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A Word from the President



Colonel Dottore Gianni Gola (ITA)

For once, I would like to start this traditional introduction to the Annual Report on a more personal note. I wish to share with you how proud I felt when you decided to elect me for another term as President of CISM at the General Assembly in Opatija. This show of confidence was an honour for me and it demonstrates that, despite CISM's natural evolution, you still fully endorse the guidelines we set for ourselves more than four years ago.

I feel equally inspired by the prospect of leading our organisation through further changes as—and even though many good results have already been achieved—there are clearly many important projects yet to develop, implement and complete. I do not think that claiming that 2002 was at least as successful as previous years and that there is ample reason to be optimistic can be construed as an embellishment of the truth. I even feel that the term remarkable is somewhat short of an exaggeration.

Although it is impossible for me to rank in order of significance the many improvements attained in 2002, I should still brand the implementation of our new regulations—adopted in 2001 and rapidly successful—as a major breakthrough. These new rules have made our structures more efficient: our decentralisation drive has been successful, discussions within the Board of Directors has become more effective—as shown by the many decisions it took in 2002—and the General Secretariat operates more smoothly and efficiently. I should also mention the clear success of our first "new style" General Assembly in Opatija and the organisation of our first Congress, whose undeniable standing was further enhanced by the presence of IOC President Dr Jacques Rogge, who delivered the keynote address and by the remarkable speech delivered by Mr Adolphe Ogi, Special Advisor to the United Nations Secretary General for the promotion of sport as an instrument of development and peace. Both confirmed, in a tribute to CISM that pervaded their presentations, that the International Military Sports Council has come to enjoy the consideration of top international authorities.

Also last year, we had multiple working meetings with the IOC, the United Nations, the Council of Europe as well as Olympic Aid. These contacts should soon materialise into practical partnership projects. Furthermore, I am convinced that my appointment to the IOC's Sport for All Commission—added to our existing membership of the International Olympic Truce Foundation—is a token of interest in our activities, as further confirmed by CISM's recognition by the United Nations, which could become official in 2003.

We also intend, as part of a project currently under development, to mark the presence of military sport at the 2004 Olympics in Athens by installing a CISM village where our members can gather during the Games. As for the promotion

of military sport, our athletes took care of that at the Winter Games in Salt Lake City by successfully raiding the place for medals. Indeed, CISM is defined by its athletes, first and foremost. We have every reason to be proud of their performances in civilian and military competitions alike. By the way, the level achieved in military championships is sometimes world-class and underpins our ideals of friendship, fair play and tolerance.

On the international scene, 2002 has been a year of violence, terror and rumours of an impending major conflict that could detonate in 2003. All the more reason for CISM to repeat loud and clear its ideal of friendship as well as its desire to promote a rapprochement between peoples and to contribute even more substantially to the edification of world peace. September 2003 will be the occasion to broadcast that message again, even more loudly, at the Third Military World Games scheduled to take place in Catania, Sicily. Despite the unhappy events that struck Sicily recently—the eruption of Mount Etna and severe social problems—the city of Catania has formally confirmed that it will indeed host the MWG. Thanks are also in order for the Italian Armed Forces which, having organised the First Military world Games in Rome in 1995, have done everything in their power to save the 2003 edition in the nick of time. I ask all CISM members to extend the Italian delegation as much support as possible and thereby contribute to the success of an attraction which we should never forget is our best showcase event.

Like any self-respecting Italian, I know the saying "Rome was not built in a day". This adage applies to our organisation too. Our objective in 2003 is to develop communication and marketing plans, to grow our budget resources and to renew the impetus of our solidarity effort. To do this, CISM now has an annual business plan and a long-term strategic plan whose contents were carefully examined, discussed and finalised during our fruitful strategic Symposium held in Rio de Janeiro.

Our organisation also welcomed its 123rd member, Columbia, and will soon grow further with the announced—and eagerly awaited—membership of Jamaica and other nations. In the course of its 54 years of existence, CISM has become a major international organisation of which we can be proud and that is far from having outgrown its development potential. It certainly owes part of its progress to your current contribution, dear Members of CISM. But it owes a possibly even more sizeable share of its success to the vision and dedicated work of its founding fathers, including Chevalier Raoul Mollet, whose disappearance in 2002 made international sports news. A founding member of CISM, and its Secretary General and kingpin for 32 consecutive years between 1954 and 1986, he ranks up there with major figures who left an indelible mark on the development and growth of our organisation. He leaves a wonderful heritage. Let us pay tribute to his memory by being enterprising, by adhering to the values of humanity and sport and by mirroring the dedication he displayed day in and day out throughout his life. Like him, let us hold to our steadfast belief and confidence in the wonderful adventure that CISM has become. It is by following his example that you can best contribute to CISM's certain successes in 2003.

The Secretary General



Colonel Robert Eggermont

Reports

The Secretary General reports...

Last year, only seven months after being elected to my post, I submitted to you my first report as CISM Secretary General. In this, I reviewed progress in delivering the five objectives set out in the programme I had submitted along with my application to the post and which the General Assembly endorsed when it honoured me with its vote. Needless to say, these objectives are still very much alive and guide my daily management of the General Secretariat. I will spare you another overview of these objectives in the present report and since our President addresses the conduct of CISM's general business in another section, I would simply like to report on the General Secretariat's main activities, the efforts that have been undertaken to improve its efficiency and their inevitable impact on CISM's activities.

The first eight months of my term were dedicated to a detailed inventory of the General Secretariat's requirements and of the policies needed to improve its operation. This proved an arduous task, and one that quickly shed light on the need not only to thoroughly review its operational structure and methods as well as the techniques used to empower its staff in their respective roles and tasks, but also to increase its human resources in order to optimise the products and services it provides.

While the latter part of 2001 was dedicated to a definition of the General Secretariat's needs, last year was spent designing, developing and implementing new projects. Some of them are already completed, others are going well and others still will be implemented shortly.

'Reconstruction' is a term that applies to CISM not only in figurative but also in concrete terms. Indeed, for almost a full year, the headquarters of CISM were a construction site with workers busy renovating a house that clearly failed to



The Secretary General with Mr Chockri Ayachi, Secretary of State of the Tunisian Defence Forces



The S.G. with Major General Kuin-Huiabao, President of the Organising Committee of the World Military Judo Championship in Beijing

comply with legal and safety requirements and even more patently fell short of the standing that visitors rightfully expect upon entering the main office of an international organisation. The works are now completed. The members of the Commission for Sport, who inaugurated the renovated House of CISM on the occasion of their plenary meeting last October, not only appreciated its functional and convivial character but also the slightly prestigious atmosphere that is admittedly more in keep with the status of an international organisation that has reached the respectable age of 54. We are now able to accommodate large working meetings with CISM members in the best conditions and to welcome in fitting manner the VIPs that our status as an international organisation brings our way. CISM now truly feels at home in its house.



Colonel Eggermont at the 1st African Military Games in Nairobi, Kenya

Obviously, it was equally important to offer our staff a pleasant working environment in which to develop and grow, which is all the more motivating since they spend a substantial part of their daily lives at the workplace. The complete upgrading of our IT infrastructure as part of the same modernisation drive is also complete and allows us to operate under next-to-perfect technical conditions. This evolution means that our management of routine occupational stress is improved, which also contributes to increased productivity.

As indicated in my introduction—and as I already mentioned in last year's Annual Report—one of my main concerns has been the growth of our existing staff. In 2002, the implementation of a dynamic plan was initiated, which should soon—in fact, this may already have happened by the time you read this report—lead to a

substantial increase in the Secretariat's human resources. Delivery of this plan has been effective since March and the short-term outlook is very encouraging indeed, thanks to the contribution of a number of national delegations to CISM. No need therefore to insist on the reasons why I can be reasonably enthusiastic and optimistic about the future.

I have also been lucky enough to enjoy the efficient and equally professional cooperation of the staff of the General Secretariat who in addition performed with selflessness, loyalty and professionalism despite heavy workloads compared to available human resources. As all CISM members noticed, whether in the Board of Directors or General Assembly, minutes of meetings and other working documents are produced quickly and are drafted with an on-going concern for improved quality. I would like to use the opportunity of this report to congratulate them personally on behalf of CISM.

If there is one field in which we have made substantial progress, it is communication with the entire CISM community. Personally, I am delighted with the bilateral collaboration developed with my President, Colonel Gola. In the course of last year, we had multiple working meetings, exchanges of views and information as well as telephone conversations through which we have come to share the same views, thereby allowing us to prepare major CISM meetings most efficiently despite large geographical distances—more than 1,500 km—between our offices.

This strong collaborative effort is also reflected in the emergence of efficient communication channels between the General Secretariat and the Members of the Board of Directors and various Commissions. The enforcement of our new regulations has also led to improved collaboration with the Presidents of the various Technical Committees. A joint meeting between the latter and the General Secretariat took place in Brussels early in 2002 and the general opinion is that it was very fruitful. This initiative will obviously be repeated annually.

In cooperation with of the President of CISM and with his full support, the General Secretariat multiplied contacts with international organisations: it attended major international conferences, took part in working groups aimed at launching joint projects with various major institutions and contributed to the emergence of partnerships with a number of these institutions and sports federations.

This is how CISM was for example represented at the World Sports Forum in Lausanne, Sportel 2002 in Monaco and the 36th GAISF General Assembly in Colorado Springs. There are a number of reasons why the involvement of members of the General Secretariat in such events is instru-

mental to the development of CISM's activities: first because it publicises CISM, second because it provides an occasion to put out feelers toward other international federations and associations and third because it helps us monitor the evolution of the international sporting



Colonel Eggermont during the World Aeronautical Pentathlon Championship in Dijon, France

world. The most important issues addressed at these international events included trends in sports marketing, sport communication methods and TV broadcasting rights. These events proved invaluable sources of information for the development of our communication and marketing plan, which is addressed in more detail below.

The General Secretariat was closely associated to the development and implementation of joint projects with other international institutions. For example, we signed with NGO Olympic Aid a collaborative agreement called "Olympic Aid and CISM—Partners in Sport". With the President, we pursued contacts with IOC President Dr Jacques Rogge and many other members of the International Olympic Committee. We attended three Council of Europe meetings on the "Red Balloons" project initiated by its Committee for the Development of Sport. The General Secretariat also actively contributed to CISM's official recognition by the United Nations in general and more specifically by UNESCO; this project has now reach final approval stage. And I cannot conclude this overview of CISM activities in the international arena (which are covered in greater detail in the section entitled "International as Can Be", pages 18 and 19) without at least mentioning our involvement in the events organised by the International Committee for Fair Play.

I would like to conclude this report with a copious section on communication & marketing, a double issue that received a lot of attention in 2002. I promised that the long- and eagerly-awaited CISM website would be online by the end of the year. Because of a lack of sufficient financial and human resources, we had to find a solution that would be both efficient and affordable to deliver the top-quality tool that would both showcase and brand our organisation on the web. Specialised website developers soon proved too expensive in view of our limited financial resources. We then turned to a number of member delegations to design the site but unfortunately, we received no assurances as to the long-term availability of human resources within the latter. Therefore, we eventually opted for a mixed solution that met our requirements within budget limits. After defining site structure and providing our webmaster



Visit at the Orienteering Technical Assistance Clinic in Tunis, Tunisia

with basic training, we developed the product in-house and put it online on 01 January 2003. The site was developed with an ongoing concern for dynamism, simplicity and rigor. Its development required considerable work from the General Secretariat's staff.

According to the very favourable initial reactions we have received, the result is up to both the huge effort required

and the members' expectations. However, we do not consider the work done so far as a definitive achievement but rather as the superstructure of a site which we are committed to improving and reshaping constantly. The aim is to offer you a professional communication tool that allows you to interact daily with CISM and contribute to its smooth operation.

At its Tallinn meeting, the Board of Directors entrusted the General Secretariat with the task of presenting a communication & marketing plan, which it did at its December meeting in Simon's Town. Both plans were approved in principle, but their practical implementation will depend on the availability of budget resources that have not been identified yet.

For the purpose of drawing up our communication plan for the next few years, we drew the lessons from a number of projects launched successfully a few years back and since abandoned because of the need to focus on other strategic priorities. We also learned the lessons from a number of failed projects. This is how we were able to identify the main avenues of a plan that reckons with both our organisation's specific features and the realities of a communication world that is anything but quiet. Thanks to the support of consultants with an established reputation in this field, we also developed a logical marketing plan taking into account the expertise we have acquired in recent years as well as the very specific context in which our activities are organised, and the current difficulties faced by the world of sport marketing.

We are convinced that, at a time when many major players on the international sport scene are in a severe marketing and communication crisis, the development and implementation of a carefully designed marketing & communication plan could deliver greater notoriety for CISM. Indeed, we are positive that the time is perfectly right: a synthesis of analyses produced by top international sports marketing players and of contacts with holders of rights and broadcasters of sports programmes have convinced us that there is a market for the type of events we organise. The television community is for example looking for programmes that are at the same time technically literate, affordable, original, and popularise disciplines and activities that wander off often excessively beaten media tracks. Many TV channels—and even continental broadcasting companies—are prevented from covering major sport events because they cannot afford the increasingly expensive fees charged by right owners and are keen to offer their viewers the kind of TV sport time that they have all too often been deprived of lately. This is a sizeable—indeed, a booming—market and one that is boosted by globalisation, competition and free market values. Therefore, it is also one

that we must tackle with care, clear-sightedness and congruence, but also with a lot of confidence because it is capable of delivering the kind of media attention that we have been aspiring to for several years while allowing us to grow our marketing revenue by a sizeable margin.

Reading this report, you will have understood that the General Secretariat has embarked upon a dynamic process of initiatives, creativeness and constant search for improved service quality. There is a lot to be done yet and our increased human resources will definitely help us deliver our objectives while keeping in mind that the General Secretariat is primarily there to serve CISM and its members. Rest assured that you will always receive the warmest of welcomes and that your requests will continue to be handled as carefully and speedily as available resources allow.

I cannot possibly conclude this report without a heartfelt thought for Chevalier Raoul Mollet, who left us last year. As all the Secretaries General who followed him and preceded me to this post, I had the opportunity to meet with him and benefit from the priceless expertise he accumulated in his 32 years at the top of the General Secretariat. We lost a great man when he passed away and he certainly played a pivotal role in making CISM the major international organisation we know today. We will never forget him.

*Colonel Robert Eggermont
Secretary General*



The S.G. with the Guinean Prime Minister, Maître Zamine Sidime, who was decorated with the order of merit of CISM, Great Commander, during the Opening Ceremony of the 29th GA of WALO in Conakry

Friendship through Sport



BOD Composition

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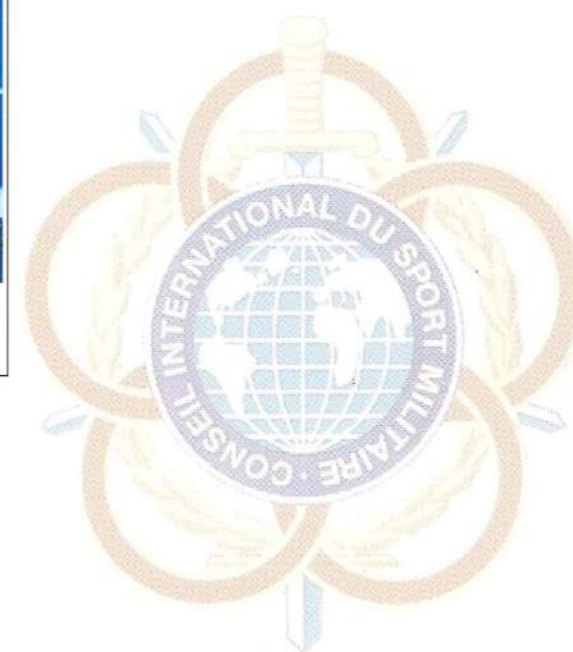
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57th General Assembly and Congress in Opatija, Croatia

CISM On the Right Track



The President of the Croatian Olympic Committee, Zdravke Hebel

Our International Military Sport Council seems to feel a genuine attraction for the Mediterranean: after enjoying the wonderful Greek city of Kallithea and the superb Algerian capital Algiers, it held its 57th General Assembly in the Croatian seaside town of Opatija, near the more widely known city of Rijeka.

Before entering into the detail of official CISM proceedings, it is our duty and pleasure to praise the organising committee.

Indeed, the Croatian delegation again went out of its way to mastermind this General Assembly. Hosting such a high level international event as the General Assembly of CISM is in itself a challenge. But it becomes a totally different test when, a bare few weeks before the rendezvous, a major incident dramatically disrupts your careful planning. Only true champions stand firm in the face of adversity. If this saying is true, then Croatia is truly the champion when it comes to prevailing over difficult circumstances.

The Croatian delegation already produced the feat of organising the Second Military World Games in just 18 months. It worked even faster this time: despite the fire that severely damaged the hotel that should have accommodated most of CISM, it managed to work out a plan B that turned out to be perfectly practical.

Under the impetus of General Ranko Rakic and Major Myriam Antolic, the Croatian delegation again showed themselves to be masters of initiative, organisation and improvisation. A world of thanks to them! The authorities of CISM also had the opportunity to meet with Croatia's Minister of Defence as well as its Chief of Staff and the President of its Olympic Committee. They were also treated, as usual, to cultural visits that gave them a taste of the multiple attractions of this little paradise on the Adriatic.

CISM will also remember Opatija as the venue of its First Congress and its success. As underscored both by IOC President Dr Jacques Rogge and Special Advisor to the UN Secretary General Mr Adolph Ogi, CISM is now recognised as a natural partner of two major international organisations that have furthermore offered avenues of practical co-operation with our organisation in long-term projects. It is now up to CISM to seize these exceptional opportunities! Our organisation has made remarkable progress in recent years in terms of its international visibility. Now it needs to leverage this visibility to improve its exposure to the media.



Mr Adolph Ogi, Special Adviser to the Secretary General of the United Nations

The members of CISM who were present in Opatija also heard very good news indeed from Italy, and more precisely from Sicily: the City of Catania with host the Third edition of the Military World Games in 2003. Which does not prevent CISM for preparing the Fourth edition already. It has asked all delegations to consider organising them in 2007.

One point on the programme of this 57th General Assembly was the election of our President. There was arguably little suspense as the outgoing President, Colonel Gianni Gola (Italy), was the only candidate: the plebiscite that marked his re-election was an opportunity to measure his popularity. The same applied to Navy Captain Bengt Nylander (Sweden), who was re-elected to the Board of Directors with the same display of enthusiasm. Brigadier General M. Saleh Al Khateeb (Kuwait), who was co-opted last year, was confirmed for four years in his position as Vice-President for Asia, and General

Souhail Khoury (Lebanon) was also elected to the Board to represent the same continent. The Board of Directors also co-opted for one year Brigadier General Izzy Popowycz (Canada) as Vice-President for the Americas while Colonel E. Rodriguez (Venezuela) and Colonel Christian Kramp (Germany) were co-opted as members of the Board.

This 57th General Assembly has shown that CISM is facing enormous tasks. In addition to the organisation of the Military World Games, our organisation has ambitious and demanding objectives. We need to complete our annual strategic and business plans. We need to boost our solidarity work. We have to enhance our communication and marketing. We have decided to rapidly initiate joint projects with the IOC, the UN, the Council of Europe and Olympic Aid. So CISM is on the right track: the future is ours. See you all in Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates in 2003 to take stock of progress.



Press Conference

03-12 may 2002 Opatija, Croatia general assembly & congress

Board of Directors Meeting in Tallinn

CISM on the Baltic Sea Shore CISM on the Baltic Sea Shore



Colonel Dottore Gianni Gola decorates the President of Estonia, H.E. Arnold Rüütel

Three meetings a year allow CISM and the members of its Board to travel the world and advertise our organisation with both the local political and military authorities and the media. From this point of view, the Board's stay in the Estonian capital Tallinn was as success. Indeed, the Opening Ceremony of the Board Meeting was attended by H.E. Arnold Rüütel, President of the Republic, Rear Admiral Tarmo Kouts, Commander in Chief of

the Armed Forces, Lieutenant General Johannes Kert, Commander of the land forces, Lieutenant Colonel Aarne Ermus, Chief of Staff, and Mr Indrek Kannik, Chancellor of the Minister of Defence. They were awarded a medal during the Ceremony.

Ever since Estonia became a member of CISM in 1992—i.e. hardly a year into its existence as a sovereign State—, it has been a remarkably dynamic delegation and will continue to be in 2002 with the organisation of the world military wrestling and triathlon championships. In disciplines including orienteering, shooting and the triathlon, Estonian athletes are now regular features on CISM podiums and young 2Lt Heino Marks, a former world-class wrestler and already Head of his national delegation, has become a familiar figure at military world championships. He certainly provided the 13 members of the Board with ideal working conditions and put together a cultural programme that was much appreciated. In addition to a visit to a Vodka distillery—Estonian know-how in



From l. to r. : Colonel R. Eggermont, Lt-Gen Joannes Kert, Vice-Admiral Tarmo Kouts and the President of the Republic, H.E. Arnold Rüütel



Cultural Day

this trade is a source of national pride, second only to the export income that the industry generates—and a tour of the magnificent late-13th century old town, the Board Members were treated to a night at the Opera for a masterful performance of Bizet's Carmen and, last but not least, to a wonderful evening at the City Hall where our authorities were the distinguished guests of the Mayor of Tallinn.

Of course, our account of these celebrations should not be allowed to overshadow the daily sessions of hard work that the Board meeting imposed on its members. Detailed Board proceedings and actions have been drafted so there is no need to report about the detailed contents of the discussions. Worth highlighting however are the initiatives of our President, Colonel Gola, to infuse new enthusiasm for the organisation of the 2003 Military World Games—for which five Italian cities have declared an interest—, the outline of CISM's future Strategic Plan presented by Brigadier General Janssen, as well as the remarkable exposition by Brigadier General Popowych, Vice-President for the Americas, of his strategic initiatives—which should be emulated on other continents—to boost CISM's activities in the Americas, including efforts to mobilise inactive delegations and attract new members. Also at the centre of Board discussions was the need to boost CISM's solidarity and clinics programmes. The Board also decided to entrust the General Secretariat with CISM's communication and marketing policy and to terminate the corresponding Commission. One thing is clear from the impressive number of decisions taken in Tallinn: the Board has found its bearings in our organisation's new working methods and has taken them on board.



CISM tasted the Estonian chocolate

board of directors

13-18 march 2002
Tallinn, Estonia

Board Meeting in Simons' Town, South Africa

Heading for 2003



Colonel Gola congratulates Brig Gen A. Jansen

Capes and headings kept returning in many discussions during this year's last Board Meeting, held in South Africa. Chiefly because Simons' Town, which hosted this meeting, accommodated our Board Members in the country's largest and most famous naval base, a few miles only from the Cape of Good Hope and a few leagues from the equally famous city of Cape Town. And of course because CISM's policy had to be adopted, as well as the means to hold to the heading in 2003.

Having organised an International Symposium in Pretoria a few years back-and more recently a meeting of the Commission for Sport in the idyllic setting of the Kruger Park-South Africa was once more called upon to organise a major gathering, this time a Board Meeting. In this respect, we cannot fail to praise the South African delegation on the wonderful work it has done on behalf of our organisation since it joined CISM in 1994. Indeed, it has made a fundamental contribution to CISM's influence and development in the region. By means of numerous contacts with neighbour-

ing countries and unrestrained investment in solidarity as well as by accepting responsibility for the Liaison Office for East and South Africa, the South African delegation has emerged as a genuine driver whose dynamism has been emulated in the region and should serve as an example at continental level.

To be sure, regional and continental events, meetings and contacts play a key role in strengthening CISM's visibility worldwide. Their organisation is also justified in view of economic circumstances that sometimes make intercontinental travel a costly proposition. However, CISM remains a global organisation first and foremost and South Africa's policy within our organisation, which is also based on visible participation in global activities while sharing means of transport with its neighbours whenever possible, shows the entire continent that it is possible for all delegations to enjoy the full benefit of membership. The way in which South Africa has contributed, both at national and regional level, to the development of military sports including parachuting and the military and naval pentathlons, can also be described as exemplary. South Africa has fully embraced the essence of



Wreath laying in Simon's Town

CISM's values and has therefore become a key contributor to our organisation's development. Proof of this is also in the important role that is played, in a number of our decision-making bodies and technical committees, by the Head and members of the South African delegation, whose reputation for precision and know-how are well established.

Back to the Board Meeting proper. The Members had the opportunity to meet the South African Deputy Minister of Defence, as well as Surgeon General Von Rensburg, who is namely in charge of all sporting activities within the South African Defence Force. These meetings were an ideal opportunity to discuss with them the 2007 Military World Games-which CISM would like to ask a non-European delegation to organise-and more generally the prospect of entrusting the organisation of a major international multisport event to an African country for the first in history. A superb opportunity, and also a highly symbolic prospect, whose feasibility South Africa has promised to examine.

Apart from that, the 2003 MWG were also the subject of the board's attention, and especially the City of Catania, which is still waiting for the regional finance bill to be passed, a vote that has been postponed because of the natural and social disasters that have recently hit Sicily. Other burning issues were addressed at length during the Board's many busy and lively sessions, including our organisation's marketing and communication plans, the search for new financial resources, as well as the strategic planning and yearly business plan discussed at the recent International Symposium held in Rio de Janeiro. Congratulations are also in order for Major General Khoury (Lebanon), who was co-opted as Vice-President for Asia.

In a nutshell, the Board covered considerable ground, which did not prevent its members from enjoying the beauties and discovering the social realities of a region that is as superb as it is fascinating. On the menu of a most-appreciated cultural day: a helicopter tour, namely with a spectacular flyover of the Cape of Good Hope, a visit-and lunch-at a social inclusion project in a township and a short visit to an internationally-acclaimed wine-producing region.

This Board Meeting was a clear success, in great part due to the efforts of the South African delegation, whose immense merits deserve, once again, universal acclaim.



BrigGen A. Jansen, SurgGen Von Rensburg and the President of CISM, Colonel Gola, during the handing over of sports equipments.

International As Can Be



Mr Adolph Ogi, special adviser of the Secretary General of the United Nations surrounded by the President and the Secretary General of CISM

As mentioned in the President's section and the Secretary General's report, last year, CISM established or furthered contacts with various international sports associations and federations as well as with a number of major institutions. With the addition of others taken with representatives of the governments of the 123 CISM Member Nations at events including military world championships, General Assemblies and Board meetings, these contacts are key to the development of CISM's visibility. Progress in this field has been both undeniable and significant in recent years. It is therefore amply justified to report in more detail on some of these contacts, while clarifying that the overview below addresses only a small cross-section in a list that could have covered several pages!

International Olympic Committee (IOC)

The President and Secretary General attended meetings in Lausanne with IOC President Dr Jacques Rogge, as well as with Mr Gilbert Felli, Director in charge of the Department for Coordination with International Sports Federations, and Mr Pere Miro, Director in charge of the Department for Coordination with the National Olympic Committees.

A policy was developed to organise collaboration between CISM and the IOC. An action plan was defined, listing immediate steps including the following:

- The IOC will officially inform International Sports Federations of the agreement reached with CISM and of the practical initiatives it encompasses. This information sends International Sports Federations a strong signal and presents CISM as a very serious partner for future relations;
- The IOC also circulated this information to the National Olympic Committees, requesting them to intensify contacts with CISM Member delegations and to improve coordination with them when it comes to local initiatives;
- CISM will officially apply for IOC financial support for the purpose of ferrying athletes from less-favoured countries to Catania for the MWG;
- CISM will take further practical initiatives to be submitted to the IOC in due time;
- CISM will take into account the fundamental changes effected within the IOC's Solidarity Programme, namely when it comes to the decentralisation of financial support.

Also worth noting with respect to the development of closer ties between CISM and the IOC is the appointment of CISM President Colonel Gola to the IOC's Sport for All Commission, as well as the continuation of his existing representation as a member of the International Olympic Truce Foundation.

Council of Europe

CISM attended three meetings of the group set up under the aegis of the Council of Europe's Committee for the Development of Sport for the purpose of implementing the "Red Balloons" project. At its last meeting, the group approved a draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to Member States on the setting up of a network composed of humanitarian agencies and sports federations and associations to provide sporting activities and games for refugees and displaced persons in crisis and post-emergency situations.

United Nations

The possibility of CISM being officially recognised by the United Nations was examined as part of contacts and meetings with Mr Adolph Ogi, Special Advisor to the United Nations Secretary General for the promotion of sport as an instrument of development and peace. Direct channels were also opened with UNESCO in Paris, which should soon lead to official recognition.

In addition, Mr Ogi attended CISM's Congress in Opatija at which he officially pointed out in a much-appreciated address the need for increased cooperation between CISM and the United Nations.

Olympic Aid

Following contacts early last year, CISM and Olympic Aid met for a meeting in October 2002. On this occasion, Olympic Aid listed areas for possible CISM support. These include the transport of equipment and personnel, logistical support (through CISM's offices) and the recruitment of voluntary workers. A collaborative agreement entitled "Olympic Aid and CISM—Partners in Sport", approved by the Board of Directors, will frame the development and implementation of projects.

As indicated by the Secretary General in his Report, CISM also attended the World Sports Forum in Lausanne, Sportel 2002 in Monaco and the 36th GAISF General Assembly in Colorado Springs, as well as various events organised by the International Committee for Fair Play.



The S.G. of CISM with Johann Olav Koss, 4-time Olympic Champion Speed Skating and President of Olympic Aid

3rd military world games

Catania To Host the 3rd Military World Games from the 13th to the 20th September 2003

The Sicilian city of Catania, Italy, will organise the Third Edition of the Military World Games in September 2003. More than a year ago, we were told that the Spanish delegation had decided not to organise the next MWG, a decision confirming its official announcement at the Algiers General Assembly. This

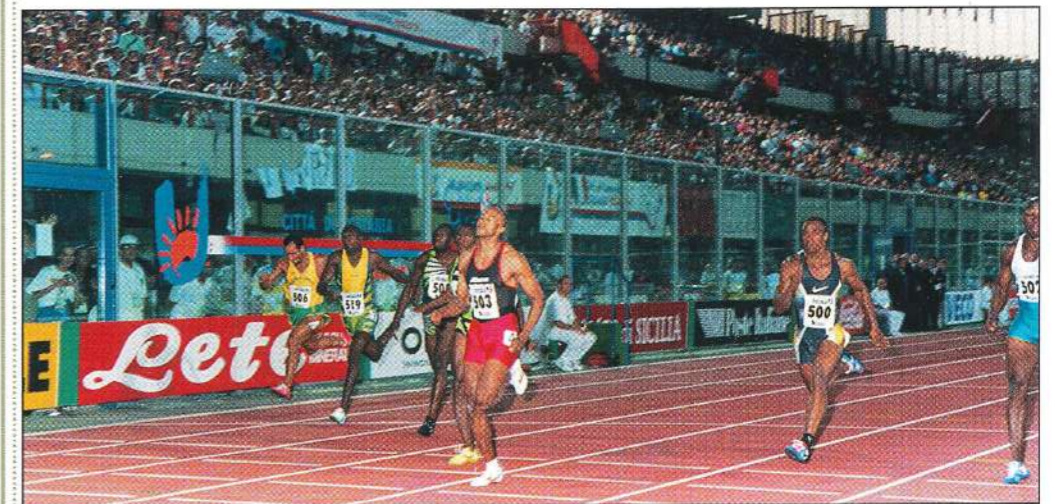


obviously put CISM in an awkward position. But once again, the solution has come from the Italian delegation, Armed Forces and Ministry of Defence who had already organised the First edition of the Military World Games in Rome in 1995.

We thought it would be interesting to give you a foretaste of Sicily, in the hope that this island does deliver fiery, volcanic, MWG... maybe as a tribute to the famous local volcano, the Etna, whose eruptions regularly make news headlines worldwide. Not that CISM

hopes for an eruption during the Games, of course. What we do hope however, is that these Games will take place in a warm atmosphere where sport, friendship and solidarity go hand in hand under the Mediterranean sun.

When it chose this city of 700,000 inhabitants on the east coast of Sicily, the Italian delegation made sure that it had all the assets needed to deliver in just a few months. Indeed, not only does Catania already have all the sport infra-



structure required, it also has longstanding expertise as an orchestrator of major international sport events with the organisation of the Universiads and of a cycling world championship. It also has an international airport that connects the island with all major Italian airports and many international destinations; and it is easily accessible by train and car from Rome, 800 kilometres away. Finally, Catania has all the required hotel accommodation and reception capacity. As for the weather this time of year, temperatures are between 18 and 29°C and 67% relative humidity. What more can you ask for?

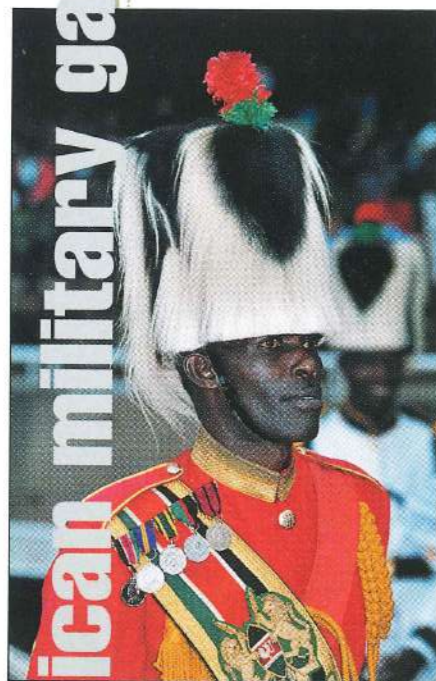
The opening ceremony of the Third Military World Games will take place on 13 September 2003, while the date of the closing ceremony has been set for 20 September.

The programme of these Military World Games includes 11 disciplines:

Track and field (including the marathon), football (9 teams qualified), cycling (road and time trial races), judo, swimming (including diving, water-polo and lifesaving), basketball (12 teams qualified), volleyball (12 teams qualified), fencing, sailing, boxing and parachuting.

1st African Military Games in Nairobi, Kenya

Sport, Peace and Friendship Safari



The opening ceremony of the First African Military Games, held in Nairobi on 18–27 April 2002, was chaired by the Kenyan President, Daniel Arap T. Moi and attended by the Kenyan Chief of Staff, J.R.E. Kibwana. Also present were the President of CISM, Colonel G. Gola, and its Secretary General, Colonel R. Eggermont, as well as Major General Tuwei, Chief of the Liaison Office for Central and East Africa (in charge of the organisation of these Games), Colonel Malboum Kalkaba, CISM Vice-President for Africa, and many more political, diplomatic and sport figures. Thirty-two nations marched past in the National Stadium to the cheers of a large enthusiastic audience. Four countries were present as observers, as CISM's Board of Directors had decided to allow all African nations to participate regardless of their membership status in order to reactivate idle countries and attract new members.

So it is without the slightest hesitation that we bow our hats to the Organising Committee and to the thousands of soldiers, officers and civilian volunteers who spared no efforts to ensure success. The organisation improved by the day and requests for transportation were handled more efficiently by the hour.

Naturally, improvisation played a significant part here and there, but it was all managed with humour, good mood, hospitality and a genuine desire to be of service. And the grumpy few who would criticise the organisation for being anything less than textbook perfect should simply be told that they do not—and very likely never will—understand Africa.



The President of Kenya, H.E Daniel Arap T. Moi, during the Opening Ceremony

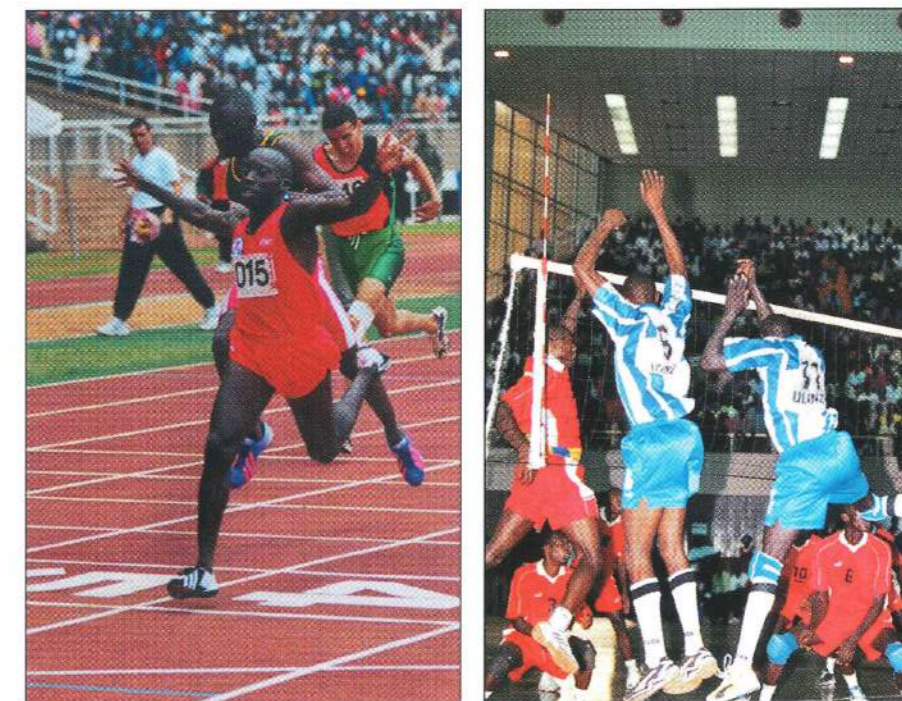
Anyway, the large audiences were delighted. All competition sites were literally stormed by spectators and many halls proved too exiguous. The happy few who got to watch the volleyball final—in a sport hall designed to accommodate 6,000 and packed to the rafters with 7-8000—were treated to a definition of the term "African mood": exotic, colourful, noisy, musical, enthusiastic. In a word: extraordinary.

Eleven sports were practised over ten day and performances were unequal in terms both of quality and participation. Obviously, it would have been excessive to ask for the same proficiency in all sports as was achieved in athletics—many Kenyan stars had an appointment on the Tartan of the National Stadium.

While entries were many in some sports, only a bilateral confrontation was on offer in others. Just one example: the swimming events were dominated by South Africa, whose team won all titles... against an all-Kenyan opposition, some of whose swimmers had only started training seriously a few months before. And the same was true in both men and women's hockey: the Kenyan and South African teams were alone on the pitch and the locals prevailed.

Talking about team sports, the Kenyan women volleyball team won a crushing victory while the men's event attracted huge crowds. In the eagerly awaited final of the football tournament, the Guinean favourites were opposed to unexpected Eritreans who won the final in the penalty session. In arenas overflowing with enthusiastic supporters entirely devoted to the cause of the local team, the Cameroonian handball and volleyball teams were impressive and spectacular winners. But if there was one title that Kenya desperately wanted, it was basketball gold. Facing the continental kings, the Angolans were finally crushed by the locals but they made sure to offer both talented play and spectacular action, much to the satisfaction of ecstatic and sometimes even hysterical crowds.

It is not very often that high-ranking officers are to be seen on the business end of CISM competitions. One of those rare occasions is golf. The tournament was played on a hilly links and





the marvellous scenery inspired our starred sportsmen who displayed wonderful driving, swinging and putting abilities.

Combat sports are very popular in Africa, which probably explains why CISM wants to include boxing in the list of disciplines for the next Military World Games in order to attract as many African countries as possible. Further confirmation of this was provided by the popular success of the boxing events held in Nairobi. The audiences were composed of enthusiastic connoisseurs and the hall, though capacious, proved too small to accommodate the large crowds of spectators who queued outside day in and day out in the hope of finding a place among the privileged few allowed inside the building.

The arena chosen to host the taekwondo and judo events were also decidedly too small and few spectators got to see the best fighters from Tunisia and Lesotho patiently win their titles at the end of tournaments that seemed to last forever as all matches had to take place on a single tatami.

Ngeny, Kipketer, Korir, Limo, Koskei, Kiplak, Rono, Kirui, Chepkwony... Those are but a few of the Kenyan stars present in the National Stadium for a display of crushing and gender neutral superiority in all individual and relay track events. A few foreign athletes fleetingly managed to attract a degree of attention in the field events, but never long enough to distract the large crowds who had come mainly to marvel at the health of Kenya's athletics. Who could have doubted it, anyway? Not living legend Kip Keino, for one, who had come to watch the exploits of his successors at the pinnacle of the world middle-distance hierarchy.

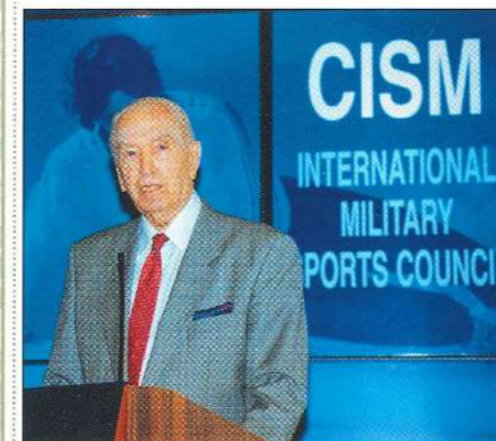
The loop is looped, the lights are out but the emotions will live on. It was a festival of African sport. Even more so since, far from the commercial excesses that often plague major international sporting events, spectators were allowed in free of charge. Free attendance was not the least of these First African Military Games' merits. For ten days, sport was back to its most deeply rooted self! In the purest CISM spirit and with the added benefit of splendid continent-wide advertising for our organisation.



In memoriam

Chevalier Raoul Mollet, Former Secretary General of CISM (1954-1986) Passed Away at Age 89

His many admirers, as well as some of the outstanding sport leaders whom he mentored in the



course of a long career dedicated exclusively to sport, fully expected to celebrate his ninetieth birthday with great pomp and ceremony a few months later. But fate would have it otherwise: Chevalier Raoul Mollet passed away on 14 August 2002, at age 89. His death was a major loss felt throughout our organisation. Indeed, Chevalier Mollet was unquestionably, both objectively and subjectively, the true driving force behind CISM's international development.

The holder of a degree in physical education, Raoul Mollet was an officer in the Belgian Cavalry and later in the Air Force. He took part in the Berlin Olympics in 1936 and in the London Olympics in 1948, both times entering the modern pentathlon. He was world

military fencing champion in 1948. On 06 May 1946, with his inseparable friend, Colonel Debrus of France, he founded the short-lived Allied Forces Sports Council, which was disbanded for political reasons. But the man certainly knew what he wanted: on 18 February 1948, in Nice, he became one of the founding members of the International Military Sports Council. Right from the beginning, Raoul Mollet was also one of its most active members. So it is almost naturally that in 1954, he was appointed Secretary General, a post he would hold uninterruptedly for thirty-two years.

In parallel with his activities in CISM, Raoul Mollet also became the most prominent Belgian sport leader of the second half of the twentieth century: President of the Belgian Badminton Federation, he then became president of the Belgian Olympic and Interfederal Committee (1965-1989). A member of numerous commissions within the International Olympic Committee, he belonged to Juan Antonio Samaranch's entourage and was one of his most trusted advisors.

Raoul Mollet had a true vision for sport. He was the one who, amongst other things, initiated CISM's solidarity programme—a programme that was eventually endorsed by the International Olympic Committee. He wrote several books, which became and still are references, on physical training and the organisation of world sport. He trained many sport leaders, including recently elected IOC President Dr Jacques Rogge.

CISM paid tribute to him at its 1995 General Assembly meeting in Beijing when he was awarded the very first Musketeer Trophy in the history of our organisation for his role in the development of international sport in general and in particular for his contribution to the promotion of CISM's ideals. His last official visit to CISM dates back to 18 February 1998, for the celebration of CISM's fiftieth anniversary, but we know that he still willingly received the Secretaries General who succeeded him and were keen to share their concerns with him and listen to his shrewd counsel.

On 14 August 2002, CISM lost its true spiritual father but his memory will live on forever in our hearts.

The "CISM 2010" Strategic Symposium, Rio de Janeiro, 09-15 November 2002

A Major Success

Copacabana Beach, "futbol" practised to artistic and technical perfection on burning sand—marginally cooled by the waves of the Atlantic Ocean—the mythical Maracana Stadium, the statue of Christ on top of Mount Corcovado and the Sugarloaf Mountain dominating the Bay, the Rio Carnival with its callipygian dancers. Those are but a selection of countless sublime images drawn from travel catalogues the world over, which attract myriads of tourists to Rio de Janeiro from the four corners of the globe. They are the glittery reflection of a Brazilian reality that also includes images of poverty from countless shanty-towns and of the daily drama faced by street children, a tragedy which Brazil's newly elected President, Lula da Silva, has promised to tackle as a matter of priority throughout his term.

So encapsulated with a few set-piece images, the City of Rio de Janeiro, along with the Brazilian delegation, welcomed the 31 participants to CISM's Strategic Symposium held in November 2002. CISM's delegation included representatives from sixteen different countries led by our organisation's President, Colonel Gola, and its Secretary General, Colonel Robert Eggermont, as well as members of the Board of Directors, of our organisation's various Commissions and Technical Committees, and of the General Secretariat. Under the guidance of General Albert Jansen, President of the Planning Commission, they spent a week developing CISM's Strategic and Annual Business Plans. Considered a vital tool for the enhancement of CISM's activities, this project was launched pursuant of the new Regulations adopted by the General Assembly in 2001, which introduced profound changes to the structure, responsibility and authority of each of CISM's respective statutory bodies.

The Symposium was masterfully organised by the Brazilian delegation and its Head, Admiral Guimaraes. Once more, they displayed extraordinary know-how and hospitality, a taste that some of the CISM members had already had an opportunity to acquire during previous stays in Brazil as part of other events.



From l. to r. : the Secretary General, the President of CISM, the Chief of the Brazilian delegation, Admiral Guimaraes, and the Vice-President for America

Several independent speakers of high repute delivered thought-provoking speeches before a captivated audience:

- Mr Manuel Tubino, President of the Fédération internationale d'éducation physique (FIEP, "International Federation for Physical Education"), addressed the military's contribution to the development of sport throughout the world;
- Mr Joao Havelange, IOC Member and former President of FIFA ("International Football Federation Association"), presented an overview of the development of sport around the world;
- Mr Carlos Nuzman, President of the Brazilian Olympic Committee, presented a paper on "Sport in Brazil: a Proposed Strategy"; and
- Mr Lars Graell, Brazilian Secretary of Sport, compared the projects tabled by the Ministries of Defence and Sport.

Despite the participants' genuine appreciation of these speeches by outsiders, some of them also wished to express their own views on a variety of issues in connection with the Symposium's main topic:

- Lt-Colonel Finn Lodberg, Member of the Commission for Sport, outlined his Commission's views;
- Lt-Colonel Don Keus, Secretary of the Commission for Sport, presented a paper entitled "Dream or Reality" based on statistics concerning CISM's activities;
- Brigadier General Jansen, Director of the Symposium, presented a Strategic Plan template and discussed the drafting of the plan itself; and
- Colonel André Therry, CISM Treasurer, dealt with "Budget and Financial Resources".

The day after these presentations, the participants were split into four workshops, each of which addressed two of the eight topics identified as strategic priorities for CISM. All groups used the same detailed working method.

The last day of the Symposium was dedicated to the presentation of workshop reports and to the drafting of a questionnaire.

At the end of this last day, the President of CISM, Colonel Gola, drew conclusions in a closing address that won unanimous acclaim.

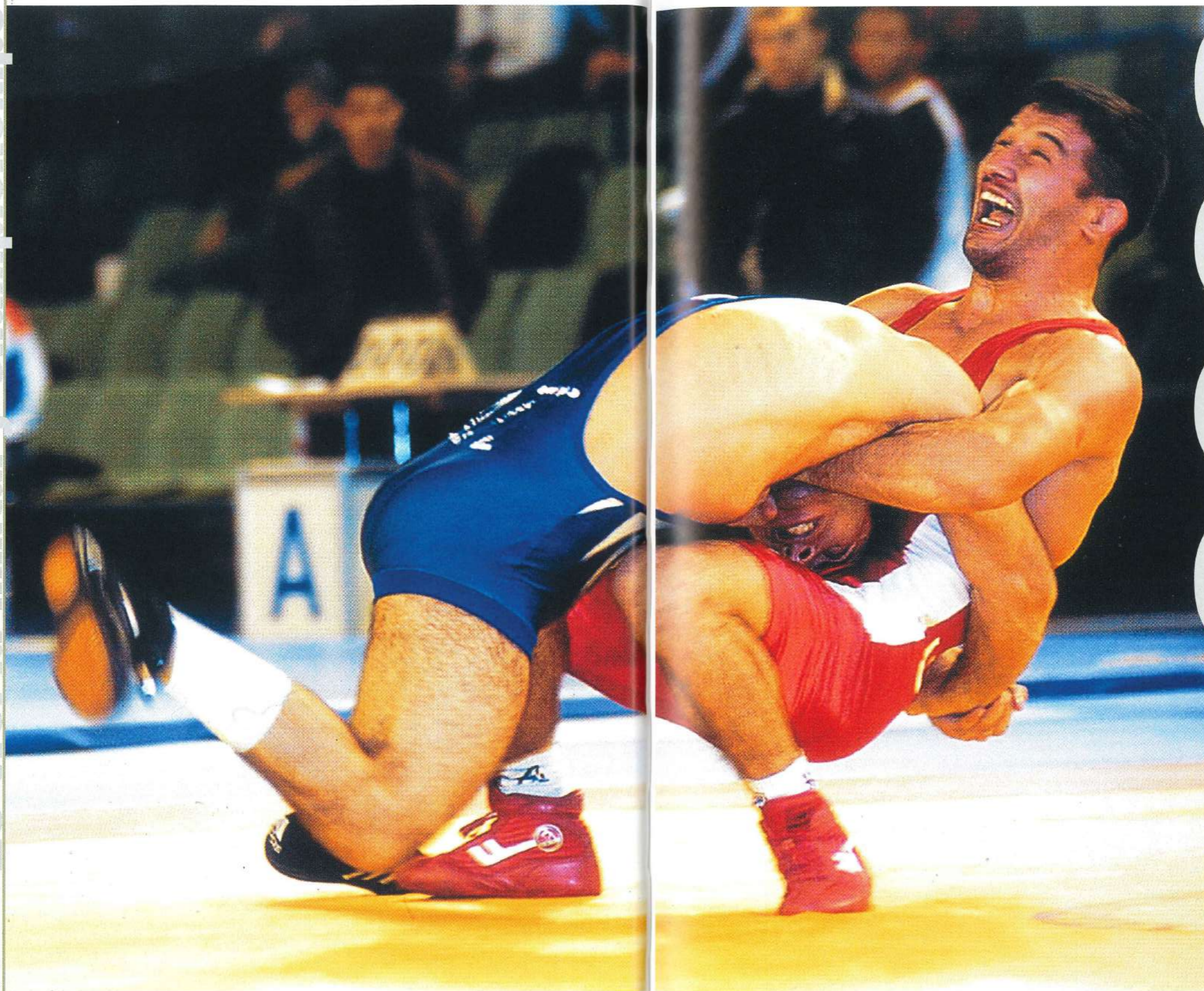
Following this work, the President of the Planning Commission and Symposium Director, General Albert Jansen, drew up draft Strategic and Annual Business Plans, which he submitted to the Board of Directors in Simons'town in December 2002.

The quality of the various speakers' presentations, the commitment of the four workshops, as well as the high level topics and issues they addressed, have turned this Strategic Symposium into a major success and, most certainly, a decisive step in the development of CISM's activities.



Center of the photo : Mr Joao Havelange, former President of FIFA and IOC member; on the right : Mr Carlos Nuzman, President of the Brazilian Olympic Committee

20 world military championships



2002

5-10 February 2002

Quillota, Chile



equestrian

14th World Military Equestrian Championship

Latin America Is Powering Up

The 14th World Military Equestrian Championship was held early this year in Chile. Sixteen teams took the trip to Quillota, a town to the north of the Chilean capital Santiago. Of course, there will inevitably be those who argue that out of the sixteen teams present, some are considered inactive while others are not even current members of our organisation. To which we reply that they were allowed to enter pursuant of CISM's strategic plan and practical efforts to reactivate some Latin American countries and attract new members in the region.

Another source of genuine satisfaction was the organisation of all events traditionally on the equestrian programme for the first time since the Rome Military World Games in 1995. On top of this, new records were set for the number of delegations, riders and women. The three-day event, showjumping and dressage were all organised in a magnificent equestrian centre for a world championship that also provided the Chilean military horsemanship school with a golden occasion to celebrate its centennial with pomp and circumstance. Of course, in order for the party to be a complete success, the Chilean team had to rise up to the occasion. They showed the way last year when they won the two obstacle courses on the programme of the previous edition in Turkey. In Quillota, the locals bagged three gold medals: individual dressage (M. Piraino) and team showjumping and dressage.

The three-day event went to Lieutenant Carlos Alfonso, whose name is probably familiar to you. Indeed, our gold medallist is the son of the head of the Argentine delegation, Brigadier General Carlos Alfonso! And the head of the Argentine delegation was even prouder of his son when it turned out that he had led his teammates to team gold. The Uruguayan team also went home with its share of gold: Lieutenant L. Aranco won the showjumping event. So, the Latin American accent was audible on all steps of every single rostrum in the three disciplines, except the second step of the Cup of Nations, where the Irish played a dissonant note under the leadership of G. Mullins, whose reputation has reached even the remotest stadiums and whose young teammates won unanimous acclaim from very large audiences (40,000 in total during the week).

Participating countries (16) : Argentina, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, France, Ireland, Italy (*), Mexico, The Netherlands (*), Paraguay, Peru, Salvador, Uruguay, Venezuela

Observing country (1) : Qatar

Official CISM Representative : Colonel Ernesto Rodriguez (Venezuela)

President TC : Lt Colonel Giulio Serafini (Italy)

127 participants, 83 athletes : 2 women, 81 men.



Results

- Dressage :**
1. Tct M. Piraino (CHI) with Jeque : 68.25 pts
 2. Tct R.Monje (URU) with Capoeira : 67.85 pts
 3. Grt A. Bertolotti (URU) with Madona : 66.65 pts
- 3 days event indiv :**
1. Tte 1ero C. Alfonso (ARG) with Remonta Varadero
 2. Tte A. Grazzini (ARG) with Nabuco
 3. Cap J. Fernandez (URU) with Mariachi.
- 3 days event team :**
1. Argentina (Tte 1ero C. Alfonso, Tte A. Grazzini, Sgt. D. Esposito, Tte 1ero A. Cornejo)
 2. Chile (Cap. G. Garin, Cap.J. Villarroel, Cap. J. Carrera, Cap. R. Stangher)
 3. Uruguay (Cap. J. Fernandez, Tte L. Aranco, Cap. E. Quintana, Cap J. Nunez)
- Jumping :**
1. Tte L. Aranco with Ensueno) : 0 pt, (tie-break : 4 pts)
 2. Tct.R. Abella (URU) : Opt, (tie-break : 12 pts)
 3. Tct S. Rikli (CHI) : 4 pts, 95.40 (tie-break for the 3rd place : 0 pts, 41.08)
- Nations Cup :**
1. Chile (Cap J. Witto, Tte S. Ituriaga, Tte A.Anguita, Tct S.Rikli) : 4 pts
 2. Ireland (Tct G. Mullins, Tte G. Cuppar, Tte L. Murphy, Tte D. O'Brien) : 12 pts
 3. Argentina (Tct. E. Zone, Maj. M ; Bedoya, Tct. C. Di Tomaso, Cap. M. Tonnelier) : 28 pts

26 February-02 March 2002

Kranjska Gora & Pokljuka, Slovenia

ski

44th World Military Ski Championship

The Winners More than Made Up for the Absent

In the wake of remarkable overall military achievement in Salt Lake City, the Slovenian delegation was looking forward to entertaining the audiences and media with an impressive list of Olympic medallists who were going to perform on the now famous slopes of Kranjska Gora (for the Giant Slalom) and Pokljuka (for cross-country skiing and biathlon). Unfortunately, in the week before the opening ceremony of the military championship, a flood of withdrawals were announced, due to the incredible denseness of the international programme. All the more reason to praise the four Olympic medallists who were present in Slovenia: France's Gilles Marguet and Vincent Defrasne and Austria's Wolfgang Perner and Christian Hoffman. Despite understandable exhaustion, they did more than simply participate.

Praise is also in order for the winners of this week's races, whose names will feature on a par with their illustrious predecessors' in the list of world military ski champions, the younger ones having clinched major international titles in the absence of their famous elders, thereby inaugurating what we can only hope will become impressive personal records. Among them, Italy's Michael Gufler and Denise Karbon, winners of the Giant Slalom, deserve a special mention. Finding Austria's Wolfgang Perner and Slovenia's Andrea Grasic on the top steps of the biathlon rostrums serves to verify the high level of performance achieved in these competitions, as they both confirmed the titles they won last year and are well-established stars on the global scene. As for France's Isabelle Philippon and Austria's Gehrard Urain, they are not far from regular presence on World Cup podiums. Norway and France won the Patrol Races, thereby confirming their excellent performances in the relay events of major international competitions. Austria (as last year), Italy and Norway in that order on the podium of the Cup of Nations is after all a perfectly logical occurrence on the winter scene.



Participating countries (23) : Germany (*), Argentina (*), Austria (*), Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada (*), Croatia, Spain, Estonia (*), United States (*), Finland (*), France (*), Hungary, Italy (*), Latvia (*), Norway (*), Romania (*), Slovakia, Slovenia (*), Sweden (*), Switzerland, Czech Republic(*), Ukraine (*)
 (*) female participation

Official CISM Representative : Brigadier Général Isidore Popowych (Canada)

President TC : Lt-Colonel Georg Di Pauli von Treuheim (Italy)

475 participants, 327 athletes : 97 women, 230 men



Results

Women

- Giant Slalom : 1. D. Karbon (ITA) : 1'49"62, 2. N. Gius (ITA) : 1'50"13, 3. M. Planatscher (ITA) : 1'50"41
 Team : 1. Italy, 2. Germany, 3. Slovenia.
 Cross-country (10km) : 1. K. Philippon (FRA) : 26'01"6, P. Madjic (SLO) : 26'15"9, 3. I. Olsson (SWE) : 27'01"5
 Team : 1. France, 2. Germany, 3. Norway
 Biathlon (sprint) : 1. A. Grasic (SLO) : 23'08"4 (0), 2. T. Berger (NOR) : 23'42"2 (1), 3. E. Ivanova(USA) : 24'00"8 (1)
 Team : 1. Slovenia, 2. Norway, 3. Germany
 Patrol : 1. France (A. Pierrel, F. Baverel-Robert, C. Gros, S. Bailly) : 47'37"0 (0)
 2. Slovenia (A. Mali, A. Grasic, L. Larisi, T. Brankovic) : 47'57"6 (0)
 3. Germany (I. Klaus, S. Denking, J. Klein, P. Wagenfuhr) : 49'24"4 (1)

Men

- Giant Slalom : 1. M. Gufler (ITA) : 1'46"63, 2. R. Schoenfelder (AUT) : 1'46"70, 3. M. Lanzinger (AUT) : 1'46"72
 Team : 1. Austria, 2. Italy, 3. Switzerland
 Cross-country (15km) : 1. G. Urain (AUT) : 34'19"7, 2. J. Maric (SLO) : 34'32"4, 3. T. Bjornviken (NOR) : 34'50"9
 Team : 1. Austria, 2. Norway, 3. Italy
 Biathlon (sprint) : 1. W. Perner (AUT) : 26'07"9 (1), 2. M. Poklukar (SLO) : 26'30"4 (2), 3. H. Achornor (AUT) : 26'39"8 (1)
 Team : 1. Slovenia, 2. Norway, 3. Germany
 Patrol : 1. Norway (M. Brors, T. Bjornstad, S. Eckhoff, L. Berger) : 1.09'02"4 (0)
 2. Switzerland 2 (C. Stebler, M. Simmen, R. Zwahlen, C. Eichholler) : 1.11'51"4 (0)
 3. Finland (P. Ylonen, P. Kallunki, J. Tyyska, A. Palolahti) : 1.11'54"7 (0)
 Nations Cup : 1. Austria, 2. Italy, 3. Norway

18-22 March 2002

Antalya, Turkey

Cross-country

49th World Military Cross-Country Championship

Moroccan Grand Slam

While we readily agree that, in the eyes of most Europeans, Antalya is essentially a mythical holiday destination, we can also safely claim that the 23 countries present for the 49th World Military Cross-Country Championship held in the Turkish resort did not take the trip to enjoy the sun. On the Antalya course—a difficult run because of the ubiquitous sand and the many curves needed to keep the action near the audience and allow them to follow the races without missing a single second of the action—the Moroccan team finally bagged the grand slam they have been after for years—even though they will never admit to it. But, whereas until the mid-90s only the long cross was a Moroccan special, for the last six years, following the arrival of a generation of Moroccan women led by Zhor El Khamch, the Moroccan stamp on military cross-country has become indelible. And with the advent in the short cross of Abdelkader Hachlaf—a good middle-distance specialist who is worth 3'33"00 on 1500m—, Morocco has found the link it missed to complete a sublime grand slam.

Ladies first! With Zhor El Khamch's fourth consecutive title. She is a talented runner with no real military rival these days—a fact that she proved on the track during the last world military athletics championship in Beirut. The men's long cross was an all-Moroccan business. "one, two and three-nil!", as the French like to sing who finished second, far behind the Moroccan triplet composed of Moutil, Bouchlduch and Zernaf, the latter proving to be more than an adequate substitute for Moustapha Bamouh, four times world champion but absent in Antalya. As indicated above, the short cross title went to Abdelkader Hachlaf, but the real hero of this race was Saudi Arabia's Saad Al Asmari, who managed to beat Moubbsite, another Moroccan, to the podium. This slight upset bore no impact on the team title: like the rest of the titles, it went to Morocco, of course. Their opponents can but bow to the supremacy of a very convincing Moroccan team indeed.




Results

Women

Cross (6km) :	1. Z. El Khamch (MAR)	2. J. Prokopcuka (LAT)	3. L. Zaituc (GER)
Team :	1. Morocco	2. Germany	3. Belgium

Men

Short Cross (5km) :	1. A. Hachlaf (MAR)	2. S. Al Asmari (KSA)	3. M. Moubbsite (MAR)
Team :	1. Morocco	2. Portugal	3. Saudi Arabia
Long Cross (12km) :	1. N. Moutil (MAR)	2. A. Bouchlduch (MAR)	3. D. Zernaf (MAR)
Team :	1. Morocco	2. France	3. Algeria



Participating countries (28) : Albania, Algeria, Germany (*), Saudi Arabia, Austria (*), Belgium (*), Brazil, Burundi, Canada (*), United Arab Emirates, Spain (*), United States (*), France (*), Latvia (*), Lebanon, Lithuania (*), Luxembourg, Morocco (*), The Netherlands (*), Poland, Portugal (*), Slovenia (*), Sudan, Sweden (*), Switzerland, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey (*). (* female participation)

Official CISM Representative : Colonel Léon De Wulf (Belgium)

President TC : Colonel Jos Lenaers (Belgium)

360 participants, 260 athletes : 49 women, 211 men

18-22 March 2002
Antalya, Turkey

12-23 June 2002

Kaunas, Lithuania

handball

14th World Military Handball Championship

Belarus Again

At the Second Military World Games in Zagreb in 1999, the Belarussian team already made a strong impression not only by conquering the world military title but also by defeating in the process a Croatian team that looked all the more unbeatable on the home turf for a crowd that supported them as one. Apparently, the Belarussian team, built around players of Dynamo Minsk, the famous national champion team, is especially motivated when facing the organiser of the global military tournament in the final. Indeed, the last obstacle between the 2002 world military champions' and another trip to the top of the podium were different organisers and opponents this time: Lithuanians supported in Kaunas by thunderous crowds in a sports hall that was packed to the rafters.

Unfortunately for the audience, the Belarussians made short order of their favourites and defeated them 30-17. Also built around the national champions of Kaunas, and despite the presence among them of the best player of the tournament—the very gifted and versatile Augustas Strazdas—the Lithuanian team was completely inadequate and was outperformed by Belarus throughout the final. Reason for this severe defeat is probably to be found partly in the Lithuanians' bad form on the day but also in the merits of the winners, whose team play worked wonders.

The triumph of the Baltic States was complete since in the final for third place, Latvia prevailed against the ever-spectacular Korean team, featuring tournament best scorer Hyun Chul Kim. Unfortunately for the Koreans, they were facing Mareks Skabeidis, best goalkeeper of this global military tournament, which probably goes a long way toward explaining their defeat.

Worth noting among the eleven teams is the participation of Syria, winner of the world military tournament in 2001 but whose team did not enjoy the support of the home crowd this time and finished seventh. One final word to pay tribute to the referees coached by a member of the Commission for Rules and Refereeing of the International Handball Federation, whose work won unanimous acclaim.



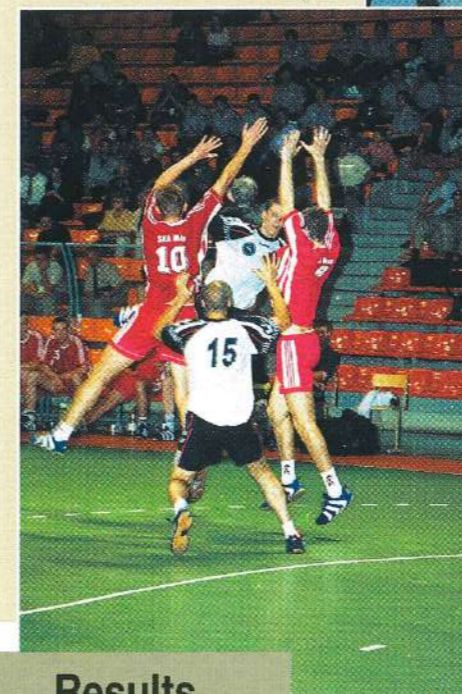
Participating countries (11) : Germany, Saudi Arabia, Belarus, China, Cyprus, Rep. Korea, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Syria, Turkey.

Observing country (1) : Qatar

Official CISM Representative : Colonel Léon De Wulf (Belgium)

President TC : Colonel Hubert Blotacker (Belgium)

232 participants : 177 athletes



Results

- Finals** 1st place : Belarus-Lithuania: 30-17
 3rd place : Latvia-Rep. Korea : 27-23
 5th place : Germany-Greece : 26-22
- 7th place :** Syria- China : 37-28
- Final classification :** 1. Belarus
 2. Lithuania
 3. Latvia
 4. Rep. Korea, 5. Germany, 6. Greece, 7. Syria, 8. China, 9. Saudi Arabia, 10. Cyprus.
- Best Scorer :** Hyun Chul Kim (Rep Korea)
Best player : Augustas Strazdas (Lithuania)
Best goal keeper : Mareks Skabeikis (Latvia)
Fair-play : Germany

12-23 June 2002
 Kaunas, Lithuania

marathon

World Military Marathon Championship

13-17 June 2002

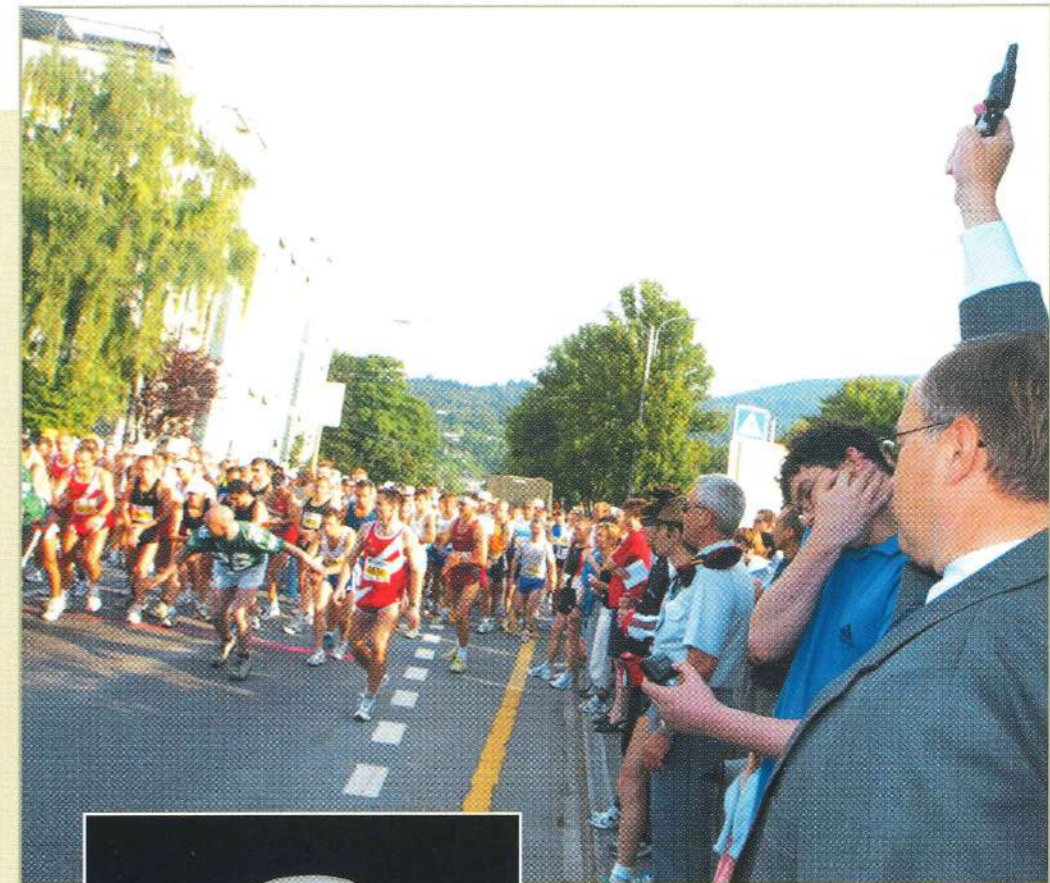
Bienne, Switzerland

Too Fast to be True!

The Swiss delegation's idea was simply splendid: running the world military marathon championship as part of the Bienne Races, a huge civilian event organised by the Bern canton's association of non-commissioned officers. The "Courses de Bienne" include a 100km race, a marathon, semi-marathon, quarter-marathon and many more athletic events that have attracted countless national and international athletes since time immemorial.

So, 58 men and six women from 15 different countries decided to take part in this sporting feast. In the men's, Morocco's Kamal Saaidou—the winner of the 2001 edition in Beirut—prevailed again, this time besting Belgium's Gino Van Geyte and Brazil's Alex Mendoco, while Switzerland's Philip Rist finished fourth and Jorg Hafner fifth, thereby bagging the team title for their country, with the Qatari and Spanish teams finishing second and third respectively. In the women's race, victory went to France's Nathalie Guihot, with Canada's Tammy Hoscock and Suzanne Cote clinching silver and bronze. Now, about the men's race and the winner's astounding 2.08'02". At 38, Kemal Saaidou set a new CISM record and kept the promise he had made in Beirut—"Give me a chance to run a marathon in Europe, and I will cut my personal best to around 2.08'00" ". Behind him, Gino Van Geyte smashed his own PB too (2.08'32"), just as Alex Mendoco, Rist (thereby qualifying for the civilian European championship), Jorg Hafner, etc.

This plethora of personal bests caused the Swiss delegation to raise an eyebrow. It had outsourced the organisation of the championship to the very experienced Organising committee of the Bienne Races and promptly demanded that the course—which the organisers had reconnoitred several times—be measured again. Much to the athletes' dismay and the Swiss delegation's fury, this new measurement came 1197 meters short! Colonel Joss and his delegation were not in the least responsible for this mistake of course, but the Engineering School and the Organising Committee went home in utter shame!



Results

Women

1. N. Guihot (FRA) 2. T. Hoscock (CAN) 3. S. Cote (CAN)

Men

1. K. Saaidou (MAR) 2. G. Van Geyte (BEL) 3. A.J. Mendonca (BRA)

Participating Countries (15) : Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada (*), Croatia, Spain, United States (*), France (*), Hungary, Morocco, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Slovenia, Switzerland
 (*) female participation

Official CISM Representative : Lt Colonel Don Keus (The Netherlands)

President TC : Colonel Jos Lenaers (Belgium)

94 participants, 64 athletes : 6 women, 58 men



17-25 June 2002
Avenches, Switzerland

fencing

38th World Military Fencing championship

Thorny Russia

Eighteen countries took the trip to Avenches, a few kilometres from the Swiss capital Bern, for what constitutes, from a qualitative point of view, one of the main attractions in our international military schedule, all sports included.

Ladies first, then, to note first of all that the highly reputable Russian school, whose tradition is beyond praise, was almost exclusive in its domination, leaving only the sword team title to the Belarussian opposition. But let us start our overview of performances with the women's foil tournament, in which Svetlana Bojko won the individual title against the Netherlands's excellent Indra Angad-Gaur, 8th in the IFF world rankings, while fellow countrywoman Ekaterina Youcheva finished third, with the Russian team prevailing overall. Slightly more than a month later, at the civilian world championship in Lisbon, Bojko prevailed again in the individual tournament, this time against Ekaterina Youcheva, and went on to bag team gold with the latter. The Russian pair—temporarily?—interrupted Vezzalu and Trillini's incredible domination of both civilian and military foil worlds on behalf of Italy. The Russian sabre team is in rather good shape too, judging from Elena Netchaeva's individual title in the CISM championship following an individual bronze medal in Lisbon and a second team title in succession. Bis repetita in the team event: Russia seemed unapproachable. As for very young Anna Siwkova, as Russian as the rest of them, she conquered her first major military title in Avenches, two years after winning the civilian junior world title.

Just a few words about the men's tournaments to mention the second consecutive foil title conquered by Gianluca Pierucci, a junior world champion in 1999 who apparently finds it difficult to confirm his huge talents with his senior peers on strips outside the military arena. Italy's F. Di Lauro prevailed in the men's sabre tournament, and he had more to be happy about since his country—record holder for the number of team titles—won the team event too. Let us add Belarus's Zakharov and Russia in the team foil and sabre events to complete this—decidedly Russian-accented—overview of the final results.

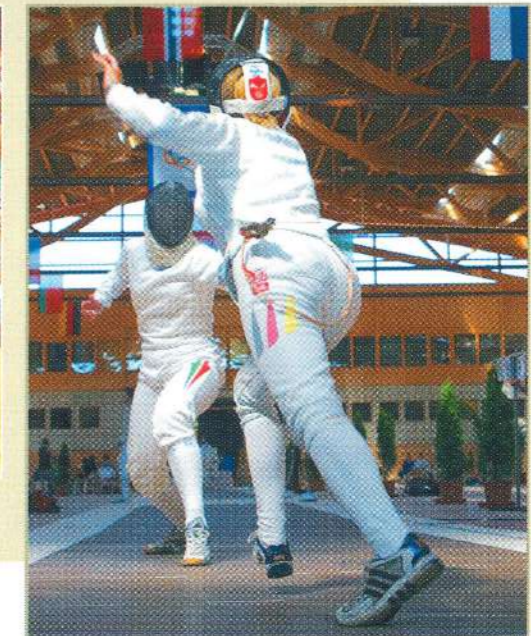


Participating Countries (18) : Germany (*), Argentina (*), Austria, Belarus (*), Belgium (*), Brazil, United States, France (*), Hungary (*), Italy, Lebanon, Norway, The Netherlands (*), Romania (*), Russia (*), Sweden (*), Switzerland, Thailand (* female participation)

Official CISM Representative: Lt Colonel Don Keus (The Netherlands)

President TC (ad interim) : Lt-Colonel Joao Quadros (Portugal)

201 participants, 134 athletes : 97 men, 37 women



Results

Women

Foil :	1. S. Boyko (RUS)	2. I. Andra Gaur (NED)	3. E. Yusheva (RUS)
Team :	1. Russia	2. Belarus	3. Romania
Saber :	1. Nechaeva (RUS)	2. Benad (GER)	3. Makeeva (RUS)
Team :	1. Russia	2. France	3. Sweden
Sword :	1. Sivkova (RUS)	2. Ledebeva (RUS)	3. Grigorian (BLR)
Team :	1. Belarus	2. Russia	3. Hungary

Men

Foil :	1. G. Pierucci (ITA)	2. V. Pozdnyakov (RUS)	3. R. Nassibulin (RUS)
Team :	1. Russia	2. Italy	3. Romania
Saber :	1. Di Lauro (ITA)	2. Sazonov (RUS)	3. Sirovich (ITA)
Team :	1. Italy	2. Russia	3. Belgium
Sword :	1. Zakharov (BLR)	2. Schmid (GER)	3. Pfeiffer (GER)
Team :	1. Russia	2. Belarus	3. Germany

17-25 June 2002
Avenches, Switzerland

orienteeing

35th World Military Orienteering Championship

17-23 June 2002
Allentsteig, Austria

The Russians Found Their Way

"Russian Grand Slam" was the title of our piece on the 34th World Military Orienteering Championship in Beja, Portugal, last year. We could have simply pasted it to encapsulate our report on the 35th World Military Orienteering Championship held in the Austrian town of Allentsteig.

Our top-notch military orienteering specialists had an appointment with a very demanding course this year and 25 of the 26 nations that had sent representatives had to reconcile themselves with the prospect of going for silver since, as last year, the Russian grip on the discipline was simply too strong. Of course, in theory at least, the Russian entries were the best: their athletes rank highest in the individual world rankings and in the defunct World Cup standings. Ranked world number four and second in the final standings of the 2002 World Cup, Mikhail Mamleev subdued the opposition in the individual event of the military world championship by finishing more than three minutes ahead of his closest pursuer, Poland's Porczyk. This meant a second consecutive gold medal for him. As last year, Mamleev was supported in the relay and team events by Valentin Novikov, currently world number 10, as well as E. Fadeev and M. Davidov, who were not exactly born to orienteering yesterday either. Russia won both the relay and team titles, beating Poland and Norway—whose value is known worldwide—only by the smallest of margins.

The women's events were dominated by Tatyana Ryabkina, who enjoyed the best world ranking (14th) and the best World Cup performance (17th) of all the entries. It was therefore only natural that she should outperform the opposition, starting with fellow countrywoman Julia Siedlina, who failed to repeat last year's victory. With the valuable support of Olga Belozeroва, the Russian team-mates left nothing to chance or thrill in the relay and team events, in which they also bagged gold, with Sweden and Lithuania finishing second in the respective events.

The Russian orienteering specialists were simply too strong in the early Austrian summer and there is every reason to believe that the same will apply next year in Vilnius, Lithuania.



Results

Men :

- Individual : 1. M. Mamleev (RUS) : 2.28'29", 2. J. Porczyk (POL) : 2.31'38", 3. S. Ambrasas (LTU) : 2.28'29"
 Team : 1. Russia (M. Mamleev, V. Novikov, E. Fadeev, M. Davidov) : 4.24'44"
 2. Norway (H. Omdahl H., B. Eriksen, P. Skogedal, B. Aamodt) : 4.25'20"
 3. Czech Republic (M. Jedlicka, R. Novotny, L. Zridkvesely, R. Ropek) : 4.30'29"
 Relay : 1. Russia 1 (M. Davidov, V. Novikov, M. Mamleev) : 2.37'04"
 2. Poland (S. Wozniak, R. Banach, J. Porczyk) : 2.37'43"
 3. Norway (G. Hanssen, O. Stockseth, B. Aamodt) : 2.38'25"

Women :

- Individual : 1. T. Ryabkina (RUS) : 1.37'36", 2. J. Siedlina (RUS) : 1.46'33", 3. J. Sargautite (LTU) : 1.47'32"
 Team : 1. Russia (T. Ryabkina, J. Siedlina, O. Belozeroва) : 5.11'55"
 2. Lithuania (V. Rudzenskaite, J. Sargautyte, D. Vosyliute) : 5.31'42"
 3. Ukraine (N. Vinnytska, N. Potopalska, O. Zabrodska) : 5.48'12"
 Relay : 1. Russia (J. Siedlina, O. Belozeroва, T. Ryabkina) : 1.56'24"
 2. Sweden (R-M. Foslund, L. Nordin, A. Elefors) : 2.03'03"
 3. Lituanie (D. Vosyliute, V. Rudzenskaite, J. Sargautyte) : 2.03'13"

Participating countries (26) : Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria (*), Croatia, Denmark, Spain, Estonia (*), Finland, France (*), Hungary (*), Italy (*), Latvia (*), Lithuania (*), Norway (*), the Netherlands (*), Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia (*), Slovenia (*), Sweden (*), Switzerland, Czech Republic, Turkey, Ukraine (*). (* female participation)

Observing countries (2) : Greece, New-Zealand
Official CISM Representative: Colonel Robert Eggermont (Belgium)
President TC : Lt Col Harald Oestbye (Norway)
 216 athletes : 172 men, 44 women



21-29 June 2002
Dijon, France

aeronautical pentathlon

46th World Military Aeronautical Pentathlon Championship

Inaccessible Swedes

Nine of the ten countries entering the 46th World Military Aeronautical Pentathlon Championship organised in the French city of Dijon—in a region that is famous for its good food and tasty wines—were once again driven to witness powerlessly the bulimic behaviour of the tenth, i.e. Sweden, which in the last few editions has further tightened its grip on the discipline. Statistics speak for themselves: in 46 World Military Championships, the Swedes have won 30 individual and 29 team titles.

On the home turf last year in Ronneby, Sweden finished one, two, three and four. It was only slightly less impressive this year in Dijon, as the Swedes had to tolerate the presence of an intruder on the podium: Spain's Cuenca bagged bronze. Still, a brief look at the gap between the Yellow and Blue and the opposition is enough to wonder how long this stranglehold will last yet. Again, statistics are eloquent: Sweden beat Spain to the top step of the team podium by a staggering 1020 points!

Individually, Sweden's Niklas Isaksson, who is 30, won a second title in succession, but this time he totalled a remarkable 4743 points to best near-veteran and 2000 Champion Peter Carlsson despite the latter's impressive total of 4649 points. It is during the last event—the so-called "evasion run"—that Isaksson put an end to the thriller and brought team-mate Carlson into line, despite the latter's good-as-ever performances in the shooting range and on the fencing strip.

Spain finished second overall and Finland completed a podium that for a number of years now, has looked very much unchanged—except for a few swaps between second and third. In short, there was very little novelty to report from the aeronautical pentathlon world in Dijon.



Participating countries (11) : Belgium, Brazil, Spain, Finland, France, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Czech Republic, Turkey, Sweden (*). (*) female participation

Official CISM Representative : Navy Captain Gian-Antonio Invernizzi (Italy)

President TC : Captain Goran Larsson (Sweden)

93 participants, 84 athletes : 83 men, 1 woman



Results

- Shooting** : 1. V. Rosenlund (Fin) : 1.045 pts, 2. P. Carlsson (SWE) : 1.030 pts, 3. F. Torres (ESP) : 1.015 pts
- Swimming** : 1. P. Matero (FIN) : 1.006 pts, 2. E. Curiel (ESP) : 962 pts, 3. J. Rohlen (SWE) : 960 pts
- Fencing** : 1. P. Carlsson (SWE) : 1.000 pts, 2. E. Cuenca (ESP) : 973 pts, 3. A. Hubert (BEL) : 973 pts
- Basket-ball** : 1. E. Gökmen (TUR) : 1.120 pts, 2. E. Curiel (ESP) : 1.086 pts, 3. V. Rosenlund (FIN) : 982 pts
- Escape** : 1. J. Rohlen (SWE) : 1.047 pts, 2. N. Isaksson (SWE) : 1.031 pts, 3. P. Pavlik (CZE) : 944 pts
- Final Class.** : 1. N. Isaksson (SWE) : 4.743 pts, 2. P. Carlsson (SWE) : 4.649 pts, 3. E. Cuenca (ESP) : 4.559,5 pts
- Team** : 1. Sweden (N. Isaksson, P. Carlsson, J. Rohlen) : 13.882 pts
2. Spain (E. Cuenca, B. Abos, E. Curiel) : 12.861,5 pts
3. Finland (V. Rosenlund, P. Matero, M. Pulli) : 12.914,5 pts

21-29 June 2002
Dijon, France

modern pentathlon

34th World Military Modern Pentathlon Championship

Masters at Home

Fourteen delegations took the trip to the charming university town of Hradec Kralove, 100km from Prague and a mere stone's throw from the German and Polish borders. The Czech delegation could not have picked a better year to organise this particular military world championship. Indeed, 2002 has been quite remarkable so far for its pentathletes. A few months after the military world championship, here is a short summary of the achievements of the country's top three competitors this year. Libor Capalini, 2nd in the CISM championship, won the civilian European championship and is currently world number one. Michal Sedlecky became civilian world champion in San Francisco and is currently ranked fifth in the world. As for Michal Michalik, he bagged team gold at the world military championship, in association with Capalini and Sedlecky, as well as team silver at the civilian world championship. So, with one team title, two individual second places and a bonus silver medal in the relay—with a completely different team, by the way!—the Czech Republic very much confirmed in CISM competitions its indisputable status as the world's—provisional—number one modern pentathlon nation, by both military and civilian standards.

This long enumeration of proud achievements by local athletes this year should not overshadow the individual titles conquered in Hradec Kralove by Ukraine's Vadim Tkatchuk in the men's event and Latvia's Jelena Rublevska in the women's. Ukraine is a regular feature on CISM team podiums. Indeed, its name appears almost every year among CISM medallists. Still, except for a win in the final event of the 2001 World Cup and a fifth place in Sydney, this is Tkatchuk's first major individual title. And how about Latvia's Jelena Rublevska then, who won her first major international title in the Czech Republic. Ranked seventh in the world, Jelena made the difference by crushing the opposition on the fencing strip following a very good shooting round. Having packed a rather handsome lead, she then nursed her advantage to stay ahead of Hungary's Rita Pal. As mentioned at the beginning of this article, the unreachable Czech trio bagged team gold, but the relay went to Belarus's Mihail Prokopenko, Andrej Shimanovic and Oleg Diachenko.



24 June-01 July 2002

Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic



Participating countries (14) : Bahrein, Belarus (*), Brazil, Estonia, United States (*), Hungary(*), Italy (*), Latvia (*), Russia (*), Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, Czech Republic (*), Ukraine
 (*) female participation

Official CISM Representative : Lt-Colonel Johann Arends (Germany)

President TC : Colonel Jürg Waeffler (Switzerland)

119 participants, 69 athletes : 53 men, 16 women



Results

Women

Individual : 1. J. Rublevska (LAT) : 5.428 pts, 2. R. Pal (HUN) : 5.312 pts, 3. H. Unukava (BLR) : 5.136 pts

Men

Individual : 1. V. Tkatchuk (UKR) : 5.664 pts, 2. L. Capalini (Czech Rep.) : 5.548 pts, 3. A. Koukharev (ITA) : 5.508 pts

Team : 1. Czech Republic (L. Capalini, M. Dvorak, O. Krivski) : 16.188 pts
 2. Russia (A. Koukharev, A. Tsigipov, A. Savikov) : 16.092 pts
 3. Italy (A. Valentini, E. Dell'amore, S. Giommini) : 15.900 pts

Relay : 1. Belarus (M. Prokopenko, A. Shimanovic, O. Diachenko) : 5.360 pts
 2. Czech Republic (O. Krivski, P. Lebl, M. Dvorak) : 5.240 pts
 3. Hungary (V. Horvath, A. Horvath, M. Varbiro) : 5.228 pts

24 June-01 July 2002

Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic

triathlon

9th World Military Triathlon Championship

All Big Names in Attendance!

Once again, CISM has to sing the praise of the Estonian delegation and its Chief, 2nd Lieutenant Heino Marks, in recognition of their magnificent work before and during the 9th World Military Triathlon Championship held in June in Otepää, a peaceful town 150 km from the Estonian capital, Tallinn. What this small country of barely 2 million inhabitants has managed to do on behalf of our organisation in 2002 is simply extraordinary. A few months after hosting a Board meeting and just some months before accommodating the World Military Wrestling Championship, the Estonian delegation rose to the challenge of transforming into a full-blown World Military Championship what was scheduled to be a regional triathlon championship only!

On the championship itself, the first temptation is to conclude that, once again, a Frenchman makes room for another. Indeed, since 1997—and with the exception of the title bagged by Germany's Unger in 2000—the French team has imposed a comprehensive domination in the military triathlon. Following the advent of Jeanselme (in 1997) and Dodet (1998, 1999 and 2001), this year was marked by that of Deanaz. The race unfolded as has been customary since pack racing has been allowed in the biking leg: the winner during the final 10km emerged from the leading group formed during the bicycle race. In this configuration, Deanaz built a substantial lead over teammate Chabeau—a long-distance specialist who ranked sixth in the last Ironman and finished second of the World Military Championship in 1998—and Germany's Gollner.

Same story in the women's event. As usual, the Chinese ladies built a substantial lead in the swimming leg before the pack caught up with them during the biking leg. The decision was made during the final leg but comparisons stop here. Indeed, Austria prevailed this year in the person of Brambock, who won silver in last year's world championship, thereby perpetuating her country's tradition and following in the tracks of Haemmerlee who won the military world championship in 1999. As for China's Meng and Lin, they found solace in individual silver and bronze and, of course, team gold, besting Italy and the USA. Is it worth specifying that the French won the men's team gold, with Germany and Slovenia finishing second and third respectively? As always since the emergence of the triathlon within CISM, Germany did not leave the award ceremony empty-handed: the German triathletes won the mixed team title, with France and China bagging the other medals in that order.

Participating countries (19) : Germany (*), Austria (*), Belgium, Brazil, Canada (*), China (*), Estonia (*), United States (*), Finland, France (*), Hungary, Italy (*), Latvia (*), Luxembourg, The Netherlands (*), Slovakia, Slovenia (*), Sweden (*), Turkey (*) (* female participation)

Official CISM Representative : Colonel André Therry (Belgium)

President TC : Colonel Michel Saint-Bonnet (France)

297 participants, 111 athletes : 38 women, 92 men

17-22 June 2002

Otepää, Estonia



Results

Women

- Individual : 1. E. Brambock (AUT), 2. S. Meng (CHN), 3. X. Lin (CHN)
 Team : 1. China (S. Meng, X. Lin, Z. Hui)
 2. Italy (M. Ravizza, C. Giribon, A. Cappellini)
 3. United States (S. Galluc, J. Jones, C. Stock)

Men

- Individual : 1. F. Deanaz (FRA), 2. F. Chabaud (FRA), 3. R. Gohler (GER)
 Team : 1. France (F. Deanaz, F. Chabaud, Rome)
 2. Germany (R. Gohler, C. Weimer, S. Schtdys)
 3. Slovenia (Pechnik, A. Orlicky, E. Mocnik)

Mixed teams

1. Germany, 2. France, 3. China

17-22 June 2002
Otepää, Estonia

31 July-09 August 2002
Schaarsbergen, The Netherlands

military pentathlon

50th World Military Pentathlon Championship

The Military Pentathlon Celebrates its 50th Anniversary With Great Pomp and Ceremony!

It was assuredly the most eagerly awaited world military championship in 2002. Indeed, in the middle of a Dutch summer that had the good taste of sparing us for a week, the 50th World Military Pentathlon Championship was held—and celebrated—in Schaarsbergen, a Dutch town that had already hosted the World Military Fencing Championship in 1997. The choice was judicious, as was the decision to hand over to the Dutch delegation the keys to the organisation of jubilee celebrations that will undoubtedly live on in the hearts and memories of all present, spectators and competitors alike! The success of such an undertaking rests first and foremost on close synergies between all players and their respective competencies. The successful alchemy of superbly organised Dutch Armed Forces, a national delegation that is renowned for its competence and a Technical Committee for the Military Pentathlon that is wonderfully structured and masterminded by a most dynamic President supported by staff who know CISM and/or their discipline like the back of their hand, all led to a universally-praised display of fireworks.

The military pentathlon is the sport that probably best embodies CISM's body and soul. First because it has evolved apace with our organisation since its foundation, second because it personifies its motto (Friendship Through Sport), third because it is spectacular and the athletes who enter military pentathlon competitions are magnificently trained, and fourth because it advertises our organisation's specific military features.

Schaarsbergen was also the occasion to celebrate former world military pentathlon champions. Indeed eleven of them had taken the trip to The Netherlands, among whom Hartmut Nienaber, Mr Military Pentathlon—with ten individual titles—whose remarkable achievements were the subject of an exhibition put together thanks to the priceless contribution of Marcus Pucher, the son of You-Know-Whom and a former military pentathlete himself. The exhibition, which told the history of the discipline, welcomed many visitors and was a success. A number of former Presidents of the Technical Committee for Military Pentathlon were also present, including General Arthur Zechner—who, needless to recall, also served as President of CISM—, Colonel Hans-Georg Seitz and Colonel Pilot—also a former CISM Secretary General. The current President, Colonel Gola, and his Secretary General, Colonel Robert Eggermont, were in attendance too.

So, top brass only, for a magnificent event whose sporting aspects are reported opposite, and the celebration of an anniversary that will certainly go down in our organisation's history as a momentous occasion. A round of applause is in order for all contributors, as well as a special word of thanks to the Dutch delegation who built a new obstacle track and course in record time and ensured that all the infrastructure required for the organisation of this jubilee was available on time!

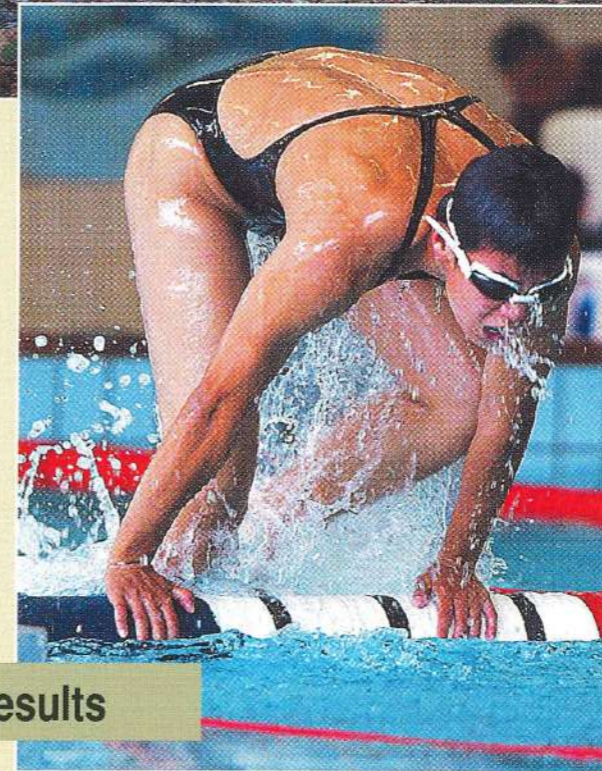


Participating countries (26) : South Africa, Germany, Austria, Belarus, Belgium (*), Brazil, Chile, China (*), Croatia, Denmark (*), Spain (*), Estonia (*), Finland (*), Latvia (*), Norway (*), Uzbekistan, The Netherlands (*), Romania, Russia (*), Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Czech Republic (*), Turkey (*), Ukraine, Venezuela. (* female participation)

Official CISM Representative : Maj Gen Youyuan Chen (China)

President TC : Brigadier General Johann Pucher (Austria)

176 athletes : 36 women, 140 men



Results

Women

Shooting :	1. A. Forssten (FIN) : 198 pts	2. Wang (CHN) 197 pts	3. L. Xu (CHN) : 195 pts
Obstacle race :	1. L. Tian (CHN) : 2'13"6 (CISM rec)	2. L. Yin (CHN) : 2'18"3	3. T. Martin (ESP) : 2'23"5
Swimming :	1. Y. Wang (CHN) : 28'2	2. G. Berntsen (NOR) : 29'1	3. L. Tian (CHN) : 30'1
Throwing :	1. L. Xu (CHN) : 180,7 pts	2. I. Kojalovica (LAT) : 178,8 pts	3. A. Strode (LAT) : 176,6 pts
Cross country :	1. L. Yin (CHN) : 13'29"3	2. L. Tian (CHN) : 14'08"6	3. N. Romanova (RUS) : 14'29"2
Indiv. Classif. :	1. Y. Wang (CHN) : 5.480,4 pts	2. L. Tian (CHN) : 5.461,5 pts	3. L. Xu (CHN) : 5.409,1 pts
Team :	1. China (Y. Wang, L. Tian, L. Xu) : 16.351,1 pts		
	2. Norway (Berntsen, Nybak, Jdyrkolbotn) : 15.458,9 pts		
	3. Russia (Penkova, Brussova, Romanova) : 15.426,6 pts		
Relay :	1. China	2. Russia	3. Latvia

31 July-09 August 2002
Schaarsbergen, The Netherlands

31 July-09 August 2002

Schaarsbergen, The Netherlands

military pentathlon

50th World Military Pentathlon Championship

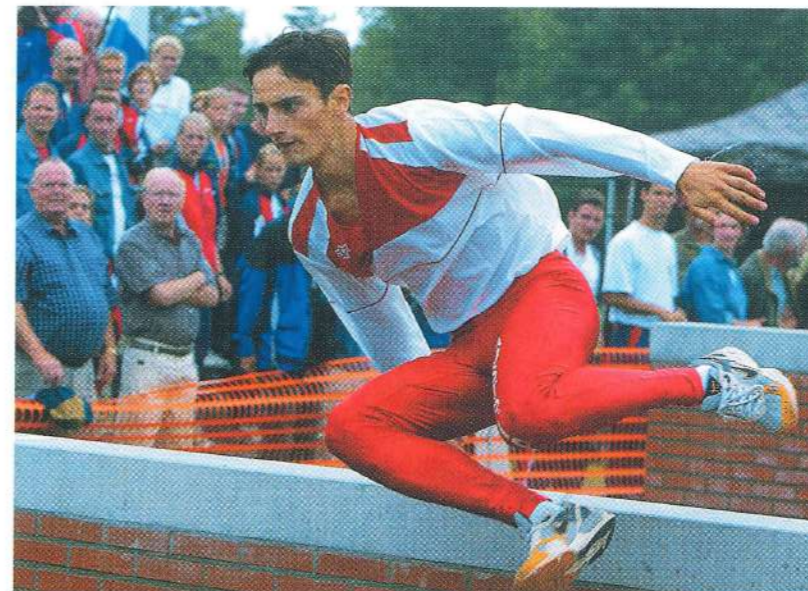
Fifteen Years Later!

Fifteen years! It took fifteen years for the world military pentathlon title to go back to Europe, fifteen years during which Chinese and Brazilian pentathletes alternatively won the championship. Austrian marvel Stefano Palma put an end to a period of European hardship that was all the more difficult to swallow because it followed the Nienaber period, named after the German pentathlon legend who won an incredible ten individual titles.

Twenty-two year-old Corporal Palma from Ezendorf bei Weiss bagged his win after a breathtaking suspense. A very high standard was set during the first event: two pentathletes—Germany's Marco Kallmeier and Turkey's Yasin Tas—shot to perfection (200/200), thereby equalling the world record. In his best event, the obstacle race, Austria's Stefano Palma finished second—behind this military pentathlon's other revelation, Norway's Oystein Sylta—and took the lead overall, never to relinquish it again. This he did in the face of unrelenting opposition by China's Shugan He (already second in last year's world military pentathlon championship in Arlon, Belgium). Following the obstacle swimming and grenade throwing rounds, the Chinese was only trailing by 5,4 points, which translated into Palma's 5'40 lead at the start of the final event, the cross-country race. The Chinese closed the gap quite rapidly but overtaxed himself in the process and could not resist the new military world champion's final rush. With a total of 5545 points, Palma is quite far from Nienaber's world record (5682,1 points), which he set back in 1980! Shugan He and fellow countryman Liu took second and third respectively, beating Norway's Oystein Sylta to the podium by a hair! As for defending military world champion Carlos Alberto (Brazil), he finished a modest 10th.

China found solace with team gold, while Austria and Brazil bagged silver and bronze and the obstacle race relay went to Turkey ahead of Austria and Belarus. Quite a wake up call for Europe in Schaarbergen!

The women's military pentathlon was the same story as usual, with a Chinese-only individual podium: Ying Wang, Linna Tian and defending champion Lei Xu. Of course, the same Chinese ladies bagged the team title. They also won the obstacle race relay. In the absence of its most serious rival, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, China outperformed the opposition by a vast margin, despite the efforts of the Norwegian team led by Gunhild Berntsen (fourth individually and clearly back to top condition) and the Russians who, despite climbing down one step of the team podium compared to last year in Arlon, are making progress in terms of point performance. One final world to underscore the new women's world record set by China's Linna Tian in the obstacle race (2'13"6), improving her own record by fully three tenths of a second.



Results

Men

- Shooting : 1. M. Kallmeier and Y Tasin (TUR) : 200 pts (CISM rec)
 3. F. Hernandez (ESP), W. Liu (CHN) and M. Malle (AUT) : 199 pts
- Obstacle race : 1. O. Sylta (NOR) : 2'14"4, 2. S. Palma (AUT) : 2'16"0, 3. J. Santana (BRA) : 2'16"8
- Swimming : 1. K. Hjorth (DEN) : 25"4, 2. D. Van de Cloot (BEL) : 25"9, 3. A. Kuntsevich (RUS) : 26"0
- Throwing : 1. O. Chapkine (RUS) : 194,6 pts, 2. S. He (CHN) : 192,1 pts, 3. V. Junqueira (BRA) : 190,6 pts
- Cross country : 1. A. Saplin (RUS) : 25'34"8, 2. J. Medina (CHI) : 25'36"4, 3. S. Koshelev (RUS) : 25'46"2
- Indiv. Classif. : 1. S. Palma (AUT) : 5.545,4 pts, 2. S. He (CHN) : 5.531,8 pts, 3. W. Liu (CHN) : 5.462,6 pts
- Team : 1. China (S. He, W. Liu, Y. Zhu, M. Zhao) : 21.892,2 pts
 2. Austria (S. Palma, R. Kiefer, G. Kaiser, T. Jerrey) : 21.560,0 pts
 3. Brazil (C. Silva, R. Bandeira, V. Junqueira, G. Bandeira) : 21.478,1 pts
- Relay : 1. Turkey, 2. Austria, 3. Belarus

31 July-09 August 2002
 Schaarsbergen, The Netherlands

swimming

39th World Military Swimming Championship

10-19 August 2002

Warendorf, Germany

2002 : A Great Vintage!

No fewer than 12 new CISM records were set in Warendorf, most of them by champions surfing the wave of good performances that had originated in Berlin a few days earlier. This is how Germany's multiple European Champion Stev. Theloke bested the records of the 50m and 100m backstroke (25"97 and 55"63). Even though these performances are still quite far from the ones that have already earned him four continental titles, an Olympic medal and a bronze medal at the World Championship, the man from Chemnitz confirmed that he belongs up there with the very best. Slightly behind top world-class international swimmers, Rumania's long-distance specialist Dragos Comen remains one of Europe's top performers. A regular feature on 400m and 1500m podiums at European championships since 1999, he had just again bagged bronze in the 400m in Berlin when he confirmed his current shape by setting two new CISM records in Warendorf. A silver medallist in Berlin's 50m freestyle, Lorenzo Vismara, a relative "old-timer" in CISM—still only 27—, did not improve his own CISM records but won both the 50m and 100m with more-than-honourable performances (22"30 and 49"60). The Russian 4x100m medley and Italian 4x200m teams also added new records to CISM's list.

In the women's competitions, credit should first of all go to China's 17-year-old Hui Qi, 200m breaststroke world record holder (2'22"99!), who did not have to overtax herself to set new CISM records in the 100m and 200m breaststroke with performances (1'09"22 and 2'29"56) that are not quite up to her personal best. The same is true of Rumania's Camela Potec, a silver medallist in the European championship's 200m freestyle, who won both this event—setting a new CISM record in the process—and the 100m freestyle in Warendorf but performed far below her personal best. Germany's Jana Henke, whose 29 years are evidence that talent is not age-related, set a new CISM record in the 400m freestyle while her Chinese and Russian counterparts did likewise, respectively in the 4x100m freestyle and 4x50m medley.

In the absence of Sautin, Loukashin and Pakhalinan, to mention but a few of our regular diving medallists, Dmitri Baibakov (RUS, 1m), Andreas Wers (GER, 3m), Natalya Onmyskova (RUS, 1m) and Yang Yuting (CHN, 3m) took over. Lifesaving too delivered some high level joists. In the men's, it was a face-off between Germany's Lutz Heimann and Italy's Mauro Locchi while Katja Popke of Germany prevailed in the women's.



Participating countries (17) : Germany (*), Austria (*), Belarus (*), Belgium (*), Brazil, Canada (*), China (*), Croatia, Cyprus, Greece (*), Italy (*), Latvia (*), The Netherlands (*), Romania (*), Russia (*), Slovakia (*), Sweden (* female participation)

Official CISM Representative : Colonel Léon De Wulf (Belgium)

President TC : Navy Captain Gian Antonio Invernizzi (Italy)

267 Participants, 184 athletes, 54 women, 130 men



Results

Women

Swimming :

- 50m butterfly : 1. N. Sutiagina (RUS) : 27"87, 2. I. Lange (GER) : 27"93, 3. M. Kfloh (GER) : 28"12
- 100m butterfly : 1. N. Sutiagina (RUS) : 1'00"61, 2. Li Cui (CHN) : 1'00"70, 3. A. Kopachenia (BLR) : 1'01"51
- 50m back : 1. Li Yang (CHN) : 29"60, 2. J. Cheng (CHN) : 29"71, 3. V. Brat (ROM) : 30"94
- 100m back : 1. J. Cheng (CHN) : 1'02"78, 2. Li Yang (CHN) : 1'04"43, 3. V. Brat (ROM) : 1'05"71
- 200m back : 1. J. Cheng (CHN) : 2'17"57, 2. V. Brat (ROM) : 2'19"86, 3. Li Yang (CHN) : 2'20"66
- 50m breast : 1. Y. Bogomazova (RUS) : 32"35, 2. Hui Qi (CHN) : 32"41, 3. S. Farina (ITA) : 33"50
- 100m breast : 1. Hui Qi (CHN) : 1'09"22 (CISM rec), 2. Y. Bogomazova (RUS) : 1'10"22, 3. S. Farina (ITA) : 1'11"60
- 200m breast : 1. Hui Qi (CHN) : 2'29"56 (CISM rec), 2. E. Kabanova (RUS) : 2'32"17, 3. Y. Bogomazova (RUS) : 2'33"16
- 50m free : 1. Le Ying (CHN) : 25"94, 2. Li Ning (CHN) : 26"03, 3. I. Lange (SVK) : 26"10
- 100m free : 1. C. Potec (ROM) : 56"59, 2. J. Cheng (CHN) : 57"30, 3. L. Ioudina (RUS) : 57"54
- 200m free : 1. C. Potec (ROM) : 2'00"15 (CISM rec), 2. Zhang Liang (CHN) : 2'01"81, 3. J. Henke (GER) : 2'03"07
- 400m free : 1. J. Henke (GER) : 4'11"77 (CISM rec), 2. C. Potec (ROM) : 4'12"18, 3. Zhang Liang (CHN) : 4'12"32
- 200m medley : 1. Hui Qi (CHN) : 2'17"68, 2. Li Cui (CHN) : 2'19"25, 3. S. Farina (ITA) : 2'20"21
- 4x100 m free : 1. China : 3'49"01 (CISM rec), 2. Russia : 3'52"50, 3. Germany : 4'05"60
- 4x50m medley : 1. Russia : 1'55"54 (CISM rec), 2. Germany : 2'02"63, 3. The Netherlands : 2'09"84

Diving :

- 1m : 1. N. Onmyskova (RUS) 2. Yang Yuting (CHN) 3. S. Kloss (GER)
- 3m : 1. Yang Yuting (CHN) 2. N. Onmyskova (RUS) 3. A. Gamm (GER)

Lifesaving :

- 1. K. Popke (GER) : 60 pts 2. A. Berlin (GER) 3. I. Boonen (BEL)

10-19 August 2002
Warendorf, Germany

Swimming



Results

Men

Swimming :

- 50m butterfly : 1. I. Marchenko (RUS) : 24"41, 2. L. Conrad (GER) : 24"44, 3. G. Vaiou (GRE) : 24"81
- 100m butterfly : 1. I. Marchenko (RUS) : 53"57, 2. A. Poliakov (RUS) : 54"05, 3. A. Duda (LAT) : 55"20
- 200m butterfly : 1. A. Poliakov (RUS) : 2'00"11, 2. C. Keller (GER) : 2'01"34, 3. M. Pfeiffer (GER) : 2'05"40
- 50m back : 1. S. Theloke (GER) : 25"97 (CISM rec), 2. L. Krizko (SVK) : 26"35, 3. S. Driesen (GER) : 26"35
- 100m back : 1. S. Theloke (GER) : 55"63 (CISM rec), 2. S. Driesen (GER) : 56"04, 3. L. Krizko (SVK) : 56"42
- 200m back : 1. E. Alechine (RUS) : 2'02"16, 2. S. Ostapchouk (RUS) : 2'02"81, 3. S. Theloke (GER) : 2'03"47
- 50m breast : 1. R. Ivanovski (RUS) : 28"72, 2. Yi Zhu (CHN) : 29"11, 3. B. Kampmann (GER) : 29"21
- 100m breast : 1. R. Ivanovski (RUS) : 1'01"93, 2. M. Podoprigora (AUT) : 1'02"51, 3. D. Cassol (ITA) : 1'04"25
- 200m breast : 1. M. Podoprigora (AUT) : 2'14"86, 2. S. Gerasimov (RUS) : 2'15"67, 3. H. Cheng (CHN) : 2'18"37
- 50m free : 1. L. Vismara (ITA) : 22"30, 2. L. Khokhlov (RUS) : 22"75, 3. L. Conrad (GER) : 23"15
- 100m free : 1. L. Vismara (ITA) : 49"58; 2. L. Conrad (GER) : 50"70, 3. M. Zimmer (GER) : 51"38
- 200m free : 1. F. Cappelazzo (ITA) : 1'49"31 (CISM rec), 2. M. Kuznetsov (RUS) : 1'50"18, 3. D. Coman (ROM) : 1'50"52
- 400m free : 1. D. Coman (ROM) : 3'54"11, 2. A. Ikonomou (GRE) : 3'55"70, 3. A. Righi (ITA) : 3'56"63
- 1500m free : 1. D. Coman (ROM) : 15'24"31 (CISM rec), 2. H. Kalteis (AUT) : 15'27"74, 3. A. Righi (ITA) : 15'41"66
- 200m medley : 1. C. Keller (GER) : 2'02"48, 2. C. Badita (ROM) : 2'02"97, 3. M. Gallina (ITA) : 2'06"42
- 400m medley : 1. C. Badita (ROM) : 4'26"57, 2. C. Keller (GER) : 4'28"23, 3. P. Russo (ITA) : 4'28"52
- 4x100m free : 1. Russia : 3'22"24, 2. Germany : 3'22"98, 3. Greece : 3'28"49
- 4x200m free : 1. Italy : 7'24"23 (CISM rec), 2. Russia : 7'27"55, 3. Germany : 7'33"60
- 4x100m medley : 1. Russia : 3'41"44 (CISM rec), 2. Italy : 3'43"43, 3. Germany : 3'43"44

Diving :

- 1m : 1. Baibakov (RUS) 2. A. Wels (GER) 3. N. Marconi (ITA)
- 3m : 1. A. Wels (GER) 2. Jun Hoing Liu (CHN) 3. N. Marconi (ITA)

Lifesaving :

- Individual : 1. L. Heimann (GER) : 76 pts 2. M. Locchi (ITA) : 66 pts 3. T. Riccardi (ITA) : 61 pts
- Nations : 1. Germany : 114 pts 2. Italy : 110 pts 3. Belgium : 83 pts

10-19 August 2002
Marandorf, Germany

04-07 September 2002

Tivoli, Italy

track and field

40th World Military Track and Field Championship

Victory at a Stately Pace

As usual, the athletics season was both long and busy. The succession of important events overtaxed our athletes' physical condition. Therefore, predictably—and despite four new CISM records—the Tivoli championship did not deliver exceptional chronometric performances. This late in the season, some of the great names in attendance were present to win and decidedly not to beat the clock.

In the men's events, two nations prevailed over the opposition: Italy and Kenya. Visitors first: the Kenyans predictably performed head and shoulders above all other nations in middle-distance—and more—races. Whether in the 400m, 1000m, 3000m steeple or 4x400m relay, the kings of the High Lands bagged all the gold on offer. It is true that David Kirui, Joseph Mutua, Robert Rono, Sammy Kipketer, John Korir and Abraham Cherono are exceptionally gifted ambassadors of their country. Kenya often finished one and two and the Africans' overall results were most remarkable. The Italians were not far behind either. With Francesco Scuderi, Marco Torrieri and their 4x400m relay team, they stormed through sprint races. Fabrizio Mori—military king of the 400m hurdles—consolidated his reputation while, in the field events, Nicola Ciotti (high jump), Fabrizio Donato (triple jump), Giuseppe Gibilisco (pole vault) and Nicola Vizzoni (hammer) defended Italy's honour with panache. With three titles conquered respectively by Mike Fenner (100m hurdles), Ralph Barthels (shot put) and Mark Frank (javelin throw), Germany also managed to wriggle out of it. Latvia's Aigars Fadejevs (10km walk), the Czech Republic's Lampart Petr (long jump) and Slovenia's Igor Primc (discus) collected the few medals left on offer.

Fewer events were on the women's programme. Italy and Germany bagged two titles each, respectively with Manuela Grillo (100m) and Monika Niederstatter (400m hurdles) on the one hand and Birgit Rockmeier (200m) and Sabrina Mockenhaupt (5000m) on the other hand. Awatef Ben Hassine of Tunisia in the 400m, Brigitta Langerholc of Slovenia in the 800m, Elena Iagar of Rumania in the 1500m and Elena Nokolaeva of Russia in the 5km walk completed the list of gold medals distributed in women's events that did not attract as many competitors as hoped, but this lack of participation is definitely the only negative note in a very successful display of athletics.



Participating countries (29) : Germany (*), Austria (*), Belgium (*), Brazil, United Arab Emirates, Finland, France, Greece (*), Italy (*), Kenya (*), Kuwait, Latvia (*), Lebanon, Libya, Lithuania (*), Morocco (*), The Netherlands, Poland, Qatar, Romania (*), Russia (*), Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia (*), Sudan, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Tunisia (*), Turkey. (* female participation)

Official CISM Representative : Colonel Lesego Mothlathledi (Botswana)

President TC : Colonel Jos Lenaers (Belgium)

464 participants, 353 athletes : 61 women, 292 men



Results

Women

100m :	1. M. Grillo (ITA) : 11"80	2. F. Cola (ITA) : 11"99	3. P. Isiao (KEN) : 12"40
200m :	1. B. Rockmeier (GER) : 23"74	2. S. Goncharenko (RUS) : 24"08	3. A. Ben Hassine (TUN) : 24"38
400m :	1. A. Ben Hassine (TUN) : 52"74	2. N. Lavshuk (RUS) : 53"00	3. B. Rockmeier (GER) : 53"11
800m :	1. B. Langerholc (SLO) : 2'03"11	2. E. Iagar (ROM) : 2'03"45	3. S. Alt Hammou (MAR) : 2'03"60
1500m :	1. E. Iagar (ROM) : 4'11"87	2. N. Mugo (KEN) : 4'14"64	3. B. Muehlbacher (AUT) : 4'17"31
5000m :	1. S. Mockenhaupt (GER) : 15'16"32 (CISM rec)	2. Z. El Kamch (MAR) : 15'22"05	3. N. Mugo (KEN) : 15'29"81
400m hurdles :	1. M. Niederstatter (ITA) : 56"27	2. L. Rocco (ITA) : 57"69	3. E. Bakhvaldva (RUS) : 58"26
Long jump :	1. A. Pyatykh (RUS) : 6,16m	2. K. Keller (GER) : 6,07m	3. M. Falchi (ITA) : 6,06m
5km walk :	1. E. Nokolaeva (RUS) : 20'54"65	2. M. Seeger (GER) : 21'08"38	3. R. Giordano (ITA) : 21'27"41

04-07 September 2002

Tivoli, Italy

track and field



Men

100m :	1. F. Scuderi (ITA) : 10"67	2. M. Chechucci (ITA) : 10"75	3. R. Araujo (BRA) : 10"86
200m :	1. M. Torrieri (ITA) : 20"71	2. E. Di Gregorio (ITA) : 21"04	3. R. Zachoval (CZE) : 21"20
400m :	1. D. Kirui (KEN) : 45"30 (CISM rec)	2. F. Godoy (BRA) : 45"67	3. S. Laabidi (TUN) : 45"74
800m :	1. J. Mutua (KEN) : 1'45"72	2. M. Rotich (KEN) : 1'45"98	3. B. Som (NED) : 1'46"49
1500m :	1. R. Rono (KEN) : 3'42"51	2. A. Hachlaf (MAR) : 3'42"94	3. D. Kiplak (KEN) : 3'43"12
5000m :	1. S. Kipketer (KEN) : 13'19"87 (CISM rec)	2. P. Kosgei (KEN) : 13'20"92	3. R. Chehkemani (FRA) : 13'38"79
10000m :	1. J. Korir (KEN) : 28'02"69	2. P. Kosgei (KEN) : 28'21"48	3. Y. Mohazme (SUD) : 28'50"25
110m hurdles :	1. M. Fenner (GER) : 13"56	2. A. Kochutek (POL) : 13"57	3. D. Favaro (ITA) : 13"80
400m hurdles :	1. F. Mori (ITA) : 49"37	2. R. Mashchenko (RUS) : 49"40	3. S. Tesarik (CZE) : 49"69
3000m steeple :	1. A. Cherono (KEN) : 8'27"17	2. W. Kipketer (KEN) : 8'34"31	3. R. Schafer (GER) : 8'39"17
Long jump :	1. L. Petr (CZE) : 7,87m	2. A. Pohle (GRE) : 7,68m	3. A. Rimoldi (ITA) : 7,66m
Triple jump :	1. F. Donato (ITA) : 16,75m	2. A. Sergeev (RUS) : 16,59m	3. T. Moede (GER) : 16,43m
High jump :	1. N. Ciotti (ITA) : 2,25m	2. T. Janku (CZE) : 2,23m	3. S. Ton (CZE) : 2,23m
Pole vault :	1. G. Gibilisco (ITA) : 5,50m	2. A. Ptacek (CZE) : 5,40m	3. M. Osei Tutu (GER) : 5,30m
Shot put :	1. R. Barthels (GER) : 20,20m	2. P. Dal Soglio (ITA) : 20,02m	3. M. Haborak (SVK) : 19,18m
Discus :	1. I. Primc (SLO) : 61,07m	2. J. Van Daele (BEL) : 59,16m	3. A. Borichevski (RUS) : 59,04m
Javelin :	1. M. Frank 81,88m	2. C. Noccolay (GER) : 78,65m	3. G. Hogler (AUT) : 75,77m
Hammer :	1. N. Vizzoni (ITA) : 77,80m	2. M. Esser (GER) : 76,08m	3. P. Sedlacek (CZE) : 76,01m
4 x 100m :	1. Italia (F. Scuderi, M. Chechucci, E. Di Gregorio, M. Torrieri) : 39"43 (CISM rec)		
	2. Kenya : 40"37		
	3. Brazil : 40"76		
4 x 400 m :	1. Kenya (V. Kibet, J. Mutua, M. Rotich, D. Kirui) : 3'06"02		
	2. Czech Rep. : 3'06"85		
	3. Senegal : 3'11"44		
10km walk :	1. A. Fadejevs (LAT) : 39'58"25	2. V. Andreev (RUS) : 40'08"27	3. A. Gandellini (ITA) : 40'09"37

06-16 September 2002

Dublin, Ireland

boxing

46th World Military Boxing Championship

Only the Very Best...

Boxing is a sport that enjoys unanimous appreciation in Ireland. Indeed, the country has produced many great boxing champions over time. No great wonder then that it hosted the 46th World Military Championship held in Dublin early in September.

The fact that the President of the Technical Committee for Boxing is Irish is widely known. Commandant James Hunt was the happiest man on Earth at the end of this championship. Part of his elation was due to the fact that an Irishman, M. Kelly, became world champion in the -63,5 kilos. He owed the rest—actually the larger share—of his jubilation to the fact that this championship—the first held since the Second Military World Games—drew a very substantial participation (166 athletes from 22 different countries) and set a standard of quality that was remarkably high. Entries included junior world champions, reigning Champions of Europe and countless civilian world and continental champions and medallists, i.e. enough to please the most demanding boxing fan.

Twelve titles were up for grabs at this World Military Championship and it came as no big surprise to see the Russian athletes make themselves conspicuous once again. Judge for yourself: four titles and six other medals for a team that teemed with first-class leaders including Zandhybaev, Stepanets, Korobov and Alexseev. With the titles bagged by Propp and Koeber, Germany demonstrated that its boxing school is still up there with the very best, while Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan (all three former Soviet republics) each won a title and featured prominently on other steps of various rostrums.

With Morocco's Boutchouk and Egypt's Abdul, North Africa left its mark on the two lightweight categories while, as indicated above, Ireland's Kelly won his final to the cheers of the local crowds. Only the very best in Dublin then, an elite who will meet again next year in the Sicilian city of Catania for the Third Military World Games. Judging from the first two editions, boxing will undoubtedly draw a remarkably large number of participants.



Results

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| -48kg : 1. B. Boutchouk (MAR) | 2. A. Afanasiev (RUS) | 3. B. Madola (RSA) and K. Nauman (PAK) |
| -51kg : 1. M. Abdul (EGY) | 2. S-S Kim (KOR) | 3. V. Kladko (UKR) and A. Lebedev (RUS) |
| -54kg : 1. Z. Zhandybaev (RUS) | 2. Gangalov (UKR) | 3. M. Brendel (GER) and N. Nguilukla (NAM) |
| -57kg : 1. A. Propp (GER) | 2. *** | 3. S.H. Cho (KOR) and S. Imramov (KOR) |
| -60kg : 1. Y. Bodnar (UKR) | 2. S. Allakhverdi (RUS) | 3. E. Mahmoud (EGY) and J. Ibragimov (UZB) |
| -63,5kg : 1. M. Kelly (IRL) | 2. R. Pogrebnyak (UKR) | 3. M. Ali Sassi (TUN) and O. Komissarov (RUS) |
| -67kg : 1. *** | 2. V. Chikov (RUS) | 3. S. Khelifi (TUN) and A. Nuumbembe (NAM) |
| -71kg : 1. V. Stepanets (RUS) | 2. S. Rakhmatov (UZB) | 3. H. Coyle (IRL) and H.K. Park (KOR) |
| -75kg : 1. M. Korobov (RUS) | 2. *** | 3. J.S. Ennacer (TUN) and H. Gunes (TUR) |
| -81kg : 1. A. Ismailov (AZE) | 2. A. Brilliantino (ITA) | 3. M. Kempe (GER) and T. Sheanan (IRL) |
| -91kg : 1. A. Alexseev (RUS) | 2. D. Roth (GER) | 3. K. Halli (TUR) and A. Aslanov (UZB) |
| +91kg : 1. S. Koeber (GER) | 2. R. Camarelle (ITA) | 3. S. Dzhalai (UKR) and A. Lezin (RUS) |

*** Medals not awarded



Participating countries (22) : South Africa, Algeria, Germany, Azerbaijan, Barbados, Belgium, Rep. Korea, Egypt, United States, India, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Morocco, Namibia, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, Russia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine.

Official CISM Representative : Colonel Mohamed O. Metref (Algeria)

President TC : Commandant James Hunt (Ireland)

293 participants, 166 athletes

20 September-01 October 2002

Constanza, Romania

volleyball

24th World Military Volleyball Championship

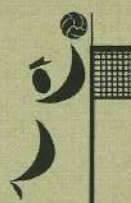
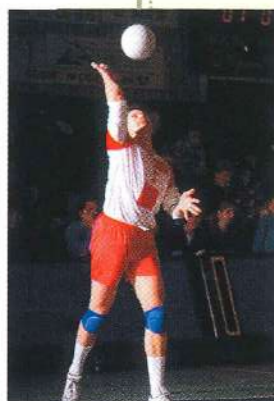
Great German Surprise

Fourteen men's and four women's teams met in Constanza, on the Black Sea, for the 24th World Military Volleyball Championship with the ambition of succeeding to Greece and the US, who won the previous edition in Rome in 2001.

The men's tournament ended with the German team's surprise win in the final against South Koreans whose ever-spectacular and fast game systematically earns them a place up there with the very best volleyball nations.

Before the final, most of the audience believed that the Republic of Korea would win, as they alone had defeated the Germans in the qualifiers. It seems however, that German coach Misikowski's tactical analysis of that setback was pretty efficient, as the German team drew all the necessary lessons. The turning point in the final was the conclusion of the third set, each of the teams having previously won one set. When they clinched it 28-26 after a fierce battle, the young German team also gained the psychological upper hand and freewheeled to bag the fourth set more convincingly, thereby winning the match three sets to one. As for the outgoing champions, they were eliminated by the Republic of Korea in the semis but found solace in a bronze medal conquered against Bulgaria.

Four teams only entered the women's tournament. Each faced the others twice in a single group. Despite superb Italian resistance, the Dutch ladies deservedly won a championship that they dominated, losing only one match against Italy, and then again only in a final match without any stakes—except honour—since the Dutch were already mathematically sure of going away with gold.

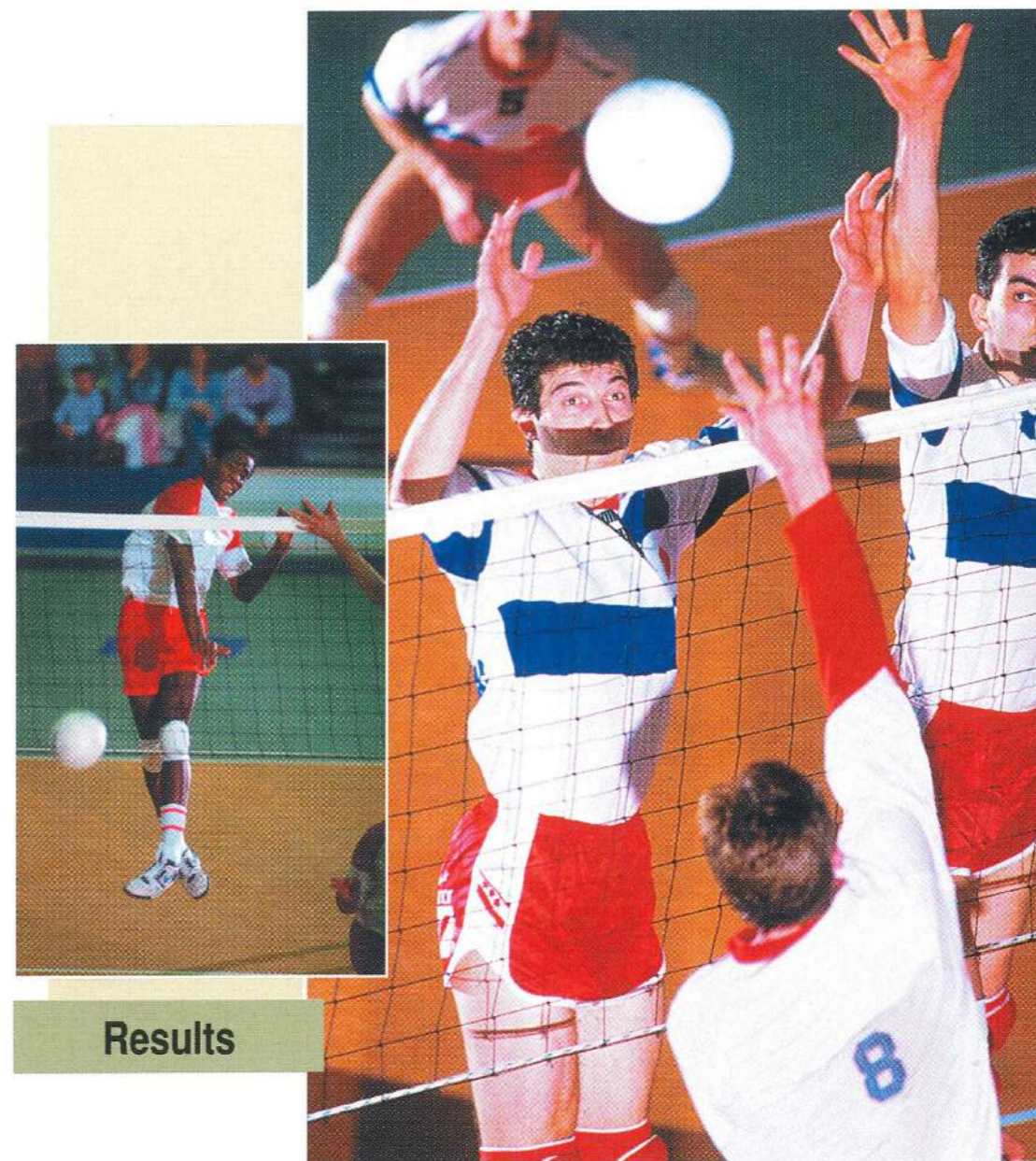


Participating countries (16) : Germany, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada (*), China, Cyprus, Congo, Rep. Korea, United States (*), Greece, Italy (*), Pakistan, The Netherlands (*), Romania, Turkey
 (*) female participation

Official CISM Representative : Colonel Léon De Wulf (Belgium)

President TC : Lt-Colonel Pietro Di Canio (Italy)

304 participants, 218 athletes : 44 women, 174 men



Results

Women

USA-Canada : 3-0, The Netherlands-Italy : 3-2, The Netherlands-Canada : 3-0, Italy-USA : 3-1, The Netherlands-USA : 3-1, Italy-Canada : 3-0, The Netherlands-Canada : 3-0, USA-Italy : 3-1, The Netherlands-USA : 3-0, Italy-Canada : 3-0, USA-Canada : 3-0, Italy-The Netherlands : 3-1
 Final Classification : 1. The Netherlands 11 pts, 2. Italy 10 pts, 3. USA 9 pts, 4. Canada 6 pts

Men

Final : Germany-Rep. Korea : 3-1 (23-25, 25-22, 28-26, 25-20)
 3rd place : Greece-Bulgaria : 3-1 (25-22, 25-20, 17-25, 25-21)
 5th place : China-Brazil : 3-1 (25-19, 20-25, 25-19, 25-10)
 7th place : Pakistan-Belgium : 3-1 (29-31, 25-20, 25-17, 25-19)

Final Classification : 1. Germany
 2. Rep. Korea
 3. Greece
 4. Bulgaria, 5. China, 6. Brazil, 7. Pakistan, 8. Belgium, 9. The Netherlands, 10. Romania, 11. Canada, 12. Cyprus, 13. USA

20 September-01 October 2002
 Constanza, Romania

13-21 October 2002

Beijing, China

judo

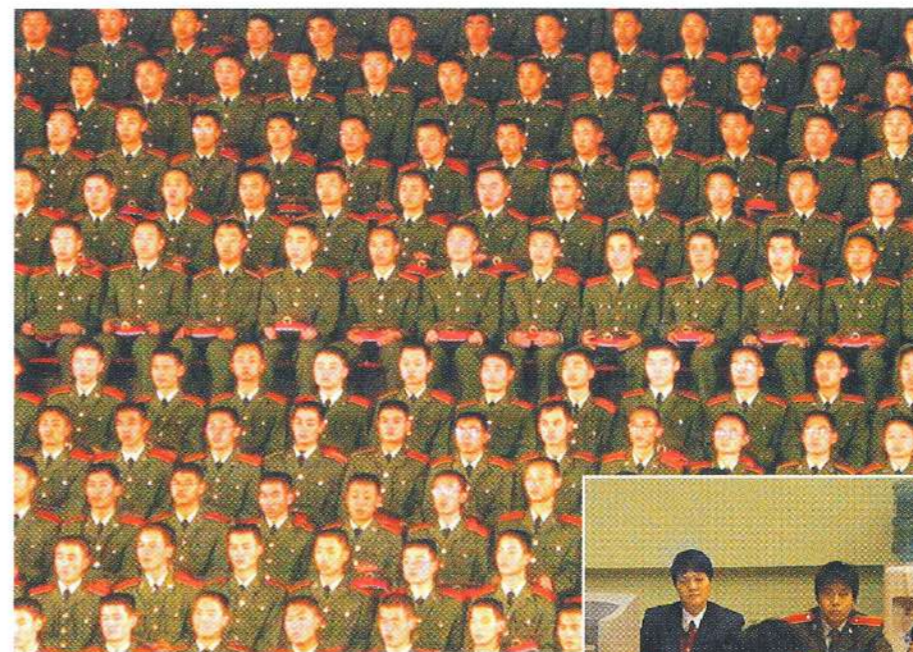
28th World Military Judo Championship

Mark Huizinga Failed to Bag Number Six!

The 28th World Military Judo Championship held in Beijing, China, enjoyed high participation indeed with athletes from 23 different countries. The 184 judokas who took the trip to the Chinese capital did little to alter the military hierarchy, as podiums were largely identical—in the same order or a different one—to those in Den Helder last year. The main upset came in the -90kg with the defeat of Dutch Olympic Champion Mark Huizinga who had accumulated an enviable five consecutive military world titles before the fateful Beijing rendezvous. Unfortunately, all winning streaks are doomed to be interrupted some day, even though, despite the merits of the winner—the excellent S.-H. Choi of the Republic of Korea—, it must be said that the Dutch champion is going through hard times following an injury and difficulties to concentrate and motivate himself.

This may have come as a nasty—and conspicuous—surprise to the Dutch team in Beijing, but it did not alter the confidence of its other international-class leaders, including D. Vriezema, a young lady who seems destined for great things in the -63 kg, and Claudia Zwiwers, who won in the -78 kg.

With three titles each, Italy, China and Russia were most successfully greedy. Italy assuredly owed its ability to manage as well as in Den Helder to such noble judokas as Scapin, Morico, Truzzi, Monti and Meloni, who also helped in the conquest of two team medals. China won one title fewer compared to the previous edition in The Netherlands, which is rather surprising since it had the advantage of fighting on its own tatami. As for Russia, which dominated so outrageously last year, it disappointed with only one individual title—bagged by super-heavyweight Mikhailin, world number one in his category—and two team titles. Austria took advantage of this situation and found with Fitzmozer and Mitterfellner successors worthy of illustrious fellow countrymen Salsenbacher and Reiter.



Results

Women :

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|---------|----------------------|---------------------------|---|
| -48kg : | 1. F. Gao (CHN) | 2. A. Tsareva (RUS) | 3. V. Leshchanka (BLR) |
| -52kg : | 1. B. Chen (CHN) | 2. M. Kovriguina (RUS) | 2. V. Nagy (HUN) and L. Bogdanova (RUS) |
| -57kg : | 1. Fitzmozer (AUT) | 2. J. Wang (CHN) | 3. T. Ivanova (RUS) and T. Shushakova (RUS) |
| -63kg : | 1. D. Vriezema (NED) | 2. C. Hell (AUT) | 3. A. Saraeva (RUS) and Y. Hong (CHN) |
| -70kg : | 1. Y. Scapin (ITA) | 2. S. Galant (RUS) | 3. R. Sraka (SLO) and Y. Tang (CHN) |
| -78kg : | 1. C. Zwiwers (NED) | 2. L. Morico (ITA) | 3. Q. Wei (CHN) and Z. Liang (CHN) |
| +78kg : | 1. Y. Barysik (BLR) | 2. T. Donguzachvili (RUS) | 3. S. Yan (CHN) |
| Team : | 1. Russia | 2. China | 3. Italy and Hungary |

Men :

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|----------|---------------------------|----------------------|---|
| -60kg : | 1. Y. Jia (CHN) | 2. F. Miyata (BRA) | 3. B. Shumshat (AZE) and G. Kim (KOR) |
| -66kg : | 1. A. Mitterfellner (AUT) | 2. W. Jung (KOR) | 3. K. Youn (KOR) and E. Citro (ITA) |
| -73kg : | 1. G. Georgiev (BUL) | 2. G. Aizavan (RUS) | 3. D. Meijer (NED) and T. Bere (HUN) |
| -81kg : | 1. A. Truzzi (ITA) | 2. R. Meloni (ITA) | 3. C. Gera (HUN) and D. Ogienko (RUS) |
| -90kg : | 1. S.-H. Choi (KOR) | 2. M. Huizinga (NED) | 3. D. Belin (RUS) and S. Sorelli (ITA) |
| -100kg : | 1. M. Monti (ITA) | 2. I. Makarov (BLR) | 3. F. Birkfellner (AUT) and M. Jurack (GER) |
| +100kg : | 1. A. Mikhailin (RUS) | 2. G. Tonkov (BUL) | 3. D. Werner (GER) and P. Bianchesi (ITA) |
| Team : | 1. Russia | 2. Italy | 3. Republic Korea and Brazil |

Participating countries (23) : Germany (*), Austria (*), Azerbaijan, Belarus (*), Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, China (*), Republic Korea, Greece, Hungary (*), Italy (*), Lithuania, Uzbekistan, The Netherlands (*), Poland, Russia (*), Slovakia, Slovenia (*), Sri Lanka (*), Thailand, Turkey (*), Vietnam (*) female participation

CISM Official Representative : Colonel Michel Saint-Bonnet (France)

President TC : Colonel Roman Kalina (Poland)

184 athletes : 47 women, 137 men



14-25 October 2002

Algiers, Algeria

parachuting

30th World Military Parachuting Championship

Praise In Order for Algeria!

Competitors, World Champions and their performances can wait! Let us open this account with a few lines of praise for the Head of the Algerian Delegation—and head of the Organisation Committee—, Colonel Metref, as well as his team. They did a wonderful job! Especially in consideration of the fact that putting together an event that attracts 34 nations requires sizeable efforts in terms of infrastructure and logistics. When it comes to major international events, Algeria had admittedly demonstrated its organisational know-how on many occasions already, but it had no genuine expertise with the organisation of such a sizeable and specific happening. Well, this particular gauntlet was taken up in masterful fashion. Indeed, huge assets were mobilised: a squadron of Mi-17 helicopters, two top-of-the-line Pilatus-Porter B2-H4 aircraft and a public refereeing room equipped with a video projector.

Back to sport now for a look at podiums, which are not that different from last year's. The struggle for medals was much fiercer however, and: many titles were decided by minute margins and sometimes at the end of breathtaking tiebreaks. It was for example a fierce battle in which France's Jacques Baal eventually prevailed over Germany's Jurgen Wimmer for the individual overall title. An equally ferocious fight successfully opposed the latter to Slovenia's Roman Karun and Hungary's Istvan Asztalos in precision landing. Still in the men's, the French have every reason to celebrate the team precision landing title, again at the end of an epic struggle and a breathtaking tiebreak against Italy. The French team also bagged the much-coveted overall team title. Let us conclude this list of male achievements with two titles that invariably end up in the same hands: individual style in Marco Pflugler's and the free-fall formation in the Belgian team's.

In the women's competitions, Russia took the lead with two individual titles—Svetlana Klenina bagged gold in the style event and prevailed overall—and the overall team title. The Russian ladies were also present on every single rostrum at this championship. Precision landing was an all-Chinese story with Chen Li Cheng and Yu Pei finishing one and two, thereby clinching team gold as well. As for the USA, its team won the ladies' free-fall formation.



Participating countries (34) : South Africa, Algeria, Germany, Austria, Saudi Arabia, Belarus (*), Belgium, Brazil, China (*), Denmark, United Arab Emirates, Spain (*), United States (*), Finland, France (*), Hungary, Italy, Jordan, Lithuania, Morocco (*), Oman, The Netherlands, Poland, Russia (*), Slovakia, Slovenia (*), Sri Lanka, Sweden (*), Switzerland (*), Syria, Czech Republic, Turkey, Ukraine (*), Yemen (* female participation)

Official CISM Representative : Colonel Major Y. Y. Al Lahdan (Bahrain)

President TC : Lieutenant-Colonel Jean Dermine (France)

330 participants, 198 athletes : 33 women, 165 men



Results

Women

Style :	1. S. Klenina (RUS) : 20,43 pts	2. A Yarmalchuk (BLR) : 20,71 pts	3. I. Avbelj (SLO) : 20,73 pts
Freefall Form. :	1. USA : 63 pts	2. Russia : 58 pts	3. Morocco : 37 pts
Accuracy :	1. C. Cheng (USA) : 0,03 pts	2. Y. Pei (CHN) : 0,04 pts	3. S. Klenina (RUS) : 0,05 pts
Accur.Team :	1. China	2. Russia	3. Belarus
Indiv. Overall :	1. S. Klenina (RUS) : 3 pts	2. C. Cheng (CHN) : 6 pts	3. E. Feldt (USA) 10 pts
Team Overall :	1. Russia 3 pts	2. USA : 8 pts	3. Belarus: 9 pts

Men

Style :	1. M. Pflugler (GER) : 23,58 pts	2. J. Baal (FRA) : 24,33 pts	3. F. Bernachot (FRA) : 24,37 pts
Freefall Form. :	1. Belgium : 72 pts	2. Spain : 64 pts	3. USA : 62 pts
Accuracy :	1. J. Wimmer (GER) : 0,02 pt (Tb D: 0,02)	2. R. Karun (SLO) : 0,02 pts	3. I. Asztalos (HUN) : 0,02 pts
Accur.Team :	1. France : 0,15 pts	2. Italy : 0,15 pts	3. Czech Rep : 0,17 pts
Indiv. Overall :	1. J. Baal (FRA) : 7 pts	2. J. Wimmer (GER) : 7 pts	3. P. Valois (FRA) : 11 pts
Team Overall :	1. France : 9 pts	2. Czech Rep. : 11 pts	3. Germany : 14 pts

14-25 October 2002
Algiers, Algeria

19-27 October 2002

Fort Hood, Texas, USA

taekwondo

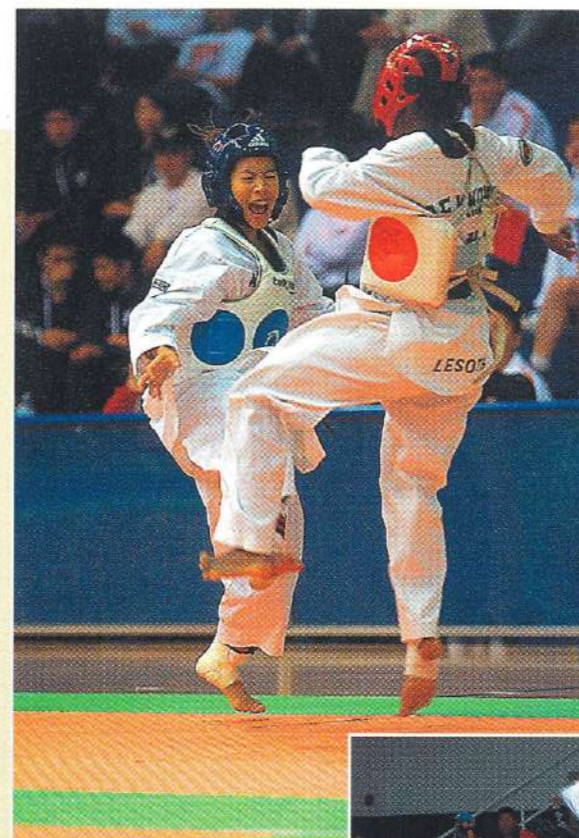
14th World Military Taekwondo Championship

Korea by a Dwindling Margin

Held in Fort Hood, Texas (USA), the 14th World Military Taekwondo Championship was not exactly a huge success in terms of participation as sixteen nations only sent martial artists to contend for the sixteen individual titles that were up for grabs. Following an incredible harvest of medals at the Zagreb Military World Games in 1999—with seven out of eight possible titles—, a handsome demonstration in 2000—with five gold medals on the home tatami in Seoul—and a slightly wrinkled supremacy in Woensdrecht in 2001—with four titles—, the Korean inventors and masters of taekwondo won "only" three individual gold medals in the different men's weight categories in Fort Hood.

While still rather impressive, the Korean's somewhat mixed results overall in Fort Hood can hardly be called a simple glitch but rather the reflection of a definite erosion in the Land of Morning Calm's so far unshakable domination of this sport. Of course, the republic of Korea once again bagged the title of best military taekwondo nation in the men's categories in Fort Hood, but the practice of this martial art is definitely internationalising—due in part to its inclusion in the list of Olympic sports—, promoting the budding of new talent throughout the world. This is how this year's winners' list includes, alongside the inevitable Gon Soon and Moon, gold medallists from Austria (Ortyurk), Azerbaijan (Boyramov), Russia (Pryukov), Germany (Acharki) and the United States (Bartlett). Adding to those the silver medals conquered by athletes from Lesotho, this very simply means that this time around, all four continents represented in CISM featured more or less prominently on podiums.

Now for a short overview of the women's competitions, which unfortunately failed—yet again—to attract the kind of participation that is expected at this level: with four gold medals, China beat Russia and its two titles to the top of the medals table. Korea's diminutive Choi again saved face on behalf of her country, which—again, and ever so strangely—entered precious few competitors in the women's draw. As for Greece's Athanasopoulos, she is living proof that Greek sport is fully mobilised in advance of the Athens Olympics.



Results

Women

Fin :	1. Choi (KOR)	2. Marcial (USA)	3. Zhang (CHN)
Fly :	1. N. Lukic (AUT)	2. L. Thamae (LES)	3. H. Zhang (CHN)
Bantam :	1. Mkrtychyan (RUS)	2. Agostinelli (ITA)	
Feather :	1. A. Athanasopoulos (GRE)	2. V. Lourens (NED)	3. A. Sylemani (GER)
Light :	1. Zhong (CHN)	2. Rumyantseva (RUS)	3. Pisarenko (USA)
Welters :	1. Wang (CHN)	2. Howell (CAN)	3. Bassi (GRE)
Middle :	1. Ivanova (RUS)	2. Charniauskaya (BLR)	3. Kang (KOR)
Light :	1. Rui Jing (CHN)	2. Lala (LES)	3. Bykova (RUS)
Team :	1. China	2. Russia	3. Rep. Korea and Germany

Men

Fins :	1. Ortyurk (AUT)	2. Ntsiti (LES)	3. Park (KOR)
Fly :	1. W-R Son (KOR)	2. R. Ivanischenko (RUS)	3. E. Kizilkan (AUT)
Bantam :	1. Pryukov (RUS)	2. Mollet (NED)	3. Mun (KOR)
Feather :	1. D. Bartlett (USA)	2. D-C Lee (KOR)	3. N. Pashayev (AZE)
Light :	1. Gun (KOR)	2. C. Nolano (ITA)	3. Ahmedov (AZE)
Welters :	1. Acharki (GER)	2. Sari (AUT)	3. Umudov (AZE)
Middle :	1. Boyramov (AZE)	2. Demeo (ITA)	3. Nelson (USA)
Heavy :	1. Moon (KOR)	2. M. Scheiterbauer (GER)	3. Iovino (ITA)
Team :	1. Rep. Korea	2. Austria	3. Germany and Russia

Participating countries (16) : Germany (*), Saudi Arabia, Austria (*), Azerbaijan (*), Belarus (*), Belgium, Canada (*), China (*), Cyprus, Rep. Korea (*), United States (*), Greece (*), Italy (*), Lesotho (*), The Netherlands (*), Russia (*) (*) female participation

Official CISM Representative : Navy Captain Bengt Nylander (Sweden)

President TC : Brigadier General Robert Martineau (Canada)

134 participants, 120 athletes : 41 women, 79 men



19-27 October 2002
Fort Hood, Texas, USA

21-29 October 2002

Tallinn, Estonia

wrestling

21st World Military Wrestling Championship

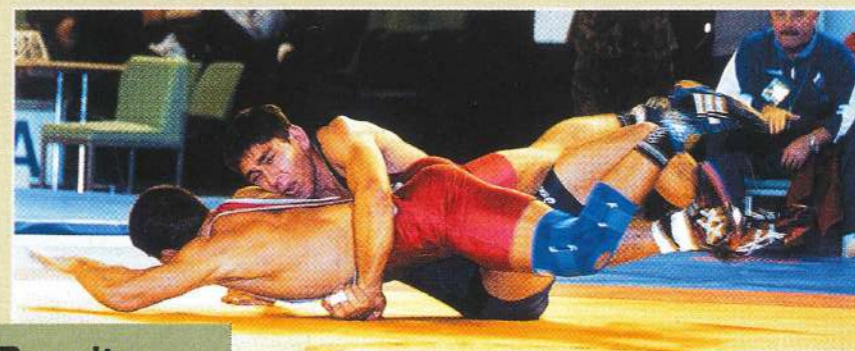
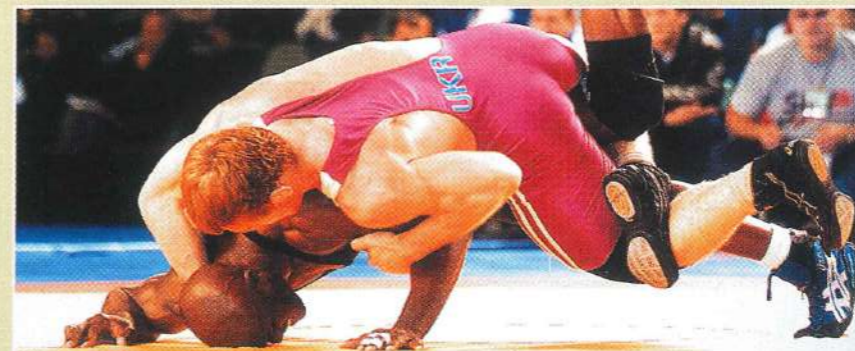
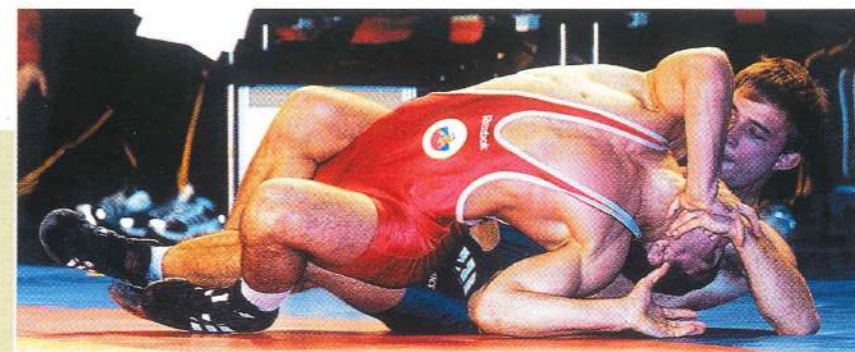
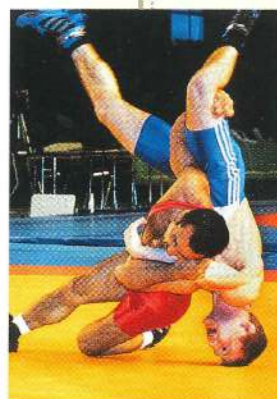
Russia Time and Again

Take Greco-Roman wrestling and its seven weight categories: three gold and two silver medals. Add all-in wrestling and its seven weight categories: four gold and two silver medals. Add the team title in both styles and the Cup of Nations as cherries on the cake. There goes the impressive record of the Russian armada at the 21st World Military Wrestling Championship held in the Estonian capital city of Tallinn. Logical is the operative word. Indeed, the results reflect perfectly the Russian team's enduring superiority on display in 2002 at the civilian world Greco-Roman wrestling championship in Moscow and at its all-in equivalent in Tehran.

These results conform perfectly to those achieved by the Russian team at the 2001 world military wrestling championship in Split and confirm the latter's inexhaustible supply of talented wrestlers. So inexhaustible in fact, that they could even afford to leave behind—for a well-deserved rest—several superstars including Adam Saitiev, Zaur Botayev and Varteres Samourgashev. Indeed, the substitutes are almost as good as their principals, which probably goes a long way toward explaining their crushing superiority.

Another significant thing happened at this military world championship: the winners in Tallinn were all new military world champions; none of the gold medallists in Split managed to repeat their performances. This, along with the fact that 21 nations took the trip to Estonia, also demonstrates the vitality of a favourite among CISM disciplines. Twenty of said nations had to make do with what little was left over after Kuntarev, Ivantsenko, Michin, Naniev, Gitinov, Tokajev and Telegin looted the place for medals. Azerbaijan with Israfilov and Novruzov and Ukraine thanks to its all-in wrestling school (Khavelov and Dukhin) followed with two titles while Turkey's Ozgur, Poland's Sitnik and Greece's Koutsoumparas each bagged one of the three remaining titles.

Istanbul will be the place next year. In Turkey, wrestling is a national sport and the local wrestlers will definitely put in their best effort to shake the Russian stranglehold on the discipline.



Results

Greco Roman

55kg :	1. U. Ozgur (TUR)	2. P. Kramarz (POL)	3. I. Kurilo (UKR)
60kg :	1. T. Israfilov (AZE)	2. A. Hudoyberdiev (UZB)	3. J. Dubinin (BLR)
66kg :	1. S. Kuntarev (RUS)	2. E. Kratz (GER)	3. K. Arkoudeas (GRE)
74kg :	1. M. Ivantsenko (RUS)	2. K. Sieracki (USA)	3. V. Nikitin (EST)
84kg :	1. A. Michin (RUS)	2. T. Anagnostou (GRE)	3. A. Batky (SVK)
96kg :	1. M. Sitnik (POL)	2. R. Timoniakin (RUS)	3. M. Ezerskis (LTU)
120kg :	1. X. Koutsoumpas (GRE)	2. S. Artyoukhin (RUS)	3. A. Chehanski (BLR)
Team :	1. Russia	2. Belarus	3. Poland

Freestyle

55kg :	1. Novruzov (AZE)	2. V. Khalitov (RUS)	3. M. Genaturk (TUR)
60kg :	1. E. Khavelov (UKR)	2. M. Ramazanov (RUS)	3. D. Wilde (GER)
66kg :	1. V. Naniev (RUS)	2. S. Latyshev (UKR)	3. M. Shingara (USA)
74kg :	1. A. Gitinov (RUS)	2. S. Proharchyk (BLR)	3. O. Duratshenko (UKR)
84kg :	1. V. Tokajev (RUS)	2. M. Buschle (GER)	3. V. Madurenka (BLR)
96kg :	1. E. Dukhin (UKR)	2. F. Lashley (USA)	3. Xanthopoulos (GRE)
120kg :	1. N. Telegin (RUS)	2. S. Priadun (UKR)	3. S. Ungor (TUR)
Team :	1. Russia	2. Ukraine	3. Germany

Nations Cup :	1. Russie	2. Ukraine	3. Belarus
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Participating Countries (21) : Germany, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Canada, China, Estonia, United States, Finland, Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Uzbekistan, Poland, Qatar, Russia, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine

Official CISM Representative : Colonel Léon De Wulf (Belgium)

President TC : Lieutenant-Colonel Abdelkader Smati (Tunisia)

338 participants, 211 athletes



22-25 November 2002

Cessange, Luxembourg

cyclo-cross

18th World Military Cyclo-Cross Championship

Kris Wouters, by Jove! ...

Luxembourg—which, needless to repeat, was one of the five founding members of CISM—organised the 18th World Military Cyclo-Cross Championship on 22–25 November 2002. It was the second time in its history that Luxembourg hosted a military world championship—the 16th World Military Cross-Country Championship was held in Diekirch on 20 February 1966.

On 24 November, 29 cross-country, muscle-powered, two-wheeler specialists from eight different countries met in the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg to conquer the individual and team military world titles. The championship was held on the circuit that bears the name of Josy Mersch, the only cyclist from Luxembourg ever to have won a cyclo-cross world title. This was back in 1935 and so it was with great emotion that the hero himself, aged 91, accepted to act as honorary president of the organising committee of this championship and, in this capacity, presented the military world champion with his jersey.

Played on a 2.650m track that proved quick and technical for the athletes and highly spectacular for the large audience, the race kept all its promises. Nearly from the get-go, a group of six left the pack, including super-favourite Kris Wouters of Belgium and team-mate Tom De Kort, Luxembourg's Christian Weyland, Germany's Leo Karstens, the Czech Republic's Tomas Kotbra and Italy's Alessandro Fontana. Halfway through, Kris Wouters—undoubtedly the strongest cyclist in the leading group—attacked violently and then kept his infernal pace. He relentlessly built a substantial lead and crossed the finish line 28 seconds ahead, thereby bagging his sixth world military cyclo-cross title. Behind him, the race for the remaining two slots on the rostrum and for team medals was passionate and fascinating until the very end. Tom De Kort eventually placed the cherry on the Belgian cake by prevailing over Italy's Alessandro Fontana, whose bronze medal is fair compensation for a bold race.

Much to the audience's surprise, the Belgian team failed to make it to the team podium, due to the disqualification of its third member on a technicality. So it was the very young Czech team who prevailed, with Luxembourg and France finishing second and third respectively.

The winner's emotion upon crossing the finish line, the happiness of the young Czech, Luxembourg and French cyclists on the podium, the quality of the race and the popular success of this championship should be enough to ensure that cyclo-cross continues to rank among annual world military championships.

Following the arrival of a stage of the Italian Giro in May and the start of Tour de France stage in July, the organisation of the 18th World Military Cyclo-Cross Championship provided a nice conclusion to this year of major international cycling events in Luxembourg.



Results

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| Individual : | 1. K. Wouters (BEL) | 2. T. De Kort (BEL) | 3. A. Fontana (ITA) |
| Team : | 1. Czech Republic | 2. Luxembourg | 3. Italy |



Participating countries (8) : Germany, Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Poland, Czech Republic

Official CISM Representative : Colonel Christian Kramp (Germany)

President TC (acting) : Lt-Colonel Jaco Oussoren (The Netherlands)

80 participants, 29 athletes

22-25 November 2002

Cessange, Luxembourg

STATISTICS - WORLD EVENTS 2002

SPORT	VENUE	DATE	PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES	OBSERVING COUNTRIES	TOTAL	ATHLETES	
						Men	Women
Track and Field	Tivoli, Italy	02-09 Sep	29	-	353	292	61
Marathon	Bern, Switzerland	13-17 Jun	15	-	64	58	6
Boxing	Dublin, Ireland	06-16 Sep	23	-	166	166	0
Cross-country	Antalya, Turkey	18-22 Mar	28	BDI	260	211	49
Cyclo-cross	Cessange, Luxemburg	22-25 Nov	8	-	29	29	0
Equestrian	Quillota, Chile	05-11 Feb	16	QAT	83	81	2
Fencing	Avenches, Switzerland	18-25 Jun	18	-	134	97	37
Handball	Kaunas, Lithuania	12-23 Jul	11	QAT	177	177	0
Judo	Beijing, China	13-21 Oct	23	-	184	141	43
Wrestling	Tallinn, Estonia	21-29 Oct	21	-	211	211	0
Swimming	Warendorf, Germany	10-19 Aug	17	RSA	184	130	54
Orienteering	Allensteig, Austria	17-23 Jun	26	GRE, NZE	216	172	44
Parachuting	Oran, Algeria	16-23 Oct	34	-	198	165	33
Aeronautical Pentathlon	Dijon, France	21-29 Jun	10	-	84	83	1
Military Pentathlon	Schaarsbergen, The Netherlands	31 Jul-09 Aug	26	-	176	140	36
Modern Pentathlon	Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic	24 Jun-01 July	14	MEX	69	53	16
Ski	Kranjska Gora, Slovenia	25 Feb-02 Mar	23	-	327	230	97
Taekwondo	Fort Hood, USA	19-27 Oct	15	-	120	79	41
Triathlon	Otepää, Estonia	17-22 Jul	19	-	130	92	38
Volleyball	Constanza, Romania	20 Sep-02 Oct	15	-	218	174	44

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SKI Colonel G. Di Pauli von TREUHEIM (ITA)

TAEKWONDO Brig. General R. MARTINEAU (CAN)

SHOOTING Lt-Colonel B. JOHANSON (SWE)

TRIATHLON Colonel M. SAINT-BONNET (FRA)

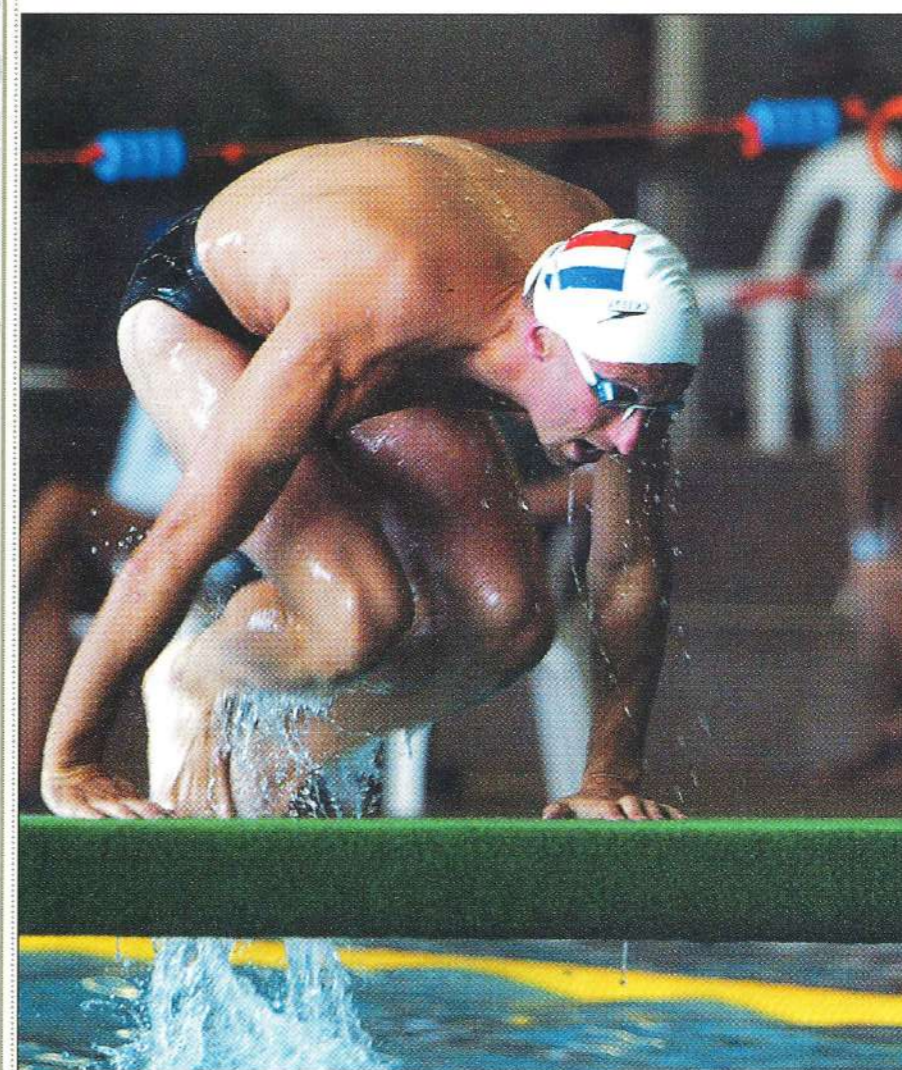
SAILING Lt-Colonel D. HOPE (CAN)

VOLLEYBALL Lt-Colonel P. Di CANIO (ITA)

athletes council

List of the elected athletes

Track and Field & Cross-country	Lieutenant Mehmet KARA (TUR)
Cycling	Sergeant Major Kris WOUTERS (BEL)
Equestrian	NCO Albert LEBON (NED)
Handball	1st Lieutenant Murat ALTUN (TUR)
Judo	Lieutenant Deborah GRAVENSTIJN (NED)
Swimming	Carabinieri Sc. Giorgio CECCHI (ITA)
Orienteering	Major Miëtta GROENEVELD (NED)
Parachuting	Sergeant Luc VERSTREPEN (BEL)
Military Pentathlon	Lt Constantin Cristinel OLARU (ROM)
Naval Pentathlon	Senior Chief Petty Officer Erik MADSEN (DEN)



Salt Lake City

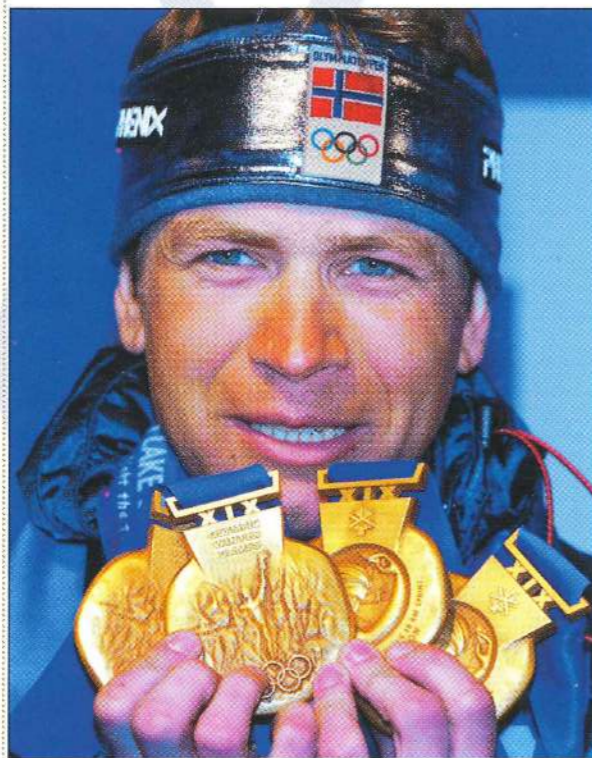
Our Military Raid the Winter Olympics

Ole Einar Bjoerdalen, King of Salt Lake City

He made the headlines of every newspaper with the slightest knowledge of sport: our military champion, Ole Einar Bjoerdalen, produced out-of-this-world performances to win all four gold medals in the biathlon, which is admittedly considered the private hunting ground of CISM's athletes.

It is definitely the achievement of the Olympic Games that took place in Salt Lake City early this year. The least we can write about these Winter Olympics is that they were a fantastic fortnight for the entire military community as, in addition to the Norwegian prodigy's wonders—and despite their overshadowing nature—, there was a wealth of other wonderful military performances that we cannot possibly overlook. However, there is little space available in these pages—other than in our usual list of medallists—to dwell on the feats of each of the many military sportsmen and women who outclassed the opposition and distinguished themselves in the invigorating atmosphere of the State of Utah.

Talking about biathlon, how could we possibly not say a few words about the two gold medals Germany's Andrea Henkel and Kati Willem bagged? Olga Pylova of Russia only, proved an insurmountable obstacle between her and a historical German grand slam. Another essential conclusion is that all biathlon gold medals, both individual and team, went to our military, a statement that applies to most medals of other colours too, for that matter.



Ole Einar BJOERNDALLEN (NOR)

A small detour to the sledge course to underscore the military-only podium of the men's individual event (Zoeggeler, Hackl and Prockl) and to mention Leitner's and Reich's victory in the men's double and Sergeant Sylke Otto's gold and Silke Kraushaar's bronze medals in the women's individual sledge.

Bobsleigh is a military discipline too: the German military foursome went for gold while Christophe Langen prevailed in the two-seater. Other medal-winning teams were composed of—or at least included—soldiers of both genders.

The cross-country skiing (Stefania Belmondo and Gabriela Parruzzi, as well as the German women's and the Norwegian men's foursomes), northern combined (Jaakko Tallus), alpine skiing (Jean-Pierre



Jean-Pierre VIDAL (FRA)



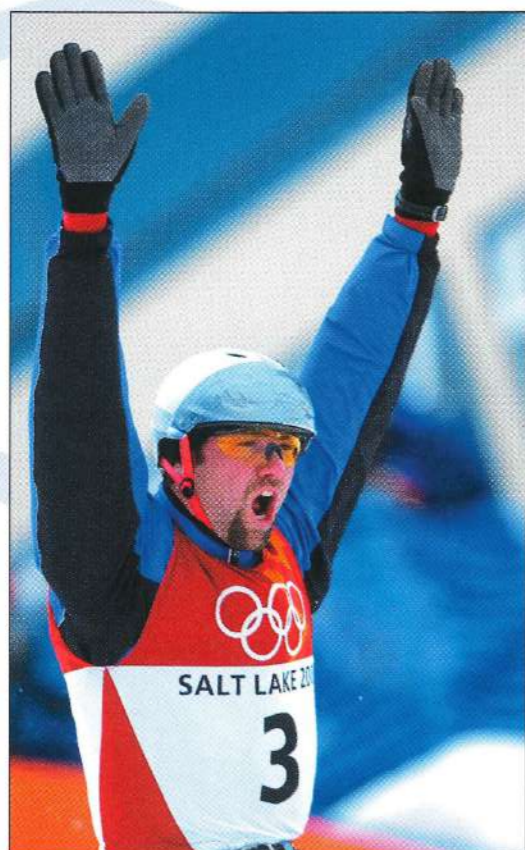
Daniela CECCARELLI (ITA)

Vidal and Daniela Ceccarelli), figure skating (the pair composed of Sikharulidze and Berezhnaya and prodigy Alexsei Yagudin) and freestyle (Ales Valenta) competitions delivered military Olympic champions plus countless more medallists on the speed skating and ice hockey rostrums. The tables below speak for themselves!

Just one final line to underscore Germany's first place in the country list of medals with a total of 35 plaques, of which 25 (i.e. 71%) went to military athletes. Is that all?



From l. to r. Georg HACKL (GER), Armin ZOEGGELER (ITA) and Markus PROCK (AUT)



Ales VALENTA (CZE)



The German biathlon team : Katrin APEL, Uschi DISL, Andrea HENKEL and Kati WILHELM



Silke OTTO (GER)

Military Medallists at Salt Lake City

GOLD

Woman

Sergeant Andrea HENKEL	Germany	Biathlon 15 km
		Biathlon 4 x 7,5 km Relay
Sergeant Sylke OTTO	Germany	Sledge
Sergeant Katrin APEL	Germany	Biathlon 4 x 7,5 km Relay
Sergeant Kati WILHELM	Germany	Biathlon 7,5 km Sprint, Biathlon 4 x 7,5 km Relay
Sergeant Manuela HENKEL	Germany	Cr.-country 4 x 5 km Relay
Sergeant Claudia KÜNZEL	Germany	Cr.-country 4 x 5 km Relay
Sergeant Viola BAUER	Germany	Cr.-country 4 x 5 km Relay
Lance Corporal Evi SACHENBACHER	Germany	Cr.-country 4 x 5 km Relay
Agente Daniela CECCARELLI	Italy	Alpine Skiing-Super G
Agente Scelto Stefania BELMONDO	Italy	Cross-country 15 Km
Agente Scelto Gabriella PARUZZI	Italy	Cross-country 30 Km
WO Elena BEREZHNAJA	Russia	Figure Skating Dance
WO Olga PYLOVA	Russia	Biathlon Pursuit 10km
SPC Jill BAKKEN	USA	Bobsled 2

Men

Caporal Chef Jean-Pierre VIDAL	France	Alpine Ski : Slalom
Corporal Jaakko TALLUS	Finland	Nordic Combin. team
Sergeant Patrick LEITNER	Germany	Sledge
Sergeant Alexander RESCH	Germany	Sledge
Staff Sergeant Christoph LANGEN	Germany	Bobsled Two
Sergeant André LANGE	Germany	Bobsled Four
Staff Sergeant Carsten EMBACH	Germany	Bobsled Four
Sergeant Enrico KÜHN	Germany	Bobsled Four
Lance Corporal Enrico KUSKE	Germany	Bobsled Four
Carabiniere Scelto Armin ZOEGGELER	Italy	Sledge-single
Private Ole Einar BJØRNDALEN	Norway	Biathlon 10km, Biathlon 12,5km Pursuit, Biathlon 20km, Biathlon Relay 4x7,5km
Private Thomas ASGAARD	Norway	Cross-country Relay 4x10km
Corp Frode ESTIL	Norway	Cross-country Relay 4x10km
Corp Kristin SKJELDAL	Norway	Cross-country Relay 4x10km
Sgt Ales VALENTA	Czech Rep.	Freestyle Ski
WO Anton SIKHARULIDZE	Russia	Figure Skating Dance
WO Aleksei YAGUDIN	Russia	Figure Skating Ind.



Ronny ACKERMANN (GER)



Jill BAKKEN (USA)



Anton SIKHARULIDZE and Elena BEREZHNAVAYA (RUS)



Bob-4 (ALL)



Liv Grete SKJELBREID-POIRÉE (NOR)

Military Medallists at Salt Lake City

SILVER

Women

Sergeant Kati WILHELM	Germany	Biathlon 10 km Pursuit
Lance Corporal Sabine VÖLKER	Germany	Speed Skating 1000 m
Lance Corporal Evi SACHENBACHER	Germany	Cr.-country 1,5 km Sprint
Lance Corporal Sabine VÖLKER	Germany	Speed Skating 1500 m
Staff Sergeant Sandra PROKOFF	Germany	Bobsleigh
Allieva Finanziere Isolde KOSTNER	Italy	Alpine Skiing Downhill
Agente Scelto Stefania BELMONDO	Italy	Cross-country-30 Km
Corp Liv Grete SKJELBREID POIRÉE	Norway	Biathlon 15 km, Biathlon 4x7,5km
Capt Larissa LAZUTINA	Russia	Cross-country 15 km, Cross-country Pursuit

Men

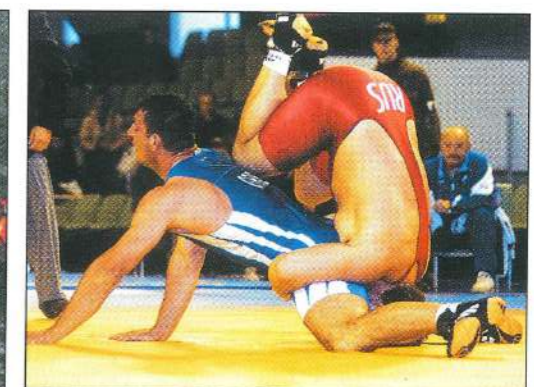
Zgf Christian HOFFMANN	Austria	30km Cross-country
Chief Corporal Raphael POIRÉE	France	Biathlon : 12km Pursuit
Corporal Jaakko TALLUS	Finland	Nordic combin. individual
Sergeant Ronny ACKERMANN	Germany	Nordic Combined Sprint, Nordic Combined Team
Lance Corporal Marcel HÖHLIG	Germany	Nordic Combined Team
Lance Corporal Björn KIRCHEISEN	Germany	Nordic Combined Team
Staff Sergeant Georg HACKL	Germany	Sledge Men
Staff Sergeant Peter SCHLICKENRIEDER	Germany	Cr.-country 1,5 km Sprint
Staff Sergeant Ricco GROSS	Germany	Biathlon 4 x 7,5 km Relay
Staff Sergeant Frank LUCK	Germany	Biathlon 4 x 7,5 km Relay, Biathlon 20 km
Sergeant Peter SENDEL	Germany	Biathlon 4 x 7,5 km Relay
Appuntato Giorgio DI CENTA	Italy	Cross-country- 4X10 Km Relay
Appuntato Pietro PILLER COTTRER	Italy	Cross-country- 4X10 Km Relay
Appuntato Cristian ZORZI	Italy	Cross-country- 4X10 Km Relay
Agente Nicola FRANCESCHINA	Italy	Short track- 5000 m Relay
Agente Scelto Fabio MAJ	Italy	Cross-country- 4X10 Km Relay
Agente Scelto Michele ANTONIOLI	Italy	Short track- 5000 m Relay
Agente Scelto Maurizio CARNINO	Italy	Short track- 5000 m Relay
Corp Frode ESTIL	Norway	Cross-country 15km, Cross-country 10km Pursuit
Private Thomas ASGAARD	Norway	Cross-country 10km Pursuit
Soldier Eugeny PLYUSHENKO	Russia	Figure Skating indiv
2Lt Garrett HINES	USA	Bobsled Four

World events 2003

Date	World Championship (edition)	Organiser
24/2-26/2	Cross-country (50)	St-Astier/France
31/3-05/4	Ski (45)	Rovaniemi/Finland
20/5-30/5	Naval Pentathlon (41)	Marin /Spain
04/7-12/7	Aeronautical Pentathlon (47)	Salamanca/Spain
14/7-20/7	Equestrian	Belgium
18/7-27/7	Military Pentathlon (51)	Madrid-Toledo/Spain
28/7-02/7	Triathlon (10)	Dronten/The Netherlands
02/8-10/8	Wrestling (22)	Istanbul/Turkey
12/8-20/8	Taekwondo (15)	Zagreb/Croatia
18/8-24/8	Orienteering (36)	Vilnius/Lithuania
12/10-18/10	Golf (1)	Jacksonville/USA
to be confirmed	Modern Pentathlon (35)	Italy
13/09-20/09	3rd Military World Games	Catania/Italy
	Track and Field (41)	
	Basket-ball (45)	
	Boxing (47)	
	Cycling (17)	
	Fencing (39)	
	Football (40) final round	
	Judo (29)	
	Swimming (40)	
	Parachuting (31)	
	Sailing (37)	
	Volleyball (25)	
	Meetings	
10/3-17/3	1 st Board of Directors' meeting	New Dehli/India
10/5-19/5	General Assembly & Congress (58) 2 nd Board of Directors' meeting	Dubai/United Arab Emirates
November	3 rd Board of Directors' meeting	Santiago/Chile



The Solidarity Trophy was awarded to Brazil



123 member nations

At its 55th birthday, CISM counts 123 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 (18)

Argentina, R.
Barbados
Bolivia, R.
Brazil, R.F.
Canada
Chile, R.
Colombia
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, Kingdom
China, P.R.
D.P.R. Korea
Korea, R.
United Arab Emirates
India
Iraq, 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