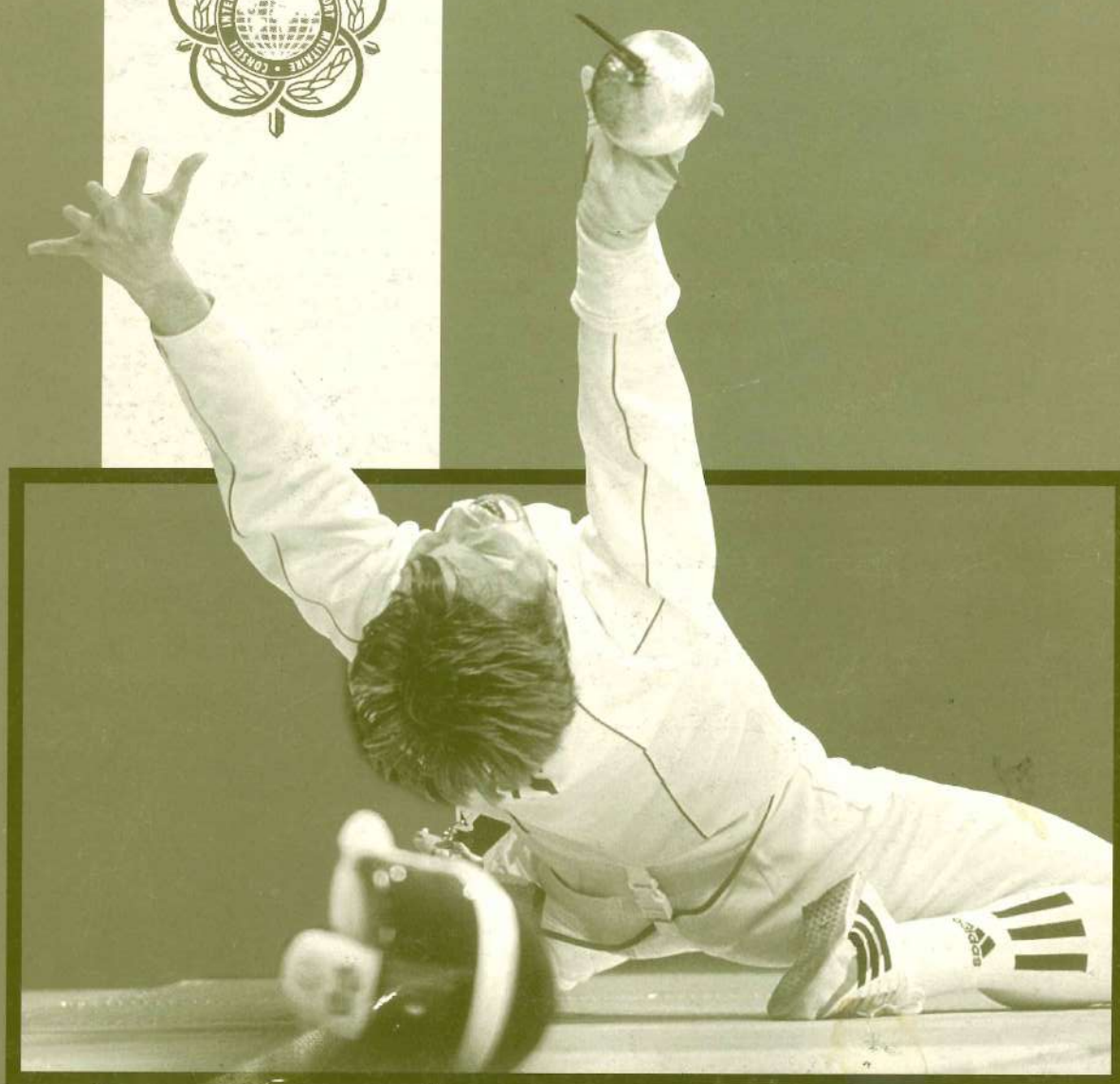


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## The President's word



Colone! Gianni Gola (ITA)

As President of CISM-and a very satisfied president I am, with all our athletes' magnificent performances throughout the world, but also a critical president and one who is eager to equip our organisation with the most modern and best possible structures-, it gives me great pleasure to deliver my thoughts about the year 2000, another one gone by.

Going through the 1999 Annual Report and reading over the list of objectives I hoped to deliver by the end of 2000, I can see-with some pleasure-that most of them have been met. It is with pleasure that I list them, while lucidly analysing the aspects of our activities that require speedy improvements in order to strengthen our position and visibility, whether at national level within our own Armed Forces and ministries or at international level with major sports federations and international institutions throughout the world.

How can I fail be filled with awe as I recognise the remarkable results achieved by our military athletes in all the major international sports events that made up this year's international programme? For the first time in the history of CISM, its President was officially accredited to the Olympics, which is a form of recognition of our role with the IOC. I was a privileged spectator of the superb Olympic Games held in Sydney in September. This is how I witnessed the many feats produced by our military athletes, whose repeated and conspicuous presence on Olympic podiums is the subject of a special section in this Annual Report. These outstanding performances will encourage all National Olympic Committees and Sports Federations to further enhance their collaboration with military sports bodies within their national borders. Even though they did not enjoy the kind of media attention generated by the disciplines represented in the Summer Olympics, winter sports have still been a source of quite a few military satisfactions with their many World Cups and championships. So much so that, in certain disciplines, winter sports rhymes with military sports!

The recent disappearance of conscription from many Armed Forces throughout the world could have jeopardised the presence of military athletes at the top of international rankings. But except in a handful of cases, the turn of events has been quite different. It is also true that this trend has progressively changed how our programme of military world championships is put together: sports with a clear military angle and disciplines that mirror our soldiers' training routine are increasingly popular. In 2000, our programme was rather busy: 18 military world championships, most of which of a very high standard.

Let me make a sizeable aside here, to spare a few words in my capacity as official CISM representative in the last edition of the Sea Week-from now on, world military naval pentathlon and sailing championships will be organised separately. I was impressed by the standard set by the athletes competing in the naval pentathlon. They make a substantial contribution to our sporting reputation, even though the media are not exactly fond of their discipline and it is not on the Olympic programme. Of course, this statement equally

applies to other military sportsmen and sportswomen who, even though they are not as famous Marion Jones or Michaël Van den Hoogenband, train as much and perform to the same level of excellence.

Let us now go back to the issue of the schedule of events and once again call the attention of world championship organisers and Permanent Technical Committee members: a lot of attention needs to be paid to the international civilian calendar. We need to schedule our events carefully and judiciously. The sports programme becomes busier-and therefore more complicated-by the year and while CISM has made huge progress in this field, the odd failure still exists-as was the case again recently-and pleads in favour of further consideration for this issue.

One of our prime objectives is to improve CISM's visibility and the reason why this theme features time and again in the speeches and editorials I have delivered so far during my term is that the message still does not seem to have been copied loud and clear by everyone. The problems we faced in compiling the official list of military athletes who won medals in Sydney are evidence of the fact that some of our delegations have not yet understood how instrumental publicising that information is in improving the prestige and quality of their commitment. Publicise CISM! Introduce your athletes in the civilian world! Turn your events into media happenings and improve their formal profile! Communicate with the media and with the political, institutional and economic world! These public relations initiatives are as essential as they are straightforward, as some of our organisers have readily understood. Let us not forget the new information technologies, either. They cannot be overlooked, as the Internet has become part and parcel of our daily life.

The year 2000 was also to be a year of development of our working systems and structures and of revision of our statute and regulations of procedure. This is an extremely important, complex and ground-work task, which we undertook very carefully. Its overarching importance is thoroughly understood by the members of the Executive Committee-who have got into the habit of meeting three times a year-and by the participants in the General Assembly held in Kallithea, Greece, where discussions were often quite passionate. This essential work, which materialised into three separate documents drafted by the members of the Permanent Commission for the Statutes and of the Executive Committee. The responsibility is now in the hands of all the members of CISM's General Assembly: they should review those drafts and send any remarks in time for the final document to be approved at the next General Assembly in Algiers.

Another major announcement to be made in 2000 was the identity of the organisers of the 2003 Military World Games. We have been in touch on many occasions with several potential organisers but as you know, such a commitment cannot be made without lengthy feasibility studies. For this reason, we have had to postpone any announcement. Without being overly optimistic, we should be in a position to disclose the organisers at the next General Assembly. Which does not mean that any last-minute application turned in by then would not receive all our attention. The effort to find an organiser should not be confined to CISM's governing bodies. Such a task should mobilise our entire membership. I am awaiting any suggestions all the more eagerly than our marketing contract with ISPL is coming to an end, which means that the doors are now widely open to creativeness and freedom of action in this field.

My presence as CISM President in the International Olympic Truce Foundation, alongside prestigious members of the political and diplomatic circles and representatives of international institutions is quite revealing and shows that our objectives, our ideals and the importance of our organisation are being acknowledged at international level, and more so as each day passes. This is clearly another major step forward for us.

What ground we have covered, we owe it to each and every one of you, members of CISM, whom I would like to thank for your daily dedication to our cause. You are, as I am, the privileged witnesses and also the actors of CISM's transition into the 21st Century. Thank you very much indeed and I wish you even greater success in 2001.

## The Secretary General Reports...



Colonel Bernard Hurst (Switzerland)

### 1. Permanent General Secretariat

#### Administrative Management

Work within the Permanent General Secretariat (PGS) has reached cruise speed. With the sections now in place and dealing respectively with Administration, Sport and Sport Medicine, and Communication and Marketing, output has improved despite the absence of several of our staff on sick leave.

As far as transfers are concerned, we have to mention the departure of Mrs Liliana Mungiolli and the arrivals of Ms Maggy Stom and Mr Olivier Verhelle.

Regarding our military staff, we gladly announce the promotion of First Sergeant-Major Dirk De Vos to the rank of Master Sergeant.

#### Operation

Thanks to the addition of an ISDN line to our server, it has become possible to equip each section in the PGS with its own Internet access. With a view to further improving communication between the PGS and all of CISM's contacts, we hoped to be able to go online with our own Website within the next few weeks. Co-operation with ISP Worldsport.com as part of AGFIS was recently brought to a sudden halt when the latter abruptly discontinued all its services. Of course, we shall inform our delegations as soon as new e-mail and Web addresses become available.

#### Planning

Producing a CISM database is a long-term task. We have to-and we will-pursue our efforts in this field: keying in more than 50 years' worth of results and statistics, as well as all the documents and rules and regulations pertaining to our organisation.

In order to be able to complete this task in a timely fashion and so meet the expectations of our delegations, we would like to repeat our request for the

secondment of commissioned or non-commissioned officer with as specialisation in Information Technologies. The involvement of an expert in this particular field is desirable and would be regarded as highly valuable by the PGS.

When it comes to the maintenance of our building, situated in the Rue Jacques Jordaens in Brussels, and the renovation of part of it, we can now count on the participation of an architect from the Belgian Ministry of Defence. A technical and financial survey will be conducted soon and we hope to be able to table the preliminary findings of that survey as well as tentative practical proposals at an Executive Committee meeting in months to come.

Regarding CISM's expansion, we have continued, in close co-operation with the Vice-Presidents, our efforts to recruit new member nations, particularly in Asia, Oceania and Central America.



Executive Committee in Ostia (Italy)

### Relations with Other International Bodies

Our President represented CISM at the Sydney 2000 Olympics. A great many meetings took place that have served to further improve our standing, not only with the IOC but with International Federations represented at this major sport happening too.

As for our Secretary General, he attended AGFIS's Congress and General Assembly and had talks with various high-ranking representatives of the sport and military spheres.

### 2. Executive Committee (EC) Meetings

The EC met on three different occasions in 2000: a first session was held in Ostia, near Rome on 01-05 March on the President's initiative and under the aegis of the Italian delegation. Another meeting took place in Greece in advance of the General Assembly and for its third meeting, the EC had the pleasure of going to Luanda where it was the guest of the Angolan delegation.

During its first two meetings, the EC worked-in addition to its usual business-on preparations for the 55th General Assembly and reviewed our organisation's structures and regulations with a view to renewing them. The November meeting was mainly dedicated to a discussion of the pre-draft amended Statute and Regulations.

Following the decision to rotate venues for EC meetings in order to visit the four continents of CISM, the following schedule was agreed:

2001 (AME-ASI) February : Hanoi (VIE), November : Bridgetown, (BAR)

2002 (AFR-EUR) February : (no option at this point), November : Mbabane (SWZ)

Press Conference at the 55<sup>th</sup> G.A.

### 3. General Assembly (GA)

It is with real pleasure that we tackle this point in our report as it provides us with an opportunity to extend our warmest thanks to the Greek delegation for mastering to perfection this milestone event of the Millennium year. Thanks to them, the delegations of 83 different member nations met in Kallithea-Kassandra near Thessaloniki in May for the 55th General Assembly of CISM.

Despite a very busy agenda, this GA was the occasion for the delegates not only to settle various statutory issues but also to decide a detailed review of our Statute and Regulations.

The Algerian delegation was singled out to organise the General Assembly in 2001. We are fully confident that the Algerian delegation will try its hardest to entertain the CISM family in the country's capital, Algiers, on 11-21 May 2001.

### 4. Military World Games (MWG)

We are still working on the organisation of the 3rd MWG and we are hopeful that the identity of the organisers will indeed be known by the 2001 General Assembly. We are disappointed that it has so far been impossible to officially appoint the organisers of this major event. Especially so as in our view, three years are definitely needed to prepare the MWG under the best of auspices. We are in touch with several potential organisers but at the time of going to press with this Report, we have nothing factual to report. As a famous French poet said 'Patience et longueur de temps font plus que force et que rage', which roughly translates into 'slow and easy wins the race'.

### 5. Sports

In the course of the year 2000, our delegations have organised 18 world championships-i.e. 14 in Europe, 2 in Asia and one in Africa and America respectively-as well as over one hundred continental and regional championships.

In Sydney, our military athletes also made themselves rather conspicuous. Indeed, there were in excess of 200 military medallists out of the 908 medals that were on offer.

The Millennium Symposium held in November in Gaborone, Botswana, was also a major success thanks to a display of excellent organisation skills by the Botswanese delegation and to the 30 participating countries.

From an administrative point of view, the various reports are not always being sent to us in a timely fashion and include many gaps. The PGS's work is disrupted and the long research and many analyses required to fill in those gaps are very time consuming and require painstaking care.



Fair-play Trophy was awarded to Poland

The objective for 2001 is to organise the 17 world championships scheduled so far to an ever-higher standard of perfection, as our sport events remain our best PR assets. Even closer co-operation with the Presidents of the Permanent Technical Committees is also on the agenda in order to program our events in 2002 and the following years more carefully still.

Besides, we would like to insist with our member delegations on the need for them to pay ever more attention to the planning and organisation of and participation to, the various events.

Finally, in order to set up the Athletes Council-whose creation was voted at the last General Assembly-a memorandum was drafted that will be sent to all member delegations in weeks to come.



Cameroon received the Solidarity Trophy

### 6. Sport Medicine

Much like the IOC and all International Sports Federations, CISM is an active proponent of clean sport and even though only four instances of doping are to be deplored, these are four cases too many. They have been-or are being-dealt with by the Commission for Discipline.

In this sensitive issue, team leaders and coaches should make a dedicated effort towards prevention.

### 7. Solidarity

Solidarity is the second pillar on which CISM is built, and it should not merely amount to a philosophical principle. Even though we have no spectacular activity to report in this document, we can assure that a great many bilateral support activities have indeed taken place in the course of this year, whether taking the form of providing transport for athletes or procuring training facilities or equipment, several delegations have worked in aid of less well-off delegations.

Once again this year, CISM supported financially the Hope Race-also known as the Mount Cameroon Race-and the three training sessions scheduled for the winter break will indeed be taking place in the last months of this year and during the first months of next year.

Other requests for equipment and training are being considered and the corresponding operations should be conducted as soon as possible.

### 8. Statutes and Regulations of Procedure

The various amendments, adopted at our last General Assembly thanks to the decision files system, have been included in the 1999 edition of our Regulations of Procedure. These amendments have also been printed and circulated to all member delegations.

The full review of our Statutes and Regulations of Procedure is currently underway. In close co-operation with the Permanent Commission for the Statutes, the PGS is currently working on the French and English versions of these new documents. The member delegations will have to receive a pre-draft version of those by the end of March 2001 at the latest. Final approval of the new documents will be on the agenda of the Algiers General Assembly in 2001.



The Musketeer's Trophy was awarded to Croatia

### 9. Communication and Marketing

In 2000, the PGS published-as has become traditional-the Annual Report, as well as a promotional leaflet on CISM. Fifty thousand copies of this leaflet have been printed in our organisation's four official languages and it has been distributed to all our member delegations. Besides, four issues of our magazine, Sport International, were produced in both French and English.

Except for our delegations' yearly membership fees, marketing is CISM's only source of income. And unfortunately, our collaboration with International Sports Properties LLC (ISPL) has not delivered the results we anticipated. That relationship will most certainly be terminated at the end of 2000. So, a new communication and marketing policy will have to be defined and we should look for a new partner among major professional sports marketing firms. One thing is clear: CISM needs to become more visible and should continue its efforts to improve its image and, especially, better advertise the assets that are capable of attracting potential partners.



Admiral Augustin Ledesma (ARG) is leaving CISM

### 10. Finance

Looking at the figures after closing the accounts for September 2000, there are two things we can say. Firstly, the General Assembly's decision to adjust the yearly membership fees has led to an increase in our financial resources.

Secondly, thanks to efforts aimed at keeping the PGS's operational and administrative costs within reasonable financial limits, the year 2000 will end with a positive balance, which will enable us to fill in the gap left in our reserves by the withdrawals made in recent years.



Above : King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden during the Opening Ceremony of the Sea Week

Down : Colonel Gianni Gola is giving the flag of CISM to Colonel Metref (ALG), organiser of the next G.A.



Still, it should be recalled forcefully that it is the duty of each and every member nation to pay its dues regularly: more than 25 countries have yet to comply with their financial obligations under the Statutes.

### 11. In memoriam

As with any international organisations, CISM's daily life is punctuated by moments of joy and moments of grief. Sadly, an active member of our organisation passed away in 2000. Master Sergeant Paolo Cavoli (ITA), member of the PTC for swimming, passed away unexpectedly in November.

We offer our condolences to his family and his delegation, as well as to any, us being unaware, that may have lost a friend of CISM.

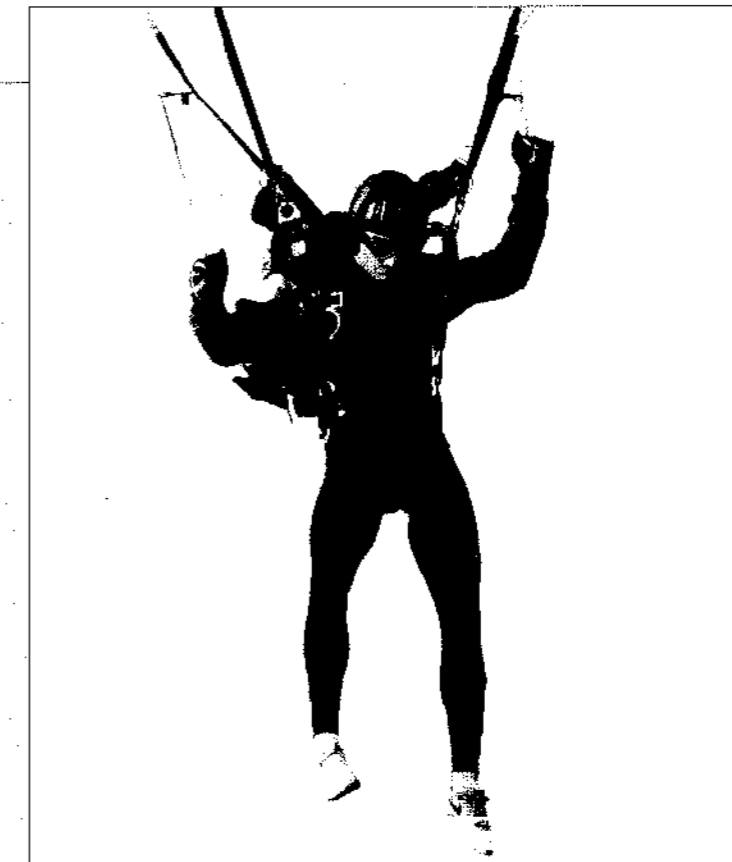


## 2000 BUDGET AS OF 30/09/2000 & 2001 BUDGET

RECEIPTS (in EURO)

N°	Items	RESULTS 31.12.1998*	2000 BUDGET AG GRECE	2000 BUDGET as of 30/09/00	2001 BUDGET AG GRECE
1.	Annual memberships	616 635	693 600	710 600	700 000
2.	Fee surcharges	10 845	7 500	930	7 500
3.	Sport International	24	0	0	0
4.	Advertising	0	0	0	0
4.1	Sport International	0	0	0	
4.2	Yearbook	0	0	0	
4.3	Miscellaneous	0	0	0	
4.4	Yearbook M.W.G.	0	0	0	
5.	Articles for championships	9 037	7 500	5 895	7 500
6.	Financial proceeds	24 171	7 500	3 946	7 500
7.	Marketing	22 671	0	0	0
7.1	Partnership	0	0	0	
7.2	Sponsoring	16 680	0	0	
7.3	Donations	5 991	0	0	
8.	Exceptional proceeds	116 513	0	238	0
8.1	Reserve fund	0	0	0	
8.2	Solidarity fund	97 177	0	0	
8.3	Others	19 336	0	238	
9.	V productions	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>799 896</b>	<b>716 100</b>	<b>719 750</b>	<b>722 500</b>

The budget 1999 was not approved by the General Assembly and does not figure in this table



## 2000 BUDGET AS OF 30/09/2000 & 2001 BUDGET

EXPENDITURES (in EURO)

N°	Items	RESULTS 31.12.1998	2000 BUDGET GA GREECE	2000 BUDGET as of 30/09/00	2001 BUDGET GA GREECE
1.	<b>CISM Headquarters</b>	<b>25 557</b>	<b>31 997</b>	<b>19 542</b>	<b>35 000</b>
1.1	Charges	12 098	12 000	7 820	
1.2	Taxes	3 603	9 672	7 255	
1.3	Maintenance and renewal	6 861	7 600	2 769	
1.4	Interest due	2 995	2 725	1 698	
2.	<b>Management expenses</b>	<b>92 069</b>	<b>95 439</b>	<b>46 491</b>	<b>100 000</b>
2.1	Office supplies	3 444	7 500	5 509	
2.2	Printing costs	8 660	7 500	3 422	
2.3	Mailing costs	20 282	12 000	12 832	
2.4	Maintenance of office equipment	21 479	22 000	11 530	
2.5	Telephone, fax	12 376	15 000	6 543	
2.6	Bank charges	10 149	5 000	702	
2.7	Income tax on investments	1 237	1 239	554	
2.8	Miscellaneous costs and documentation	1 978	7 500	2 977	
2.9	Legal and professional charges	11 970	10 000	1 179	
2.10	Insurance	284	2 800	0	
2.11	Traveling costs	210	400	55	
2.12	Translation costs	0	2 000	0	
2.13	Documentation	0	2 500	1 188	
3.	<b>Personnel</b>	<b>339 350</b>	<b>250 016</b>	<b>129 681</b>	<b>252 500</b>
4.	<b>Championship - Official meetings</b>	<b>25 445</b>	<b>27 268</b>	<b>18 308</b>	<b>32 500</b>
4.1	Gifts for championships	10 658	12 000	0	
4.2	Gifts and mementos	3 442	5 268	18 308	
4.3	CISM awards	2 662	2 500	0	
4.4	Articles for championships	8 683	7 500	0	
5.	<b>Solidarity and Technical assistance</b>	<b>31 318</b>	<b>37 184</b>	<b>14 874</b>	<b>37 500</b>
5.1	Congress	0	1 240	0	
5.2	Clinics and study days	16 295	19 830	0	
5.3	Anti-doping	0	1 240	0	
5.4	Solidarity actions	15 023	14 874	14 874	
6.	<b>Communication</b>	<b>126 530</b>	<b>148 905</b>	<b>86 774</b>	<b>130 500</b>
6.1	Sport International	78 891	109 242	35 349	
6.2	CISM Flash	3 895	3 719	659	
6.3	Yearbook	1 245	30 944	45 747	
6.4	Brochure	42 499	5 000	5 018	
7.	<b>Travel expenses and meetings</b>	<b>39 690</b>	<b>43 381</b>	<b>13 447</b>	<b>45 000</b>
7.1	General Assembly	13 010	13 381	6 117	
7.2	Executive Committee	5 433	7 500	931	
7.3	Missions	19 132	17 500	4 429	
7.4	Others meetings	601	2 500	809	
7.5	Traveling insurance	1 514	2 500	1 161	
8.	<b>Public relations</b>	<b>21 802</b>	<b>4 958</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>5 000</b>
8.1	Miscellaneous	1 560 958	181		
8.2	50th anniversary	20 242	0	0	
9.	<b>Marketing</b>	<b>50 261</b>	<b>14 979</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2 500</b>
9.1	Honorary	46 995	12 500	0	
9.2	Promotion	0	2 479	0	
9.3	Commission	3 266	0	0	
9.9	Miscellaneous	0	0	0	
10.	<b>Depreciation, provisions and reserves</b>	<b>19 327</b>	<b>61 973</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>82 000</b>
10.1	Depreciation	17 856	29 750	0	
10.2	Provisions and reserves	1 471	32 223	0	
11.	<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>2 284</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>773 633</b>	<b>716 100</b>	<b>329 324</b>	<b>722 500</b>
	<b>FISCAL YEAR SURPLUS</b>	<b>26 263</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>390 426</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>799 896</b>	<b>716 100</b>	<b>719 750</b>	<b>722 500</b>

## New composition of the Executive Committee

Further to the elections held during the General Assembly of Kalithea, find the new composition of the Executive Committee :

**President :** Colonel Gianni Gota (ITA)**Vice-Presidents :**

Asia : Brigadier General G. Al Samkari (SYR)

Africa : Colonel Malboum Kalkaba (CAM)

America's : Brigadier General Patrick Adams (USA)

Europe : Lt-Colonel Léon De Wulf (BEL)

**Members :**

Colonel Lesego A. Motlhalhedi (BOT)

Colonel Mohamed Al Khateeb (KUW)

Médecin Lt-Colonel Peter Jenoure (SUI)

Lt-Colonel Honoré Traoré (BUR)

Brigadier General Isidore Popowych (CAN)

Navy Captain Bengt Nylander (SWE)

Lt-Colonel Michel Saint-Bonnet (FRA)

Major General Youyuan Chen (CHN)

Colonel Mohamed Oubelaïd Metref (ALG)

Colonel Ubirajara Da Silva Ramos (BRA)

President of the P.C. for Solidarity

President of the P.C. for Communication and Marketing

President of the P.C. for Sports Medicine

President of the P.C. for Finances

President of the P.C. for Statutes, Regulations of Procedures

President of the P.C. for Sports



Colonel Oubelaïd Metref (ALG)



Colonel Ubirajara Ramos Da Silva (BRA)



Major Général Youyuan Chen (CHI)

## Presidents of Permanent Technical Committees

Track&Field & Cross Country	Colonel Jos LENAERS (BEL)	1999-
Basketball	Major Gerard BUSSE (NED) (acting)	2000
Boxing	Commandant James HUNT (IRL)	1992-
Cycling	Colonel Sergio MARINO (ITA)	1990-2000
Horsemanship	Brig. General Carlos DELIA (ARG)	1981-WMC 2000
	Vacant from WMC 2000 on	
Fencing	Lt-Colonel José Maria Paula SANTOS (POR)	1998-
Football	Lt-Colonel Uwe Pomplun (GER)	1999-
Handball	Lt-Colonel Hubert BLOOTACKERS (BEL)	2000-
	(incoming)	
Hockey	Lt-Colonel Axel von LEDEBUR (GER)	1992-2000
Downgraded category 2		
Judo	Colonel Dr. Roman Maciej KALINA (POL)	1995-
Wrestling	Major Abdelkader SMATI (TUN)	1998-
Swimming	Navy Captain Gianantonio INVERNIZZI (ITA)	1997-
Orienteering	Lt-Colonel Harald Østbye (NOR) (incoming)	2000-
Parachuting	Lt-Colonel Jean DEPMINE (FRA)	1999-
Aeronautical Pentathlon	Colonel L. PETTERSON (SWE) (incoming)	2000
Military Pentathlon	Brig. General Johann PUCHER (AUT)	1993-
Modern Pentathlon	Colonel Helmut GRUBER (AUT) (outgoing)	1989-WMC 2000
	Colonel J. WAEFFLER (SUI) (incoming)	WMC 2000-
	Commander Uwe ROSSMEISSEL (incoming)	WMC 2000-
Naval Pentathlon	Navy Captain Bengt NYLANDER (SWE)	1992-WMC 2000
Seaweed	(outgoing)	
(CTP does'nt since WMC 2000)		
Ski	Lt-Colonel Georg Di Pauli von TREUHEIM (ITA)	1998-
Taekwondo	Brig. General Robert MARTINEAU (CAN)	1999-
Tennis	Colonel Alexei JOUK (RUS)	1997-2000
Downgraded category 2		
Shooting	Lt-Colonel Börje JOHANSON (SWE)	1993-
Triathlon	Lt-Colonel Michel SAINT-BONNET (FRA)	1992-
Sailing	Commander Diane HOPE (incoming)	WMC 2000-
Volleyball	Lt-Colonel Pietro De CANIO (ITA)	1995-23/03/00



## 55<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

### CISM Enters the New Millennium



#### to the Sound of Sirtaki

It is with particular pleasure that CISM's very cosmopolitan family landed in this superb region to hold its 55<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and celebrate the new millennium. Particular pleasure too, since the event coincided with the fiftieth anniversary of Greece's membership. Having joined our organisation in 1950, Greece is one of its most senior-as well as most active and illustrious-members.

Throughout those 50 years in our midst, Greece has shown its unique culture and sporting wealth. It has paved CISM history both by organising many world events and by winning countless titles and world military medals.

CISM was very glad indeed to go back to Greece, as it had been eight years since it had last held an event there-the Olympus Symposium. This was an oversight that clearly had to be redressed, as clearly shown by from the wonderful hospitality, the beauty and variety of the scenery and the unrivalled wealth of its architectural heritage, all masterfully demonstrated with the cultural day as well as during the superb cruise organised before the closing ceremony.

But let us not cut corners and take things in the right order. Greek Minister of Defence Mr A. A. Tsokhazopoulos attended the opening ceremony, featuring a show going over Greece's past, explaining its present and outlining its future.

The Greek delegation and the Organising Committee, masterminded by General Petromichelakis, went to all sorts of troubles to make this General Assembly a success. The mood was good and smiles were plenty every day, even though CISM discovered that Tantalus was indeed Greek and that his punishment was truly a local speciality: how better to explain the terrible torture to which the participants in the GA were subjected? The Sun was blazing, the water of the pool and the magnificent, multi-coloured sea were tantalising, constantly inviting them to take a long dip and then sunbathe forever on the fine sand beach.

But instead of enjoying the much-advertised dolce vita, CISM delegates had to subject themselves to endless and intensive working sessions in the darkness of a closed room. All the more reason to award them all a special mention in dispatches for their committed work during this 55th General Assembly.

On the very soil that saw the foundation of modern democracy, they turned the meeting room into a genuine agora. Investing personally in discussions surrounding the review of our organisation's rules and structures, they demonstrated that they care deeply about the future of CISM. The first General Assembly of the New Millennium definitely deserved its symbolical title: it was the cornerstone of a new period of development.

The elections held during this 55th General Assembly allowed Colonel Kalkaba of Cameroon to be re-elected as Vice-President for Africa while Major General Chen Youyuan of China, Colonel Mohammed Oubelaid Metref of Algeria and Colonel Da Silva Ramos Ubijara of Brazil were elected to the Executive Committee.

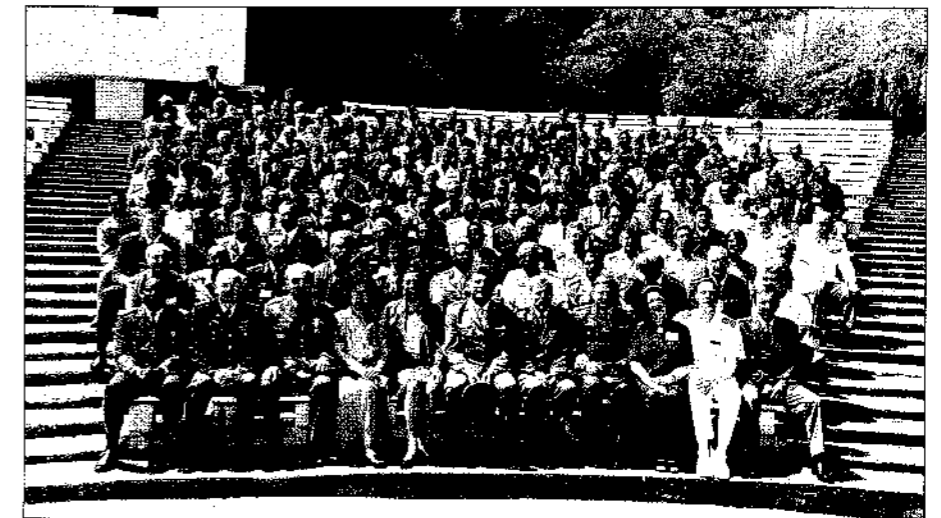
Sadly, this General Assembly was also the time to say farewell to a few CISM figureheads such as Colonel Helmut Grüber, Brigadier General Yngve Johansson, Colonel Hannès Bjorstrom and cunning Commandant Luc Cordonni, who animated their Permanent Technical Committees for many years.

If there is one image to remember from this 55th CISM General Assembly, it is a snapshot of the Turkish delegate inviting his Greek counterpart to dance a wild Sirtaki. Long live CISM!



Colonel Gianni Gola is decorating Greek Minister of Defence, M. A. A. Tsokhazopoulos

The participants to the 55<sup>th</sup> General Assembly



## Race of Hope

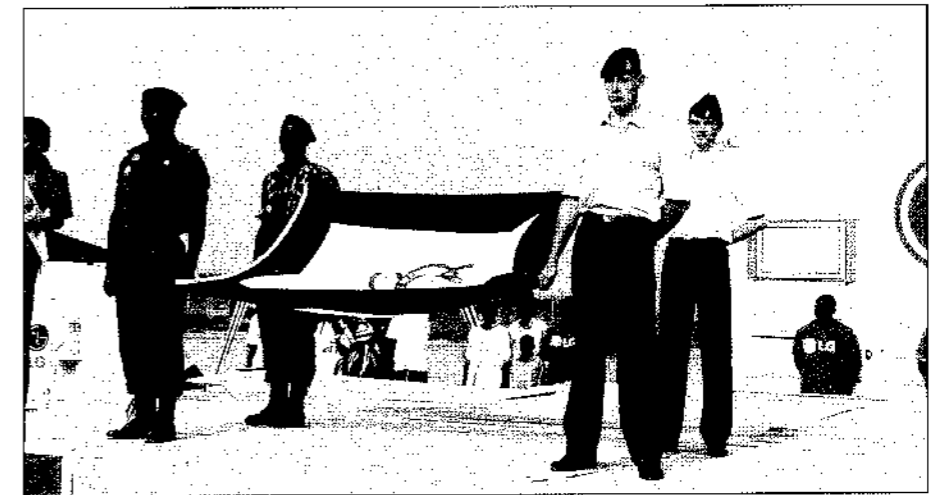
### Internationalisation of a Climb



We have already provided extensive coverage of this superb race that consists in running to the top of Mount Cameroon (4,095m). The Hope Race, an event that CISM supports financially, is so unique that it immediately enthralled those who ever have a chance to take a close look. It leaves its mark on participants and spectators, foreign and local, alike. They are under the spell of the intensity and specificity of the effort produced by the athletes, the splendid scenery, the typical African atmosphere, the beating sun and the exuberance of the 100,000 plus Cameroonians who accompany the runners throughout their physical ordeal. Because an ordeal was exactly what it was this year for every single one of those, from

the first to the last—who crossed the finish line many hours later in the small and packed Molyko Stadium in Buea, who dared challenge the mountain of the gods: 20 km uphill and then the same distance downhill, punishing different muscles this time—the quadriceps that with each step have to break the speed of descent on the way back to the starting point. To all this must be added the temperature gradient—it was a good 30°C hotter in Molyko stadium compared to the top of Mount Cameroon—which the runners were exposed to on the way up and then again, in reverse, on the way down.

To make it even harder, while they were challenging the sacred mountain of the local ethnic group—the Bakweri, who had offered Mount Cameroon many presents the night before to ask the gods to protect their own—the athletes of this edition also had to face fire and smoke. Indeed, fires had been lit on the slopes during the night and had unfortunately spread out of control, confronting the athletes with a curtain of small incandescent flames and thick smoke. This edition became a sort of "Close Encounter of the Third Kind"-like orienteering exercise with singed calves, blinded eyes and coughing lungs. Predictably, a local runner prevailed. But it took him almost an hour more compared to last year. And since this year's winner is Joseph She, the same Joseph She who



won last year, it is even more obvious that the runners were faced with an especially difficult challenge this time around. And the same was true for the ladies: Catherine Ngwang Mgiue bested favourite and four-time winner Sarah Etongué, with Rwanda's Marciane Mukamurenzi (41) finishing third.

Several CISM delegations from Europe took the trip to Cameroon and it must be said that the organisers of the Hope Race owe the Belgian delegation in particular a form of thanks as the latter not only chartered an Airbus for all teams out of Brussels, but they also brought a sizeable team with them who provided vital organisational support throughout the event. Belgium, France and Germany took part in the relay race while Leonid Tikonev of Russia ran individually and ranked an excellent 36th. The Italian team had to throw in the towel, unfortunately, as specialist mountain runner Luccio Fregona had bronchitis and long-distance runner Miles (who ran the marathon in Atlanta) caught an infection. But head of delegation Colonel Perotto still took the trip to represent Italy. Croatia was also present as an observer and was all the more interested in, and full of respect for, the race than the entire delegation reconnoitred the course right up to the top three days before the event and came back literally exhausted. The Netherlands completed the list of observers. Back to the teams taking part in the relay race.



Predictably, it was won by the Cameroonian team, with Germany finishing second thanks namely to the experience of its runners, all specialist mountain runners. The French team, with two triathletes-Commander-Doctor Denis Tamagno (40), Chief Warrant Officer Pierre Vester (42)-and Rudy Gouy, a very adaptable orienteering specialist, were so thrilled by the race and the atmosphere that they have already promised to take part in the individual race next time. Belgium's number one team (Belgium 1), with First Sergeant-Major Etienne (a paratrooper), Sergeant-Major Becker (an orienteering specialist) and Private Geukens (another paratrooper and a well-known military pentathlon specialist) finished fourth, followed by Belgium 2 (with De Wulf, Boonen and Koelner).

**Douala-Buea on a Bicycle !**

Traditionally held on the eve of the Hope Race, the bicycle race between Douala and Buea welcomed foreign competitors for the first time this year, as the Belgian and French delegations added the names of their military cyclists to the list of participants in this 103-km race.

France presented two quality road racers: Cédric Jean Roch who, at 24, has made a name for himself by winning 10 "Elite 2" races in 1999 and Sébastien Dejean who has already bagged a few near-wins in "espoir" races of good standing at just 21 years of age. As for the Belgian delegation, they decided to enter with their cyclo-cross team-Chris Wouters, Tom De Kort and Gerry Werckx-whose ears were still ringing with their resounding success just a few days before: they monopolised the podium at the World Military Cross-Country Championship in Heusden-Zolder.



A relatively short race it was, but that does not tell the whole story however: it took a good three hours on badly tarred roads heavily dotted with potholes in temperatures above 30(C in the shade-not that there was any available to the cyclists-and with humidity at around 95%. Just imagine, under those conditions, the second half of the course: a 10 km climb of the sort you would expect to find only in major Ardennes classics, followed by a technical downhill slalom made worse by the myriad cars, motorbikes and bush taxis materialising suddenly the other way and standing aside only a split second before the crash.

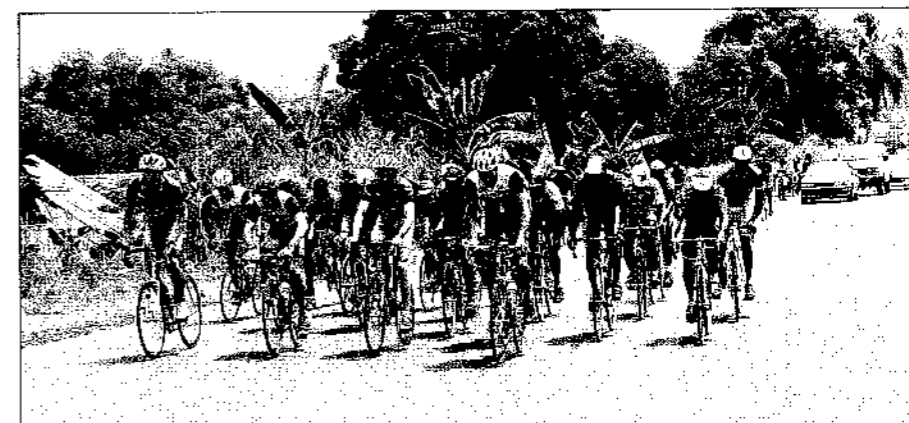
Try and visualise the last 15 km uphill under the beating sun and the dust, with the worsening gradient that combines with dehydration to stiffen your legs, weaken your body and cook your brains. The last minutes are just plain hell: you either pedal on sticky tar patches or in potholes-



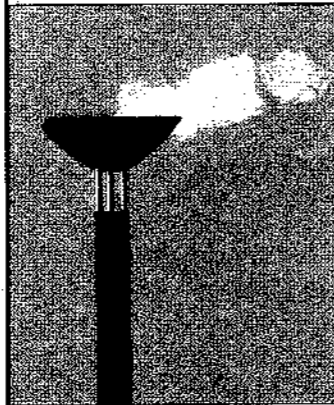
you just have no energy left to bother avoiding them anymore-or on earth or on countless rocks. When they finally reached the finish line, many cyclists were zig-zagging in utter stupefaction.

The scenario of the race itself was crystal clear. In the first part, the French and the Belgians were fully aware of the objective advantage provided by their superior equipment and experience of more challenging oppositions, so they decided to set a pace that would allow them to have a chat with their local opponents and enjoy the wonderful scenery that was rolling past. But then came the second, harder, half of the race. It was entered at a much faster pace and first consisted in a series of accelerations that allowed five cyclists to come out of the pack: Dejean and Roch of France, Wouters and Werckx of Belgium and Guy Nzekeu of Cameroon-whom the Europeans definitely did not expect to be having such a field day. Indeed, Nzekeu seemed so rested and easy on the saddle that the French and Belgian cyclists formed an alliance to avoid defeat at the hands-wheels?-of their African friend. They showed little pity and attacked again and again in pairs-one French, one Belgian-leaving it up to their African opponent to bridge the gap without any help from the other two Europeans. For a few kilometres, it seemed that Chris Wouters was headed for a clean win, but problems with his derailleur stopped him cold on the blacktop-and the tar seemed to make a show of keeping him there-and Sébastien Dejean of France passed him to victory. Actually, the Frenchman's ease in the last kilometres was such that he may have won even if Wouters had been able to put up a fight. Wouters finished second and Nzekeu third, thereby confirming that talent is universal in cycling too: it knows no borders-and neither do technical and structural constraints, apparently !

Let us conclude this account emphasising the praiseworthy decision taken by cyclists Sébastien Dejean and Chris Wouters and the German and French relay runners to give their sizeable prize-money to the newly-created Cameroonian Sports Federation for the Disabled. Having recently-retired as President of CISM's Commission for Solidarity, and as being gentleman who would not miss the Hope Race for the world and is still very active in the fight for the have-nots, General Simonet was very proud of this gesture.



## International Olympic Truce Foundation



### The International Olympic Truce Foundation

The first Board Meeting of the International Olympic Truce Foundation (IOFT), under the aegis of IOC was held in Athens on the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2000. Beside then the numerous personalities representing the international sports, politics and institutional world, the President of CISM, Colonel Gianni Gola was our representative as member of this foundation. The foundation has invited that CISM was belonging to the kind of organisation that will help to promote its objects. The President of the Board of the IOFT is Juan Antonio Samaranch, the Vice-President is M. Georges Papandreu, the Greek minister of

foreign affairs. You find also some very known figures of United Nations such as the President of the General Assembly Dr Theo-Ben Guribab, M. Boutros-Ghali and M. Javier Perez de Cuellar.

### The objects of the Foundation are:

- To promote the Olympic ideals, for serving peace, friendship and international understanding. To promote in particular, the ancient Greek tradition of "Ekecheira" or Truce that was established in ancient Greece in the 9th century . To call for all hostilities to cease during the Olympic Games and beyond the period of the Olympic Games, thereby helping to mobilise the youth of the world in the cause of peace. More specifically, the object of the Foundation will be the prevention and resolution of tension through sport, culture and the Olympic ideals. In realisation of the foregoing, the Foundation shall co-operate with all inter-government and non-government organisations and with national and international institutions specialised in peace and conflict prevention and resolution, develop educational and research programmes and run communication campaigns to promote the Olympic Truce.
- To establish in co-operation with the Government of the Hellenic Republic, an International Olympic Truce Center situated in Athens, Greece, with a liaison office in Lausanne, Switzerland, and symbolic headquarters in Olympia, Greece, whose mission shall be to help achieve the goals of the Foundation.
- As a general rule to conduct all other permanent or temporary activities, in Switzerland or abroad, directly or indirectly connected with the objects above mentioned, including in particular the organisation of meetings and conferences on the premises of the Founder.



We would like also to remind you that the 54<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution entitled " Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic Ideal " on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 1999. The resolution was adopted by 180 member nations and among them the five permanent member of the Security Council. It was the third time since 1993 that the United Nations General Assembly expressed its support of the IOC by adopting a resolution inviting member states to respect the Olympic Truce. The resolution urges the Member States to take the initiative to observe the Olympic Truce during the Games of Sydney the vision of which is to be a highly harmonious, athlete-oriented and environmentally committed Olympic Games.

The resolution also urges member states to take the initiative to abide by the Olympic Truce individually and collectively, and to pursue, in conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the peaceful settlement of all international conflicts through diplomatic solutions.

Obviously, you have readily understood how closely this IOC initiative matches CISM's ideals, its motto-"Friendship through Sport"-, and its philosophy (as detailed in the Membership Charter signed by all our members nations). This invitation clearly demonstrates how much both our overall approach and the resolution voted during the Noordwijkerhout General Assembly, encapsulating the Zagreb Military World Games organised in a region struck by war, have convinced the IOC that we are really eager to give our practical contribution to the establishment of world peace.

The participation of IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch in all major events organised by CISM, as well as his statements during those events, are anything but ambiguous. Thanks to their sport activities and to the solidarity actions undertaken namely within CISM, and also owing to the many humanitarian actions they take part in, the Armed Forces are progressively changing how they are perceived by the civilian world. More people every day come to consider the military as essential partners in the edification of world peace. This invitation from the IOC, while an honour for CISM and its members in particular, does serve more generally to improve the overall image of the military as a profession. Therefore, it ranks high in our list of satisfactions.

The President of IOC Juan Antonio Samaranch with Colonel Gianni Gola



## CISM INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIA PROGRAMME

### A brilliant start



Colonel Tapala (Botswana) decorated by Colonel Kalkaba (Cameroon)

### in the new millenium

CISM organised, in co-operation with the Botswana Delegation to CISM, an International Symposium on "Physical Education in the Armed Forces" in Garobone, Botswana, on 23-27 October 2000.

It was the first in a new series of International CISM symposia that CISM has tried to bring to other continents rather than organise them only in Europe, as was done in the past. The first continent to start: AFRICA.

#### Great Interest

The development of a soldier's physical fitness is an indispensable component of physical training and physical education in the Armed Forces. Therefore we assumed that the CISM member delegations would show a certain interest in participating in a symposium that deals with this topic. But the number of delegates who attended the Botswana Symposium far exceeded our expectations: more than 80 participants from over 30 nations out of the 4 continents.

We are very glad about this great interest in our symposium. It indicates that CISM is on the right track in offering events such as International symposia or clinics. It gives scientists and other experts of the Armed Forces of the member countries a platform to present their scientific studies and research results to an international forum of delegates or to exchange information about doctrines and the organisation of Sport and Physical Education in the Armed Forces.

We all know that the exchange of information, data, research work and experimental results is crucial for the development of sports and physical education in the Armed Forces. Therefore, in our official invitation, we invited the participants to present a lecture on a subject of their choice dealing with a topic of the symposium. The result was overwhelming: 31 lectures were presented during the 5 days of the symposium.

By hosting the 2000 International Symposium, the Botswana Defence Force demonstrated its ability to be an expert in the organisation of such events. The Local Organising Committee, under the remarkable guidance of Colonel Peter Tapela, Chief of the Botswana Delegation to CISM has done a marvellous job of ensuring the smooth running of the Symposium that took place at the Botswana National Productivity Centre in Garobone. All facilities and equipment were of professional standard. The personnel of the Organising Committee was competent and responsible as well as friendly and helpful during the entire symposium. The participants were all very impressed by the high technological and scientific competence of the organisers too.

#### Topic 1: Definition, Description and Dimension of Terms

Discussions in former clinics and seminars, as well as the exchange of opinions in the field of sports and physical education have shown, in which different ways, how crucial terms like physical education, physical training, military sports, etc., are used. The meaning of those terms, even if used worldwide, often differs from country to country. This fact makes it very difficult to understand what is being said and is often a source of misunderstanding. The reason why this topic was covered in our symposium was to find a way to understand the different meanings of terms.

All participants agreed that in years to come, CISM should start compiling an International database on military sport vocabulary.

#### Topic 2: Physical fitness

First of all, physical fitness is the key word in all our efforts to develop and improve our soldier's ability to carry out his mission. By starting this discussion about physical fitness, a wide array of different aspects opened up. General physical fitness versus specific physical fitness, means of improving physical fitness, job skill performance of soldiers, profile of demands, different physical fitness tests, health aspects of physical fitness, etc.

In this topic, 14 lectures were presented and discussed, underlining the remarkable importance of this field.

In some lecture, two items with an "African touch" were outlined:

- The threat of HIV/Aids.
- The influence of high temperatures on physical fitness.

While the HIV/Aids problem relates more to medical treatment and could probably be dealt with by the Permanent Commission for Sport Medicine, the second item (high temperature) was intensively discussed by the audience. More and more Armed Forces are confronted with this specific problem in the framework of international operations all over the world.

In this respect, the South African Delegation to CISM proposed to start a project:

"The Influence of High Temperature on Physical Fitness"

The participants agreed that CISM should publish a special brochure on this topic.





**Topic 3: Physical Training, Sport, and Recreation**

The issue was discussed of whether it is sufficient to have pure physical training in the Armed Forces, focusing only on the improvement of the soldier's physical fitness and considering it only as a means of enabling him to withstand exhausting physical exercises. Or do we need more? Should we integrate more sports? Should we recognise Recreation? Should we initiate Motivation?

Nine lectures were presented on this topic, demonstrating the different approaches to Physical Education in the Armed Forces.

As the "Warendorf Inquiry" noted as early as in 1996, more and more Armed Forces have integrated Sport into their whole system of physical training. Especially the effects of sports activities on health and welfare were emphasised in several lectures.

Therefore, the Permanent Commission for Sport will include "Sport Practice and Health Promotion" in the programme of the next International CISM Symposium in Guangzhou, China, in 2001 and deal with this topic in close co-operation with the Permanent Commission for Sport Medicine.



**Topic 4: Education and Training of PE/PT Officers and NCOs**

A system of physical education is as good as the personnel who takes over the training of soldiers. Therefore, the Armed Forces emphasise how important the education and training of their officers and NCOs is, who are responsible for the physical education.

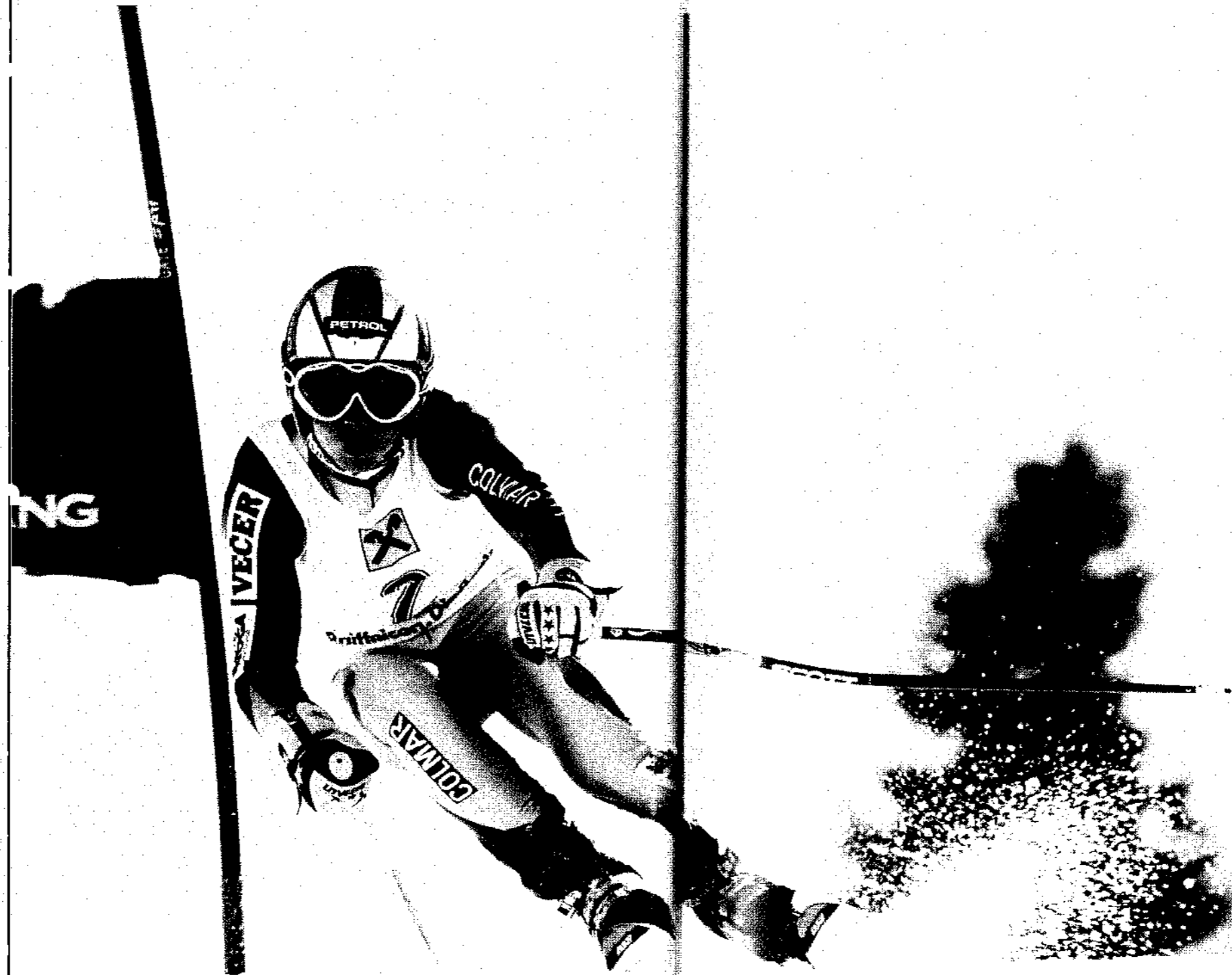
Two lectures only were presented on the tasks and organisation of military sports schools as well as the different approaches to the organisation of coaching in the Armed Forces.

There exists a close relationship between the education and training of PE/PT Officers and NCOs on the one hand and the whole field of sport didactics on the other hand. Because of the fact that the International CISM Symposium in 2002 will mainly be dedicated to sports didactics, topic 4 will again be covered as part of the programme of this symposium.

**CISM goes to Asia 2001**

At the end of the symposium in Garobone, Botswana, the Official CISM Representative, Colonel Malbourn Kalkaba handed over the CISM flag to Senior Colonel Depei Liu, organiser of the next International CISM Symposium in Guangzhou, China, on 11-15 November 2001.

*RegDir Hans Neisberger  
Germany*



04-07 February 2000

Heusden-Zolder, Belgium



# cyclo-cross

## 17<sup>th</sup> World Military Cyclo-Cross Championship

### The Belgian Way

Zolder is famous around the world for its racing circuit that, until not so long ago, hosted Formula 1 Grand Prix. It was on this very same circuit that some of the most remarkable pages in the history of international cycling have been written, from cycling and cyclo-cross world championships to the finish line of Tour de France stages.

So it is on ground that is most suitable for the rather testing practice of cyclo-cross (the civilian world championship is scheduled to take place there in 2002) that eight nations competed in the 17th World Military Cyclo-Cross Championship. The Belgian team were labelled as favourites when the military pack got going from a start line that was actually the one used for Formula 1 Grand Prix-how could we make that one up. A bare few hundred meters into the race, Kris Wouters was propelled to the front like a rocket by power stages Gerry Werckx and Tom De Kort. It seemed like the Belgian cyclist could do nothing wrong: in the space of just a lap, he built an impressive lead and then capitalised as time and kilometres went by.

It was no contest for the title but the fight put up by Luxembourg's Steve Fogen against the other two Belgians was decidedly not boring. Nevertheless, the Belgian team was apparently bound to come out shining under the thick cloud cover on this particular Sunday: Tom De Kort and Gerry Werckx-whom a technical problem deprived of silver-climbed on the podium with Kris Wouters (for this his fifth title, following the four consecutive gold medals won between 1994 and 1997). Euphoria was the word on a finish line that was stormed by local supporters, among whom a very moved Colonel Léon De Wulf, head of the Belgian delegation, who relished the sumptuous present offered by his men a few months from his retirement in April.

So, party time it was in the Belgian clan then, as they monopolised the podium, bagging the inevitable team title in the process, with France second and Luxembourg a magnificent third-welcomed with booming cheers from a delegation that is not used to such distinguished visibility.



**PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (8)** : Belgium, United States, France, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Slovenia.

**CISM OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE:** Lt-Colonel Peter JENOURE (Switzerland)

**PTC PRESIDENT:** Colonel Sergio MARINO (Italy)

27 athletes



### Results

#### Individual :

1. Kris Wouters (Bel), 2. Tom De Kort (Bel), 3. Gerry Werckx (Bel), 4. Steve Fogen (Lux), 5. Olivier Maignan (Fra)

#### Team :

1. Belgium 6 pts, 2. France 22 pts, 3. Luxembourg 29 pts



21-26 February 2000

Algiers, Algeria



# CROSS-COUNTRY

## 48<sup>th</sup> World Military Cross-Country Championship

### Other Places, Same Faces

23 nations took the trip to contend in the 48th World Military Cross-Country Championship organised on the marvellous Dely-Ibrahim golf course. It had been 11 years since the Algerian delegation last organised a military world championship-the 1989 handball world tournament.

The course was rather flat-but also quite testing-and helped the best of our cross-country runners warm up. The winners of the three individual races were( the same as last year on the Mayport, Florida, golf course and the podiums of the team events were almost exactly the same as twelve months ago, though in a different order!

So then, other places, but the same faces at the top of the world military cross-country hierarchy, as established on three different occasions by Driss El-Himer, a Frenchman of Moroccan origin, Morocco's Mustapha Bamouh, who won the long cross, and fellow countrywoman Zhor El Kamch, an impressive winner of the women's race.

The only runner who had to fight hard in order to repeat his Mayport performance was El Himer who, on a course hardened by the drought that had been plaguing the region for months, had to resist right through the finish line against an impressive come back by Laid Bessou, a local athlete spurred by the spectators' cheers. As for the usual pair from the country that has been dominating the discipline for several years now-i.e. Morocco-, Mustapha Bammou did win his fourth title and Zhor El Kamch did retain hers for the second time, but the road to success was not exactly straight and flat and they had to put up quite a show of their talent to prevail.

The only upset came from the German ladies who won the team event, while the victories of the Italian runners in the short cross and the Moroccans in the long cross were to be expected. As for the Algerian hosts, who only had competitors in the men's events, they produced their best performance in years.

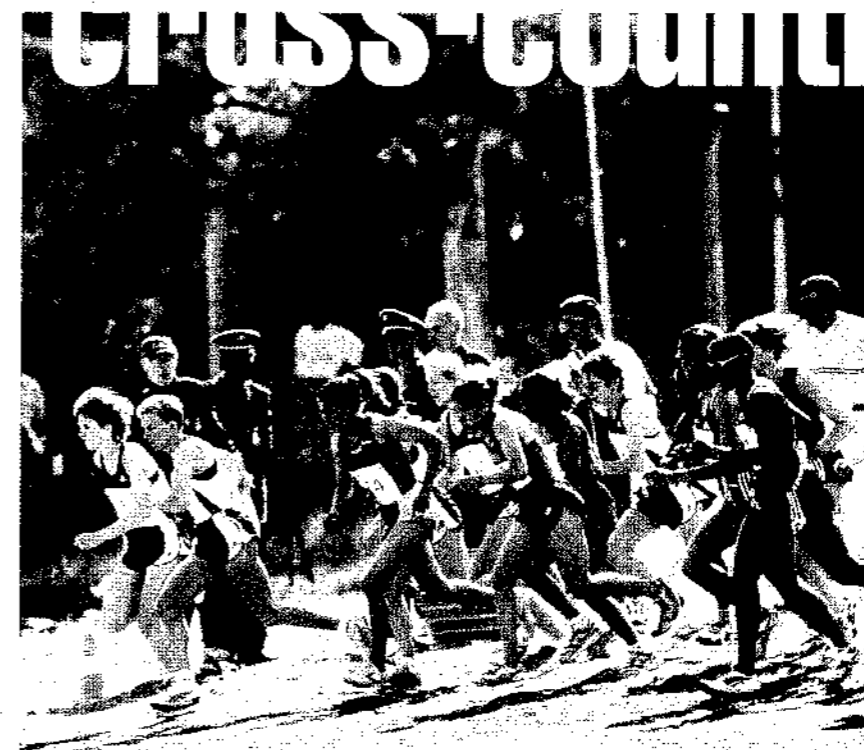
**PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (23)** : Algeria, Germany (\*), Saudi Arabia, Austria, Belgium (\*), Burundi, Canada (\*), Spain (\*), France, Italy (\*), Lebanon, Libya (\*), Lithuania (\*), Morocco (\*), Mauritania, Uganda, Portugal, Qatar, Sudan, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey

(\* female participation)

**CISM OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE** : Colonel Bernard Hurst (Switzerland)

**PTC PRESIDENT (ad interim)** : Colonel Jos Lenaerts (Belgium)

342 participants, 243 athletes : 203 men, 44 women



### Results

#### Women

Cross 5km : 1. Z. El Kamch (MAR), 2.L. Zaituc (GER), 3. A. Smolders (BEL),  
Team : 1. Germany, 2. Italy, 3. Morocco.

#### Men

Short Cross 5km : 1. D. El Himer (FRA), 2. L. Bessou (ALG), 3. G. Weidinger (AUT)  
Team : 1. Italy, 2. Algeria, 3. Portugal  
Long Cross 12km : 1. M. Bamouh (MAR), 2. D. Caimmi (ITA), 3. J. Ogowanj (UGA)  
Team : 1. Morocco, 2. Burundi, 3. Algeria

20-25 March 2000

Saalfelden, Hochfilzen and Leogang, Austria



# ski

## 42<sup>nd</sup> World Military Ski Championship

### Stylish Conclusion to the Season

The Infantry School in Wallner Military Base-the nerve centre of the championship-as well as the municipalities of Saalfelden (cross-country skiing), Leogang (Alpine skiing) and Hochfilzen (biathlon) offered the athletes representing 22 countries a wonderful welcome and ideal conditions for the practice of their respective disciplines. Such great conditions are hard to come by early in the Spring: the two cross-country skiing races only were slightly disturbed when the top layer of snow turned into slush because of excess sunshine. In such a case, the earlier you start, the better off you are. Young René Sommerfeldt of Germany took advantage of number four to prevail over Finland's Janne Immonen and Italy's Pietro Cottler in the 15-km race. Snow or slush, it made little difference to Stéphanie Belmondo whose lightness and freshness at the finish line were as impressive as this, her umpteenth international title, to be added to a list that is slowly becoming as thick as a telephone directory.

Deprived of an expected win when Tania Schneider was pushed into second by Mojca Suhadolc, the many Austrian spectators watching from the finish area in Leogang were already coming to terms with the distinct possibility that their team might fail to bag any Alpine skiing title. But Heinz Schilchegger-the least famous of the three Austrian competitors-saved the day and his nation's honour when he stepped in for failing stars Pepi Ströbl and Benjamin Raich to snatch victory from the very hands of Swiss celebrity Michael von Grüningen.

Let us now go the short hop to Hochfilzen, the Mecca of Austrian biathlon, with its microclimate that regularly supplies snow that lasts well into May. For this championship, it had prepared a two-meter thick white carpet for the best of our biathletes. First among them was Raphaël Poirée, followed by Estonia's Janno Prants-who won his country's very first medal in a CISM ski competition. Let us also spare a few well-deserved words for Katrin Appel, the talented cross-country skier who, for once, managed to overcome her aversion for the standing shooting routine-an aversion that has cost her victories that seemed all but bagged before the last stop at the shooting range.

The last rendezvous in this busy week was the patrol race. This year, it was to decide the men's Cup of Nations. As last year, Switzerland prevailed in the event and bagged its only title of the championship, while Italy beat France to second, thereby also winning the Cup of Nations, in which France finished second. The Italian ladies also won the first ever women's patrol race and wrapped up this magnificent week with great style.

**PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (22)** : Germany (\*), Argentina (\*), Austria (\*), Belarus (\*), Canada (\*), Chile, Czech Republic (\*), Estonia (\*), Finland, France (\*), Hungary, Italy (\*), Kazakhstan, the Lebanon, Norway (\*), Poland (\*), Romania (\*), Slovakia (\*), Slovenia (\*), Sweden (\*), Switzerland, United States (\*).  
(\* female participation)

**CISM OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE:** Navy Captain Bengt NYLANDER (Sweden)

**PTC PRESIDENT:** Lt-Colonel Georg Di Pauli VON TREUHEIM (Italy)

497 participants, 328 athletes : 244 men, 84 women



### Results

#### Women

Giant Slalom : 1. M. Suhadolc (SLO), 2. T. Schneider (AUT), 3. K. Putze (ITA).

Team : 1. Austria, 2. Italy, 3. Germany

Biathlon 1 km : 1. K. Apel (GER), 2. F. Baverel (FRA), 3. A. Henkel (GER).

Team : 1. Austria, 2. France, 3. Slovenia.

Cross-country 10 km : 1. S. Belmondo (ITA), 2. Z. Kocumova (CZE), 3. K. Philippot (FRA).

Team : 1. Germany, 2. France, 3. Slovenia

Patrol : 1. Italy, 2. Germany, 3. France

#### Men

Giant Slalom : 1. H. Schilchegger (AUT), 2. M. Von Grueningen (Sul), 3. V. Millet (FRA).

Team : 1. Switzerland, 2. Italy, 3. France.

Biathlon 20 km : 1. R. Poirée (FRA), 2. J. Prants (EST), 3. J. Wollschläger (GER).

Team : 1. Germany, 2. France, 3. Italy.

Cross-country 15 km : 1. R. Sommerfeldt (GER), 2. J. Immonen (FIN), 3. P. Piler Cottler (ITA).

Team : 1. Italy, 2. Austria, 3. Norway.

Patrol : 1. Switzerland, 2. Finland, 3. Austria

Nations Cup : 1. Italy, 2. France, 3. Austria

02-14 April 2000

Warendorf, Germany



# hockey

## 8<sup>th</sup> World Military Hockey Championship

### Korean Brilliance

Only seven teams showed up for the 8th World Military Hockey Championship staged from the famous Warendorf Military Sport School in Germany and held on THC Muenster's field. In the final of the last edition of the Championship held in Poznan, Germany finally prevailed against the Republic of Korea at the end of a deciding and nerve-racking strokes session. The final of this championship opposed the same two teams as in the deciding match in Poland. To reach the final, the Republic of Korea and Germany went through the hockey equivalent of a military assault course: they had to face every other team present in Warendorf in a mini-championship. After this preliminary round, Korea had won five matches and drawn once (against Germany) while Germany had bagged four victories and had drawn twice (against the republic of Korea and Russia).

Eight minutes into the final, Korea's Jong-Hyun Hwang, a spectacular player-and the best scorer of the tournament with 13 goals-, scored the opener. But the German team, led by international Tobias Hentschel and featuring a host of international junior players made the best of a penalty corner and then of a stroke to first equalise and then lead 2-1 at halftime. Then, in the first 13 minutes of the second half, the spectacular Korean team, whose sharpness and speedy counterattacks tantalised the large audience, produced a genuine virtuoso performance to score four against their young rivals. Two came from spectacular Min-Sik Kim, one from Jung-Woo and the last one from unstoppable Jong-Hyun Kwa. The final score was 5-2. No contest. This is all quite logical in view of the fact that Korea scored 40 goals in seven matches, drew only once and included six class-A international players whom we have seen again on the Sydney fields-with four of those regularly selected for, and among the best in, the national team.

One final word to pay tribute to the Russia team, with its 16 class-A international players (among whom striker Serguei Chakhvorostov, second best scorer in the tournament with nine goals), who clinched bronze against France. One thing is clear: the technical quality of some of the matches, the standard set by the top three teams-with a very special word for the Republic of Korea-and the flawless organisation of this championship all plead in favour of hockey remaining a world sport in CISM.

**PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (7)** : South Africa, Germany, Republic of Korea, France, the Netherlands, Poland, Russia

**OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE** : Navy Commander Nam-Hong KIM (Rep. Korea)

**PTC PRESIDENT** : Lt-Colonel Alex von LEDEBUR (Germany)

194 participants, 126 athletes



### Results

#### Preliminary round :

Rep. Korea - France :	2 - 0	Russia - South Africa :	9 - 0
Germany - South Africa :	10 - 1	Rep. Korea - Poland :	6 - 2
Poland - the Netherlands :	6 - 0	Germany - the Netherlands :	6 - 1
Germany - Russia :	1 - 1	Poland - South Africa :	13 - 0
France - the Netherlands :	3 - 1	France - Russia :	4 - 4
Rep. Korea - South Africa :	13 - 0	Rep. Korea - the Netherlands :	7 - 1
Russia - Poland :	4 - 0		
Rep. Korea - Germany :	2 - 2	<b>Final</b> : Rep. Korea - Germany :	5 - 2
France - South Africa :	7 - 0	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> place</b> : Russia - France :	5 - 2
Russia - the Netherlands :	5 - 2		
Germany - Poland :	2 - 0	<b>Final Classification</b> :	
Rep. Korea - Russia :	5 - 2	1. Rep. Korea	5. Poland
France - Poland :	3 - 2	2. Germany	6. the Netherlands
the Netherlands - South Africa :	2 - 0	3. Russia	7. South Africa
Germany - France :	4 - 0	4. France	

# horsemanship

## 12<sup>th</sup> World Military Horse Riding Championship

29 May-5 June 2000

Rome, Italy



### Maxim Kryma by a Neck

The magnificent amenities in Tor di Quinto were home to the 12th World Military Horsemanship Championship. A place that our best cavaliers know like the back of their horse's hooves. Indeed, they already provided the setting for the 1994 World Championship, as well as for the horse riding events of the Military World Games that, if memory serves, took place in the Italian capital the following year. Eight nations took the trip, amongst which Jordan-represented in princely fashion-with Princess Haya Al Hussein, already present in Rome in 1994, who took part in the opening ceremony before retiring with a heavy heart due to her horse's poor condition.

After the first two runs of this Grand Prix, two riders were head to head with flawless performances: local cavalier Stefano Nogara and Maxim Kryma of Belarus. The first upset was the absence from the play-offs of Vincenzo Chimirri, certainly the most renowned international competitor-who was rather unlucky during his performance. But let us jump into the action of the play-offs. Both candidates for gold produced textbook performances again and the clock had to decide between them, which it did in favour of Belarus' Maxim Kryman, the new Military World Champion, for two miserable hundredths of a second.

This title he confirmed in the Grand Prix of Nations with another two perfect performances. Unfortunately, it was not enough to save his team from finishing last. Contrary to the Italians who produced a very impressive team performance, besting Chilean riders who decidedly seemed to enjoy their... French mounts-rented in order to cut transport costs and reduce strictly enforced veterinary inspection and quarantine procedures for horses imported in Europe from other continents.



**PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (7)** : Belarus, Belgium, Chile, Italy, Kuwait, Morocco, the Netherlands

**OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE** : Colonel Mohamed Al Khateeb (Kuwait)

**PTC PRESIDENT** : Brigadier General Carlos Della (Argentina)

76 participants, 24 athletes



### Results

Grand Prix : 1. M. Kryma (BLR) on Taler Opt, 32.66, 2. S. Nogara (ITA) on Cruzing's Harmony (ITA) Opt. 32.70, 3. E. Frana (ITA) on Dohitzun Guernica 0.75pt

Nations Grand Prix : 1. Italy (Frana, Guarducci, Nogara, Chimirri) : 0pt, 2. Chile (Anguita, Iturraga, Witto, Rikli) 4pts, 3. Morocco (Jabri, Ghiwani, Choukraoui, Bzouj) 12pts.

# modern pentathlon

## 32<sup>nd</sup> World Military Modern Pentathlon Championship

23-29 May 2000

Aarau, Switzerland

### Akos Kallai, Hungarian on Duty

A very busy late-Spring agenda forced some of our top notch Pentathletes to opt out of the military world championship and focus their attention on World Cup events and the civilian world championship-held in Pesaro mid-June and decisive in allocating the last few tickets to the Sydney Olympics. Our world championship was nevertheless attended by 15 countries and was of an excellent standard indeed.

The Swiss town of Aarau crowned a Hungarian school with a very deeply rooted tradition: Akos Kallai won the military world title by resisting Chad Senior's stentorian comeback during the cross-country run. Kallai more than made up for the absence of team leader Balogh, who chose to focus his attention on Pesaro and the civilian world championship-in which he finished second. He also compensated for the breathlessness of Seoul Olympic Champion Janos Martinek, who finished 30th overall. Praise is also in order for young Swiss Nik Bruenisholz (22), who clinched bronze, thereby confirming that it was not merely by chance that he won several gold medals in junior world championships and finished tenth in a recent World Cup event.

As for the team competition, a very homogeneous Latvian team won the title, while the Czech pack, though handicapped by the absence of outgoing Military World Champion Libor Capalini, proved how solid their national school is by securing gold in the relay. With its second place, the US team confirmed its results in Warsaw (1999).

For Austria's Colonel Helmut Grüber, former President of the Permanent Technical Committee for modern pentathlon, this competition held in Aarau was the last World Military Modern Pentathlon Championship. After many years as President of the PTC, Colonel Grüber is retiring, and the least we can write is that CISM can be grateful to him for the excellent work he has done over the years.



### Results

#### Individual :

1. Akos Kallai (HUN) : 5434 pts, 2. Chad Senior (USA) : 5400 pts, 3. Nik Bruenisholz (SUI) : 5373 pts.

#### Team :

1. Latvia (D. Cherkovski, V. Duranov, G. Vollframs) : 15646 pts, 2. France (A. Chardonneux, C. Via, C.Sappa) : 15402 pts, 3. Russia (M. Bordorev, A. Lebenets, A. Essipenko) : 15204 pts.

#### Relay :

1. Czech Republic (T. Janko, M. Sedlecky, O. Krivsky) : 5140 pts, 2. United States (J. Gregory, D. Bourma, C.Senior) : 5135 pts, 3. Italy (M. Di Berardino, A. Valentini, A. Giommoni) : 5081 pts.



**PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (15) :** Germany, Belarus, Brazil, United States, France, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, Czech Republic

**OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE :** Brigadier General Isidore POPOWYCH (Canada)

**PTC PRESIDENT :** Colonel Helmut GRUBER (Austria)

98 participants, 55 athletes

12-16 June 2000

Sabaudia, Italy

# triathlon

## 7<sup>th</sup> World Military Triathlon Championship

### Promising Young Talents

The best military triathlon specialists met in June in Sabaudia, along the Tyrrhenian Sea, a few dozen kilometres south of Rome. For the record, Sabaudia already hosted the naval pentathlon during the First Military World Games in 1995. Sixteen teams met on the Italian beach to embark upon this world triathlon. In their wisdom, the organisers had decided that the event would start around 9 am. Indeed, the temperature was so high that it tested the athletes even before they got going. What would have happened if the triathletes had had to run under the blazing afternoon sun does not bare thinking about.

With the new rules that allow pack racing and relaying during the cycling event, the running leg has become decisive in most races. The tactics of triathlon are made simpler for the best runners: stay with the first group in the swimming leg, find a comfy spot in the leading pack and stay there throughout the cycling part and produce one's final effort during the running leg.

And this new rule was applied again during this 7<sup>th</sup> World Military Triathlon Championship as the winners, a promising young athlete named D. Unger and a more famous B. Kossier, both from Germany, took advantage of the final leg in this triathlon to outdistance the opposition. This world championship was of a very high standard indeed and crowned a new wave of young triathletes. Many of those who illustrated themselves should be in Athens for the next Olympics, and they will come close to the podiums. The quality of CISM championships seems to be ensured for the next several years. In addition to the usual health displayed by the German and French triathlon schools, the Italian women's team, with three high level triathletes, is definitely in for more satisfactions in the future.



### Results

#### Men

Individual : 1. D. Unger (GER), 2. S. Dodel (FRA), 3. M. Petzold (GER)  
 Team : 1. France (S. Dodel, A. Flochay, S. Poulati), 2. Germany (D. Unger, M. Petzold, C. Werner),  
 3. Austria (N. Dominik, A. Kofler, B. Hiebl)

#### Women

Individual : 1. B. Kossier (GER), 2. S. Ricco (ITA), 3. H. Willix (SWE)  
 Team : 1. Italy (S. Ricco, C. Giribon, A. Cappellini), 2. France (Ce. Louet, Car. Louet, C. Aigle),  
 3. United States (H. Grimm, H. McKenna, A. Baribeau)  
 Mixed Teams : 1. Germany, 2. France, 3. Italy



**PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (16)** : Germany (\*), Austria, Belgium (\*), Canada (\*), Croatia, Estonia, United States (\*), France (\*), Italy (\*), Luxembourg, the Netherlands (\*), Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden(\*)  
 (\*) female participation

**OBSERVING COUNTRY (1)** : Tunisia

**OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE** : Colonel André Therry (Belgium)

**PTC PRESIDENT** : Lieutenant-Colonel Michel Saint-Bonnet (France)

178 participants, 106 athletes : 76 men, 30 women

16-23 June 2000

Viterbo, Italy



# fencing

## 37<sup>th</sup> World Military Fencing Championship

### Italy, Fencing Queen

Despite the absence of a few of the discipline's flagship nations (Russia, China, Republic of Korea), fifteen delegations did take the trip to Italy in order to take part in the last major international rendezvous scheduled just two months before the beginning of the Olympic Games. A final rehearsal for some of the fencers who would later be found on the top steps of the Australian podiums.

When a delegation organises a world championship, it rarely intends to produce the sport equivalent of a walk-on performance. This is true in all major international sport events and was demonstrated again here. Not that it was much of a surprise to anyone, as Italy, the organisers of this 37th World Military Fencing Championship held in Viterbo, has for decades been a beacon nation in this discipline, whether in civilian or military competitions.

Five individual titles (three in the men's and two in the women's) plus two monopoly podiums in the foil and two doubles in the sword, three team titles out of five and the cherry on the cake—the men's and women's Cups of Nations. Were these world military championships or were they really Italian championships? Fortunately, both the Swiss men and the Belarus women eventually had the good taste of prevailing in the sword team tournament!

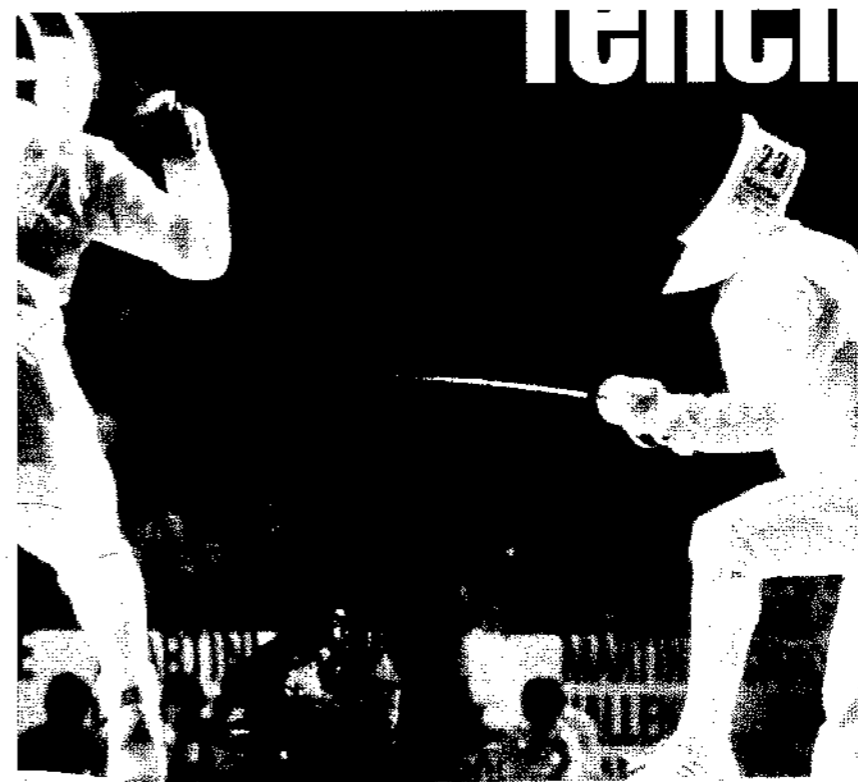
What else is there to report? Well, not much, other than the fact that, in what was really a virtual Italian women's foil championship, G. Trillini for once prevailed over F. Bortolozzi, and more importantly she bested V. Vezzali, inaccessible last year, whether in the World Cup or major championships, including the Military World Games. In fact, the only unknown about that category in CISM events is the order in which this incredible threesome will mount the podium. For the rest, their opponents know to remove their helmets even before the confrontation starts. Well, not quite literally, but still, the Italian Dream Team is even more fearsome on the assault ground than in the bookmakers' forecasts.

**PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (15):** Germany (\*), Belarus (\*), Belgium (\*), Brazil, Spain, United States (\*), France (\*), Hungary (\*), Italy (\*), Norway, the Netherlands (\*), Poland (\*), Portugal, Sweden(\*), Switzerland. (\*female participation)

**Official Representative:** Lieutenant-Colonel Maarten Konter (NED)

**PTC President:** Colonel Jose Maria Paulo Santos (POR)

149 participants, 93 athletes: 59 men, 34 women



### Results

#### Men

- Foil indiv.: 1. G. Pierucci (ITA), 2. L. Mammì (ITA), 3. S. Sanzo (ITA)  
 Team: 1. Italy (G. Pierucci, L. Mammì, S. Sanzo), 2. The Netherlands (A. Oostveen, V. Thomas, M. Venderklip), 3. United States (F. Olivares, C. Jones, L. Chiles)
- Sword indiv.: 1. D. Confalonieri (ITA), 2. S. Resegotti (ITA), 3. B. Hofmann (SUI)  
 Team: 1. Switzerland (B. Hofmann, D. Saladin, M. Friedli), 2. Italy (D. Confalonieri, S. Resegotti, S. Viola), 3. France (L. Michel, C. Noël, P. Picot)
- Saber indiv.: 1. A. Cavaliere (ITA), 2. I. Fillimonau (BLR), 3. G. Sirovich (ITA)  
 Team: 1. Italy (A. Cavaliere, G. Sirovich, C. Fornario), 2. France (G. Moreno, D. Baudelot, G. Galvez), 3. Belgium (N. Denis, D. Houben, D. Houlotte)
- Nations Cup: 1. Italy, 2. United States, 3. France

#### Women

- Foil indiv.: 1. G. Trillini (ITA), 2. F. Bortolozzi (ITA), 3. V. Vezzali (ITA)  
 Team: 1. Italy (G. Trillini, F. Bortolozzi, V. Vezzali), 2. Germany (B. Becker, A. Mueller, E. Weber), 3. Belarus (V. Silcharka, N. Knavchenko, N. Grib)
- Sword indiv.: 1. M. Zalaffi (ITA), 2. E. Uga (ITA), 3. M. Stroka (POL)  
 Team: 1. Belarus (I. Romanovich, N. Hrinaran, A. Sankova), 2. Italy (M. Zalaffi, E. Uga, V. Rossi), 3. the Netherlands (S. Tol, P. Osinga, K. Johannesma)
- Nations Cup: 1. Italy, 2. Belarus, 3. Germany

17-28 July 2000

Ankara, Turkey

# shooting

## 37<sup>th</sup> World Military Shooting Championship

### Dubis & Kil: A Winning Pair

It was a dress rehearsal with a view to the Olympics for our best military marksmen in the Turkish capital, Ankara. Needless to repeat that many of them are among the best in both the military and civilian worlds. The elite of military shooters found ideal conditions to make a show of their skills in the splendid Ankara facilities: a heavenly environment and shooting ranges that are considered the nicest in Europe, in terms of both the surroundings and technical conditions.

As far as the overall results are concerned, the US and Norway were the flagship nations in the men's with three titles each-all in the rifle competition for the US and one in the rifle and two in the pistol events for Norway-while the Russian women prevailed skilfully and won four of the eight titles that were up for grabs in the pistol and rifle competitions. On a more individual note, and in addition to Austria's Giovanni Bossi who equalled the CISM record-quite a feat of arms-, two athletes made themselves rather conspicuous: Glenn Dubis of the US and Turkey's A. Kil.

Let us start this account with Glenn Dubis' remarkable achievement. At 42, he managed to double in both the standard rifle and rapid-fire events, while placing the US team in an ideal position to bag the standard rifle gold. Remarkably, since 1982-the year he first appeared on a CISM podium-he has accumulated ten individual and eighteen world military team titles to his name, thereby becoming by far the greatest shooter in the history of CISM, a marksman who moreover took part in his fourth Olympic Games in Sydney.

In addition to excellence in the organisation of this 37th World Military Shooting Championship, the main source of pride and satisfaction for the Turkish organisers was their most unexpected double in the pistol event with local markswoman A. Kil. In a sport where experience of major competitions is almost an essential requirement, the young Turk proved best able to control her nerves in the two play-offs she had to go through on the way to gold. In the centre-fire pistol, the face-off was with Russia's Logvinenko-owner of a silver and a bronze medal bagged in Atlanta-but A. Kil still won it hands down. In the rapid-fire event, she did exactly likewise in another play-off session and won by a very substantial margin, which serves to prove that as far as nerves and control are concerned, she takes lessons from no one and could indeed give a few to the top military marksmanship community.



**PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (35)** : Albania, Germany (\*), Saudi Arabia, Austria, Belgium (\*), Bulgaria (\*), Canada (\*), Chine (\*), Croatia, Denmark (\*), Spain (\*), Estonia (\*), United States (\*), Finland (\*), France (\*), Georgia (\*), Hungary, Jordan, Kuwait, Latvia (\*), Luxembourg, Norway (\*), Oman, the Netherlands, Portugal (\*), Qatar, Russia (\*), Slovenia, Sweden (\*), Switzerland, Czech Republic, Tunisia (\*), Turkey (\*), Ukraine (\*), Vietnam (\*). (\*female participation)

**OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE** : Colonel Bernard Hurst (Switzerland)

**PTC PRESIDENT** : Lt-Colonel Börje JOHANSON (Sweden)

522 participants, 366 athletes : 270 men, 96 women



### Results

#### Men

- 300m rapid fire : 1.G. Dubis (USA) : 574, 2. T. Bassham (USA) : 569, 3. T. Larsen (NOR) : 569  
 Team : 1. Norway (V. Berg, O. Sirevaag, T. Larsen, G. Rolland) : 2251, 2. United States (G. Dubis, T. Bassham, E. Uptagrafft, S. Goff), 3. Switzerland (D. Burger, E. Chollet-Durand, M. Burge, H. Schmied) : 2244
- 300m stand rifle : 1. G. Dubis (USA) : 583, 2. E. Uptagrafft (USA) : 580, 3. D. Burger (SUI) : 580  
 Team : 1. United States (G. Dubis, T. Bassham, E. Uptagrafft, R. Harbison) : 2299, 2. Switzerland (M. Burge, J. Luginbuehl, E. Chollet-Durand, D. Burger) : 2288, 3. Finland (K. Pennanen, J. Salonen, K. Karvinen, K. Tulonen) : 2284.
- 25m raifirepist : 1. P. Bratli (NOR) : 585 (143), 2. C. Trompeter (USA) : 585 (141), 3. K. Pavlis (AUT) : 584  
 Team : 1. Norway (P. Bratli, E. Bekkevold, P. Hembre, J. Myrhavé) : 2326, 2. Austria (K. Pavlis, K. Artner, G. Bossi, H. Kueltringer) : 2324, 3. Russia (M. Nestrouev, A. Gourianov, N. Repitchev, A. Philippov) : 2324
- 25m centfirepist : 1. G. Bossi (AUT) : 589 (CISM rec equaled), 2. P. Hembre (NOR) : 588, 3. Bekkevold (NOR) : 587  
 Team : 1. Russia (S. Poliakov, M. Nestrouev, A. Gourianov, N. Repitchev) : 2327, 2. Norway (P. Hembre, E. Bekkevold, P. Bratli, J. Myrhavé) : 2326, 3. Austria (K. Pavlis, K. Artner, G. Bossi, H. Kueltringer) : 2303

#### Women

- 50m sportrifle : 1. L. Galkina (RUS) : 582, 2. T. Goldobina (RUS) : 571, 3. H. Liu (CHN) : 567  
 Team : 1. Russia (T. Goldobina, L. Galkina, I. Gerasimenko) : 1728, 2. Germany (R. Schulz, T. Schmitt, D. Beilharz) : 1703, 3. China (Y. Xu, K. Tong, H. Liu) : 1695
- 50m ritleprone : 1. H. Liu (CHN) : 590, 2. S. Bolkova (UKR) : 588, 3. Y. Xu (CHN) : 587  
 Team : 1. Estonia (A. Oberg, L. Erm, A. Vorona) : 1721, 2. China (K. Tong, Y. Xu, H. Liu) : 1720, 3. Ukraine (S. Bolkova, N. Melianenko, O. Spodoba) : 1710
- 25m raifirepist : 1. A. Kil (TUR) : 580 (145), 2. K. Einsoo (EST) : 578 (139), 3. J. Teng (CHN) : 578 (134)  
 Equipes : 1. Russia (M. Logvinenko, T. Dolgatcheva, G. Beliaeva) : 1736, 2. China (N. Zhang, H. Cao, J. Teng) : 1698, 3. Estonia (K. Heinsoo, A. Krusta, I. Rose) : 1691.
- 25m centfirepist : 1. A. Kil (TUR) : 580 (149), 2. M. Logvinenko (RUS) : 580 (144), 3. G. Beliaeva (RUS) : 579  
 Team : 1. Russia (G. Beliaeva, T. Dolgatcheva, M. Logvinenko) : 1731, 2. China (N. Zhang, H. Cao, J. Teng) : 1696, 3. Estonia (A. Krusta, K. Heinsoo, I. Rose) : 1695
- Nations Cup : 1. Norway
- Best CISM rifle shooter : G. Dubis (USA)      Best CISM women rifle shooter : T. Goldobina (RUS)  
 Vest CISM pistol shooter : G. Bossi (AUT)      Best CISM women pistol shooter : A. Kil (TUR)



# military pentathlon

## 48<sup>th</sup> World Military Pentathlon Championship

### Chinese Raid

In all his years as President of the Permanent Technical Committee, Brigadier General Johann Pucher-whose longstanding experience is a reference that gives quite a lot of weight to his opinion in the matter-has never seen a World Military Pentathlon Championship organised more efficiently than this 48th edition, maybe the best in CISM's entire history. Success was especially important because the Danish media were covering the event extensively: ten minutes every day on the regional channel and three five-minute reports on national television. Add the presence of Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark at the medal ceremony and you have an accurate impression of the magnitude of the event.

The athletes contributed to success too: they produced five new world records. It must also be said that this world championship was essentially a Chinese event, except in the obstacle course. One, two, three Chinese on the men's podium and one, two, three Chinese on the women's podium, and of course China on the highest steps of both team podiums.

The victory of a newcomer, W Liu, proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that the breeding ground for young Chinese talents is not about to dry out just yet. It is also clear from the results that emulation is extraordinary in this country: the three Chinese (Liu, Li and He) are very close to each other-the bronze medallist finishing only 24.5 points behind the winner. One last word on the men's competition to salute the Scandinavian rebirth: Denmark finished second in the team rankings while Norway won the relay. For the record, Austria's K. Koidel broke the world record in the 50 meters with obstacles (2'38).

In the women's military pentathlon, Lei Xu, the inevitable Chinese, was simply inaccessible all along and beat the overall world record in the process. Five-times world champion Yangling Wang seems to have been overcome by the new wave, but she will find solace in a new event world record, individual bronze and the team title. Silver medallist L. Yin broke the cross-country world record while the fourth Chinese lady, L. Tian, broke the obstacle race world record. As for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, in a rather conquering mood during the Military World Games in Zagreb, it can hardly be satisfied with its only title obtained in the relay, Sweden finishing a surprising second.



**PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (31)** : South Africa, Germany, Austria, Belarus, Belgium (\*), Brazil, Chile, China (\*), Dem. People's Rep of Korea (\*), Croatia, Denmark (\*), Spain (\*), Finland (\*), Italy, Latvia (\*), Lebanon, Lithuania, Norway (\*), Uzbekistan, the Netherlands (\*), Portugal, Romania (\*), Russia (\*), Slovenia, Sweden (\*), Switzerland (\*), Syria, Czech Republic (\*), Turkey (\*), Ukraine, Venezuela (\*).  
 (\*)female participation

**OBSERVING COUNTRY (1)**: United Arab Emirates

**CISM OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE** : Colonel Lesego A. Motlathledi (Botswana)

**PTC PRESIDENT** : Brigadier General Johann Pucher (Austria)

340 participants, 209 athletes : 167 men, 42 women



### Results

#### Men

Shooting : 1. A. Dimtchkov (RUS) : 199, 2. W Liu (CHN) : 198, 3. T. Flarup (DEN) : 198  
 Obstacles : 1. G. Kaiser (AUT) : 2.13.2, 2. J. Hamada (SYR) : 2.14.3, 3. C. Silva (BRA) : 2.15.8  
 Swimming : 1. K. Koidel (AUT) : 23'8 (WR), 2. W. Lu (CHN) : 25'6, 3. A. Kountsevitch (ELR) : 27'7  
 Grenades : 1. X. Guo (CHN) : 1126pts, 2. A. Bondesson (SWE) : 1118.8pts, 3. T. Lentsch (AUT) : 1116pts  
 Cross country : 1. Y. Kibirev (UZB) : 25.11'7, 2. J. Hamada (SYR) : 25.45'3, 3. C. Silva (BRA) : 25.53'6  
 Final class : 1. W. Liu (CHN) : 5526.4pts, 2. Z. Li (CHN) : 5513.1pts, 3. M. Zhao (CHN) : 5500.9pts  
 Team : 1. China (W. Liu, Z. Li, M. Zhao, S. He) : 22.008,5pts, 2. Denmark (A. Nielsen, T. Flarup, L. Hansen, B. Daasbjerg) : 21.601,5pts, 3. Brazil (R. Bandeira, C. Silva, V. Junqueira, G. Bandeira) : 21456,1pts  
 Relay : 1. Norway (E. Jos, T. Hammer, O. Sylta, T. Vognild), 2. Brazil (G. Bandeira, V. Junqueira, J. Santana, C. Silva), 3. Turkey (B. Demir Belek, R. Oeder, H.A. Sappci, Y. Tas)

#### Women

Shooting : 1. L. Freuler (SUI) : 197pts, 2. Y. Wang (CHN) : 196pts, 3. G. Berntsen (NOR) : 195pts  
 Obstacles : 1. L. Tian (CHN) : 2.13.9 (WR), 2. L. Xu (CHN) : 2.15, 3. L. Yin (CHN) : 2.15.4  
 Swimming : 1. Y. Wang (CHN) : 27'6 (WR), 2. G. Berntsen (NOR) : 29'3, 3. M. Loudemeche (BEL) : 29'7  
 Grenades : 1. H. Pak (PRK) : 1060,6pts, 2. L. Xu (CHN) : 1048,8pts, 3. P. Ok (PRK) : 1041,6pts  
 Cross Country : 1. L. Yin (CHN) : 13.267 (WR), 2. L. Xu (CHN) : 13.478, 3. L. Tian (CHN) : 14.167  
 Final Class : 1. L. Xu (CHN) : 5526pts (WR), 2. L. Yin (CHN) : 5477,9pts, 3. Y. Wang (CHN) : 5432,5pts  
 Team : 1. China (L. Xu, L. Yin, Y. Wang) : 16.437,2pts (WR), 2. Democratic People's Republic of Korea (M. Sun, H. Gyong, P. Ok) : 15902,4pts, 3. Denmark (A. Flarup, J. Jurtesen, J. Sorensen) : 15730,5pts  
 Relay : 1. D.P.R. Korea (H. Gyong, B. Ok, H. Pak) : 1.57.86, 2. Sweden (Cedervind, A.M.Toader, C. Toader) : 2.00'52, 3. China (L. Tian, L. Xu, L. Yin) : 2.01'77 (WR) World Record

11-20 August 2000

Holstebro, Denmark

# aeronautical pentathlon

## 44<sup>th</sup> World Military Aeronautical Pentathlon Championship

11-19 July 2000

Tikkakoski, Finland



### Sweden with... Flying Colours

Our elite aeronautical pentathlon specialists had concluded the latest edition of the world championship held in Zaragoza, Spain, on a resolutely Iberian touch as Spain flew high and above the opposition in the home sky. Before the Jyvaskyla event attended by 10 delegations, we predicted a strong and inevitable Scandinavian reaction to this Spanish warning shot. In our initial forecasts, we thought that Finland would set the pace of events. We were not that far from the truth as Finland was nearly equal to the challenge and bagged team and individual silver-Viitala's medal could have been of an even brighter metal, were it not for the usually unshakeable Finn's very poor performance at the shooting range. This result is all the more commendable if you allow for the fact that V. Rosenlund won the flying contest, this slightly weird, marginal-and truth be said, rather trivial-event flown exclusively in Hawks piloted by Finnish jockeys. Quite an honorary win given the circumstances and the fact that a number of countries such as Belgium and France did not authorise their athletes to enter this event because of insurance concerns.

But let us go back to the aeronautical pentathlon itself and to a Swedish triumph that does not come as that much of a surprise even though it was not really in the books. Indeed, the Swedish team was the only credible force on Spain's path to a clean sweep last year. With Peter Carlsson, winner in 1998, Sweden has an athlete who is experienced and has the kind of charisma it takes to push his teammates along. Sweden's Carlsson and Isaksson were already ahead of the opposition in the individual and team rankings after the first event (shooting), a place that Carlsson and the Swedish team never left until the end of the pentathlon, despite Viitala's valiant efforts after a very unfortunate display at the shooting range. He prevailed in the swimming event and in the obstacle course and did very well in the orienteering race. The Finn knew full well that even in the pentathlon, slow and easy wins the race! This is how he remained a good distance behind the eventual winner, Peter Carlsson, but found solace in the silver medal he eventually snatched from under Isaksson's nose. As for the Spaniards, even though their performance was pale compared to their astounding results last year, they found consolation in the team bronze.



**PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (10)** : Belgium, Brazil, Spain, Finland (\*), France, the Netherlands, Norway, Czech Republic, Turkey, Sweden. (\*female participation)

**OBSERVING COUNTRIES (1)** : Germany

**CISM OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE** : Lieutenant-Colonel Michel Saint-Bonnet (France)

**PTC PRESIDENT (ad interim)** : Lt-Col Jaroslav Sevcik (Czech Rep.)

100 participants, 54 athletes : 53 men, 1 woman



### Results

Shooting :	1. P. Carlsson (SWE) 1195pts, 2. N. Isaksson (SWE) 1090pts, 3. V. Rosenlund (Fin) 1075pts
Swimming :	1. M. Viitala (FIN) 998pts, 2. P. Matero (FIN) 986pts, 3. L. Arnalco (BRA) 946pts
Fencing :	1. S. Torres (ESP) 1062pts, 2. P. Carlsson (SWE) 1000pts, 3. A. Hubert (BEL) 969pts
Basketball :	1. C. Ozer (TUR) 1326pts, 2. J. Carlos Leite (BRA) 1240pts, 3. S. Onal (TUR) 1040pts
Obstacle :	1. M. Viitala (FIN) 518pts, 2. K. Ovland (NOR) 504pts, 3. M. Puertas (ESP) 500pts
Orienteering :	1. N. Isaaksson (SWE) 563pts, 2. M. Viitala (FIN) 560pts, 3. M. Larsson (SWE) 495pts
Final Class. :	1. P. Carlsson (SWE) 4730pts, 2. M. Viitala (FIN) 4485pts, 3. N. Isaaksson (SWE) 4460pts
Team :	1. Sweden (P. Carlsson, N. Isaksson, M. Larsson) 13066,5pts, 2. Finland (M. Viitala, P. Matero, V. Rosenlund) 12852pts, 3. Spain (R. Cuenca, S. Torres, M. Puertas) 12557pts
Fly contest :	1. Rosenlund (FIN) 3675pts, 2. Christiaans (NED) 3045pts, 3. Kritek (Rép. Tchèque) 2270pts

18-28 August 2000

Lucenec, Slovakia



# parachuting

## 28<sup>th</sup> World Military Parachuting Championship

### Valois and Bar Storm Overall Rankings

First, we have to recognise and pay tribute to the Slovak delegation's huge efforts as the organisers of the 28th World Military Parachuting Championship held in Lucenec, a town very near the Hungarian border. As for the 38 member countries and 387 athletes who took part in this championship, they once again performed to a very high standard.

Ever since 1996 and her victory in the style event, Germany's Denise Bar has become one of the top references in women's military parachuting. She was also to be found on the third step of the overall individual podiums of the two world championships in which she has taken part so far. In Slovakia, she was crowned queen of the discipline with overall individual gold. Russia's Klenina won the style event-as she did in Zagreb-and the Russian women won yet again-the free-fall formation competition and came in first in the overall team rankings. As for the Chinese ladies, they were not satisfied with team gold in the accuracy test: this time, they also won the individual event with X. Qianrong. What was said above about podiums being quite similar compared to Zagreb is especially true of the women's podiums. In fact, they were a near carbon copy.

Almost a repetition of Zagreb it was in the men's too with Philippe Valois bagging overall individual gold. The other Frenchman on duty was Olivier Henaff who won the gold medal in the precision-landing exercise, while Marco Pflüger added a title to his already long list of achievements and medals in the style event, a discipline he is particularly fond of. And since good news always comes in pairs, he paved the way for his, the German team, team to bag the overall team title as well.

As has become customary, the Belgian team was within its depth in the free-fall formation event. Being seen on the highest step of that particular podium is a habit they could learn pretty fast, as they confirmed in Lucenec their first title conquered in Zagreb. As for the Poles, they bagged the team title in this speciality, besting the Italian favourites.

**PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (38)** : South Africa, Algeria, Germany (\*), Austria, Belarus(\*), Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria(\*), Canada (\*), China (\*), Korea Republic (\*), Croatia, Denmark, United Arab Emirates, Spain, United States (\*), Finland, France (\*), Hungary, Italy, Libya, Lithuania (\*), Morocco (\*), Oman, the Netherlands, Poland (\*), Romania, Russia (\*), Slovakia (\*), Slovenia (\*), Sweden, Sri Lanka, Switzerland (\*), Syria, Czech Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine (\*) *(\*)female participation*

**OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE** : Colonel Mohamed Oubelaïd Metref (Algeria)

**PTC PRESIDENT** : Lieutenant-Colonel Jean Dermine (France)

387 participants, 241 athletes : 190 men, 51 women



### Results

#### Men

Style : 1. M. Pflüger (GER): 24,38pts, 2. S. Callahan (USA): 25,54pts, 3. M. Schwarzl (AUT): 25,76pts  
 Freefall form : 1. Belgium: 100pts, 2. Germany: 89pts, 3. Spain 85pts  
 Accuracy : 1. O. Henaff (FRA): 0,01(1Tb A 0,00), 2. M. Marczyk (POL) 0,01(1TbA: 0,02)  
 3. P. Valois (FRA): 0,04  
 Team : 1. Poland: 0,17, 2. Italy: 0,21, 3.Slovenia: 0,24  
 Gen. indiv : 1. P. Valois (FRA): 8pts, 2. M. Pflüger (GER): 13pts, 3. S. Callahan (USA) : 14pts  
 Gen. team : 1. Germany: 11pts, 2. United States: 12pts, 3. France: 13pts

#### Women

Style : 1. S. Klenina (RUS):25,21pts, 2. D. Bar (GER): 26,82pts, 3. M. Kraav (RUS): 27,01pts  
 Freefall form : 1. Russia : 59pts, 2. United States: 46pts, 3. Morocco: 44pts  
 Accuracy : 1. X. Qianrong (CHN): 0,04 (1Tb A 0,00), 2. M. Filipowska (POL): 0,04 pts (1TbA: 0,02)  
 3. E. Rybacka (POL): 0,07  
 Team : 1. China: 0,35 pts, 2. Russia : 0,39 pts, 3. Poland : 0,52 pts  
 Gen. indiv : 1. D. Bar (GER) : 6pts, 2. I. Avoelj (SLO) 10pts (1TbA: 0,00), 3.S. Klenina (RUS) 10pts (1TbA:0,02)  
 Gen. team : 1. Russia 4pts, 2. Belarus: 11pts (1TbA: 0,06), 3. United States: 11pts (1TbA: 0,08)

19-27 August 2000

Berga, Sweden



# sea week

## 39<sup>th</sup> World Military Sea Week Championship

### Gala Last Performance

The Sea Week is now a thing of the past. Forty-six years after its first official representation in Livorno, Italy, the time had come for the last edition under the current set-up, held on the naval base in Berga, Sweden. But of course the naval pentathlon and sailing world championships will continue to be organised in the future and you will have regular occasions to watch our specialists' top-level performances. This will be in separate championships however, organised separately and held in different places. This last performance, held in a country that, over time, has helped this discipline gain respectability and has also written some of its most beautiful pages, had the looks of a gala event. The President of CISM, Colonel Gianni Gola himself was the organisation's official representative. The organisers managed to give the event even higher standing by inviting Carl XVI Gustaf, king of Sweden, a skilled and renown skipper who very much wanted to pay tribute to the many sailors who had made the trip to Sweden from the four corners of the world.

#### Naval Pentathlon : Olander and Stamp Ruiz

On the start line of the women's last event, America's Molly Salness seemed to be sufficiently far ahead of her pursuers-outgoing world champion Bridget Stamp Ruiz and Norway's Cathrine Fauske, a reference in the discipline-to avoid a comeback. Everything seemed to be working out just fine for Moly in the race but her shooting was simply catastrophic-so much so that she had to complete a penalty lap. After this upset, the gold medal could only go to the winner of a superb face-off between Stamp and Fauske. Upon leaving the dinghy-one of her strong points-the Norwegian was some ten meters in front. Unfortunately, an injured foot had been bothering her throughout the summer and she lacked long-distance training. But Stamp did not: she swooped down on the Norwegian in the space of just a few hundred meters and then built a substantial lead that allowed her to tackle her precision-throwing test with enough confidence and security to even increase her lead in the process. And there was the finish line, only 200 meters away, like the promise of a wonderful repetition of last year's title, with team gold as the cherry on the cake.

In the men's, the obstacle race allowed Turkey's Omer Sirin to produce one of the best performances ever in the discipline. In lifesaving, favourite Sami Sorri lost a lot of points to a gross mistake. And this is when Pontus Olander went into world league gear: a utility-swimming world record (57.8 seconds) drawing wild cheers from a crowd that was all on his side to begin with. The next morning was exhibition time for the same Pontus Olander who won the seamanship event hands down, beating the second best athlete by more than nine seconds. After such performances, he was way ahead of the opposition-and especially had a considerable advantage over Sami Sorri-and managed his lead masterfully to win his first title at age 28 and offer his country the team title as well.

Navy Captain Bengt Nylander, who is leaving the Presidency of the Permanent Technical Committee for the Sea Week after 24 years of dedicated service to his sport-first as a world-class athlete and then as a member of the PTC he later went on to chair-is retiring on a very nice note indeed: this really was a gala last performance!

**PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (13)** : South Africa (\*), Germany, Argentina (\*), Croatia, Denmark, United States (\*), Finland, Norway (\*), Pakistan, the Netherlands (\*), Russia (\*), Sweden (\*), Turkey (\*).  
(\*female participation)

**OBSERVING COUNTRIES (6)** : Belarus, Belgium, Canada, Spain, Italy, Ukraine

**OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE** : Colonel Gianni Gola (Italy)

**PTC PRESIDENT** : Navy Captain Bengt Nylander (Sweden) -outgoing-

83 athletes : 57 men, 26 women



### Results

#### Men

Obstacles : 1. O. Sirin (TUR) : 1.48'2, 2. A. Usman (PAK) : 1.50'4, 3. G. Savinel (ARG) : 1.53'8  
 Lifesaving : 1. M. Oldenburg (GER) : 1.00'1, 2. M. van Aggele (NED) : 1.00'1, 3.K. Montford (USA) : 1.01'9  
 Utility Swim : 1. P. Olander (SWE) : 57'8 (WR), 2.S. Sorri (FIN) : 58'9, 3. M. van Aggele (NED) : 1.00.9  
 Seamanship : 1. P. Olander (SWE) : 3.32'0, 2. O. Kaspersen (NOR) : 3.41.6, 3. J. Wassdahl (SWE) : 3.45'4  
 Amphib. Cross : 1. A. Usman (PAK) : 9.57'7, 2. J. Nummilla (FIN) : 9.59'3, 3. J. Wassdahl (SWE) : 10.03'8  
 Indiv. Classif : 1. P. Olander (SWE) : 6126pts, 2. S. Sorri (FIN) : 6084pts, 3. Jonas Wassdahl (SWE) : 6066pts  
 Team : 1. Sweden ( P. Olander, J. Wassdahl, M. Danielson, M. Blomqvist ) : 23970 pts, 2. Germany (M. Maschig, M. Oldenburg, L. Apitz, C. Noetzel) : 23723pts, 3. Finland (S. Sorri, P. Nummilla, K. Heino, M. Erberg) : 23697pts

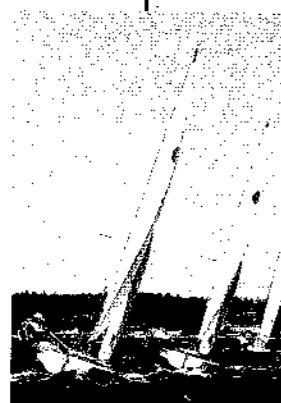
#### Women

Obstacles : 1. M. Böhm (NOR) : 2.02'2, 2. R. Zeegers (NED) : 2.04'5, 3. A. Leguizamón (ARG) : 2.05'6  
 Lifesaving : 1. M. Salness (USA) : 58'7, 2. B. Stamp Ruiz (USA) : 1.00'1, 3. J. Sundberg (SWE) : 1.02'1  
 Utility swim : 1. B. Stamp Ruiz (USA) : 53'8, 2. L. Fodrea (USA), 3. N. Verbitschaja (RUS) : 55'4  
 Seamanship : 1. P. Reutfors (SWE) : 3.55'8, 2. E. Rindeskär (SWE) : 3.57'6, 3. T. Haaland (NOR) : 4.03'1  
 Amphib Cross : 1. N. Verbitschaja (RUS) : 11.03'5, 2. B. Stamp Ruiz (USA) : 11.43'3, 3.M. Böhm (NOR) : 11.43'8  
 Indiv. Classif : 1. B. Stamp Ruiz (USA) : 5861pts, 2. C. Fauske (NOR) : 5835pts, 3. M. Salness (USA) : 5820pts  
 Team : 1. USA (B. Stamp Ruiz, M. Salness) 11861pts, 2. Norway (C. Fauske, M. Böhm) : 11421pts, 3. Russia (N. Verbitschaja, M. Negornaja) 11345pts

# sailing

19-27 August 2000

Berga, Sweden

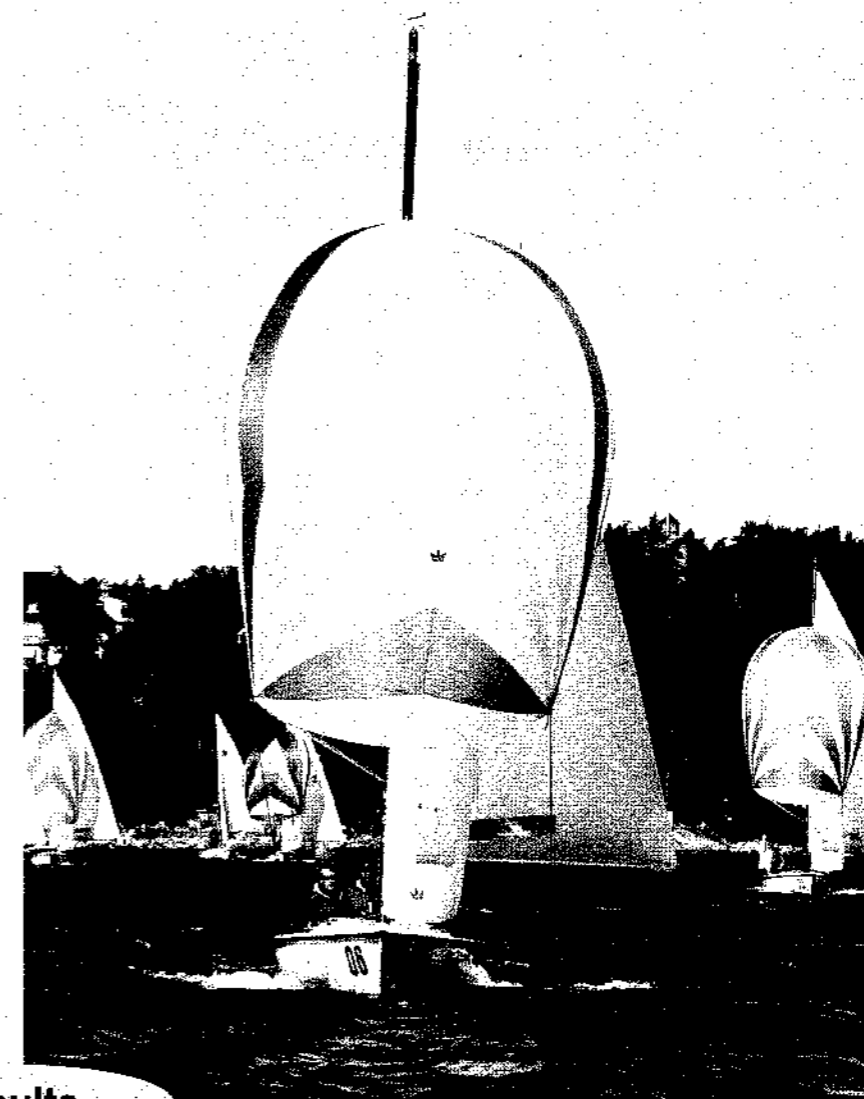


## Ukraine by a Breath

The sea off the coast of Berga naval base was the venue of magnificent naval joists on a stretch of water delimited naturally by the shore and a series of tiny wooded islands that dot the Swedish coast to form natural ramparts against the open sea. The least we can write is that this military championship was packed with action and suspense until the very last regatta: none of the medallists were known until the very end. Ukraine eventually prevailed after a regatta that they watched nervously from one of the organiser's boats. Exempted from this last joist, our Ukrainian sailors spent the event praying Eole and all the gods of the sea that the Italian boat would finish no better than fourth. The problem is that, to the exception of one race which they finished eighth-and that particular performance was eventually struck out from the final count as their poorest result-, the Italians always came first or second. But the gods were not especially keen on favouring Cian, Fornelli and Angeletti on this day. Apparently, they had decided that it was time to test the impartiality of CISM's Italian President. More seriously, in this twelfth and last regatta, the Italians were unlucky enough to be caught between over-reager Belarus and Norwegian teams who had decided that they both wanted gold, and a German boat that was committed to proving to CISM-which they did with style, by the way-that it was worth better than its seventh place, a ranking it mostly found itself in because it was disqualified in one regatta and had to abandon in another.

The final result was definitely disappointing for the losers. Tsvetkov, Korotkov and Azakthanov of the Ukraine won the championship, even though they had the same number of points as Italy in the final count. The Italians will certainly regret the two wins they forfeited in the last meter and will long replay the nightmare of the last regatta, in which they finished fourth behind Germany, Belarus-good enough for bronze-and Norway, fourth overall. As mentioned above, Ukraine and Italy had the same number of points after the last regatta and in order to decide the winner, it was necessary to count the number of regattas won by each team.

The boat selected for this championship was the 606, a regional craft with a heavy keel and not very easy to handle that definitely did not help the usual skippers look their best: the Swedes finished fifteenth out of sixteen teams in a very high quality competition.



## Results

**PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (16)** : South Africa, Germany, Belarus, Belgium (\*), Canada, Denmark, Finland, Italy, Norway, Pakistan, the Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine  
 (\*)female participation

**OBSERVING COUNTRIES (4)**: Argentina, Croatia, Spain, United States

**CISM OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE** : Colonel Gianni Gola (Italy)

**PTC PRESIDENT** : Commodore Diana Hope (Canada)

48 athletes : 47 men, 1 woman

1. Ukraine (Tsvetkov, Korotkov, Azakthano) : 17pts
2. Italy (Cian, Fornelli, Angeletti) : 17pts
3. Belarus (Morozov, Horetski, Grebenox) : 31pts



21-27 August 2000

Evdemoen, Norway

# orienteering

## 33<sup>rd</sup> World Military Orienteering Championship

### Tveite and Rantala: The Scandinavian Revenge

One year after their remarkable performances at the Second Military World Games in Zagreb, the best military orienteering specialists rendezvoused in Camp Evdemoen in Evje, a peaceful small town a few kilometres from Kristianstad.

So, Valentin Novikov was this championship's clear favourite-in the men's. Unfortunately, the Russian was not as fortunate in Evdemoen as he was in Zagreb, where he became the man of the Military World Games. The problem is that he hit a rock on day one and injured his knee. Even without this injury, he would have had to be extremely strong to stand in the way of a Norwegian delegation who, on terrain that was naturally to their advantage, managed to place four of their runners in the top ten of the first race, thus bagging the team title as well. A performance that transcended their leader, Havard Tveite, who started the A final nearly three minutes ahead of the opposition and even managed to keep most of his advantage and snatch the individual title from under the nose of one Valentin Novikov who still finished second and proved that the status of favourite was rightfully his-especially as he led his team to the relay title.

As for Finland's Maria Rantala, she laid the foundation of her success in the first race, a race that mattered for both final rankings, individual and team. Lithuania eventually prevailed in the latter under the leadership of Vilma Rudzenskaite, third in the last edition of the junior civilian world championship. Rantala had enough of a margin to keep Norway's Trude Harstad at bay, even though the latter put up quite a show in the A final-she was fastest in this particular race-and finished second overall.

For Maria Rantala, the relay race was the occasion to bag another title, for which her teammates are deeply indebted to her. Third before the last relay behind Lithuania and Ukraine, she managed to catch up-she was not far behind to start with-and build a substantial lead, despite a slightly sprained ankle suffered during the first race. The Scandinavian orienteering specialists took their revenge over their counterparts from Eastern Europe after Zagreb!



### Results

#### Men :

Individual : 1. H. Tveite (NOR) : 2.16'12, 2. V. Novikov (RUS) : 2.17'42, 3. M. Jedlicka (Czech Rep.) : 2.19'31  
 Team : 1. Norway (T. Havard, H. Omdal, R. Pedersen, V. Solberg) : 3.51'11, 2. Russia (M. Mahleev, V. Novikov, E. Fadeev, V. Alekseev) : 3.54'47, 3. Finland (R. Turtinen, L. Torpo, M. Holso, A. Tolonen) : 4.00'57  
 Relay : 1. Russia 1 (E. Fadeev, M. Mamleev, V. Novikov) : 2.41'53, 2. Norway (R. Pedersen, H. Omdal, H. Tveite) : 2.42'08, 3. Russia 2 (R. Erimov, V. Alekseev, I. Gorbatchenko) : 2.44'01

#### Women :

Individual : 1. M. Rantala (FIN) : 1.34'07, 2. T. Harstad (NOR) : 1.36'32, 3. M. Depta (POL) : 1.38'04  
 Team : 1. Lithuania (V. Rudzenskaite, R. Misiunaite, I. Sargautyte) : 2.19'8, 2. Poland (M. Depta, B. Bacsek, E. Kozlowska) : 2.22'4, 3. Estonia (M. Vahe, E. Madalik, K. Rebane) : 2.26'27  
 Relay : 1. Finland (S. Tarvonen, R. Rantanen, M. Rantala) : 2.21'30, 2. Ukraine (M. Spasiuk, N. Vinnytska, N. Potopalska) : 2.22'28, 3. Russia (N. Pietreva, T. Iaksonava, I. Mikhalko) : 2.22'47



**PARTICIPANTS COUNTRIES (27) :** Germany, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia (\*), Denmark (\*), Spain (\*), Estonia (\*), Finland (\*), France (\*), Ireland (\*), Italy, Latvia (\*), Lebanon, Lithuania (\*), Norway (\*), the Netherlands(\*), Poland (\*), Portugal (\*), Russia (\*), Slovenia (\*), Sweden (\*), Switzerland, Czech Republic, Turkey, Ukraine (\*). (\* female participation)

**OBSERVING COUNTRY (1) :** Guatemala

**OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE :** Colonel Bernard Hurst (Switzerland)

**PTC PRESIDENT :** Brigadier General Yngve Johansson (Sweden) - outgoing

293 participants, 222 athletes : 166 men, 56 women

21-29 October 2000

Seoul, Republic of Korea

# taekwondo

## 12<sup>th</sup> World Military Taekwondo Championship

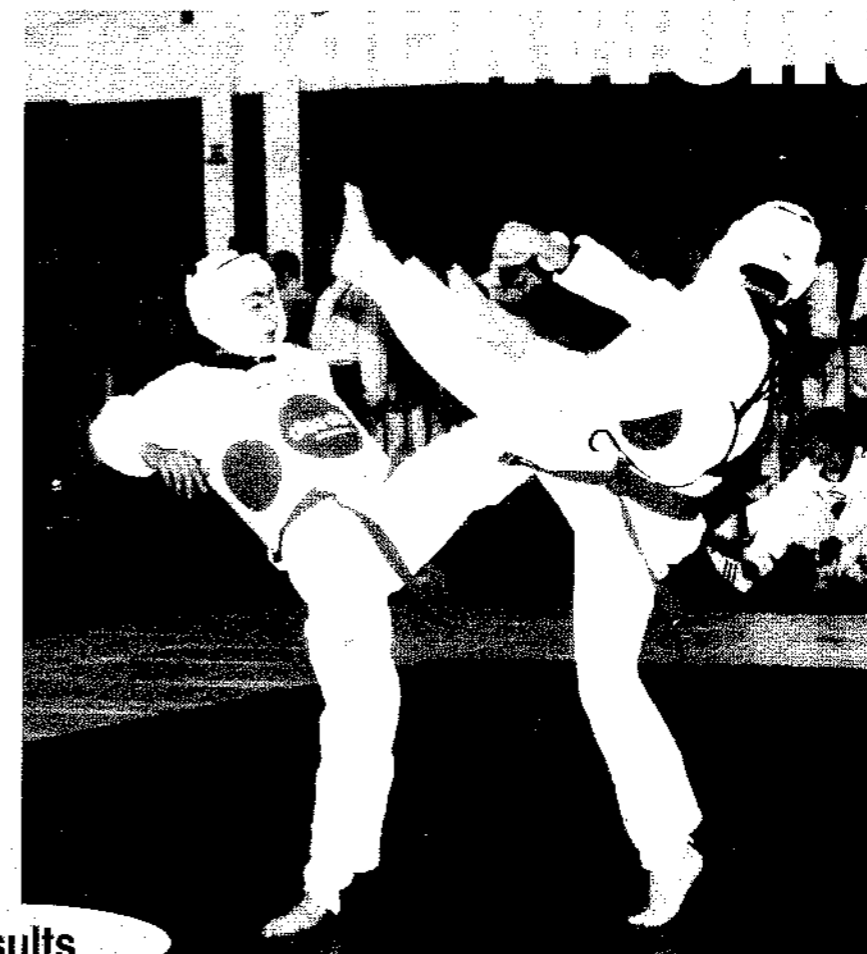
### Pilgrimage

Holding a world military taekwondo championship in Seoul, the Capital of the Republic of Korea, is akin to a pilgrimage for anyone practising this sport, as Korea is the cradle of and invented this sport. For memory, in Sydney, taekwondo was an Olympic discipline for the very first time. Its popularity is growing steadily throughout the world and the Armed Forces seem to be following this new trend. Indeed, 22 nations took the long trip from North America, Africa, the Middle East and all parts of Europe. Had there been a representative of Latin America, there would have been athletes from all the regions of the world in which our organisation is represented by or more of our 122 member nations.

Two Iranians, V. Abdollahi and A. Rajik, and a German, E. Denk, were the Korean's spoilsports on duty. Ever since Taekwondo first appeared in CISM's programme of events, the same fear has always plagued the participants in the men's tournaments: will the Koreans again sweep the medal board clean with a grand slam in all eight individual categories? The reason why we chose to distinguish the Irano-German trio is that each of them produced a genuine feat, as is the case every time a Korean fails to climb on the top step of a podium. Truth be said, with five titles out of the eight that were up for grabs, the local athletes left with the bulk of the boot, again. But the threat from outside Korea is becoming ever more real and is probably due, at least in part, to the internationalisation of sport-as shown in Sydney, where only three of the eight titles went to Korean athletes. Back to our military, to underscore I. Kim and D. Park's double in Zagreb (1999) and Seoul (2000). Park, Kim, predictable, was it not?

When it comes to sport, the ladies are still little represented in the Korean military. But in taekwondo, there is always another Asian nation around the corner. This time it was China, with four titles. And how could we fail to underscore the title won by the representative of Lesotho in the women's competition, Alphonsina Lasa, who clinched her country's very first gold medal in the history of CISM-she had already won a silver medal in Zagreb last year. Italy's Agostinelli and US athletes Evans and Pisarenko triumphed too during this Korean week.

As for Korea's Manyong Choi in the men's and China's Linfang Zhu in the women's, they were elected best athletes of this 12th World Military Taekwondo Championship. See you in the Netherlands in 2001 for the next edition.



### Results

#### Men

Fin: 1. D. Park (KOR), 2. S. Solamov (RUS), 3. R. Naeimi (IRA) and Al Shamran (SAU)  
 Fly: 1. M. Choi (KOR), 2. T. Cui (CHN), 3. A. Yong (PHI) and B. Knodadackjo (IRA)  
 Bantam: 1. E. Denk (GER), 2. N. Qaralleh (JOR), 3. J. Marnakas (GRE) and M. Al Marzouzi (UAE)  
 Feather: 1. I. Kim (KOR), 2. D. Bekkers (NED), 3. O. Gunes (TUR) and D. Bartlandt (USA)  
 Light: 1. V. Abdollahi (IRA), 2. A. Shawa (SYR), 3. C. Nolano (ITA) and P. Sofiatis (GRE)  
 Welters: 1. D. Jung (KOR), 2. M. Mokhosi (LES), 3. F. Aslanikhajeng (IRA) and D. Anwar (QAT)  
 Middle: 1. A. Rajik (IRA), 2. S. Mandy (CAN), 3. D. Ivoino (ITA) and H. Yu (CHN)  
 Heavy: 1. Y. Ahn (KOR), 2. A. Al-Adhami (QAT), 3. T. Al Rafael (UAE) and M. Scheiterbauer (GER)  
 Team: 1. Republic of Korea, 2. Iran  
 Best athlete: Manyong Choi (KOR)

#### Women

Fin: 1. Z. Li (CHN), 2. A. Pangyung (CAN), 3. M. Lemphane (LES)  
 Fly: 1. L. Zhu (CHN), 2. J. Oliverros (CAN), 3. N. Kloske (GER)  
 Bantam: 1. Agostinelli (ITA), 2. E. Aseeva (RUS), 3. R. Heusde (CAN)  
 Feather: 1. E. Evans (USA), 2. A. Popova (LAT), 3. M. Thamae (LES)  
 Light: 1. Y. Pisarenko (USA), 2. L. Zrang (CHN), 3. J. Kim (KOR)  
 Welters: 1. W. Hong (CHN), 2. L. Howell (CAN), 3. A. Gerb (GER)  
 Middle: 1. X. Shao (CHN), 2. M. Drasidou (GRE), 3. I. Bykova (RUS)  
 Heavy: 1. P. Lala (LES), 2. Rui Jing (CHN), 3. S. Janssen (NED)  
 Team: 1. China, 2. United-States  
 Best athlete: Linfang Zhu (CHN)  
 Fair-play: Philippines

**PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (22)**: Germany (\*), Saudi Arabia, Belgium, Canada (\*), China (\*), Cyprus, Republic of Korea (\*), United Arab Emirates, United States(\*), Greece (\*), Iran, Italy (\*), Jordan, Latvia (\*), Lesotho (\*), the Netherlands (\*), Philippines (\*), Qatar, Russia (\*), Sri Lanka, Syria, Vietnam. (\*)female participation

**OBSERVING COUNTRY(1)**: Kenya

**CISM OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE**: Lieutenant-Colonel Leon De Wulf (Belgium)

**PTC PRESIDENT**: Brigadier General Robert Martineau (Canada)

340 participants, 169 officials, 171 athletes: 126 men, 45 women



22-31 October 2000

Camp Lejeune, United States

# wrestling

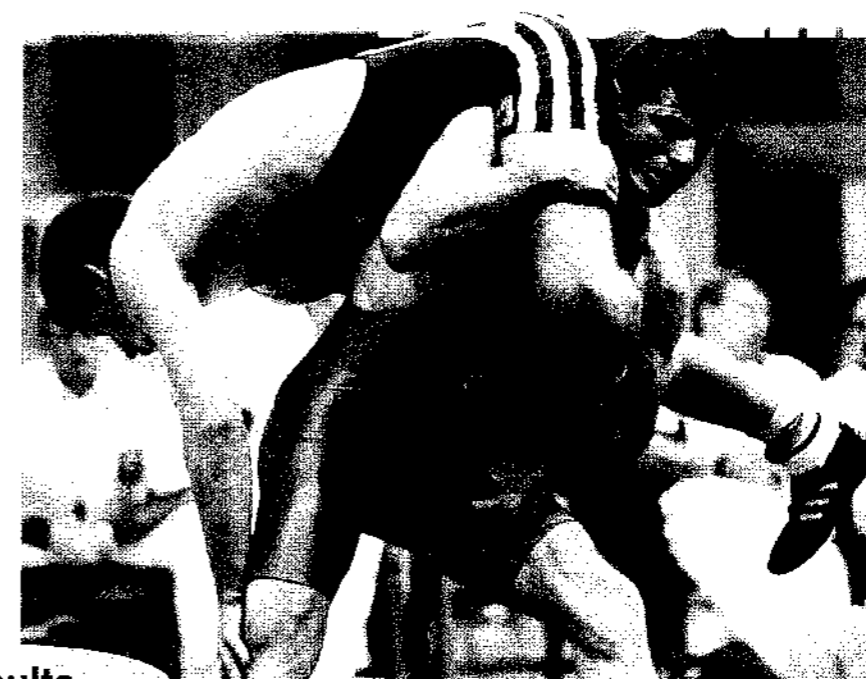
## 19<sup>th</sup> World Military Wrestling Championship

### Strong Turkish Presence

When they applied to host the 19th edition of the World Military Wrestling Championship, we are convinced that the organisers had no indication whatsoever that ten delegations only would take the trip to North Carolina, especially as turnout was very high for the wrestling tournament at the Zagreb Military World Games in 1999—athletes from 27 different countries wrestled at the highest level—and so they had high expectations in terms of both quality and attendance. They more than likely hoped to secure the participation of many Olympic champions and medalists—as our military wrestlers literally raided the podiums in Sydney, again. But reality turned out to be quite different, especially with the last-minute opt-out by Russia, whose wrestlers had won eleven of the eighteen titles that were up for grabs in Zagreb last year and had performed quite well in the Australian capital only three weeks earlier as well.

When they decided to hold the world military championship a scant three weeks after the end of the Sydney Olympics, the organisers failed to allow for the athletes' much needed recovery time. The latter were under a lot of pressure because of an increasingly intensive training and competition schedule, year in year out. In addition, it is a rather long trip to Camp Lejeune—some of the best wrestlers had to come all the way from Europe—and that certainly did not encourage some of our delegations to demand one last effort of their athletes at the end of a very long and busy season. This explains why only ten nations were present, including China, Brazil and Vietnam, three countries that were taking part in their first world military wrestling championship.

Well, the absent are always in the wrong, or so the saying goes. But those who were there did not spare their efforts and the overall sporting standard was excellent, as shown by the résumé of the winner in the -130 kg weight category: A. Potalcin, whose CV includes several world titles, plus—namely—a gold medal at the 1997 Military World Games. With eight individual titles out of the sixteen that were up for grabs—thereby becoming the No. 1 nation in both all-in and Graeco-Roman Wrestling—, Turkey effectively dominated this world championship. Around the Bosphorus, in a country where wrestling is a national sport and in which it is a solid international reference, the one gold medal bagged in Sydney was considered a disappointment. The Turkish delegation's triumph in Camp Lejeune will undoubtedly go a long way toward soothing the aching hearts of wrestling fans. Just one more word to praise Martin, Beddard and Van Arsdale, three US wrestlers who performed to the golden satisfaction of the organisers. As for China, it won two titles in its first ever appearance in a world military wrestling championship, which makes for a conspicuous entrance in the world military wrestling arena.



### Results

#### Greco-Roman

- 54kg : 1. O. Koutcherenko (GER), 2. M. Vardal (TUR), 3. J. Cervone (USA)
- 58kg : 1. D. Martin (USA), 2. C. Papagan (TUR), 3. E. Theohosliadis (GRE)
- 63kg : 1. S. Eroglu (TUR), 2. S. Elghian (GRE), 3. G. Nieradka (USA)
- 69kg : 1. Saiyirjiya (CHN), 2. K. Arkoutheas (GRE), 3. M. Cooper (USA)
- 76kg : 1. T. Akbulut (TUR), 2. Wuji (CHN), 3. J. Clark (USA)
- 85kg : 1. S. Ozden (TUR), 2. A. Baky (SVK), 3. H. Katsaros (GRE)
- 97kg : 1. M. Ozal (TUR), 2. R. Meduna (SVK), 3. D. Hicks (USA)
- 130kg : 1. A. Potalci (TUR), 2. C. Farkas (USA), 3. N. Schmidt (GER)
- Team : 1. Turkey, 2. United States, 3. Germany

#### Free

- 54kg : 1. E. Kirbiyik (TUR), 2. E. Albarracin (USA), 3. Han Chao (CHN)
- 58kg : 1. J. Liu (CHN), 2. J. Kutz (USA), 3. T. Soyer (TUR)
- 63kg : 1. J. Beddard (USA), 2. V. Chamula (SVK), 3. R. Iden (TUR)
- 76kg : 1. B. Dagdimir (GER), 2. J. Clark (USA), 3. Saiyirjiya (CHN)
- 85kg : 1. N. Zengin (TUR), 2. Fang (CHN), 3. A. Kydros (GRE)
- 97kg : 1. M. Van Arsdale (USA), 2. N. Kydros (GRE), 3. R. Li (CHN)
- 130kg : 1. A. Poiatei (TUR), 2. A. Sabejew (GER), 3. Y. An (CHN)
- Team : 1. Turkey, 2. United States, 3. China



**PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (10)** : Germany, Brazil, China, Estonia, United States, Finland, Greece, Slovakia, Turkey, Vietnam

**OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE** : Lieutenant - Colonel Axel von Ledebur (Germany)

**PTC PRESIDENT** : Major Abdelkader Smati (Tunisia)

89 participants, 16 officials, 73 athletes



7-18 November 2000

Beirut, the Lebanon

# basket-ball

## 44<sup>th</sup> World Military Basketball Championship

### Greece Back at the Top

Eight years after the title they won in China, the Greek basketball team are back at the top following the world military basketball championship that attracted ten teams to the Lebanese capital, Beirut. We do not want to play down the new military world champion's merit, but it must be said that their path to victory was swept all but clean by an impressive series of withdrawals by key military basketball nations such as Russia, the United States, China, the Republic of Korea and especially Croatia-outgoing military world champion with their title bagged at the 2nd Military World Games.

In fact, to be honest, the Greek domination was so obvious during this championship that there was precious little suspense. Led by the tournament's MVP and talented player Tzannis Stayracopoulos and by Alexis Faleicas, their formidable passer (best assist), Coach Rammos Athanasio's players were never in anything remotely akin to danger. They came out of the semifinal 29 point ahead of The Lebanon and repeated the same performance in the final against a Syrian team that never really took off. The Greek team's average overall score was 82-46, having won all seven matches. Enough about this clean sweep.

For the Syrian team-including Ahmad Safadi and Mohammad Fadlieh, respectively the tournament's best three-point shooter and rebounder-, it was not exactly a long trip to Beirut, where they defeated Cyprus in the other semifinal on the way to silver. The Lebanon failed in its quest for bronze by two miserable points, despite the presence of Fadi Alkhatib, the best scorer in the competition. The matches took place in top quality installations and in front of very large audiences: five thousand spectators at every match played by the local team. The atmosphere was hot, too hot even at times, as incidents broke out between the Lebanese public and the Saudi team during the Lebanon/Saudi Arabia match. Order was eventually restored, but the fact is that this outbreak of uncontrolled behaviour disturbed the tournament and could have been avoided with a few organisational improvements. But the Lebanese delegation still deserves high praise for its dynamism: a year after it organised the world military horse-riding championship, it masterminded a tournament that is very precious to CISM-and for which it is often quite difficult to find applicants-and it will be back on the saddle again next year as the organiser of the world military track-and-field championship, another event for which we systematically have a lot of trouble finding organisers when this event is to be held independently-i.e. not as part of the Military World Games. So our sincere thanks go to The Lebanon!



### Results

#### Semi-finals :

Greece-Cyprus : 112-83  
Syria-Lebanon : 115-89

#### Final :

Greece-Syria : 92-63

#### 3rd place :

Cyprus- Lebanon : 95-93

#### Final Classification :

1. Greece, 2. Syria, 3. Cyprus, 4. Lebanon, 5. Turkey, 6. Saudi Arabia, 7. Qatar, 8. Venezuela, 9. the Netherlands, 10. Belgium



**PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (10) :** Saudi Arabia, Belgium, Cyprus, Greece, Lebanon, the Netherlands, Qatar, Syria, Turkey, Venezuela

**OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE :** Brigadier- General M. Al-Samkari (Syria)

**PTC PRESIDENT (acting) :** Major ing. Gerard Busse (the Netherlands)

200 participants, 119 athletes

9-16 November 2000

Den Helder, the Netherlands

# judo

## 26<sup>th</sup> World Military Judo Championship

### Huizinga and Co

It is in Den Helder Navy Base, in the North West of the Netherlands—a base dating back to Napoleonic times, i.e. the early 19th Century—that the 26th World Military Judo Championship was held. Among the athletes belonging to the 23 different delegations that took the trip were many judokas who were just back from the Sydney Olympics.

The Netherlands have had, for a number of years now, a military judo team that performs more than adequately to international standards and they used the opportunity of this championship to celebrate the Olympic title bagged in Sydney by their spearhead: Mark Huizinga, who has regularly made it to the pinnacle of CISM over the last three years. In Den Helder, he conquered his fourth consecutive military world title in the -90 kg.

It may be enjoyable to insist on the traditional quality of the Dutch judo school, as illustrated with C. Zwieters (already a bronze medallist in Atlanta) who conquered her country's second title in the women's +70 kg and with the two additional medals clinched by Maria Broeders and hard-wearing Ben Sonnemans, but it is advisable to keep a few superlatives handy for the Chinese women who have been tyrannising their military opponents for a few years now. Led by Xianbo Wang (-63 kg), winner of a medal in Atlanta and gold medallist at the Zagreb Military World Games, they clinched four of the six titles that were up for grabs, including the highly coveted team gold.

Another judo school that has been mentioned with increasing regularity on and around tatamis throughout the world in recent years is certainly the Brazilian school, whose emergence was perfectly illustrated again this time around, as S. Pereira (-73 kg) and M. Sabino (-100 kg) conquered a gold medal each while D. Hernandez clinched silver (+100 kg) and F. Miyata won bronze (-60 kg). This more than elegantly confirms their good results back in Zagreb.

The Republic of Korea also made itself conspicuous by winning the men's team title and an individual gold medal with H. Jong-Soo in the -60 kg. Newcomers on the highest step of the podium are Belarus's Shlyk in the -66 kg, Iran's Miran Fashandi in the +100 kg—thereby confirming Iran's talents for the practice of combat sports—and Slovenia's R. Sraka who confirmed her young country's radiant health in the sports arena.

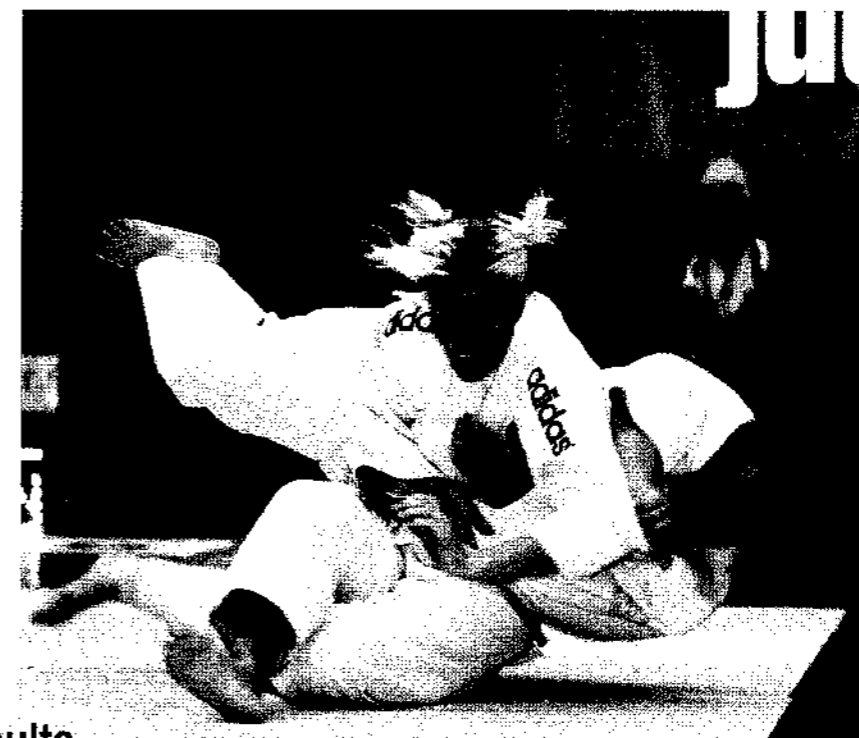
As for Austria's Patrick Reiter, he is back at the top of the list of CISM performers three years after his triumph in Dubrovnik (1997) and after two years on lower steps of the military world podium!

**PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (22):** Germany (\*), Austria (\*), Azerbaijan (\*), Belarus (\*), Belgium (\*), Brazil (\*), China (\*), Cyprus, Republic of Korea, Croatia, Spain, Estonia, France (\*), Hungary (\*), Iran, Italy (\*), Uzbekistan, Lithuania, the Netherlands (\*), Poland (\*), Slovakia, Slovenia (\*),  
(\*female participation)

**OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE:** Colonel Mohamed Al Khateeb (Kuwait)

**PTC PRESIDENT:** Colonel Roman Kalina (Poland)

276 participants, 175 athletes, 129 men, 46 women



### Results

#### Men :

-60kg : 1. H. Jong-Soo (Rep. Korea), 2. M. Akhondzadek (IRI), 3. T. Kovacs (HUN) and F. Miyata (BRA)  
 -66kg : 1. A. Shlyk (BLR), 2. A. Sahriman (AZE), 3. Y. Dong Won (Rep. Corée) and D. Erra (ITA)  
 -73kg : 1. S. Pereira (BRA), 2. E. Opirov (UZB), 3. K. Sleetckx (BEL) and K. Dong-Hoon (Rep. Korea)  
 -81kg : 1. P. Reiter (AUT), 2. C. Sun-Ho (Rep. Korea), 3. F. Lepre (ITA) and C. Gera (HUN)  
 -90kg : 1. M. Huizinga (NED), 2. K. Murodov (UZB), 3. N. Salimov (AZE) and R. Riesz (AUT)  
 -100 kg : 1. M. Sabino (BRA), R. Salimov (AZE), 3. M. Jurack (GER) and G. Kosztolanczy (HUN)  
 +100 kg : 1. M. Miran-Fashandi (IRI), 2. D. Hernandez (BRA), 3. B. Sonnemans (NED) and R. Chaparov (BLR)  
 Team : 1. Rep. Korea, 2. Austria, 3. Uzbekistan and Italy

#### Women :

-52kg : 1. J. Yan Wang (CHN), 2. J. Ling Wang (CHN), 3. M. Pokorcak (POL) and A. Zernia-Krajewska (POL)  
 -57kg : 1. L. Hua (CHN), 2. I. Golaszewska (POL), 3. N. De Rijke (BEL) and Fitzmozer (AUT)  
 -63kg : 1. X. Wang (CHN), 2. M. Wegrzyn (POL), 3. P. Boz (ITA) and E. Cszimadia (HUN)  
 -70kg : 1. R. Sraka (SLO), 2. A. Szczepanska (POL), 3. S. Skachkova (BLR) and L. Kun (CHN)  
 +70kg : 1. C. Zwieters (NED), 2. M. Broeders (NED), 3. M. Chuprys (BLR) and J. Hagn (GER)  
 Team : 1. China, 2. Poland, 3. Hungary and Belarus





### STATISTICS - WORLD EVENTS 2000

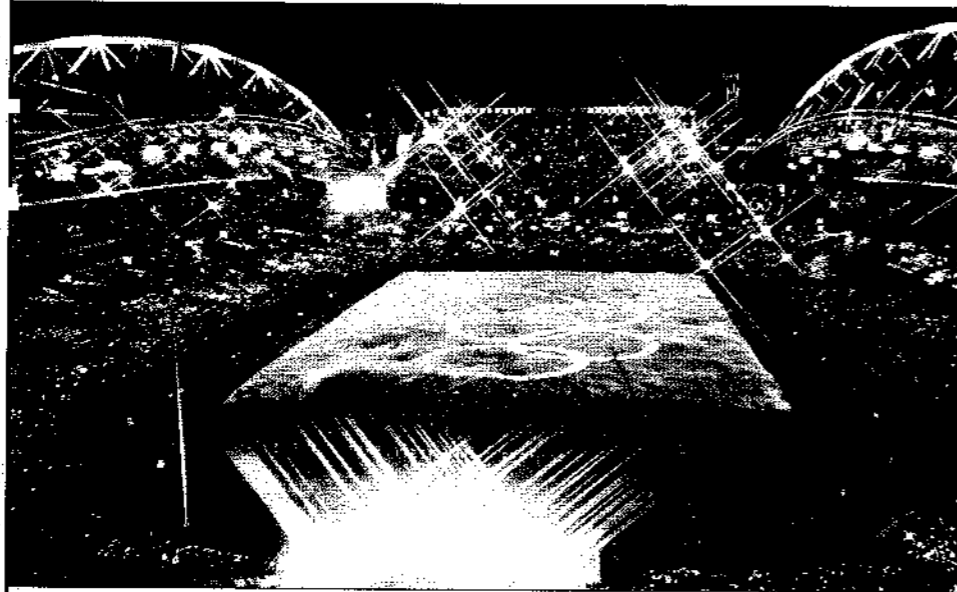
Championships (edition)	Athletes			Observing countries	Anti-doping			Particip. Countries	Places-Organising countries	Dates
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Cyclo-cross (17)	27	0	27		4	4	0	8	Heusden-Zolder, Belgium	4/2-7/2
Cross-country (48)	203	40	243		9	9	0	23	Algiers, Algeria	21/2-26/2
Ski (42)	244	84	328		NR.	NR.	1	22	Saalfelden, Austria	20/3-25/3
Hockey (8)	126	0	126		8	8	0	7	Warendorf, Germany	2/4-14/4
Horsemanship (12)	24	0	24		NR.	NR.	0	7	Rome, Italy	29/5-5/6
Modern Pentathlon (32)	55	0	55		6	5	1	15	Aarau, Switzerland	23/5-29/5
Triathlon (7)	76	30	106	TUN	6	6	0	16	Sabaudia, Italy	12/6-18/6
Fencing (37)	59	34	93		15	14	1	15	Viterbo, Italy	16/6-23/6
Shooting (37)	270	96	366		27	26	1	35	Ankara, Turkey	17/7-28/7
Military Pentathlon (48)	167	42	209	UAE	33	33	0	31	Holstebro, Denmark	11/8-20/8
Aeronautical Pentathlon (44)	53	1	54	GER	4	4	0	10	Tikkakoski, Finland	11/8-19/8
Parachuting (28)	190	51	241		4	4	0	38	Lucenec, Slovakia	18/8-28/8
Naval Pentathlon (39)	57	26	83	BLR-BEL-CAN-ESP-ITA-UKR	NR	NR	0	13	Berga, Sweden	19/8-27/8
Sailing (26)	47	1	48	ARG-CRO-ESP-USA	NR	NR	0	16	Berga, Sweden	19/8-27/8
Orienteering (33)	166	56	222	GUA	10	10	0	27	Evjemoen, Norway	21/8-27/8
Taekwondo (12)	126	45	171	KEN	16	16	0	22	Seoul, Korea R.	21/10-29/10
Wrestling (19)	73	0	73		8	8	0	10	Camp Lejeune, United States	22/10-31/10
Basketball (44)	119	0	119		NR	NR	NR	10	Beyrouth, Lebanon	07/11-18/11
Judo (26)	129	46	175		NR	NR	NR	23	Den Helder, the Netherlands	09/11-16/11

\* NR : number of anti-doping controls non reported



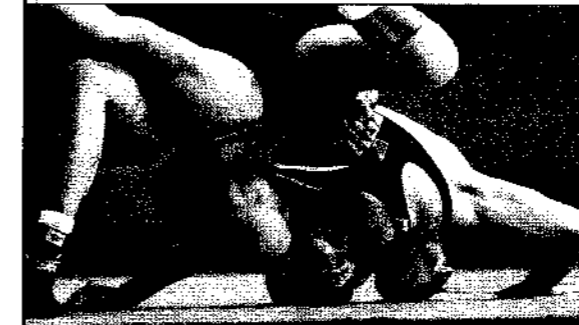
## The 24<sup>th</sup> Olympic Games in Sydney

### Our Military Climbed Mount Olympus



It has become a tradition: the Annual Report systematically devotes space to a eulogy of our military athletes' performances at the Olympics. And the least we can write is that, during this 24th edition in Sydney, the Australian capital, the representatives of military sport have once again spoiled us with outstanding performances, both sporting and sportsmanlike.

Colonel Gianni Gola, President of CISM, who took the long trip to Australia, came back thrilled, both by the sporting achievements and the wonderful atmosphere that prevailed throughout the Games. Of course, the Australian



Murat Kardanov (RUS)



Renata Mauer (POL)



Mark Huizinga (NED)

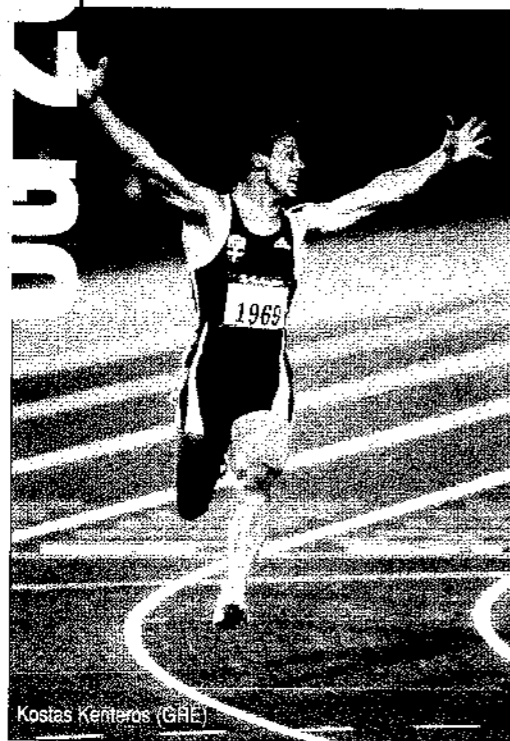


Valentina Vezzali (ITA)

hospitality and the Sydney public's extensive knowledge of sport helped turn this rendez-vous into a genuine celebration, in all the meanings of the word.

Sport International has gone out of its way to supply our readership with the results of our military athletes, first to obtain the lists of athletes selected for Sydney, and then to produce an inventory of all the medals they won. The list featured in this issue may look impressive-and we can assure you it is based on solid facts-but it is not entirely complete. Indeed, despite clear and repeated requests, a few countries-and not the least significant ones at that-have not yet considered it useful to circulate the information to us. So it is impossible to offer accurate and exhaustive statistics about the results our athletes achieved.

Enough delaying tactics: enjoy your reading and discover the names of the athletes who, like their predecessors, repeatedly outperformed the opposition. As you will see, they come from many different delegations and made themselves conspicuous in most of the many disciplines on the copious Olympic programme. Just one more word to pay tribute to the military athletes who were selected but did not manage to bag a medal and to the members of the Armed Forces who took part in the Games as technical advisers to their national teams, managers of events or representatives of National Sports Federations or Olympic committees. They too, contributed significantly to making these 24th Olympics a shining success. CISM is proud of you all and appreciative of your role in the advancement of the cause of sport throughout the world!



Kostas Kenteros (GRE)



right: Maria Grodzeva (BUL)



Russia (handball)



Thomas Schmidt (GER)

Robert BARTKO	Germany	Cycling: indiv. pursuit	Mark HUIZINGA	The Netherlands	Judo: - 96kg
Robert BARTKO	Germany	Cycling: team pursuit	Renee MAJER-ROZASZKA	Poland	Shooting: rifle 3x20
Guido FULST	Germany	Cycling: team pursuit	Veronica COCHELA	Romania	Rowing: eight
Daniel BECKE	Germany	Cycling: team pursuit	Ionel CLTEANU	Romania	Rowing: eight
Thomas SCHMIDT	Germany	Kayak: Slalom K1	Magdalena DIMITRACHE	Romania	Rowing: eight
Andreas DITTMER	Germany	Canoe: C1 1000m	Loredana BOBOC	Romania	Gymnastics: all-around team
Katrin WAGNER	Germany	Kayak: K4 500m	Claudia PRESECAN	Romania	Gymnastics: all-around team
Katrin WAGNER	Germany	Kayak: K2 500m	Alexander LEBZYAK	Russia	Boxing: -81kg
Roman HAGARA	Austria	Sailing: Tornado	Murad UMARHANOV	Russia	Wrestling: Free - 63kg
Hans-Pieter STEINACHER	Austria	Sailing: Tornado	Adam SAYTIEV	Russia	Wrestling: Free - 65kg
Christoph SIEBER	Austria	Sailing: Mistral	Soik MUTZALIEV	Russia	Wrestling: Free - 97kg
Namig ABDULLAEV	Azerbaijan	Wrestling: freestyle: - 54kg	David MUSULBES	Russia	Wrestling: Free - 130kg
Zerina MEFTAHED NOVA	Azerbaijan	Shooting: skeet	Verters SAMURGASHEV	Russia	Wrestling: Greco-rom.: - 63kg
Yekaterina KARSTEN	Belarus	Rowing: single scull	Murat KARDANOV	Russia	Wrestling: Greco-rom.: - 76kg
Li Maria GROZDEVA	Bulgaria	Shooting: pistol sport	Pavel SUKOSYAN	Russia	Handball
Pyros DIMAS	Greece	Weightlifting: - 85kg	Vyacheslav GORPISHIN	Russia	Handball
Akkakios KAHASVILIS	Greece	Weightlifting: - 94kg	Alexander TUTCHIKIN	Russia	Handball
Kostas KENTERIS	Greece	Track and Field: 200m	Igor LAVROV	Russia	Handball
Domenico FIORAVANTI	Italy	Swimming: 100m breast	Denis KRIVOSHLYKOV	Russia	Handball
Domenico FIORAVANTI	Italy	Swimming: 100m breast	Dimir: KRIVOSHLYKOV	Russia	Handball
Maurizio RANDAZZO	Italy	Fencing: sword team	Aleksey NEMOV	Russia	Gymnastics: all-around indiv.
Paolo MILANOLI	Italy	Fencing: sword team	Aleksey NEMOV	Russia	Gymnastics: horizontal bar
Angelo MAZZONI	Italy	Fencing: sword team	Svetlana KHORHINA	Russia	Gymnastics: uneven bars
Anfredo ROTA	Italy	Fencing: sword team	Sergey KLIUGIN	Russia	Track and Field: high jump
Giuseppe MADDALONI	Italy	Judo: -73kg	Elena ELESINA	Russia	Track and Field: high jump
Valentina VEZZALI	Italy	Fencing: indiv foil	Svetlana GONTCHARENKO	Russia	Track and Field: 4x400m
Valentina VEZZALI	Italy	Fencing: foil team	Dimitri SAUTIN	Russia	Diving: 10m synchronised
Giovanna TRILLINI	Italy	Fencing: foil team	Igor LUCHAKIN	Russia	Diving: 10m synchronised
Agostino ABBAGNALE	Italy	Rowing: quadruple sculls	Yulya PAKHALINA	Russia	Diving: 3m synchronised
Alessio SARTORI	Italy	Rowing: quadruple sculls	Alexander MOGKALENKO	Russia	Gymnastics: trampoline
Simone RAINERI	Italy	Rowing: quadruple sculls	Irina KARAEVA	Russia	Gymnastics: trampoline
Antonio ROSSI	Italy	Canoe: K2 1000m	Serguey ALIFIRENKO	Russia	Shooting: rapid-fire pistol sport
Benjamin BONOMI	Italy	Canoe: K2 1000m	Pavel KOLOBKOV	Russia	Fencing: individual sword
Olga SHISHIGINA	Kazakhstan	Track and Field: 100m hurdles	Stanislav POZDNYAKOV	Russia	Fencing: team: sabre
Bekzat SATTARKHAYEV	Kazakhstan	Boxing: -57kg	Roman DEBEVEC	Slovenia	Shooting: Rifle 50 m 3x40
Ermahan IBRAIMOV	Kazakhstan	Boxing: -71kg	Stephana HILGERTOVA	Czech Rep	Kayak: Slalom K1



Domenico Fioravanti (ITA)



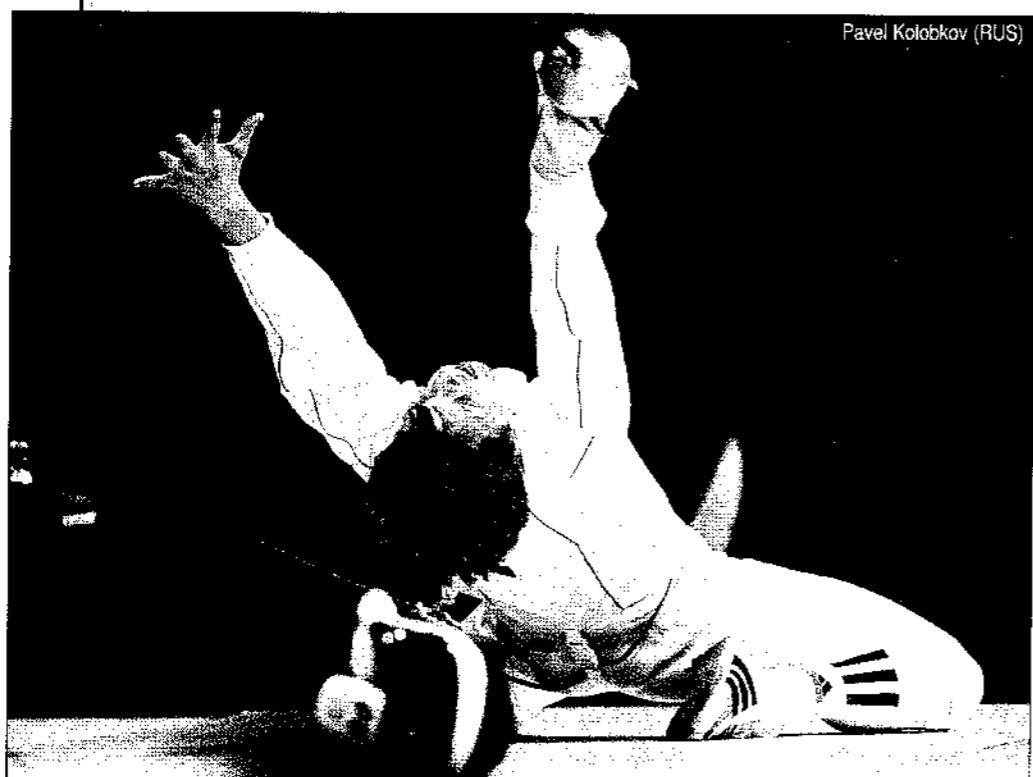
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Roman Debevec (SLO)



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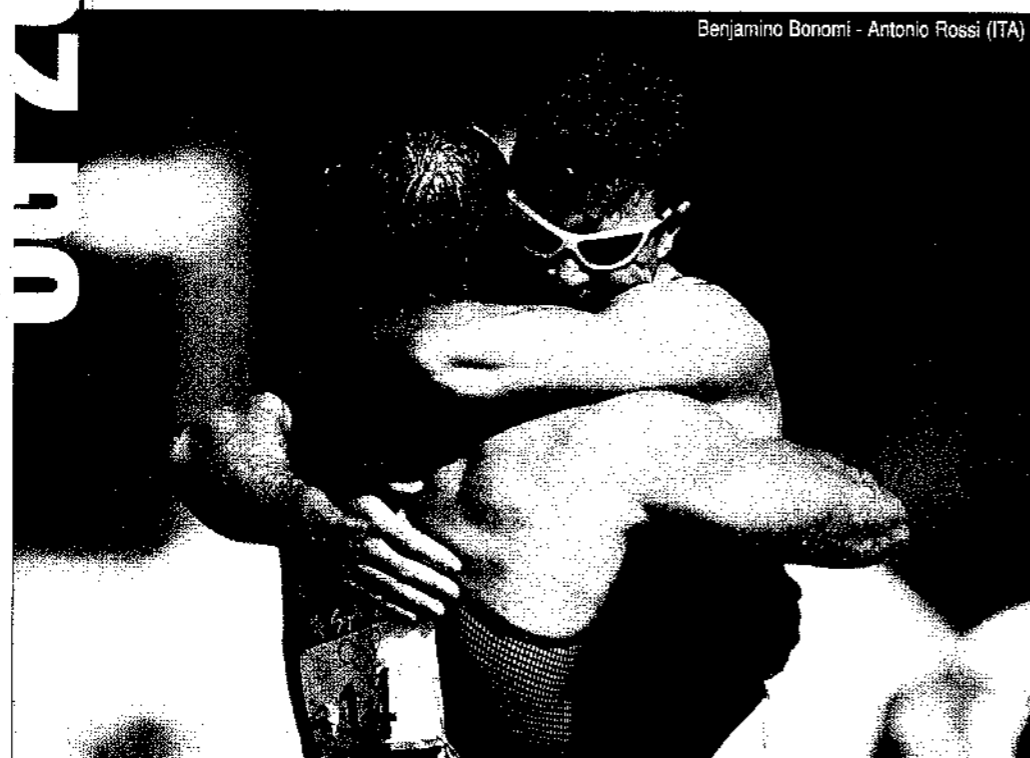


Pavel Kolobkov (RUS)

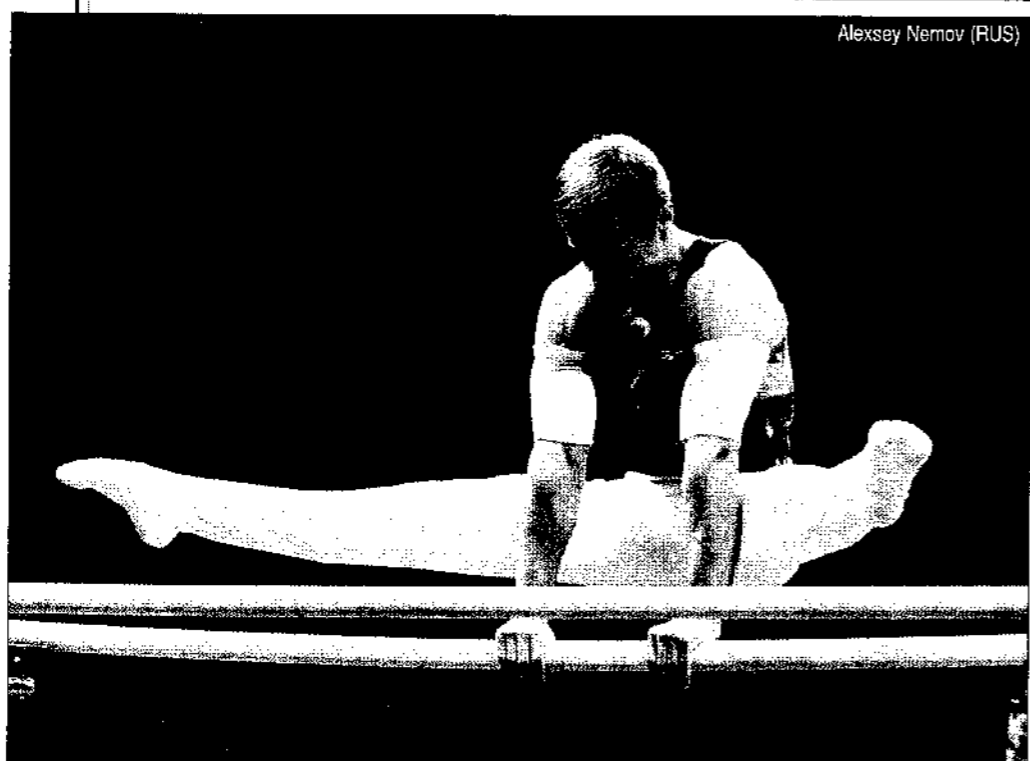
Jan SCHAEFFER	Germany	Kayak : K2-500m	Aleksey NEMOV	Russia	Gymnastics : floor
Claudia BLASBERG	Germany	Rowing : lightweight double sculls	Svetlana KHORKINA	Russia	Gymnastics : all-round team
Amélie LUX	Germany	Sailing board : Mistral	Elena PRODUNOVA	Russia	Gymnastics : all-round team
Stefan NIMKE	Germany	Cycling : track 1km time trial	Ekaterina LOBAZNIUK	Russia	Gymnastics : all-round team
Marc HUSTER	Germany	Weightlifting : -85kg	Anna CHEPELEVA	Russia	Gymnastics : all-round team
Ronny WELLET	Germany	Weightlifting : +105kg	Anastasia KOLESNIKOVA	Russia	Gymnastics : all-round team
BASINSKI	Belarus	Shooting : free pistol 50m	Svetlana KHORKINA	Russia	Gymnastics : floor
Liu GUOLIANG	China	Pingpong : single	Ekaterina LOBZANIUK	Russia	Gymnastics : beam
Sur JIN	China	Pingpong : double	Larissa PELESHENKO	Russia	Track and Field : shot put
Jung Chul KIM	Korea Rep	Hockey	Tania LEBEDEVA	Russia	Track and Field : triple jump
Eryung-Bae HAN	Korea Rep	Hockey	Elena PROKOPOVA	Russia	Track and Field : heptathlon
Min-Sik KIM	Korea Rep	Hockey	Olya KUZENKOVA	Russia	Track and Field : hammer
Jung-Woo LIM	Korea Rep	Hockey	Dimitry SAUTIN	Russia	Diving : 3m synchronised
Leonidas SABANIS	Greece	Weightlifting : -62kg	Alexander DOBROSKOK	Russia	Diving : 3m synchronised
Victor MITROU	Greece	Weightlifting : -77kg	Artem KHADJIBEKOV	Russia	Shooting : air rifle 10m
Maria TZELILI	Greece	Track and Field : javelin	Tatiana GOLDOBINA	Russia	Shooting : air rifle 3x20
Kathrin THANOU	Greece	Track and Field : 100m	Elena DEMENTIEVA	Russia	Tennis : single
Deborah GELISIO	Italy	Shooting : Double Trap	Valentina POPOVA	Russia	Weightlifting : -63kg
Lorenzo CARBONCINI	Italy	Rowing : coxless four	Natalia IVANOVA	Russia	Taekwondo : +67 kilos
Valter MCLEA	Italy	Rowing : coxless four	Arsen GEITIMOV	Russia	Wrestling free : -69kgs
Leonardo PETTINARI	Italy	Rowing : double sculls	Maksim ORALOV	Russia	Canoe-Kayak : C1 sprint
Jumadirov BO'AT	Kazakhstan	Boxing : -51kg	Dmitri DUGIN	Russia	Water-polo
Muhammad DILDABEKOV	Kazakhstan	Boxing : -91kg	Marat ZAKITOV	Russia	Water-polo
Islam BAIRAMUKOV	Kazakhstan	Wrestling Free : -97kg	Michal MARTIKAN	Slovakia	Canoe : C1 Slalom
Almexander VINOKUROV	Kazakhstan	Cycling : in line race	Micha ANSERMET	Switzerland	Shooting : rapid-fire pistol
Aigars FADEJEVS	Latvia	Track and Field : 50km walk	Roman SEBERLE	Czech Rep	Track and Field : decathlon
Sultan IBRAGIMOV	Russia	Boxing : -81kg	Olena SADOVHYCHA	Ukraine	Archery
Gaydabek GA'DARBEKOV	Russia	Boxing : -75kg	Alexander FEDENKO	Ukraine	Cycling : team pursuit
Mila SAVELIEV	Russia	Volley-ball	Sergiy CHERNIVSKY	Ukraine	Cycling : team pursuit
Aleksey KAZAKOV	Russia	Volley-ball	Sergiy DOTSENKO	Ukraine	Boxing : -67kg
Vitaliy GORIUSHEV	Russia	Volley-ball			



Olga Shishigina (KAZ)



Benjamino Bonomi - Antonio Rossi (ITA)



Alexsey Nemov (RUS)

HANMAD	Algeria	Track and Field : high jump	Nicola SARTORI	Italy	Rowing : double sculls 2000 m
Diabir SAID GUERNI	Algeria	Track and Field : 800 m	Oana PANTELIMON	Romania	Track and Field : high jump
Yugar ALEKPOPOV	Azerbaijan	Boxing : -75kg	Maria FEKLISTOVA	Russia	Shooting : air rifle 3x20
Slev THELOKE	Germany	Swimming : 100m breast	Kamil DJAMALUDINOV	Russia	Boxing : -47kg
Slev THELOKE	Germany	Swimming : 4x'00m medley	Alexsai GLUSHKOV	Russia	Wrestling : -69kg
Jan HEMPEL	Germany	Diving : 10m synchronised	Alexsei MARKOV	Russia	Cycling : track, points race
Keiko MEYER	Germany	Diving : 10m synchronised	Alexsei NEMOV	Russia	Gymnastics : all-round team
Cornelia PFOHL	Germany	Archery : team	Eugueny PODGORNI	Russia	Gymnastics : all-round team
Morika WEBER	Germany	Fencing : team foil	Maxim ALESHIN	Russia	Gymnastics : all-round team
Alexander WEBER	Germany	Fencing : team sabre	Alexsei NEMOV	Russia	Gymnastics : parallel bars
Silke ROTTENBERG	Germany	Football	Alexsei NEMOV	Russia	Gymnastics : pommel horse
Kerstin STEGEMANN	Germany	Football	Elena PRCDUNOVA	Russia	Gymnastics : log
Kirsten MUNCHOW	Germany	Track and Field : Hammer	Ekaterina LOBAZNUK	Russia	Gymnastics : vault
Andreas DITTMER	Germany	Canoe : C1 500m	Yuri TEFKIN	Russia	Judo : -100kg
Lars KOBER	Germany	Canoe : C2 1000m	Tamerlan TMENOV	Russia	Judo : +100kg
Stefan UTESS	Germany	Canoe : C2 1000m	Denis KAPUSTIN	Russia	Track and Field : triple jump
Tim WIESKOETTER	Germany	Kayak : K2 500m	Vladimir ANDREEV	Russia	Track and Field : 20km walk
Ihar BASINKI	Belarus	Shooting : air pistol, 10m	Svetlana GONCHARENKO	Russia	Track and Field : 4x'00m
Giarhei MARTINOV	Belarus	Shooting : free rifle 50m/60sh pr	Oxana DORODNOVA	Russia	Rowing : quadruple scull
Lalita EVGLEVSKAYA	Belarus	Shooting : rapid fire pistol	Irina FEDOTOVA	Russia	Rowing : quadruple scull
Liu GUOLIANG	China	Pingpong : double	Yulya LEVINA	Russia	Rowing : quadruple scull
Yong Gyun KYANG	Korea DPR	Wrestling Greco-rom : -54kg	Larsa MERC	Russia	Rowing : quadruple scull
Todd GRAVES	USA	Shooting : skeet	Roman SLUDNOV	Russia	Swimming : 100m breast
Girolamo GIOVINAZZO	Italy	Judo : -86kg	Dimtiri SAUTIN	Russia	Diving : 3m
Giovanni PELLIELO	Italy	Shooting : trap	Dimtiri SAUTIN	Russia	Diving : 10m
Pierpaolo FERRAZZI	Italy	Kayak : Slalom K1	Dimtiri CHEVTCHEVSKO	Russia	Fencing : foil
Daide RUMMOLO	Italy	Swimming : 200m breast	Olena PAKHOLCHYK	Ukraine	Sailing : 470
Giovanna TRILLINI	Italy	Fencing : indiv foil	Ruslana TARAN	Ukraine	Sailing : 470
Daniele CROSTA	Italy	Fencing : team foil	Vladimir SIDORENKO	Ukraine	Boxing : -51kg
Salvatore SANZO	Italy	Fencing : team foil	Olena GOVOROVA	Ukraine	Track and Field : triple jump
Matteo ZENNARO	Italy	Fencing : team foil	Roman SCHURENKO	Ukraine	Track and Field : long jump
Gabriele MAGNI	Italy	Fencing : team foil			



Pyros Dimas (GRE)

## They enchanted the Great White Circus

Raphaël Poirée (FRA)



H. Schilchegger (AUT) and M. von Gruenigen (SUI)



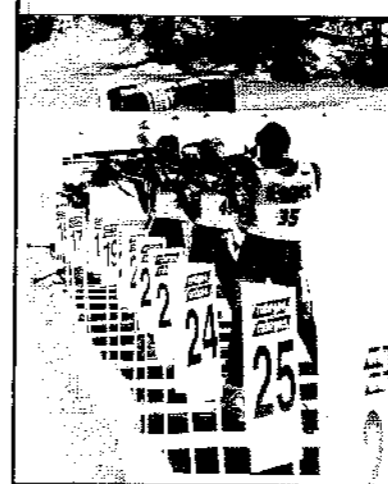
Every leap year, the Summer Olympics are back and it has become traditional for our military sportsmen and sportswomen, who usually shine especially bright in the Great White Circus-in a wide variety of disciplines ranging from Alpine and Nordic skiing to biathlon-, to go slightly less noticed in sports pages when the time comes to draw yearly conclusions. Besides, there were no Alpine or cross-country skiing world championships in 2000. Now these are events which, compared to the countless and traditional world Cup events, are more unusual and capable of calling attention to winter sports. This does not mean however, that we have forgotten our winter sport military aces: once again, they produced astounding performances this year.

And let us start with our biathletes, who did have a world championship in their programme in 2000. It was held in Oslo on 19-27 February 2000 and the least we can write is that the athletes we have become used to seeing and applauding at world military ski championships have made themselves conspicuous. Let us start with our ladies and the podium of the women's 7.5-km (sprint): purely a military affair with Norway's Skjelbreid and Germany's Apel and Zechner. Disl, of Germany again, and Baverel of France respectively climbed on the second and third steps of the podium in the 10-km (pursuit), while Skjelbreid and Russia's Koukleva ranked first and second in the 12.5-km (mass start). In the 4x7.5-km relay, Koukleva and Achatova of Russia (gold), Disl, Apel, Henkel and Zellner of Germany (silver) and Zubrilova and Petrova of Ukraine (bronze) were their respective countries' usual military representatives on the podium. France's Raphaël Poirée, Russia's Rostovtsev and Norway's Bjoerndalen in the 15-km (mass start), Austria's Rotman and Gredler and Germany's Luck in the 20-km, as well as Luck, Rotsovtsev and Poirée in the 12.5-km (pursuit) composed purely military podiums. Other representatives of our armed forces who distinguished themselves were Dratchev, Rostovtsev, both members of the Russian relay who clinched gold, Gjelland, Bjoerndalen of the Norwegian team who won silver and Germany's Luck, Sendel and Gross (gold).

For our military, World Cup events were often so many occasions to outperform the opposition, as appears clearly from the final rankings. In the men's, Raphaël Poirée prevailed over Norway's Bjoerndalen and eight



Stefania Belmondo (ITA)



Mojca Suhadolc with the Slovenian team

biathletes in the top ten are military athletes. In the women's, Olena Zubrilova finished the season in second place, with seven CISM ladies among the first ten in the final rankings. Biathlon has been an almost exclusively military business in 2000. Spread the word... and 2000-2001 seems to have taken off in exactly the same fashion.

In the Alpine skiing events too, military athletes are to be found at the top of final World Cup rankings or, at least, on the podiums of many World Cup events. Austria's Pepe Strobl (third in the final overall combined rankings), Benjamin Raich and Heinz Schilchegger, Switzerland's Michael von Gruenigen, Austria's Tania Schneider, Slovenia's Mojca Suhadolc and Italy's Karin Putzer distinguished themselves throughout the season. And the same conclusion applies to cross-country skiing: Russia's Lazutina (third overall), Italy's Stefanie Belmondo, Norway's Thomas Alsgaard, Germany's René Sommerfeldt and France's Vincent Vittoz were among the fastest cross-country skiers.

It is impossible to mention every single athlete who performed especially well during the 1999-2000 season, but once again, the achievements of CISM skiers showed amply enough how important military sport is in world-class international winter sports.



## World events 2001

DATE	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	CITY	ORGANISING COUNTRY
06 -11 March	Ski (43)	Jericho -Vermont	United States
01- 06 June	Sailing (36)	Victoria	Canada
05 -18 June	Handball (13)	Damascus	Syria
until 15 March	Football ; end of prelim round	on the continents	
20 June - 07 July	Football -Final round (36)	Cairo	Egypt
30 June - 08 July	Naval Pentathlon (40)	Istanbul	Turkey
02 - 07 July	Triathlon (8)	Murska Sobota	Slovenia
12 - 21 July	Shooting (38)	Lahti	Finland
15 - 23 July	Horsemanship (13)	Ankara	Turkey
05 - 12 August	Swimming (38)	Saint-Petersburg	Russia
08 - 16 August	Taekwondo (13)	Hoogerheide	the Netherlands
13 - 21 August	Aeronautical Pentathlon (45)	Kallinge	Sweden
21 - 29 August	Military Pentathlon (49)	Arlon	Belgium
August - September	Judo (28)	Ostia	Italy
23 Sept - 01 October	Modern Pentathlon (33)	Warendorf	Germany
September	Volley-ball (23)	Rome	Italy
08 - 15 October	Wrestling (20)	Split	Croatia
08 -14 October	Orienteering (34)	Beja	Portugal
01 -12 November	Parachuting (29)	Abu Dhabi	United Arab Emirates
to be decided	Track and Field (39)	to be decided	Lebanon
<b>Symposium</b>			
11 - 15 November	International Symp.	Guangzhou	China
<b>General Assembly</b>			
11 - 21 May	56 <sup>th</sup> A.G.	Algiers	Algeria
<b>Executive Committee</b>			
21 - 25 February	1 <sup>st</sup> session	Hanoi	Vietnam
11 - 21 May	2 <sup>nd</sup> session	Algiers	Algeria
28 Nov - 02 December	3 <sup>rd</sup> session	Bridgetown	Barbados
<b>Clinics</b>			
01 - 08 February	Military Pentathlon	Teheran	Iran
03 - 10 February	Naval Pentathlon	Bandar-Anzali	Iran
<b>Others</b>			
16 - 18 February	Race of Hope	Buea	Cameroon



# 122 member nations

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At its 53<sup>rd</sup> birthday, CISM counts 122 member nations. We publish hereby a computer graphic which illustrates the geographical spreading of its nations.

### AFRICA (44)

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

### AMERICA (17)

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

### ASIA (27)

- Saudi Arabia, Kingdom
- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Bahrain, State
- China, P.R.
- D.P.R. Korea
- Korea, R.
- United Arab Emirates
- India
- Irak, R. (\*)
- Iran, Islamic R.
- Jordan, Hachemit
- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Kuwait, State
- Lebanon, R.
- Mongolia
- Oman, Sultanate
- Uzbekistan
- Pakistan, Islamic R.
- Philippines
- Qatar, State
- Sri Lanka
- Syria, Arab R.

- Thailand, Kingdom
- Vietnam, R.
- Yemen, R.

(\*) Suspended nation

### EUROPE (34)

- 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.
- Georgia
- Greece, R.
- Hungary, R.
- Ireland
- Italy, R.
- Latvia
- Lithuania, R.
- Luxembourg, Grand-Duché
- Norway, Kingdom
- the Netherlands, Kingdom
- Poland, R.
- Portugal, R.
- Romania
- Russia, Federation
- Slovakia, R.
- Slovenia
- Sweden, Kingdom
- Switzerland, Confederation
- Czech Rep.
- Turkey, R.
- Ukraine



## Friendship through Sport