISM should set up an official organ — along the lines of the International Olympic Committee (IOC)'s Olympic Solidarity — in order to be equipped to undertake wider-ranging action. Solidarity has come of age. It became tougher as CISM was becoming a reference international sport organisation. According to General Simonet, institutionalising CISM's solidarity policy would generate even more significant results. It would open doors to new horizons. It would encompass CISM's action on all fronts

on all the continents where it is present.

«In the future», continues General Simonet, «we need to be able to count on people who can work full time for solidarity. We need a central office to manage actions, so that they are congruent with a well thought-out philosophical axis. Because I think that we will have to carry on with existing activities, namely in Africa. The African continent is still suffering from strong logistical disturbances resulting from the current situation which is made even darker as a result of years of unfavourable economic circumstances. Africa needs CISM's support. In terms of the training of sport managers, coaches and — of course — equipment. This would allow the African people to make the best of its extraordinary human resources and its huge sports potential.»

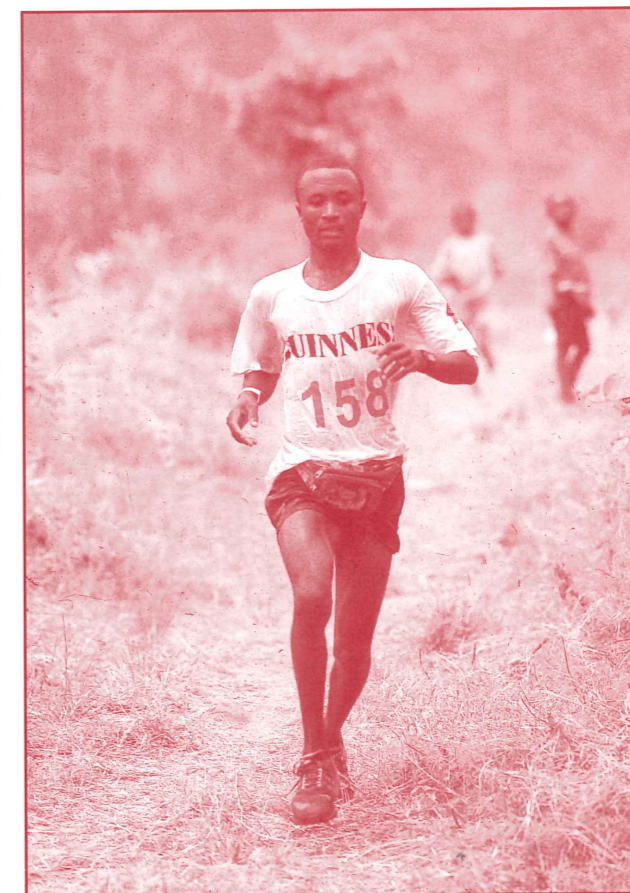
«Thanks to such a central office», General Rémi Simonet adds, «which would be in a position to analyse the realities of each continent in depth. CISM could also start missions in Latin America, where malfunctions are for all to see. Think only of how low the participation of Latin American athletes in our championships is. CISM must react to such situations. It is true that some Latin American countries are very active, such as Brazil, Argentina or Chile. These three countries may be the locomotives of the continent, but we still have to wonder why other nations are failing to jump on the bandwagon? I am convinced that targeted and well thought-out

solidarity efforts would spur this continent which can count on considerable sports and human resources too.»

«Eastern Europe, which benefited from several solidarity actions over the last two years, should still be able to count on CISM's support in the future. This is true of a number of countries at least, that seem to suffocate a bit under the weight of many other European nations' hyperactivity. That is the other side of the coin to some extent, for a continent which is statistically the most active organiser of continental and international events.»

«Finally, I also think that we should define the canvass for action to be undertaken in Asia. Nothing has been done there so far and during my term, the instruments required to do so were not available. I would therefore underscore once more the need for a central body, whose members would be experienced individuals with the keys required to unlock some doors which are unfortunately long in opening. If CISM's decision-making bodies and the General Assembly understand that it is paramount to make use of our solidarity policy, now that it is mature, I am confident for the future. This will be one of my messages at the Noordwijkerhout General Assembly in the Netherlands in May 1999.»

General Rémi Simonet speaks with a degree of passion, which is normal in a passionate man who has always found the right words to convince. He is clearly looking ahead in his speech which, as he likes to underscore, is meant for the young generation. Let us hope that all the good work done since the creation of the Permanent Commission for Solidarity will commend the support required for a serene and promising future at CISM's next General Assembly.



The Ascent of Mount Cameroon with the support of CISM.



15 WORLD MILITARY CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 1998

I.e. everything you wanted to know about the great world sport rendezvous organised in the four corners of the world by some of our 119 member delegations. 15 world championships crowned many confirmed world sport stars last year, but they also — and that's perhaps most important — made it possible to gather thousands of military athletes on and around sports fields. Our sport achievement may be valuable and high-standard, but it is the spirit which presided over them that makes CISM a special organisation in the world of modern sport. The drop in the number of championships organised in 1998 can be explained by financial problems encountered because of the world economic crisis and also due of the aftermath of natural disasters which forced a number of organisers to cancel their championships at the last minute. But rest assured that all the sports included in our world programme will make it to the front page in 1999, either because they will be represented at the Second Military World Games or as independent events in months to come.



16th World Military Cyclo-Cross Championship

20 - 23 February 1998 - Trencin (SLOVAKIA)

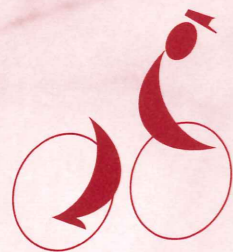
Vollet's Belgian Joke

The World Military Cyclo-Cross Championship inaugurated the 1998 programme of CISM sport events last February. The profile of the Slovak tracks, still frozen hard at this time of year, was to the advantage of the king of international military Cyclo-Cross Kris Wouters. The Belgian was participating in his seventh consecutive championship and, with four world titles conquered between 1994 and 1997, was once more the man to beat.

In a race that worked itself out by a process of elimination in the purest cyclo-cross tradition, there were three cyclists left to sprint for the much coveted title. In this game of Russian roulette, Kris Wouters had to kneel before the spirit and power of Frenchman Gregory Vollet, who had joined the Bataillon de Joinville less than two months before. Boosted by the sight of a Frenchman on the highest step of the individual podium, the rest of the French team reached the finish line as a group and clinched the team title as well. This beautiful collective victory confirms the title conquered by the French team in 1997.

This championship was the first organised for cyclo-cross independently from the cycling events. This sport certainly deserved this publicity. So the Slovak won their bet : to polish up the image of a discipline that was losing momentum.

Maybe the 32 athletes present also witnessed a transfer of power too. Confirmation could come later, but not until 2000, as there will be no cyclo-cross championship in 1999. Will Kris Wouters, the leader of the pack since 1994, stand to re-conquer the title ? Until then, thanks to Vollet, the French have ample time to savour the latest Belgian joke.



PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (9) : Germany, Belgium, France, Italy, Luxemburg, Uzbekistan, Poland, Slovakia, Czech Rep.

OFFICIAL CISM REPRESENTATIVE : Colonel BEM R. Cleymans (Belgium)

PTC PRESIDENT : Lt-Colonel S. Marino (Italy)

PARTICIPANTS : Athletes : 32



RESULTS

Individual :	1. Gregory Volet (FRA) 59'34	2. Tadeusz Korzeniewski (POL) 59'35	3. Kris Wouters (BEL) 59'36
Team :	1. FRANCE	2. BELGIUM	3. POLAND



46th World Military Cross-Country Championships

9 - 14 March 1998 - Curragh (IRELAND)

Morocco's Irish Ballad

Even though it had won hands down the last world military rendezvous in Senegal last year, the Moroccan team had been foretold every possible misfortune. Indeed, nobody thought they could repeat, in the Irish wind, cold and hills, the triumphant victory — four titles out of six — achieved in the African heat on an remarkably flat course. But the Moroccan runners adapted extremely well to the grassy and tormented course prepared by the Irish organisers who were delighted to welcome them at the end of a typical Irish, windy and cold, winter.

It is true that with «only» three titles, Morocco did slightly less well than in Dakar, but three is still half of the total stakes. With Hicham Bouanouich, winner — like last year — of the short cross, with El Kamch who deprived Anja Smolders of Belgium of a fourth title in the last meters, with a long-cross men's team placing its best members in the fourth, fifth and sixth spots, Morocco completed a golden triple. A triplet which the women's team failed by a hair to turn into as triumphant a quartet as last year.

The main upset on this Irish stage was caused by the victory, in the long cross, of Slovakia's Robert Stefko, who bested former fellow citizen Jan Pesava of the Czech Republic after a fratricidal struggle at the top which was neither programmed nor forecast.



PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (26) : Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Algeria, Germany(*), Austria, Belgium (*), Burundi, Canada (*), Denmark (*), Spain (*), USA (*), France (*), Irland (*), Italy (*), Latvia (*), Lithuania, Morocco(*), Netherlands, Portugal, Qatar, Czech Rep., Romania, Slovakia, Sweden (*), Tunisia, Turkey
(*): Female Participation

OFFICIAL CISM REPRESENTATIVE : Colonel (BEM) Rik CLEYMANS (Belgium)

PTC PRESIDENT : Lt-Colonel Augustin NZABANPEMA (Burundi)

PARTICIPANTS : 248 athletes : 198 men, 56 women.



RESULTS

Short Cross men (5 km) :	1. Hicham BOUAOUICH (MAR)	2. Joao JUNQUEIRA (POR)	3. Antonio MARAVILHA (POR)
Short Cross men, team :	1. PORTUGAL	2. ITALY	3. AUSTRIA
Long Cross men (12 km) :	1. Robert STEFKO (SLO)	2. Jan PESAVA (CZE)	3. Olian AL QAHTANI (KSA)
Long Cross men, team :	1. MOROCCO	2. ITALY	3. ALGERIA
Cross women (5 km) :	1. EL KAMCH (MAR)	2. Anja SMOLDERS (BEL)	3. Lucilla ANDREUCCI (ITA)
Cross women, team :	1. ITALY	2. MOROCCO	3. BELGIUM



40th World Military Ski Championships

16 - 21 March 1998 - Dobbiaco (ITALY)

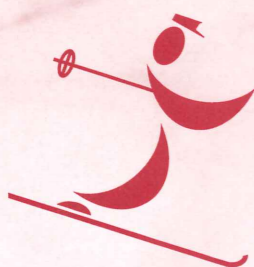
Under Deborah's Gaze

We always attend the World Military Ski Championship with immense pleasure because there is systematically an exceptional performance of some sort in the offing, and 1998 was definitely no exception to the rule. First, Frenchman Raphaël Poirée's victory in the biathlon is noteworthy, since he defeated none other than Germany's illustrious Ricco Gross who was still wreathed in his team Gold Medal conquered at the Nagano Olympics. Poirée, the 1997 revelation, never left the shadow of a doubt as to his military victory. And so now he comes and raises the standard of biathlon even higher.

Next comes the superb performance produced by Josef Strobl of Austria, who offered himself the scalps of Switzerland's Locher and Von Grüningen in the giant slalom. Strobl is an old hand and this military apotheosis is the cherry on the cake of a career which in recent years saw him toy with the top spots in FIS events. General Zechner — who attended a CISM championship for the last time — was most certainly appreciative.

Then there was this wonderful suspense which kept the Italian public in tenterhooks during the 15 km cross-country skiing race. Ole Einar Bjoerndalen of Norway — the reigning Olympic Champion —, who was taking part in a CISM championship for the first time, lost the title to Italy's Piller Cottre by a hair (6 hundredths of a second). Great show, great athletes and perfect racing conditions, everything was assembled for a remarkably attractive world championship.

Norway, the organiser of the next championship, has laid it cards on the table with four gold medals. It will be a formidable opponent at home. Italy maintained its tradition with honour by pocketing gold on five occasions. All under the gaze of Deborah Compagnoni, the special slalom Olympic Champion. Unfortunately for the many tifosi assembled along the track, she came off the piste in the first leg. But the star of women's ski is certainly not done shining.

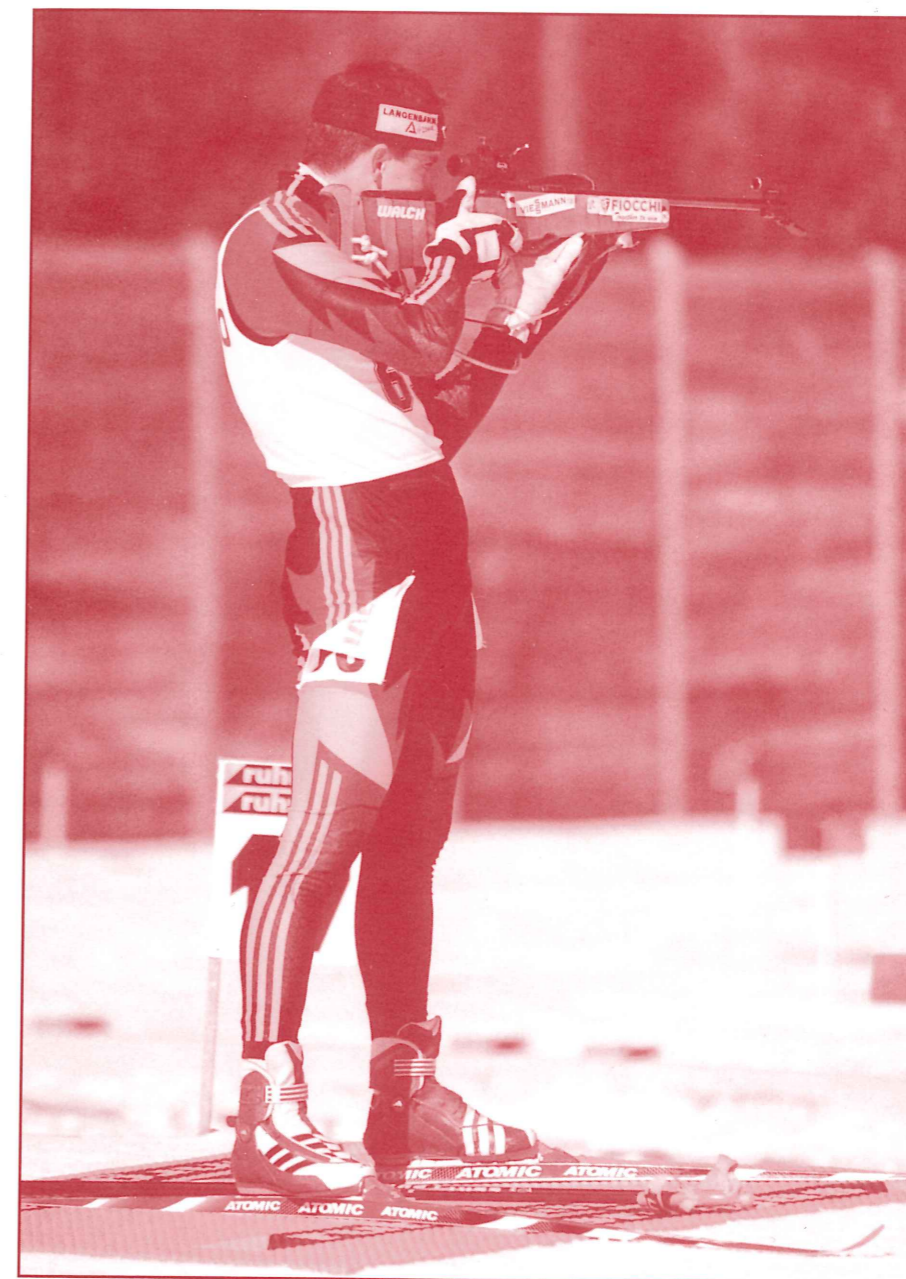


PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (21): Germany(*), Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Belarus (*), Canada (*), Chili, Estonia, USA (*), France (*), Finland, Italy (*), Norway (*), Poland (*), Czech Rep. (*), Romania (*), Slovenia (*), Slovakia, Sweden (*), Switzerland(*).
 (*): Female Participation

OFFICIAL CISM REPRESENTATIVE: General Arthur ZECHNER (Austria)

PTC PRESIDENT: Lt-Colonel Christian STEUDLER (Switzerland)

PARTICIPANTS: 309 Athletes: 246 men, 63 women.



RESULTS

Giant Slalom men:	1. Josef STROBL (AUT)	2. Steve LOCHER (SUI)	3. Michael VON GRUENIGEN (SUI)
Giant Slalom men - team:	1. AUSTRIA	2. SWITZERLAND	3. NORWAY
Giant Slalom women:	1. Mojca SUHADOLC (SLO)	2. Hilde Gerg (GER)	3. Urska HROVAT (SLO)
Biathlon men 20 km:	1. Raphael POIREE (FRA)	2. Ricco GROSS (GER)	3. Egil GJELLAND (NOR)
Biathlon men - team:	1. NORWAY	2. FRANCE	3. ITALY
Biathlon women 15 km:	1. Liv Grete SKJELBREID (NOR)	2. Florence BAVEREL (FRA)	3. Andreja GRASIC (SLO)
Biathlon women - team:	1. NORWAY	2. FRANCE	3. BELARUS
Nordic Ski men 15 km:	1. Pietro PILLER COTTRER (ITA)	2. Ole E. BJORNDALEN (NOR)	3. Per ELOFSSON (SWE)
Nordic Ski men - team:	1. NORWAY	2. ITALY	3. AUSTRIA
Nordic Ski women 10 km:	1. Stefania BELMONDO (ITA)	2. Annick PIERREL (FRA)	3. Karine PHILIPPOT (FRA)
Nordic Ski women - team:	1. ITALY	2. CZECH REP.	3. FRANCE
Patrol race:	1. ITALY	2. POLAND	3. SWITZERLAND
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5th World Military Triathlon Championship

18 - 23 June 1998 - Kapelle-op-den Bos (BELGIUM)

Brigitte Still Standing

«Vive La France» was the title of our article on the 4th World Military Triathlon Championship held in Quimper, which appeared in the 1997 Annual Report. Well, reading the winner's list for this year's championship — which migrated to the other side of the border between France and Belgium to find refuge in a Flemish Brabant town whose name is not unknown in CISM : Kapelle-op-den-Bos —, the similarity between the results of the last two editions of this major rendezvous is striking.

As in Quimper last year, German triathlete Birgit Scheithauer was the only non-French winner as, whether in the individual and team events or in the men's, women's and mixed competitions, the French repeated last year's coup. It verged on hegemony in the men's since France hi-jacked the top four spots with Sylvain Dodet, new World Champion, Chabaud, Vernet and Bourseaux. It must be said that the new rule which authorises packs in the bicycle event does favour team racing. But that does not mean that it was easy to blitz the race, which France nevertheless managed with quite a bit of talent.

In an atmosphere of "kermesse" — which already prevailed in this town when it was first visited by our top-notch military triathletes in 1993 —, Birgit Scheithauer dealt with the muggy heat on a rather flat course and made the best of her excellent running skills to get rid of the French threat, Christine Gros, during the last leg of the race. History will retain the third place clinched by Willix of Sweden, a remarkable racer whose name already appears in naval pentathlon winner lists — who said eclectic ? So the party was French, but tinged with a Germanic accent, to avoid being uniform, as the military say...



PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (18): Germany (*), Austria, Belgium (*), Canada, China (*), Colombia, Estonia, USA (*), Finland, France (*), Italy, Luxemburg, Netherlands, Portugal, Romania (*), Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden (*). (*): Female Participation

OFFICIAL CISM REPRESENTATIVE : Medecin Lt-Colonel Peter Jenoure (SUI)

PTC PRESIDENT : Lt-Colonel Michel Saint-Bonnet (FRA)

PARTICIPANTS : 115 Athletes : 83 men, 32 women.



RESULTS

Men :	1. Sylvain Dodet (FRA)	2. François Chabaud (FRA)	3. Patrick Vernay (FRA)
Men team :	1. FRANCE	2. AUSTRIA	3. SLOVAKIA
Women :	1. Brigitte Scheithauer (ALL)	2. Stéphanie Gros (FRA)	3. Helen Willix (SWE)
Women team :	1. FRANCE	2. BELGIUM	3. CHINA
Mixed team :	1. FRANCE	2. GERMANY	3. BELGIUM



11th World Military Handball Championship

31 July - 10 August 1998 - Bucharest (ROMANIA)

At the Top of the Pyramid

Gathered in Bucharest to contend for the title of World Champion, the best military handball players from 13 countries offered a choice spectacle during the entire week of the tournament. Handball has been a hit for a few years now, and there was no misunderstanding about that among the Romanian organisers : they heavily advertised the event and managed to attract large crowds for the matches of their national team. This popular interest proved insufficient, however : the Romanian team stumbled in the semi-final against Egypt, the team that went on to collect the laurels of victory.

Crowned world military handball champion for the second time, Egypt secured the title in the absence of two clear favourites : Russia and the Republic of Korea. There was ever a shadow of a doubt that Egypt would eventually win. Besting their opponents both tactically and physically, the Egyptians could also rely on world-class individualities such as Gyoshi Semq Amre El, best player of the championship.

Egypt defeated Belarus in a fiercely contested final. Or at least it appeared so from the tight score (23-25), because Egypt was never forced to the wall. In Bucharest, both countries confirmed their good performances of 1997, when they finished third and fourth respectively. Let us wager that Russia and Korea will send teams to Zagreb in August 1999 to take part in the Second Military World Games.

The biggest upset in the championship came from the Nigerian team. Even though they finished at a modest 11th place in the tournament, they seem to have found themselves an efficient striker which other teams came to fear more and more as matches went by : Danlami Musa. With 61 goals, the young serviceman was by far the best striker in the competition. For the same reasons as the Egyptian team, he made it, in his own way, to the top of the pyramid.

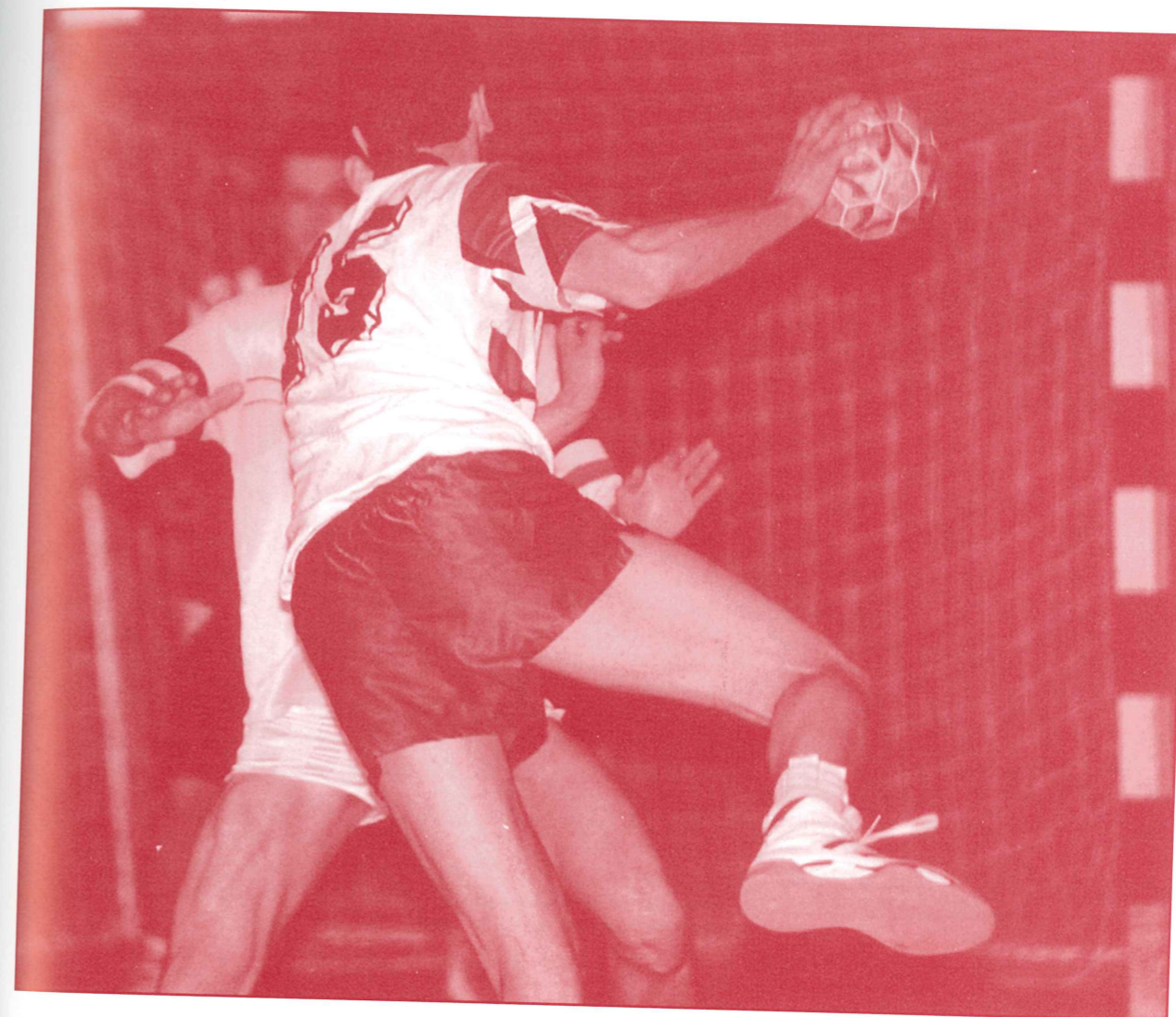


PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (13) : Belarus, Belgium, Egypt, USA, Germany, Latvia, Nigeria, Netherlands, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Syria, Ukraine.

OFFICIAL CISM REPRESENTATIVE : Lieutenant-Colonel L. De Wulf (BEL)

PTC PRESIDENT : Commandant L. Cordonni (Belgium)

PARTICIPANTS : 200 Athletes



RESULTS

1/2 Final: Belarus - Latvia 26 - 24
Egypt - Romania 23 - 20

Final: Egypt - Belarus 25 - 23

Final standings:

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|------------|-----------------|
| 1. EGYPT | 8. UKRAINE |
| 2. BELARUS | 9. SYRIA |
| 3. ROMANIA | 10. NETHERLANDS |
| 4. LATVIA | 11. NIGERIA |
| 5. GERMANY | 12. BELGIUM |
| 6. QATAR | 13. USA |
| 7. POLAND | |

MVP : Amre El Gyoshi Semq (EGY)
Top scorer: Danlami Musa (NGR) (61 goals)
Best goalie : Vitali Fetchtchenko (BLR)
Fair-Play trophée : BELGIUM



24th World Military Judo Championships

1 - 8 August 1998 - Saint-Petersburg (RUSSIA)

Duet in a Kimono

22 nations took the trip to the superb Russian city of Saint-Petersburg but, though sightseeing was not left out, it is the gold to be distributed at the 24th World Military Judo Championship that primarily attracted the athletic crowds.

The Russian team was favourite on home ground and its men certainly rose up to expectations : they won four individual titles, the men's team event and several other medals, which makes them the main winning team of this championship. Masculine winners only, however, as their feminine counterparts were crowned second-best overall with six medals but no gold and the second step on the team podium as well. The Russian girls could only brush the gold which the Chinese picked by the handful with five individual titles and the team consecration. China was decidedly unbeatable during this beautiful week in Saint-Petersburg.

A rather surprising conclusion was unavoidable at the end of these international joists : no competitor managed to keep the title snatched last year in Dubrovnik except for the Flying Dutchman, Mark Huizinga, a member of the Dutch Air Force who, after his European civilian title in 1997, is still on schedule to fulfil his ultimate dream in sport : winning Olympic gold in Sydney.

Let us complete this panorama with two magnificent doubles by Russia's A. Mikhailin (-100 kg and open) and China's Yuan Hua (+78 kg and open), who are a perfect summary of this Russian-Chinese — or Chinese-Russian, as you please — week.



PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (22) : Algeria, Austria, Azerbaidjan(*), Belarus(*), Belgium(*), Chili, China(*), Cyprus, Finland, Germany(*), Greece, Hungary, Iran, Italy, Mongolia, Netherlands(*), Poland, Russia(*), Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Uzbekistan.
 (*): Female Participation

OFFICIAL CISM REPRESENTATIVE : Contre Amiral A. Ledesma (ARG)

PTC PRESIDENT : Colonel Dr. R. Kalina (Poland)

PARTICIPANTS : 141 Athletes : 113 men, 28 women.



RESULTS

Men

-60 kg :	1. A. Ridniy (RUS)	2. A. Massoud (IRA)	3. A. Scolari (ITA)	3. C. Cueto (ESP)
-66 kg :	1. S. Arzumanov (AZE)	2. A. Shlyk (BLR)	3. R. Twaniczek (POL)	3. A. Meridja (ALG)
-73 kg :	1. N. Purevdorj (MGL)	2. N. Yagoubi (ALG)	3. E. Karpuhin (RUS)	3. M. Lambrecht (AUS)
-81 kg :	1. K. Savchishkin (RUS)	2. P. Klas (NED)	3. F. Turaev (UZB)	3. C. Ali Chamanpa (IRA)
-90 kg :	1. M. Huizinga (NED)	2. A. Mikhalev (RUS)	3. R. Jahoda (AUS)	3. I. Holikov (UZB)
-100kg :	1. A. Mikhailin (RUS)	2. L. Guido (ITA)	3. R. Ulbricht (GER)	3. J. Pozdzik (POL)
+100kg :	1. M. Mahmoodreza (IRA)	2. D. Braidotti (ITA)	3. T. Tmenov (RUS)	3. F. Moller (GER)
Open :	1. A. Mikhailin (RUS)	2. S. Pepic (SVK)	3. R. Yusupov (UZB)	3. K. Murudov (UZB)
Team :	1. RUSSIA	2. NETHERLANDS	3. UZBEKISTAN	3. BELARUS

Women

-48kg :	1. Ting Ling Wang (CHN)	2. M. Shamsutdinova (RUS)	3. N. Shabulinskaya (BLR)
-52kg :	1. Tin Yan Wang (CHN)	2. M. Sulejmanova (AZE)	3. N. Aranovskaya (RUS)
-57kg :	1. Z. Husejnova (AZE)	2. T. Ivanova (RUS)	3. E. Izmailov (BLR)
-63kg :	1. Wing Bo Wang (CHN)	2. E. Petrova (RUS)	3. A. Van Den Brande (BEL)
-70kg :	1. C. Zwiers (NED)	2. S. Gyaliant (RUS)	3. E. Barak (BLR)
-78kg :	1. H. M. Ertel	2. Yu Lina (CHN)	3. Savenkova (BLR)
+78kg :	1. Yuan Hua (CHN)	2. J. Hagn (GER)	3. Dontuzashvili (RUS)
Open :	1. Yuan Hua (CHN)	2. J. Hagn (GER)	3. C. Zwiers (NED)
Team :	1. CHINA	2. RUSSIA	3. BELARUS

3. Yu Lina (CHN)



42nd World Military Aeronautical Pentathlon Championship

21 - 29 August 1998 - Natal (BRAZIL)

Wind of Change over Natal

There was a small revolution at the aeronautical pentathlon of the 42nd World Military Championship organised in Natal, Brazil this year: the Spanish and Brazilian athletes who performed brilliantly in the last two editions stumbled against blond pilots coming from the coldness of Sweden. Peter Carlsson and Jonas Rohlen, who respectively finished first and second in the world championship this year blew the wind of change over a competition which had until then been pretty much owned by athletes coming from warmer realms.

So, Sweden makes it to the top of the hierarchy and win the team trophy with three Swedes in the first seven spots, i.e. a near perfect scorecard. Brazil got out of it with the honours thanks to Marcos Guasti, the only athlete to really rise up to expectations on the Brazilian side. Finishing third in the individual ranking, Guasti is emerging as the worthy successor of Carlos Leite, the reigning world champion. The Brazilian disappointment will be slightly alleviated with the team silver.

Spain are the main losers in this championship. No individual medal for this — ageing — team that will have to make do with team bronze. They will no doubt be stimulated by the prospect of holding the next world championship at home in Zaragoza in 1999. Until then, they can reflect upon their eldest representative, Javier Oton, being once more their best performer on the South American continent. He won the fencing event, thereby making up to some extent for his team's collective bad performance. Not really comforting.

Noteworthy is finally the presence as a guest of honour of Colonel (Ret.) Edmond Petit of France, who not only was one of CISM's founding fathers, but also brought aeronautical pentathlon into existence. This initiative by the Brazilian delegation was worth mentioning.

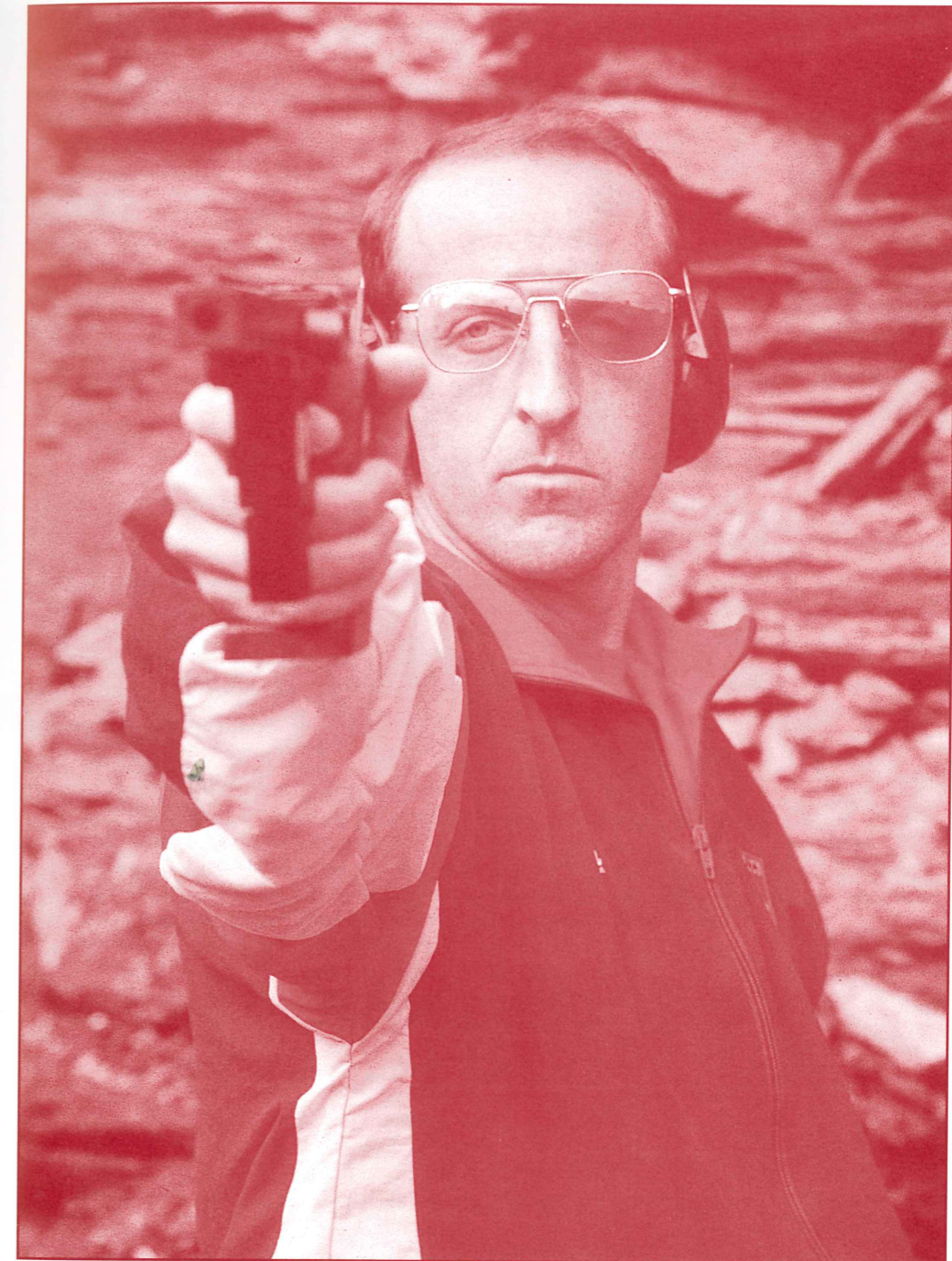


PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (10) : Saudi Arabia, Belgium, Brasil, Spain, Finland, France, Norway, Netherlands, Sweden, Turkey.

OFFICIAL CISM REPRESENTATIVE : Major Theo Kersten (NED)

PTC PRESIDENT : Colonel Hannes Bjurstöm (SWE)

PARTICIPANTS : 67 Athletes



RESULTS

Shooting Indiv. :	1. P. Carlsson (SWE) 1135pts	2. J. Oton (SPA) 1000pts	3. P. Matero (FIN) 985pts
Swimming Indiv. :	1. M. Viitala (FIN) 994pts	2. J. Rohlen (SWE) 988pts	3. P. Matero (FIN) 984pts
Fencing Indiv. :	1. J. Oton (SPA) 1062pts	2. M. Guasti (BRA) 969pts	3. A. Vuolle (FIN) 938pts
Ball Indiv. :	1. C. Ozer (TUR) 1230pts	2. F. Torres (SPA) 1112pts	3. P. Carlsson (SWE) 1108pts
Escape Indiv. :	1. M. Viitala (FIN) 1026pts	2. J. Rohlen (SWE) 1000pts	3. M. Guasti (BRA) 960pts
Total Individual :	1. P. Carlsson (SWE) 4605pts	2. J. Rohlen (SWE) 4570pts	3. M. Guasti (BRA) 4421pts
Total Nations :	1. SWEDEN 13.337pts	2. BRASIL 12.906pts	3. SPAIN 12.499pts



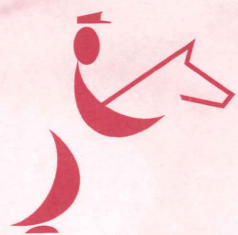
11th World Military Horsemanship Championship

10 - 17 August 1998 - Faqra (LEBANON)

The Important Thing Was to Organise

The fact that five countries only took the trip to The Lebanon to take part in the 11th Horse Riding Championship is certainly no catastrophe as such itself, as the world of sport is aware that organising an international horsemanship competition outside Europe or North America is a challenge. Indeed, many delegations hesitate on sanitary grounds before they take the trip – whether these vacillations are justified or not is another issue. So, for this great return of The Lebanon in the club of countries organising CISM events, the programme was limited both in terms of the delegations present and in terms of the event itself since it was restricted to an obstacle course. But a great return it was : it has been 26 years – the time it took for an endless war to take its toll – since CISM last set foot in a country it had learned to appreciate.

It is with a lot of emotion that five countries : Italy, Syria, Kuwait, Jordan and, of course, The Lebanon, took part in this championship. Unfortunately, much to the organiser's disappointment, Egypt, Iran and Qatar declined at the very last minute. The setting for the competitions was really magical. At least, it inspired Italy's Vicente Chimirri, who won not only the opening event, but the Grand Prix as well. The courses, designed by famous French rider Frédéric Cottier were much to the liking of the Kuwaiti team, who caused a major upset by besting the Italians in the team event. But the results were mostly anecdotal – no offence meant to the winners. What was important for The Lebanon was primarily to organise. And the least that can be said is that they have shown that they know how to do that, even after 26 years.



PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (5) : Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Kuwait, Syria.

OFFICIAL CISM REPRESENTATIVE : Colonel M. Al Khateeb (KUW)

PTC PRESIDENT : Brigadier General C. C. Delia (ARG)

PARTICIPANTS : 32 Athletes



RESULTS

- Grand Prix : 1. Vicente Chimirri (Ita-Kivi) 2. Karim Fares (Lib-Blup d'Aravelle) 3. Bruno Chimirri (Ita-Ortwin de Laubry)
- Nations Cup : 1. KUWAIT : 4pts (Rakkad Al Zufaïry sur Billy the Kid, Hamed Chebab sur Sister Act, Abdallah Khobeizy sur Dion, Khaled Khobeizy sur Dylemat)
2. ITALY : 4,5pts
3. LEBANON : 12 pts



3rd World Military Tennis Championship

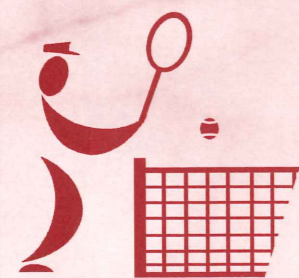
22 - 29 August 1998 - Alma-Ata (KAZAKHSTAN)

Advantage, Italy

Even though the World Military Tennis Championship has only existed for three years, matches between Italy and Russia have already become a classic. Indeed, the finals which concluded the first three championships have all been between Transalpine and Russian players. But Italy now leads 2-1 after its win in Kazakhstan this year.

The Italian team won the final 3-0 in 1997, but this year, they had to go to a tie-break to get the worthy Russian trio to bite *the (brick) dust*. The current gap between these two teams and the other nations is so patent that they are not really playing in the same league. It is true that these tennis championships are only powering up and that it will take a few years before the competitions reach technical and tactical heights.

The small yellow ball still managed to attract China this year, their team making it to the third step of the podium, defeating the home team : Kazakhstan. Also noteworthy is the decline of the American team : they finished at and unenviable last place, thereby leaving the top four they reached in 1997. Participation remains low but it is growing steadily. Seven countries took part in this year's championship, compared to six last year. The only fly in the ointment, so to speak, is that there is no organiser for next year's championship yet. So, who will catch the ball on the bounce ?

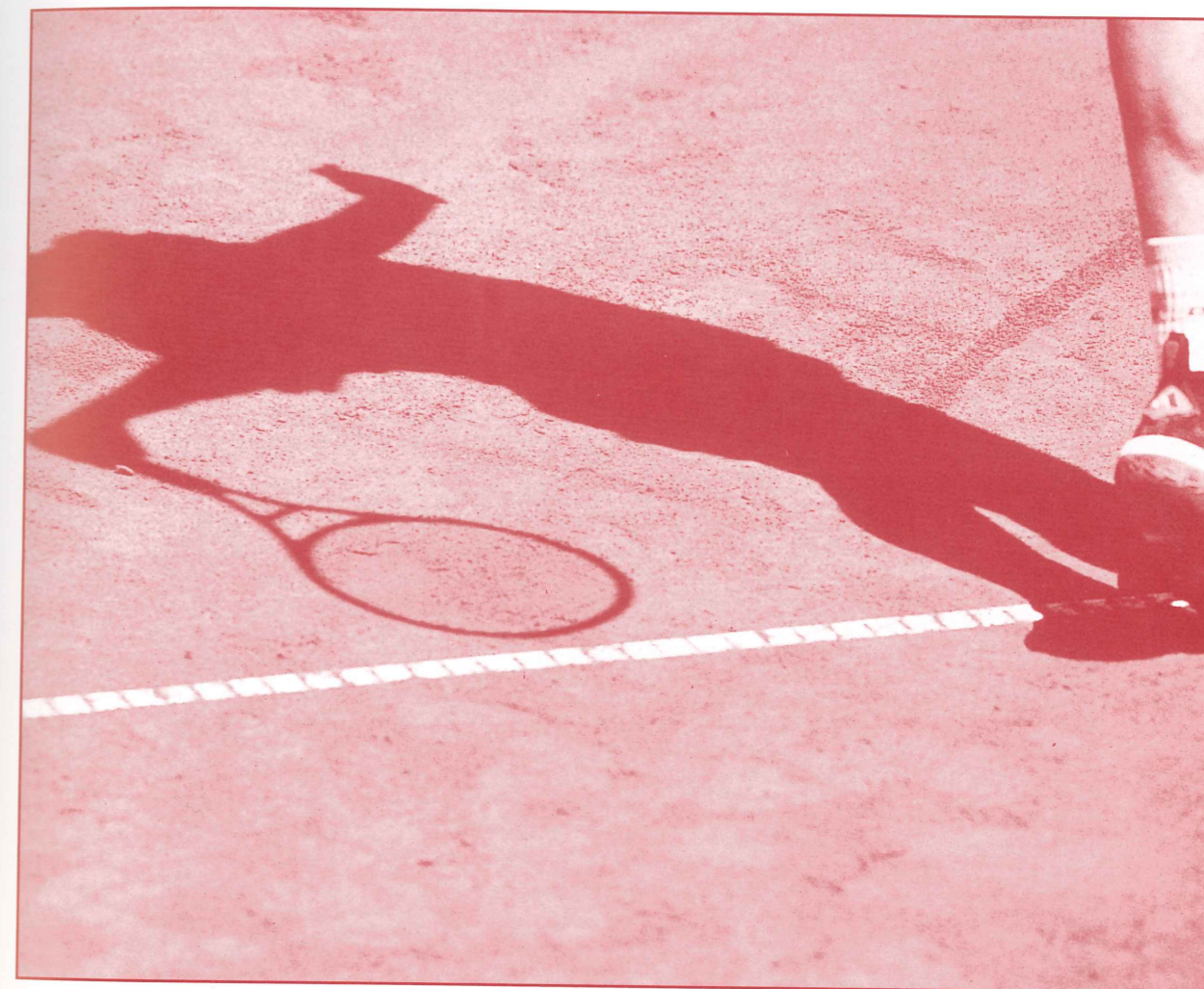


PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (7) : Belarus, China, USA, Italy, Kazakhstan, Russia, Ukraine.

OFFICIAL CISM REPRESENTATIVE : Colonel L.A. Motilathedi (BOT)

PTC PRESIDENT : Colonel A. Jouk (Russia)

PARTICIPANTS : 24 Athletes



RESULTS

5th place:	Ukraine - Belarus	0-3
3rd place:	Kazakhstan - China	1-2
1st place:	Italy - Russia :	2-1

Final standings :

1. ITALY
2. RUSSIA
3. CHINA
4. KAZAKHSTAN
5. BELARUS
6. UKRAINE
7. USA



30th World Military Modern Pentathlon Championship

23 - 31 August 1998 - Rome (ITALY)

Fabio Secondo

Fabio Nebuloni retained his world title at the World Military Modern Pentathlon Championship held at home in Rome, at the end of a competition in which he masterfully dominated his opponents. «It is primarily the victory of a team», he exclaimed as he crossed the finish line of the last event. A nice tribute by Nebuloni to team mates Stefano and Andrea Giommoni who indeed produced a beautiful performance which earned Italy the team title.

Nebuloni already won the championship last year, but this year's win is even more wonderful as it involved defeating two great champions — Zbynek of the Czech Republic and Poland's Dariusz Mejsner — who often make it way up in world civilian competitions rankings. These two athletes were cast in the same mould and of the same iron as Igor Warabida of Poland, who finished fifth at the Olympic Games in Atlanta and who was also present in Rome. Facing such distinguished opposition, Nebuloni found the strength needed to offer Italy the final triumph.

Having finished in 17th position in Atlanta, Fabio Nebuloni very much wanted to prove that he was worth more than this sad performance. CISM gave him the chance to show that he was back in good shape. Now, he is back in the race for the precious few tickets to the last Olympic Games of the millennium in Sydney. As he openly explains, it is his primary objective and, were he to succeed, it would be a wonderful reward for the Carabinieri who cheer their champion in a sport that remains quite confidential.

The Czech also distinguished themselves during this 30th world military championship, with individual silver, team bronze and relay gold. But their most beautiful victory is unquestionably the Fair-Play trophy, which they won with their kindness and sportsmanship. Congratulations to the entire Czech delegation.

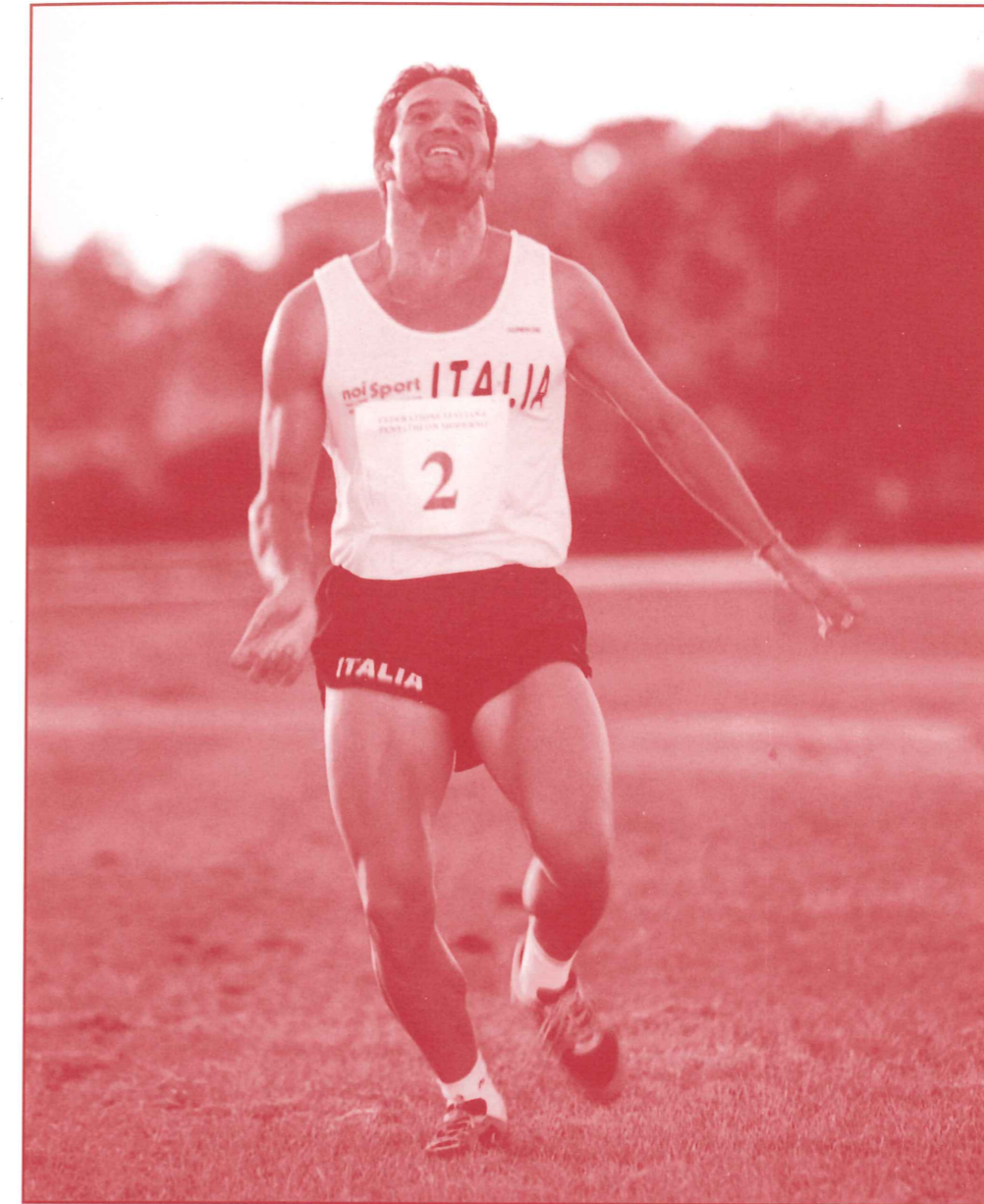


PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (15) : Germany, Austria, Belarus, Estonia, USA, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, Czech Rep., Ukraine.

OFFICIAL CISM REPRESENTATIVE : General de Brigade R. Simonet (France)

PTC PRESIDENT : Colonel H. Gruber (Austria)

PARTICIPANTS : 38 Athletes



RESULTS

Shooting Ind. :	1. A. Esipenko (RUS) 192pts	2. G. Balogh (HUN) 190pts	3. D. Mejsner (POL) 188pts
Fencing Ind. :	1. K. Chupris (BLR) 22v.	2. Z. Ambroz (CZE) 21v.	3. A. Kallai (HUN) 21v.
Swimming Ind. :	1. C. Senior (USA) 2'02"00	2. L. Capalini (CZE) 2'05"80	3. B. Weatherbie (USA) 2'06"10
Riding Ind. :	1. F. Nebuloni (ITA) 1097pts	2. D. Mejsner (POL) 1080pts	3. I. Warabida (POL) 1074pts
Running Ind. :	1. S. Giommoni (ITA) 9'30"70	2. A. Zhigipov (RUS) 9'37"45	3. C. Senior (USA) 9'41"25
Total Ind. :	1. F. Nebuloni (ITA) 5303pts	2. Z. Ambroz (CZE) 5256pts	3. D. Mejsner (POL) 5235pts
Total Team :	1. ITALY 15623pts	2. POLAND 15372pts	3. CZECH REP. 15260pts
Shooting Relay :	1. CZECH REP. 269pts	2. POLAND 266pts	3. RUSSIA 265pts
Fencing Relay :	1. ITALY 61v.	2. CZECH REP. 61v.	3. BELARUS 59v.
Swimming Relay :	1. POLAND 2'54"00	2. USA 2'54"60	3. GERMANY 3'02"50
Riding Relay :	1. GERMANY 3'13"60	2. CZECH REP. 3'09"30	3. USA 3'26"70
Running Relay :	1. ITALY 13'11"30	2. RUSSIA 13'12"60	3. USA 13'19"90
Total Relay :	1. CZECH REP. 5196pts	2. BELARUS 5031pts	3. RUSSIA 4982pts



35th World Military Swimming Championships

30 August - 6 September 1998 - Rome (ITALY)

Hellas for Italy

The Italian water polo team's dream lasted until the final. Managed by famous coach Eraldo Pizzo — the Same Eraldo Pizzo who coached the Transalpine to the world title at the First Military World Games in Rome in 1995 —, the Italian players stumbled against Greece in a spectacular final broadcast live by RAI3. *Hellas* for Italy... But truth be said, the Greek team was experienced, contrary to the Italians, whose only seasoned athlete was Leonardo Binchi.

The women's joists were dominated by China with 11 gold medals out of... 11. The Chinese reservoir seems bottomless. Their delegation was headed by Ying Le — 100m Olympic Champion in Atlanta — and Ying Shan, who shared five gold medals in the '96 Olympics. The standard of women's military swimming has never been so high.

On the men's side, in the absence of the Russians, Italy took the largest bite at the medals with nine titles out of 18. Lorenzo Vismara being the great winner overall with his three military titles. Worth noting are also the performances of Emiliano Brembilia (400m freestyle) and Andrea Oriana (1,500m freestyle), the latter improving the Italian national 200m butterfly civilian record (1'58.60).

Lifesaving is fashionable among the military. Seven countries took part in the competition, which is encouraging for the future. All the more than two world records were beaten in Rome. Only diving remained quite discreet, with only five countries on the list of participants. China prevailed once more with Peng at the 1m and 3m springboards.

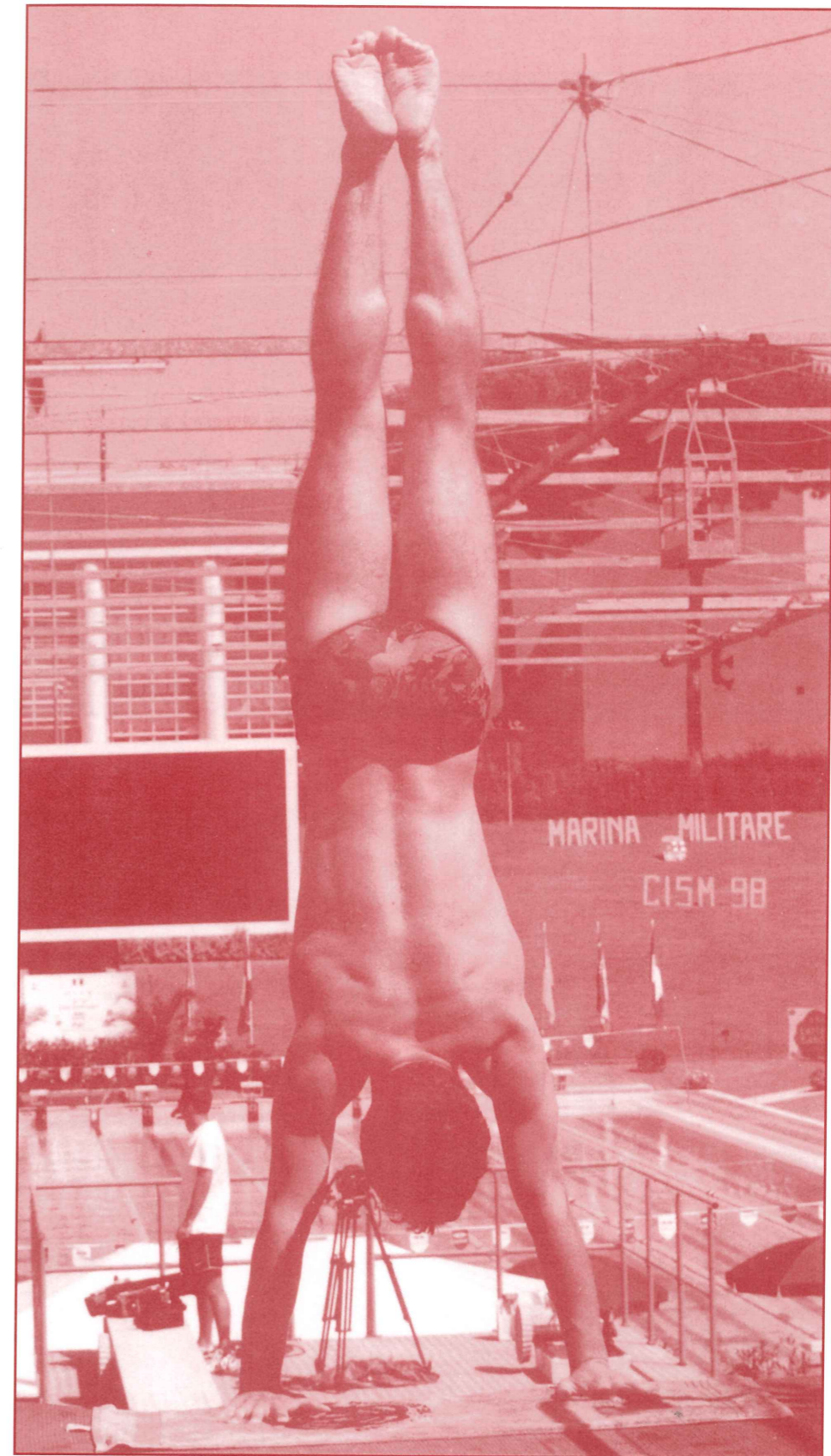


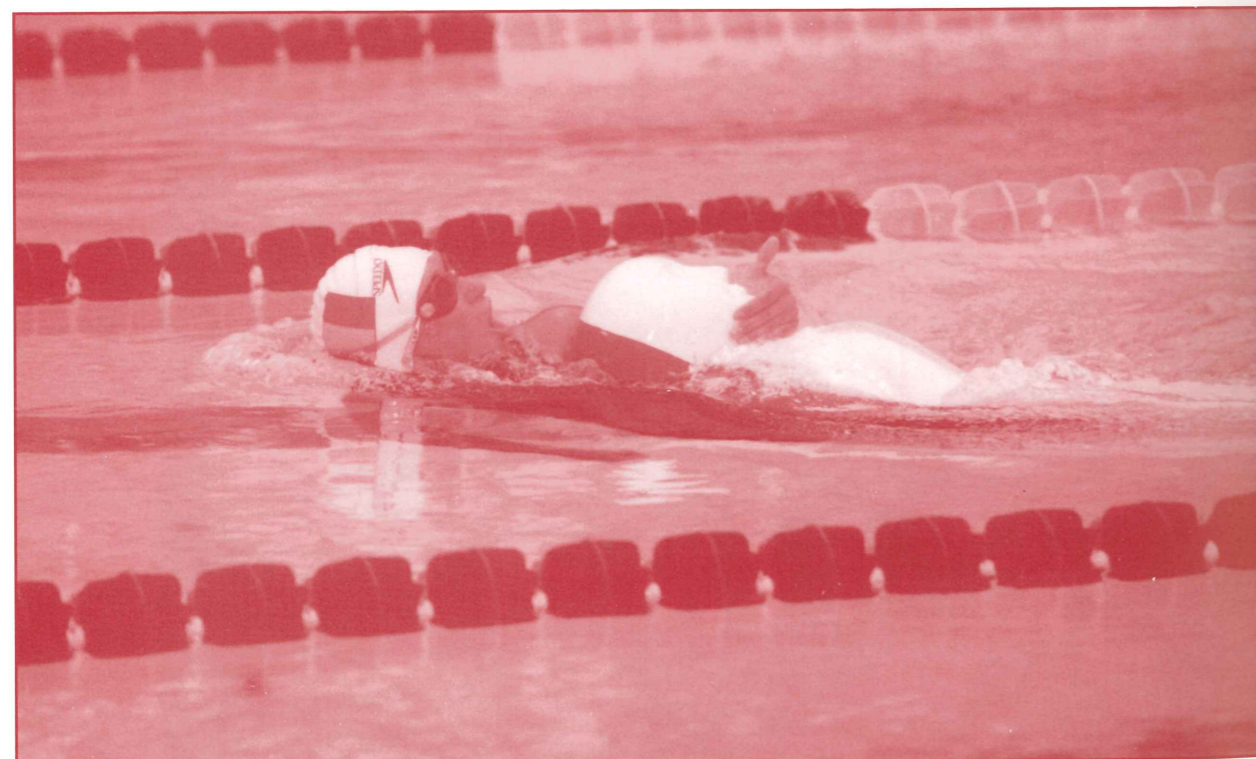
PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (18) : Germany (*), Austria (*), Belgium (*), Bulgaria, Canada (*), China (*), Cyprus, Croatia, Greece, Italy (*), Kazakhstan (*), Uzbekistan, Netherlands (*), Romania (*), Russia, Slovakia (*), Slovenia (*), Ukraine (*)
 (*) Female Participation

OFFICIAL CISM REPRESENTATIVE : Colonel A. Therry (Belgium)

PTC PRESIDENT : Navy Captain G. Invernizzi (Italy)

PARTICIPANTS : 229 athletes : 194 men, 35 women.





RESULTS

Men

50m freestyle :	1. L. Vismara (ITA)	22"93 *	2. S. Kunzelmann (GER)	23"40	3. S. Borissenko (KAZ)	23"49
100m freestyle :	1. L. Vismara (ITA)	51"06	2. L. Conrad (GER)	51"79	3. M. Machita (ROM)	51"89
200m freestyle :	1. L. Conrad (GER)	1'52"62	2. N. Butacu (ROM)	1'53"92	3. M. Machita (ROM)	1'54"60
400m freestyle :	1. E. Brembilla (ITA)	3'59"79	2. H. Du (CHN)	4'04"05	3. P. Ghiglione (ITA)	4'05"52
1500m freestyle :	1. A. Oriana (ITA)	15'55"75	2. E. Brembilla (ITA)	15'57"03	3. H. Du (CHN)	16'07"27
100m breaststroke :	1. Y. Zhu (CHN)	1'02"31	2. T. Ignat (ROM)	1'03"97	3. D. Fioravanti (ITA)	1'04"73
200m breaststroke :	1. Y. Zhu (CHN)	2'16"87	2. T. Ignat (ROM)	2'18"22	3. D. Rummolo (ITA)	2'19"67
100m backstroke :	1. S. Theloke (GER)	56"22	2. N. Butacu (ROM)	57"69	3. M. Mazzari (ITA)	59"25
200m backstroke :	1. S. Theloke (GER)	2'04"29	2. M. Mazzari (ITA)	2'05"75	3. G. D'Arienzo (ITA)	2'05"77
100m butterfly :	1. A. Oriana (ITA)	55"34	2. O. Lampe (GER)	55"81	3. A. Gusperti (ITA)	58"48
200m butterfly :	1. A. Oriana (ITA)	1'58"60 **	2. O. Lampe (GER)	2'05"40	3. M. Erolu (ITA)	2'05"53
200m medley :	1. C. Badita (ROM)	2'06"02	2. S. Theloke (GER)	2'06"06	3. M. Gallina (ITA)	2'06"82
400m medley :	1. M. Erolu (ITA)	4'29"13	2. C. Badita (ROM)	4'30"82	3. T. Wang (CHN)	4'40"53
4X100m freestyle :	1. GERMANY	3'28"14	2. ITALY	3'29"93	3. ROMANIA	3'30"49
4X200m freestyle :	1. ITALY	7'39"60	2. GERMANY	7'43"68	3. ROMANIA	7'46"71
4X100m medley :	1. ITALY	3'48"16	2. GERMANY	3'48"61	3. ROMANIA	3'52"41

Women

50m freestyle :	1. Y. Shan (CHN)	25"57 *	2. Y. Le (CHN)	25"81	3. E. Yermakova (KAZ)	26"03
100m freestyle :	1. Y. Le (CHN)	55"46 *	2. Y. Shan (CHN)	55"58	3. E. Yermakova (KAZ)	57"09
50m breaststroke :	1. H. Qi (CHN)	33"19 *	2. V. Lischka (AUT)	33"37	3. M. Tin (ROM)	34"39
100m breaststroke :	1. H. Qi (CHN)	1'11"60 *	2. N. Kejzar (SLO)	1'13"35	3. V. Lischka (AUT)	1'13"70
50m backstroke :	1. C. He (CHN)	29"04 *	2. M. Sparavec (SLO)	30"12	3. Y. Pu (CHN)	30"73
100m backstroke :	1. C. He (CHN)	1'02"11 *	2. L. Diaconescu (ROM)	1'06"59	3. S. Bailie (CAN)	1'11"39
50m butterfly :	1. Y. Qu (CHN)	27"71	2. M. Sparavec (SLO)	28"09	3. E. Yermakova (KAZ)	28"11
100m butterfly :	1. Y. Qu (CHN)	59"50 *	2. M. Flohr (GER)	1'03"89	3. I. Walterova (SVK)	1'04"62
200m medley :	1. Y. Pu (CHN)	2'17"40 *	2. H. Qi (CHN)	2'18"55	3. L. Diaconescu (ROM)	2'21"05
4X100m freestyle :	1. CHINA	4'07"35	2. CANADA	4'29"48	3. NETHERLANDS	4'34"91
4X100m medley :	1. CHINA	4'36"09	2. CANADA	4'55"28	3. NETHERLANDS	5'07"85

DIVING

Men

Springboard 1m :	1. B. Peng (CHN)	367,80pts	2. A. Wels (GER)	351,60pts	3. N. Marconi (ITA)	330,40pts
Springboard 3m :	1. B. Peng (CHN)	609,10pts	2. A. Wels (GER)	604,95pts	3. W. Zeng (CHN)	599,55pts
Platform 10m :	1. H. Meyer (GER)	581,75pts	2. B. Peng (CHN)	579,70pts	3. D. Akhmetbekov (KAZ)	503,25pts

Women

Springboard 1m :	1. I. Vyguzova (KAZ)	242,60pts	2. J. Yan (CHN)	242,50pts	3. S. Kloss (GER)	214,15pts
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LIFE SAVING

Men

50m dummy rescue :	1. T. Laurent (GER)	35"57	2. M. Gentili (ITA)	36"26	3. F. Pandolfi (ITA)	36"65
100m dummy fins :	1. C. Schleppehorst (GER)	56"54 *	2. F. Pandolfi (ITA)	56"57	3. T. Laurent (GER)	56"93

Women

50m dummy rescue :	1. V. Lischka (AUT)	44"72	2. P. Scudo (ITA)	45"40	3. B. Thys (BEL)	49"22
100m dummy fins :	1. P. Scudo (ITA)	1'10"66 *	2. I. Boonen (BEL)	1'17"09	3. B. Thys (BEL)	1'23"34

WATERPOLO

7th place :	Germany - Belgium	27-3
5th place :	Russia - Ukraine	9-5
3rd place :	Romania - Uzbekistan	7-6
1st place :	Greece - Italy	7-5

* : new CISM record

** : new Italian record (civilian)



46th World Military Pentathlon Championship

8 - 17 September 1998 - Beijing (CHINA)

Beijing style

The 1998 World Military Pentathlon Championship delivered an original verdict, as China won every single title in every category. The cherry on the cake of this extraordinary performance being the four world records beaten during the championship. For five years now, China has ruled over the discipline, the Brazilians being alone in challenging — all too rarely — the Asian athletes' hegemony. The latter have become true professionals, but they remain servicemen first and foremost.

Major Lian Wang is by far the worthiest athlete: in Beijing, she won her fifth consecutive title, thereby making military pentathlon history. Never before has a woman attained such a degree of perfection. And she still has ample margin for improvement. At 26, she will most definitely be there to defend her chances at the next Military World Games in Zagreb, Croatia in August 1999. Chang could even entertain the dream of a sixth win, which would certainly do a lot for a wonderful sport that deserves more consideration — and hence better media coverage — in the civilian world.

Wang's supremacy overshadowed the men's results. This year, Zhong Li — the steadiest athlete in the Chinese team for the last five years — climbed on the highest step of the podium. He bested fellow citizen Chun Yang by a bare 16 points. Min Zhao completed a Chinese-only podium.

The popular success of this championship is mostly due to the Chinese military's keen interest in their comrades-in-arms' performances. Indeed, even though the events were broadcast live on Chinese TV, no civilian eye-witnessed the Asian triumph. Chinese military grounds are not yet open to the public. But the Croat sites will definitely be accessible next year. What garnish are the Chinese going to eat their opponents with next year?



PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (24) : Germany, Austria, Belgium (*), Belarus (*), Brasil, China (*), Denmark (*), Ecuador, Spain (*), Finland, Iran, Latvia (*), Norway (*), Uzbekistan, Netherlands (*), Poland, Romania, Russia, Sweden (*), Switzerland (*), Syria, Czech Rep. (*), Turkey, Ukraine.

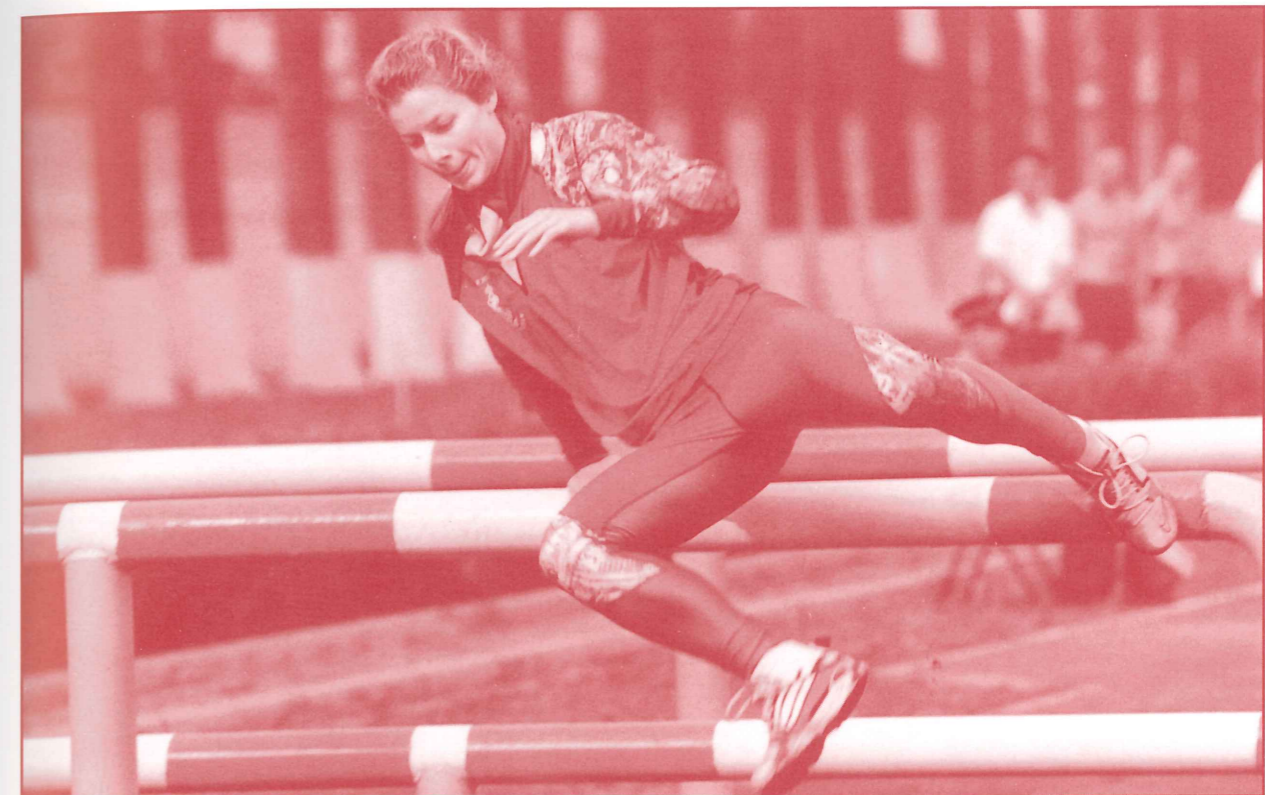
(*): Female Participation



OFFICIAL CISM REPRESENTATIVE : Brigadier General G. Al-Samkari (SYR)

PTC PRESIDENT : Brigadier General J. Pucher (AUT)

PARTICIPANTS : 166 Athletes : 135 men, 31 women.



RESULTS

Men

Shooting ind. :	1. B.S. Jenssen (NOR) 200pts (*)	2. A. Bondesson (SWE) 199pts	3. H.J.B. Stienissen (NED) 198pts
Shooting team :	1. SWEDEN 4462pts	2. NORWAY 4448pts	3. CHINA 4399pts
Obst. Run ind. :	1. C. Silva (BRA) 2'13"8	2. J. Hamadeh (SYR) 2'14"3	3. Li Zhong (CHN) 2'16"7
Obst. Run team :	1. CHINA 4588,7pts	2. BRASIL 4552,3pts	3. ECUADOR 4408pts
Util. Swimming ind. :	1. D.V. De Cloot (BEL) 25"8	2. T. Berglung (SWE) 25"9	2. Guo Xin Qiao (CHN) 25"9
Util. Swimming team :	1. CHINA 4468pts	2. AUSTRIA 4456pts	3. BELGIUM 4439,2pts
Throwing ind. :	1. E. Helin (NOR) 199,4pts	2. Yang Chun Yi (CHN) 195pts	3. R.C.J.M. De Vaan (NED) 194,6pts
Throwing team :	1. CHINA 4310,4pts	2. DENMARK 4277,6pts	3. AUSTRIA 4268pts
Cross-country ind. :	1. J. Munoz (ESP) 25'47"2	2. J. Hamadeh (SYR) 25'55"6	3. C. Silva (BRA) 25'58"6
Cross-country team :	1. BRASIL 4374,7pts	2. RUSSIA 4342,9pts	3. CHINA 4339,8pts

Final Standings ind. :	1. Li Zhong (CHN) 5539,5pts	2. Yang Chun Yi (CHN) 5523,3pts	3. Zhao Min (CHN) 5512,7pts
Final Standings team. :	1. CHINA 22052,5pts (*)	2. BRASIL 21638,7pts	3. SWEDEN 21284pts

Women

Shooting ind. :	1. Wu Jin Feng (CHN) 193pts	2. C. Cedervind (SWE) 193pts	3. A.M. Toader (SWE) 193pts
Shooting team :	1. NETHERLANDS 3224pts	2. DENMARK 3203pts	3. SWEDEN 3182pts
Obst. Run ind. :	1. Shen Li Ping (CHN) 2'20"9(*)	2. Wen Yu (CHN) 2'23"1	3. Wang Lian Ying (CHN) 2'23"4
Obst. Run team :	1. CHINA 3368,2pts	2. SWEDEN 3128,1pts	3. DENMARK 3087,5pts
Util. Swimming ind. :	1. Wang Lian Ying (CHN) 28"1	2. C. Johansen (DEN) 28"6	3. Shen Li Ping (CHN) 29"9
Util. Swimming team :	1. CHINA 3403,2pts	2. DENMARK 3314,4pts	3. BELGIUM 3151,2pts
Throwing ind. :	1. Wang Lian Ying (CHN) 176,2pts	2. C. Toader (SWE) 174,5pts	3. Wen Yu (CHN) 166,8pts
Throwing team :	1. CHINA 2971,6pts	2. SWEDEN 2858,8pts	3. DENMARK 2821,2pts
Cross-country ind. :	1. I. Lubane (LAT) 14'02"3	2. T. Bouloitchik (BLR) 14'10"6	3. V. Lysakova (BLR) 14'14"4
Cross-country team :	1. BELARUS 3219,8pts	2. CHINA 3191,3pts	3. DENMARK 3061,1pts

Final Standings ind. :	1. Wang Lian Ying (CHN) 5434pts (*)	2. Wu Jin Feng (CHN) 5288,7pts	3. Wen Yu (CHN) 5256,5pts
Final Standings team. :	1. CHINA 15979pts (*)	2. DENMARK 15456,8pts	3. SWEDEN 15194,6pts

*: new CISM record



44th World Military Boxing Championships

11 - 21 September 1998 - Warendorf (GERMANY)

German Yoke

When the name Warendorf appears in championship schedules, CISM rubs its hands together, as it knows full well that, organisation-wise, all it will have to do is praise the services and amenities offered by one of the largest and best sports schools in the world. And the 44th World Military Boxing Championship held in Warendorf late in the Summer of 1998 was certainly no exception to this tradition. The added touch was in the very high quality of the boxing matches at the Warendorf Sport School and in the sports centre of the town of Ahlen, where some of the fights took place, with a very worthy motive : raising awareness as to military competitions among the civilian public.

The German organisers could not have dreamed of a bigger success, as their team did more than impress. Composed mostly of young athletes, the German team is strongly resembles the one that will contend at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney. No wonder then that Germany behaved like a sport ogre at this championship, winning six of the twelve gold medals and climbing on the podium in another three categories. This is all the more commendable than the opposition in Warendorf was packed with Olympic, World and Continental champions of all kinds and weight.

One nation only was in a position to throw off Germany's yoke. With four individual titles, The Ukraine once more proved the reliability of the former Soviet Union's boxing school. The latter is all the truer when the tally is completed with the silver and bronze won by Russia, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan, and especially the gold medal won by Russia's Aripgadliev who — alone with Tunisia's Khelifi — managed to disrupt the duel between Germany and The Ukraine.



PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (21) : South Africa, Algeria, Germany, Azerbaidjan, Belgium, Croatia, Egypt, USA, France, Italy, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Morocco, Nigeria, Uzbekistan, Poland, Russia, Syria, Czech Rep., Tunisia, Ukraine.

OFFICIAL CISM REPRESENTATIVE : Colonel Major Mohamed Fethi Benhassine (TUN)

PTC PRESIDENT : Commandant James Hunt (Ireland)

PARTICIPANTS : 151 Athletes



RESULTS

-48kg :	1. Va. Sidorenko (UKR)	2. Gazirov (KAZ)	3. Reduane (MAR)	3. Rehim (EGY)
-51kg :	1. Vi. Sidorenko (UKR)	2. Mazimbayev (KAZ)	3. Akhmedov (UZB)	3. Botsander (RSA)
-54kg :	1. Krüger (GER)	2. Zemzemi (TUN)	3. Hassan (MAR)	3. Siddikov (UZB)
-57kg :	1. Lutsenko (UKR)	2. Deviatkin (RUS)	3. Hicham (MAR)	3. Homadi (SYR)
-60kg :	1. Huste (GER)	2. Maksoud (EGY)	3. Kassenov (KAZ)	3. Khabout (MAR)
-63,5kg :	1. Khelifi (TUN)	2. Schiemann (GER)	3. Sechenko (UKR)	3. Massas (SYR)
-67kg :	1. Kuchler (GER)	2. Hairov (GER)	3. Blain (FRA)	3. Ataev (UZB)
-71kg :	1. Koudinov (UKR)	2. Rosomkiewicz (GER)	3. Tulaganov (UZB)	3. Esmeikin (RUS)
-75kg :	1. Geisler (GER)	2. Bozic (CRO)	3. Shamirzaev (UZB)	3. Protzenko (UZB)
-81kg :	1. Aripgadliev (RUS)	2. Ibagrimov (UZB)	3. Anderson (USA)	3. Golva (GER)
-91kg :	1. Ende (GER)	2. Matuszewski (POL)	3. Andrianov (UKR)	3. Jaksto (LIT)
+91kg :	1. Ahrendt (GER)	2. Filipovic (CRO)	3. Angiogella (ITA)	3. El Ashry (EGY)



31st World Military Orienteering Championship

5 - 11 October 1998 - Bière (SWITZERLAND)

Switzerland Get the Right Count

The story is well known, but it must be repeated : countries organising competitions always manage to line up teams that are capable of shaping destiny at home and seek podiums. In the case of the Swiss team that distinguished themselves at the 31st World Orienteering Championship organised in the Swiss town of Bière, being on familiar ground was not decisive. Indeed, the Swiss athletes may have known the track configuration like the back of their... feet this year, but they did not last year on a totally different track, and that did not prevent them from winning two titles and the individual silver and bronze, thereby proving that they were among the best in the world. In fact, Bière was only the confirmation of the Swiss' value. They put two of their competitors — Plattner and Bührer — at the top of the individual podium, thereby clinching the team title as well. Even though they were clear favourites for the relay title too — relay being a local special —, Switzerland disappointed. But overall, and even though they fell short of a grand slam they could rightfully have claimed, the Swiss athletes did get the right count in Bière.

As did Poland's women, whose prize list equalled their Swiss counterparts'. The main difference is that in Poland's case, it *is* a surprise : Even though it frequently features on podiums, Poland did not seem likely to crush Iaksanova and the rest of the Russian team — who won the grand slam in Marin last year. Russia found solace in the relay gold. As for Poland, it is boasting with its double in the individual race — with Baczek and Kozłowska — and the team title. Revenge promises to be terrible at the Second Military World Games in Zagreb next year.



PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (29) : Algeria, Germany, Austria, Belgium (*), Bulgaria (*), Croatia (*), Denmark (*), Spain (*), Estonia, Finland, France (*), Hungary, Iran, Irland (*), Italy (*), Latvia (*), Lithuania, Norway (*), Netherlands (*), Poland (*), Portugal, Romania, Russia (*), Slovenia, Sweden (*), Switzerland, Czech Rep., Turkey, Ukraine (*).
 (*) : Female Participation

OFFICIAL CISM REPRESENTATIVE : Commodore Huub van Dillen (NED)

PTC PRESIDENT : Brigadier General Yngve Johansson (SWE)

PARTICIPANTS : 195 Athletes : 153 men, 42 women.



RESULTS

Men :	1. C. Plattner (SUI)	2. T. Bührer (SUI)	3. P. Kittilsen (NOR)
Men team :	1. SWITZERLAND	2. RUSSIA	3. CZECH REP.
Women :	1. B. Baczek (POL)	2. E. Kozłowska (POL)	3. T. Iaksanova (RUS)
Women team :	1. POLAND	2. RUSSIA	3. UKRAINE
Relay men :	1. POLAND I	2. FINLAND I	3. RUSSIA
Relay women :	1. RUSSIA	2. POLAND	3. SWEDEN



10th World Military Taekwondo Championships

15 - 23 November 1998 - Ft Hood Texas (United States)

Spicy Vietnamese Starters

Only fourteen countries took part in the martial feast of the 10th World Military Taekwondo Championship held in Fort Hood, Texas. A feast with now traditional Asean flavours, as it is the country that invented taekwondo that — once more and as usual — got the lion's share. Korea (yes, good guess) gulped the main dish with five out of eight individual titles in the men's and clearly showed it intended to defend its territory. Truth be said, those who once challenged its hegemony were conspicuous by their absence : both Iran and Lesotho, whose respective power-ups were clearly noticeable in Ariccia last year, were not to be seen in Texas.

The main dish may have been predictably Korean, but the starters came as a surprise : Vietnam was inaugurating its condition of new member and participant in Fort Hood, just a few months after joining CISM. For a first attempt, it was brilliant : two medals (one silver, one bronze), which qualify Vietnam's entry as an unquestionable success.

The desert of this martial feast were the three German medals (out of five) in the women's competition which, unfortunately, were not widely attended —six countries only sent delegations, and not sizeable ones at that. Taekwondo may be only a year and a half away from its entry, with pomp and ceremony, in the Olympic family in Sydney, but it still needs all the talented and charming ambassadors it can get...



PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (14) : Canada (*), Cyprus, Germany (*), Greece (*), Italy (*), Jordan, South Korea, Libanon, Netherlands, Peru, Russia (*), Saudi Arabia, USA (*), Vietnam
 (*) : Female Participation

OFFICIAL CISM REPRESENTATIVE : Brigadier General (ret.) Rémi Simonet (France)

PTC PRESIDENT : Brigadier General Robert Martineau (Canada)

PARTICIPANTS : 88 Athletes



RESULTS

Men

Fin	: 1. H. Kim (KOR)	2. N. Kiet (VIE)	3.G. Alshamrani (KSA)
Fly	: 1. D. Ko (KOR)	2. A. Seethaler (GER)	3. P. Cannizzo (ITA)
Bantam	: 1. D. Kyu (KOR)	2. E. Denk (GER)	3. C. Irakleous (CYP)
Feather	: 1. J. Cho (KOR)	2. A. Stozzo (ITA)	3. M. Shdaifat (JOR)
Light	: 1. M. Hatert (GER)	2. A. Roberts (USA)	3. M. Van Heuman (NED)
Welter	: 1. P. Nelson (USA)	2. D. Betz (GER)	3. A. Cutugno (ITA)
Middle	: 1. D. Hwang (KOR)	2. S. Mandy (CAN)	3. G. Al Ghanim (KSA)
Heavy	: 1. I. Aqil (JOR)	2. M. Nitschke (GER)	3. J. Sim (KOR)

Women

Fly	: 1. N. Kloske (GER)	2. R. Huedes (CAN)	
Bantam	: 1. D. Creti (GER)	2. M. Karpathaki (GRE)	
Feather	: 1. E. Evans (USA)	2. L. Borodina (RUS)	
Welter	: 1. M. Drosidou (GRE)	2. N. Lund (CAN)	3. A. Williams (USA)
Heavy	: 1. A. Girg (GER)	2. I. Bykova (RUS)	

Fair Play Cup : Vietnam

2nd Military World Games Zagreb, Croatia 6-18 August 1999

ALL THE GUARANTEES OF SUCCESS

On 18 February 1998, the contract for the Second Military World Games to be held in Zagreb, Croatia in August 1999 was signed during the Academic Session organised to commemorate the 50th anniversary of CISM's foundation. During the ceremony, Croatian Vice-Minister of Defence Dr Kresimir Cosic and Professor Dr Sc. I Kostovic, Vice-President of the Croatian government, signed with CISM, represented by its President, General Arthur Zechner (Austria), and by Secretary General Bernard Hurst, the contract which will turn Zagreb into the place to be for the main sports rendezvous of the Summer of 1999.

It is truly with great pleasure that the decision-making bodies of CISM signed the contract for the organisation of the Second Military World Games with Croatia early in 1998. All the more so than Mar del Plata and Argentina had opted out at the end of the previous Summer. Facing this case of *force majeure* with a lot of stamina, CISM found in the Croat delegation an able, voluntary and willing organiser. A force capable of taking risks to complete such an undertaking in the space of 18 months.

So there will be a sequel to the First Military World Games held in Rome in 1995. At the time, 4,000 athletes from 89 countries had taken part in competitions in 17 different sports. This outstanding sports gathering was organised during the year of the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and of the drafting of the United Nations Charter. CISM was symbolically associated with these anniversaries with the Military World Games, a wonderful message of peace broadcast for the whole world. The MWG are clearly CISM's best platform with the media, a vector thanks to which its philosophy and ideals — as well as its athletes top-notch performances and the originality of some of its disciplines — can be publicised everywhere. These are excellent reasons to consider that this rendezvous is an event which CISM must perpetuate at all costs.



The choice of the Croat delegation and of the city of Zagreb to organise these Second Military World Games is more than just appropriate. Holding such a symbolical sports gathering — with some 100 Armed Forces from around the world — can only serve as a peaceful bond in a region that was recently devastated by war. Croatia also provides all the guarantees of success CISM was looking for: the country's sporting tradition is well established as Croatia often performs at the top in many sports. Football is a good example since the Croatian team recently finished a magnificent third at the 1998 World Cup. This country also performs superbly at continental or even global level in other sports such as handball, basketball, volleyball or waterpolo. Croatia is one of the strongest sporting nations in the world. Organisation-wise, Zagreb has all the expertise and amenities required to accommodate the Military world Games. This it proved in the past by organising the Universiads in 1987. Ever since it joined CISM in 1993, the Croat delegation has shown that it was remarkably interested in the organisation's everyday life, both as a participant and as an organiser of events such as the 1995 European meeting, the 1996 World Taekwondo Championship and, more recently, the 1997 World Military Judo Championship.

Organising the Military World Games is a genuine national challenge for Croatia. Its population is sport-thirsty and will support the Croat delegation's initiative. They are used to mobilising for major events. They have shown that in the past and intend to demonstrate it again next August by showing up massively at MWG events. But the challenge reaches beyond pure sport considerations since Croatia, once a very popular tourism destination, hopes that the MWG will be the trigger for a new boom in the industry. It is truly an ideal event to restore both the country's image and the confidence of potential visitors.

XVIIIth Winter Olympics in Nagano

All Present and Accounted For

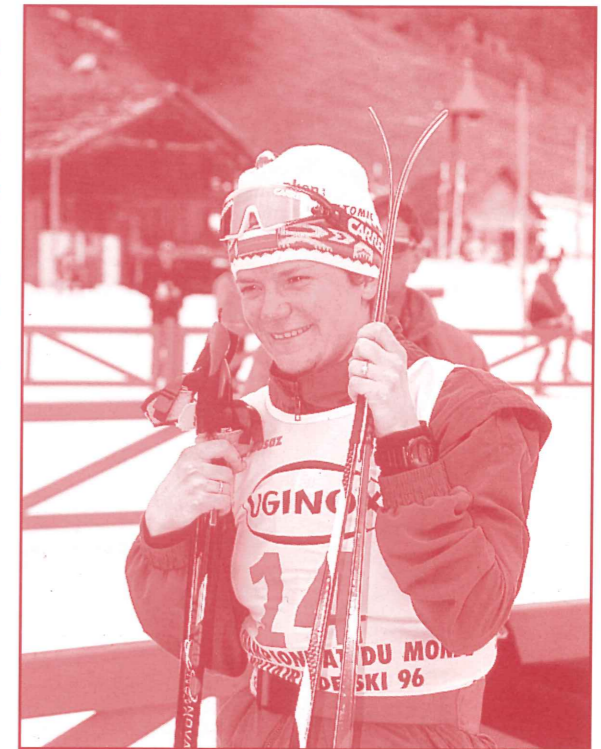
The military athletes rose up to their legendary reputation at the XVIIIth Winter Olympics — the last for this century — held in Nagano, Japan in 1998. Indeed, we have become used to their remarkable performances over the last decade and CISM as a whole had great expectations that they would, once again, leave a magnificent mark at this wonderful planetary winter sports rendezvous. At last count, 76 medals out of 205 were bagged by military athletes, i.e. 37 % of all medals befell the military, which is slightly less than in Albertville in 1992 (38%) but far more than in Lillehammer in 1994 (31%).



Deborah Campagnoni



When analysing performances, it is encouraging to see that in addition to the reliable values of military ski who have been at the top for the last six years, a number of new names, new exceptional athletes, are in the making, thereby proving that the new generation of skiers will have no reason to envy the previous one. Also noteworthy is the fact that biathlon, which used to be almost exclusively reserved for servicemen and women has come to share the limelight with cross-country skiing. In Habuka, the cross-country skiers had tremendous fun and won 21 medals. Among them was Russia's Larissa Lazutina who produced quite a feat : she won three medals of the most coveted metal. She single-handedly bested her opponents on the 5km classic race and 10km free-style pursuit, and won the 4x5km relay with her team mates. Another woman performed brilliantly and became the favourite of the Italian tifosi. Indeed, Deborah Compagnoni will have left her mark on the last three Olympic Games of this century. Olympic Champion in the Super-G in 1992, Olympic Champion in the Giant in 1994, she made it to three gold medals this year by winning the Giant again. She missed a fourth gold medal for 10 miserable centimetres in the Special



Larissa Lazutina



Ricco Gross





Stefania Belmondo



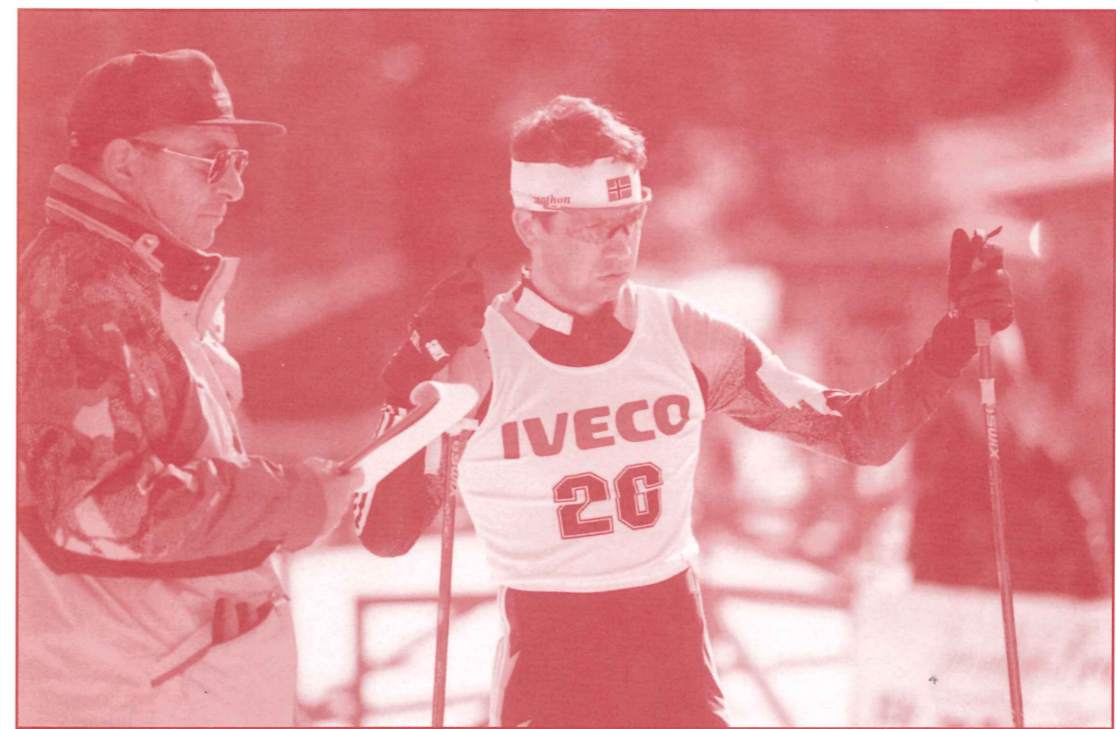
Slalom. Add to these her three world championship wins (two in the Giant and one in the Special Slalom), and Deborah, age 27, definitely deserves a bow on a sublime career.

In the same league is German sledger Georg Hackl (triple Olympic Champion in 1992, 1994 and 1998). He has been on the international scene for 10 years — and won his first world title in 1989 — and this year, he broke a mythical record by winning all four rounds in the single-seater competition, thereby accomplishing what no athlete ever managed before in this speciality. Born in Bavaria, Georg Hackl went to the trouble of building a starting ramp on the Königsee slopes to improve on his single weakness : starts. And it served him well : ever since his second place in Calgary, Canada in 1988, he has won everything at the Olympic games.

Dag Bjorndalen was well known as a Norwegian biathlete. But it is namesake Ole Einar who produced the best performance in this sport at the Games by winning the Olympic title in the 10km race. He then went on to win team silver in the 4x7.5km relay. While he was at it, he nearly created a major upset in the at the World Military Ski Championship : after the first shooting round, he decided to withdraw from the biathlon competitions to take part in the cross-country skiing races the next day. And a good decision it was since he finished second, only a few hundredths of a second behind Italy's Piller Cottre. Another Olympic champion was promised to the same fate in Dobbiaco. In his quest for a new military world championship title, Germany's Ricco Gross, victorious in the 4x7.5 km in Nagano, met with an insurmountable obstacle in Frenchman Raphaël Poirée. But the German champion found solace in the memory of his Olympic win.



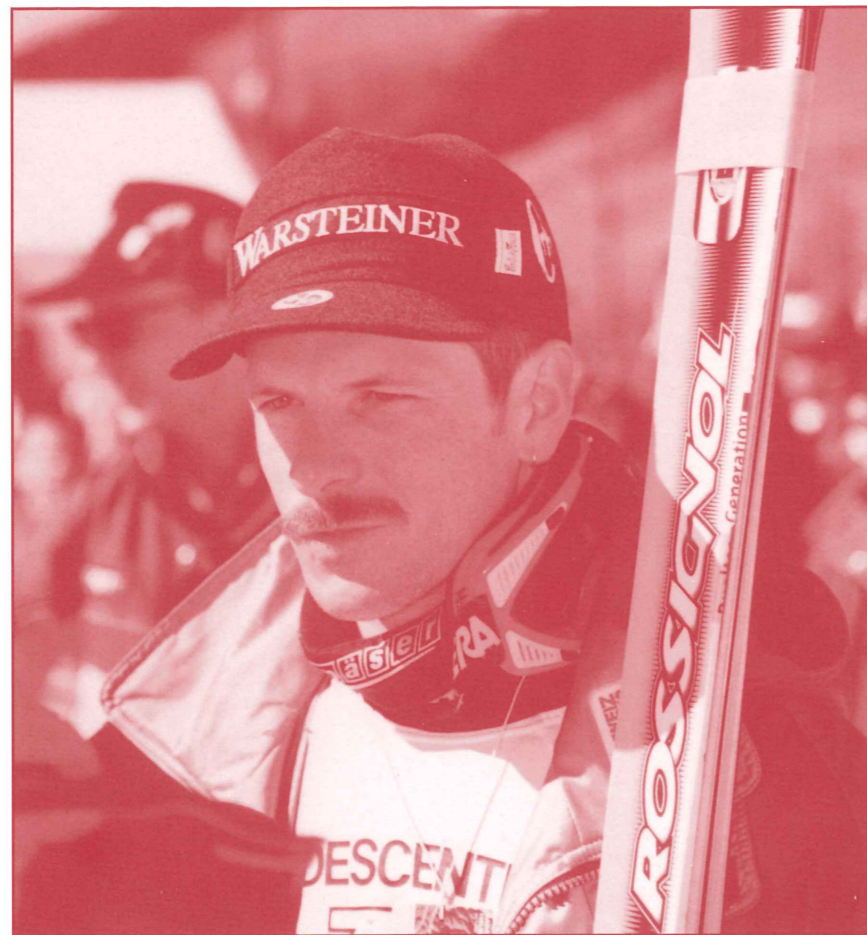
Ole Einar Bjorndalen



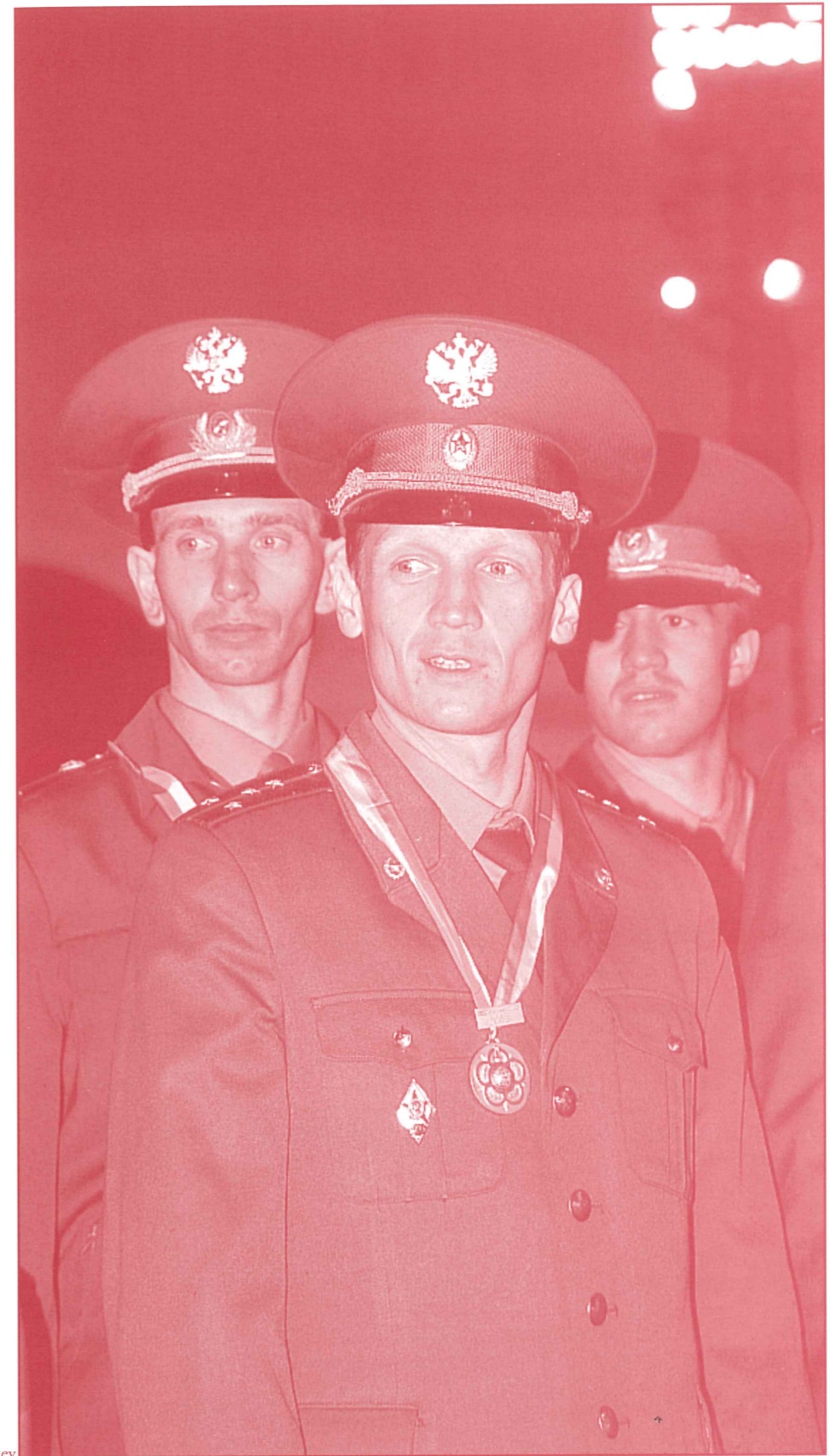
Hilde Berg, Elena Valbe, Stefania Belmondo, Katerina Neumannova, and Manuela Di Centa perpetuated the tradition of women's military sport by producing beautiful performances in the Empire of the Rising Sun. The men were not far behind since great champions are to be found on the winner's list, such as Franck Luck, Thomas Alsgaard, Silvio Fauner, Marco Albarello, Vladimir Smirnov and Vladimir Dratchev. They were all present and accounted for at the great appointment made by the Olympic movement with the entire world. They all honoured their respective country as well as CISM. The 21st Century can start now.



Elena Valbe



Michael von Gruenigen



Vladimir Dratchev





Hilde Gerg



Military medals at the 18th Winter Olympics



GOLD

Men	
Christoph LANGEN (GER)	Bobsleigh
Olaf HAMPEL (GER)	Bobsleigh
Ricco GROSS (GER)	Biathlon
Frank LUCK (GER)	Biathlon
Petre SENDEL (GER)	Biathlon
Stefan KRAUSSE (GER)	Sled
Georg HACKL (GER)	Sled
Gunther HUBER (ITA)	Bobsleigh
Antonio TARTAGLIA (ITA)	Bobsleigh
Thomas ALSGAARD (NOR)	Cross-C. Ski
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O.E. BJORNDALEN (NOR)	Biathlon
Evgueni PLATOV (RUS)	Dance
Women	
Hilde GERG (GER)	Alpine ski
Katrin APPEL (GER)	Biathlon
Silke KRAUSHAAR (GER)	Sled
Deborah COMPAGNONI (ITA)	Alpine ski
Olga DANILOVA (RUS)	Cross-C. Ski
Olga DANILOVA (RUS)	Cross-C. Ski
Larissa LAZUTINA (RUS)	Cross-C. Ski
Elena VALBE (RUS)	Cross-C. Ski
Larissa LAZUTINA (RUS)	Cross-C. Ski
Larissa LAZUTINA (RUS)	Cross-C. Ski
Galina KUKLEVA (RUS)	Biathlon
Oksana KAZAKOVA (RUS)	Art. skating

SILVER

Men	
Markus GANDLER (AUT)	Cross-C. Ski
Andreas WIDHOLZL (AUT)	Ski jumping
Marco ALBARELLO (ITA)	Cross-C. Ski
Silvio FAUNER (ITA)	Cross-C. Ski
Fabio MAY (ITA)	Cross-C. Ski
Pieralberto CARRARA (ITA)	Biathlon
Armin ZÖGGELER (ITA)	Sled
Dag BJORNDALEN (NOR)	Biathlon
O.E. BJORNDALEN (NOR)	Biathlon
Egil GJELLAND (NOR)	Biathlon
Anton SIKHARULIDZE (RUS)	Art. skating
Women	
Heidi RENOTH (GER)	Snowboard
Barbara NIEDERNHUBER (GER)	Sled
Deborah COMPAGNONI (ITA)	Alpine ski
Sabina VALBUSA (ITA)	Cross-C. Ski
Stefania BELMONDO (ITA)	Cross-C. Ski
Hilde GUNN MIKKELSPLAAS (NOR)	C.-C. Ski
Larissa LAZUTINA (RUS)	Cross-C. Ski
Olga DANILOVA (RUS)	Cross-C. Ski
Albina AKHATOVA (RUS)	Biathlon
Galina KUKLEVA (RUS)	Biathlon
Olga ROMASKO (RUS)	Biathlon
Elena BEREZHNAIA (RUS)	Art. skating
Katerina NEUMANNOVA (CZE)	Cross-C. Ski

BRONZE

Men	
Mirko MULLER (GER)	Sled
Ingo STEUER (GER)	Art. skating
Christian HOFFMANN (AUT)	Cross-C. Ski
Stefan HORNGACHER (AUT)	Ski jumping
Martin HOLLWARTH (AUT)	Ski jumping
Reinhard SCHWARZENBERGER (AUT)	Ski jumping
Andreas WIDHOLZL (AUT)	Ski jumping
Max ROBERT (FRA)	Bobsleigh
Emmanuel HOSTACHE (FRA)	Bobsleigh
Nicolas BAL (FRA)	Combination
Silvio FAUNER (ITA)	Cross-C. Ski
V. SMIRNOV (KAZ)	Cross-C. Ski
Pavel MOUSLIMOV (RUS)	Biathlon
Vladimir DRATCHEV (RUS)	Biathlon
Serguei TARASOV (RUS)	Biathlon
Michael von GRUENIGEN (SUI)	Alpine ski
Women	
Hide GERG (GER)	Alpine ski
Katrin APPEL (GER)	Biathlon
Anni FRIESINGER (GER)	Speed skating
Mandy WOTZEL (GER)	Cross-C. Ski
Stefania BELMONDO (ITA)	Cross-C. Ski
Gabriella PARUZZI (ITA)	Cross-C. Ski
Manuela DI CENTA (ITA)	Cross-C. Ski
PROKACHEVA (KAZ)	Speed skating
Annette SIKVELAND (NOR)	Biathlon
Liv Grete SKJELBREID (NOR)	Biathlon
Katerina NEUMANNOVA (CZE)	Cross-C. Ski

Summary 1998

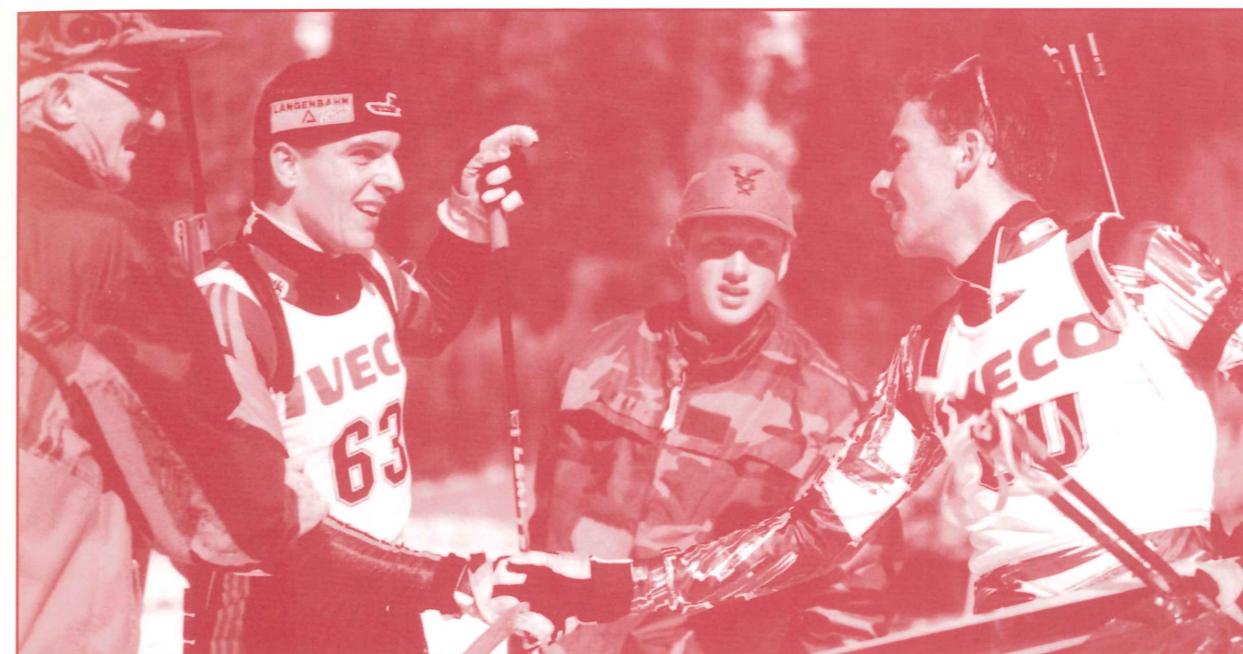
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 1998

CHAMPIONSHIPS (EDITION)	ORGANIZING COUNTRY, VENUE	DATES
Boxing (44)	Germany, Warendorf	11/9 - 21/9
Cross-country (46)	Ireland, Curragh	9/3 - 14/3
Cycling (Cyclo-cross) (16)	Slovakia, Trencin	20/2 - 23/2
Horsemanship (11)	Lebanon, Faqra	10/8 - 17/8
Football preliminary round (38)	Within the continents	1/9/97 - 15/3/99
Handball (11)	Romania, Bucharest	31/7 - 10/8
Judo (25)	Russia, St-Petersburg	1/8 - 8/8
Swimming (35)	Italy, Rome	30/8 - 6/9
Orienteering (31)	Switzerland, Bière	5/10 - 11/10
Aeronautical Pentathlon (42)	Brazil, Natal	21/8 - 29/8
Military Pentathlon (46)	China, Beijing	8/9 - 17/9
Modern Pentathlon (30)	Italy, Rome	23/8 - 31/8
Skiing (40)	Italy, Valpusteria	16/3 - 21/3
Taekwondo (10)	USA, Fort Hood, TX	16/11 - 24/11
Tennis (3)	Kazakhstan, Alma-Aty	22/8 - 29/8
Triathlon (5)	Belgium, Kapelle-op-den-Bos	18/6 - 23/6

SOME FIGURES

CHAMPIONSHIPS	ATHLETES			COUNTRY OBSERVERS	ANTI-DOPING TESTS		
	M	W	TOT.		(-)	(+)	
Boxing	151	0	151	IND	12	12	0
Cross-country	198	50	248	SUI	6	6	0
Cycling (Cyclo-cross)	34	0	34	-	4	4	0
Horsemanship	32	0	32	KSA	-	-	-
Handball	200	0	200	-	6	6	0
Judo	113	28	141	-	8	8	0
Swimming	194	35	229	CRO	22	22	0
Orienteering	153	42	195	SYR	10	9	0*
Aeronautical Pentathlon	67	0	67	SYR	14	14	0
Military Pentathlon	135	31	166	RSA, ANG, UAE	21	21	0
Modern Pentathlon	48	0	48	-	10	10	0
Skiing	246	63	309	-	24	24	0
Taekwondo	-	-	88	-	4	4	0
Tennis	24	0	24	-	4	4	0
Triathlon	83	32	115	COL	8	7	0*

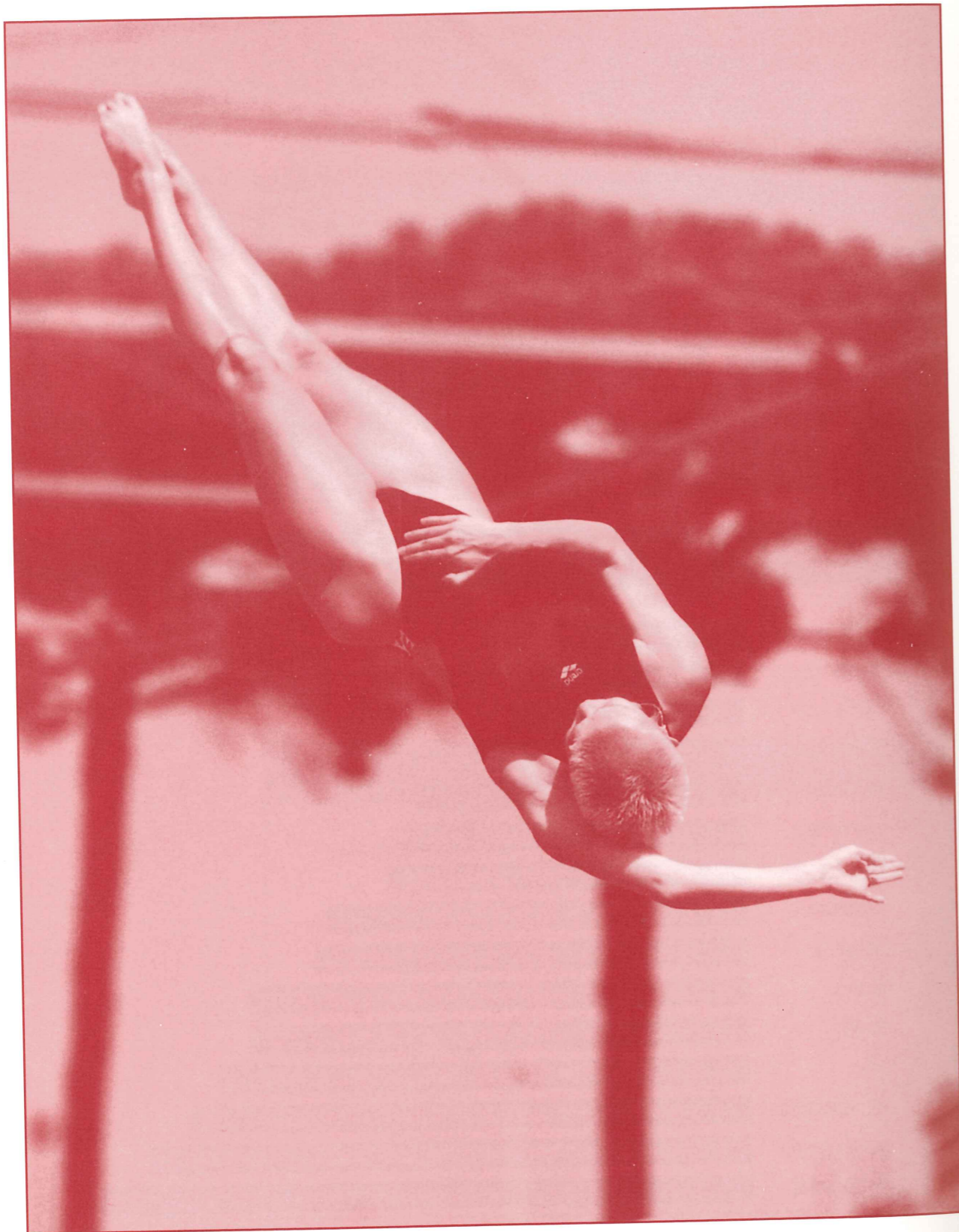
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PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

XXX female participation

HORSEMANSHIP	5	LIB-JOR-KUW-ITA-SYR
TENNIS	7	BLR-CHN-ITA-KAZ-RUS-UKR-USA
CYCLO-CROSS	9	GER-BEL-FRA-ITA-LUX-POL-SVK-CZE-UZB
AERO. PENTATHLON	10	RSA-BEL-BRA-ESP-FIN-FRA-NOR-NED-SWE-TUR
HANDBALL	13	BLR-BEL-EGY-USA-GER-LAT-NIG-NED-POL-QAT-ROM-SYR-UKR
TAEKWONDO	14	CAN-CYP-GER-GRE-ITA-JOR-KOR-LIB-NED-PER-RUS-KSA-USA-VIE
MOD. PENTATHLON	15	GER-AUT-BLR-EST-USA-HUN-LAT-NED-POL-CZE-RUS-SWE-SUI-UKR-ITA
SWIMMING	17	GER-AUT-BEL-BUL-CAN-CHN-CYP-GRE-ITA-KZK-UZB-NED-ROM-RUS-SVK-SLO-UKR
TRIATHLON	18	GER-AUT-BEL-CAN-CHN-EST-FIN-FRA-ITA-LUX-LAT-NED-POR-ROM-SLO-SVK-SWE-USA
BOXING	21	RSA-ALG-AZE-BEL-CRO-CZE-EGY-USA-FRA-GER-ITA-KZK-LTU-MAR-NGR-POL-RUS-SYR-TUN-UKR-UZB
SKIING	21	CHI-CRO-AUT-SUI-BEL-ARG-FIN-EST-ITA-FRA-ROM-SWE-CAN-GER-SLO-USA-BLR-NOR-POL-CZE-SVK
JUDO	23	AUT-ALG-AZE-BEL-BEL-CHI-CHN-CYP-FIN-GER-GRE-HUN-IRN-ITA-LAT-MON-NED-POL-RUS-SVK-SLO-ESP-UZB
MIL. PENTATHLON	24	GER-AUT-BEL-BLR-BRA-CHN-DEN-ECU-ESP-FIN-IRN-LAT-NOR-UZB-NED-POL-ROM-RUS-SWE-SUI-SYR-CZE-TUR-UKR
CROSS-COUNTRY	26	GER-ALG-AUT-BEL-BDI-CAN-CZE-DEN-ESP-FRA-IRL-ITA-LAT-LTU-MAR-NED-POR-QAT-ROM-KSA-SVK-RSA-SWE-TUN-TUR-USA
ORIENTEERING	29	ALG-GER-AUT-BEL-BUL-CRO-CZE-DEN-ESP-EST-FIN-FRA-HUN-IRN-ITA-LAT-LTU-NED-NOR-POL-POR-ROM-RUS-SLO-SUI-SWE-TUR-UKR

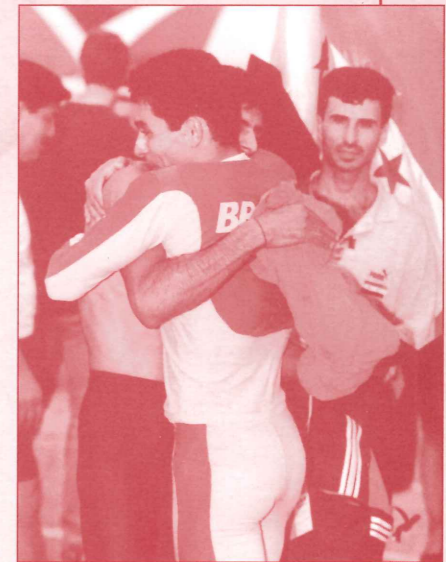


Calendar 1999

WORLD EVENTS 1999

2ND MILITARY WORLD GAMES, Croatia, Zagreb 6/8 - 18/8

Track and Field (38)
 Basketball (43)
 Boxing (45)
 Cycling (Road/Track) (16)
 Fencing (36)
 Football final round (38)
 Handball (12)
 Judo (26)
 Wrestling (18)
 Swimming (36)
 Orienteering (32)
 Parachuting (27)
 Military Pentathlon (47)
 Naval Pentathlon (38)
 Taekwondo (11)
 Shooting (36)
 Triathlon (6)
 Volleyball (22)
 Rowing (demonstration)
 Canoe/Kayak (demonstration)



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	ORGANIZING COUNTRY, VENUE	DATES
Cross-country (47)	USA, Mayport Florida	22/2 - 27/2
Cycling (Cyclo-cross) (17)	Italy, Bologna	5/2 - 8/2
Football prelim. round (39)	Within the continents	1/9/99 - 15/3/01
Aeronautical Pentathlon (43)	Spain, Zaragoza	16/7 - 24/7
Skiing (41)	Norway, Lillehammer	22/3 - 27/3
Tennis (4)	USA ?/Ukraine ?	-
Sailing (38)	Denmark, Auderöd	28/8 - 4/9

MEETINGS	ORGANIZING COUNTRY, VENUE	DATES
Executive Committee (1)	Switzerland/CIO, Lausanne	17/2 - 21/2
General Assembly and Executive Committee (2)	Netherlands, Nord Wijkshout	8/5 - 17/5
Executive Committee (3)	Senegal, Dakar	9/11 - 15/11

OTHERS	ORGANIZING COUNTRY, VENUE	DATES
Mount Cameroon (3)	Cameroon, Buea	5/2 - 7/2

119 MEMBER NATIONS

At its fiftieth birthday, CISM counts 119 member nations. We publish hereby a computer graphic which illustrates the geographical spreading of its member nations.

AFRICA (44)

South Africa
Algeria, R.P.D.
Angola, R.
Benin, R.
Botswana, R.
Burkina Faso
Burundi, R.
Cameroun, R.
Cape Verde, R.
Central African R.
Congo, R.D.
Congo, P.R.
Côte d'Ivoire, R.
Djibouti, R.
Egypt, Arabic R.
Gabon, R.
Gambia, R.
Ghana, R.
Guinea Bissao, R.
Equatorial Guinea, R.
Gambia
Guinea, R.
Kenya
Lesotho
Libya, Arabic Jamahiriya
Madagascar, R.
Mali, R.
Morocco, Kingdom
Mauritania, Islamic R.
Namibia
Niger, R.
Nigeria, F.R.
Uganda, R.
Rwanda, R.
Senegal, R.
Sierra Leone, R.
Sudan, R.
Swaziland, R.
Tanzania, United R.
Chad, R.
Togo, R.
Tunisia, R.
Zambia, R.
Zimbabwe, R.

AMERICA (17)

Argentina, R.
Barbados
Bolivia, R.
Brazil, F.R.
Canada
Chile, R.
Dominican R.
Ecuador
United States of America
Guatemala, R.
Haiti, R.
Panama, R.
Paraguay, R.
Peru, R.
Surinam, R.
Uruguay, Eastern R.
Venezuela, R.

ASIA (25)

Saudi Arabia, Kingdom
Armenia
Azerbaijan
Bahrain, State
China, P.R.
R.P.D. of Korea
Korea, R.
United Arab Emirates
Iraq, R.(*)
Iran, Islamic R.
Jordan, Hachemit
Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan
Kuwait, State
Lebanon, R.
Mongolia
Oman, Sultanate
Uzbekistan
Pakistan, Islamic R.
Philippines
Qatar, State

Syria, Arabic R.
Thailand, Kingdom
Vietnam, R.
Yemen, R.

(*) Suspended nation

EUROPE (33)

Albania, R.
Germany, F.R.
Austria, R.
Belgium, Kingdom
Belarus
Bulgaria, R.
Cyprus, R.
Croatia, R.
Denmark, Kingdom
Spain, Kingdom
Estonia, R.
Finland, R.
France, R.
Greece, R.
Hungary, R.
Ireland
Italy, R.
Latvia
Lithuania, R.
Luxemburg, Grand Duché
Norway, Kingdom
Netherlands, Kingdom
Poland, R.
Portugal, R.
Romania
Russia, F.
Slovakia, R.
Slovenia, R.
Sweden, Kingdom
Switzerland, Confederation
Czech Rep.
Turkey, R.
Ukraine



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