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Minutes from the CISM European Conference in Cyprus 29 oct – 2 nov 2009

Welcoming address

Vice President (VP) Col Bengt NYLANDER welcomed all Chief of delegations, delegates, officials and MajGen Dr Gianni GOLLA to the 17th European Conference and thanks all the members for their presence during the conference.

VP underlined the importance with an interesting program and opportunity to all member countries to meet and discuss together.

Presentation of invited guests & Organizing Committee

Organizing committee from Cyprus (chiefs of delegation)

Maj Nicolas TASSY presented the organizing committee and thanks everybody for there help.

Roll Call

Maj Anette NYGREN, Chief of the European Liaison Office (C ELO) performed the roll calls.

Present members:

Albania, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Rumania, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine

Not present members:

Armenia, Croatia, FYROM, Georgia, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Portugal, Slovakia, Turkey.

Presentation of new CoD and delegates:

New Chiefs of Delegations and delegates were present and welcomed:

LtGen Atanas SAMANDOV, Bulgaria (CoD)

Commodore Joannis LIGNOS, Greece (CoD)

Col Alexander SCHEPELEV, Russia (CoD)

Lt George MARGIOLAKIS, Greece (delegate)

Col Nico SPREIJ, Netherlands (delegate)

Capt Dmitriy SPITSYN, Russia (delegate)

Miss Anna GRACHEVA, Russia (delegate)

LtCol Imrich BUGAR, Czech Republic: (delegate)



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Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved by the member countries with the adding of presentation about European Conference 2010 in session 5.

Approval of minutes from the European Continental Meeting, Suriname

The minutes were approved by the member countries.

The Vice President's information and review

Vice president Col Bengt NYLANDER gave his review regarding activities 2009 and highlighted the following issues:

- Answer about the possibility of a common flight for the member countries to Brazil:

Strategic transports are nationally responsibility based upon the preplanning for every country. The EU heavy airlift based in Hungary and it's possible to make a common flight but it comes with some important lines. The schedule for that transport capacity is not ready before March and one country has to pay for the flight.

The Vice President recommends the member countries not to rely on this for the transport to Brazil, rely on civilian flights instead.

- During the period since the last meeting there is possible to seek financially support from the European Union for project within the country. The VP pointed out that this is a good opportunity for the member countries. The countries need to be able to finance the project by there self first then the European Union can pay back the project money. There is an intention to produce a book with lesson learned. We will continue this work.

VP thanked the Swedish delegation for the successful organizing of the European Championship EMC Fencing Epee in Gothenburg 2009

VP thanked the Turkish CoD LtCol Mesut CERIT for acting OCR during this championship. His leadership during the competition contributed to the success.

For results see Appendix 1.

The C ELO information and review

Maj Anette NYGREN; Chief of the European Liaison Office (C ELO) highlighted the following issues:

- Updating the calendar:

Members country can update by email and it's possible to do the update of the calendar during this conference in Cyprus. The calendar is in order of sports and the members are asked to update with all the information they have.

- OCR EMC 2010 (European CoD) for:

Sailing, Turkey

Judo, Slovenia

is needed. Please report your interest.

- OCR EMC Orienteering 2011 Latvia



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- Host for the European Conference 2011. Belarus is a candidate and C ELO asked if there are any more candidates. Any member country that wants to candidate is asked to contact C ELO. The election will be performed in Brazil at the General Assembly in 2010.

- www.cism-europe-milспорт.org

Information from all members to make update in the web continues and there all members is asked to send in photos and reports by email.

See Appendix 2.

Information from the CISM commissions

Col ROSSO has been attending the first meeting in Brussels and more information will be given under Session 3 concerning CISM regulations.

NSTR from the others commissions.

“CISM International Symposium” 2009 – Czech Delegation

The armed forces of Czech Delegation were honoured to host the CISM International Symposium in sept 2009.

The program contained 5 sessions and there were 25 countries participated, 24 CISM members and Great Britain that where specially invited.

The Chief of Czech Delegation would like to thank all the participants and those who helped to organise the event.

This symposium was important for the education, science and development in sports and it's important to participate for all the member countries.

Experiences from competitions and events

Experiences from competitions and events will be added to the agenda for the next European Conference.

Experiences from the Regional Meetings

Nordic meeting in Norway 2009

LtCol Steinar HOEGSETH gave a review: The aim is to promote psychical training, exchange knowledge and experience continuously.

Nordic military meeting is structured with 3 main topics:

- A. Military sports
- B. Physical training and competitions
- C. Resources and development

Next Nordic meeting will be in Stockholm 2010.

LtCol Steinar HOEGSETH handed over the symposia book from the meeting to the delegates.



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Reunion des Voisins 2009 in Belgium

Col P LUPCIN gave a review considering the Reunion Des Voisins 2009 in Belgium and underlined some of the important conclusions that were made during this meeting.

1. CISM Academy
2. General Assembly
 - a. Agenda
 - b. BOD
3. Work group statues
4. Committees within the CISM
5. Military sport organizations

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“WMWG 2010” - Col Rinaldo SESTILI, Italy

Col SESTILI gave a review considering the 1th CISM Winter Military World Games (WMWG) 2010 in Italy.

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Questions that were asked by the members' delegations:

1. (Sweden) Is it possibly to invite media from member nations? Answer: If the country provide for accommodations and that it fits in number for the composition of the mission. Otherwise the country has to pay for the media person.
2. (Austria) The accommodations are they form by discipline or nation? Answer: By discipline, the athletes and coaches are accommodated together. All Chiefs of Mission will stay together at the same hotel. The disciplines are located in different venues. The chiefs of missions are going to be able to travel around to every member of the team.
3. (Lithuania) Is it possibly to dispartate in more than 1 competition? Answer: Yes.
4. (Switzerland) Can the nations bring a Team captain in order to make the coordination easier? Answer: Yes, they can bring a Team Captain. If it's in the composition of the missions the organizer will provide the accommodation, otherwise the country has to pay for the accommodation. The composition of the mission is planned to give an effectual organisation for the teams.

The Italian organizers emphasized that the planning are in progress and that they have marked all the questions. If you have any questions you can contact the organization committee via the website www.cismvda.it (contact us)

Video conference with the organizers in Aosta Valley, Italy

Video conference with the organizers in Aosta Valley, Italy takes place.

The organizers welcome all member countries in CISM to dissapate in the Winter Games.

Vice President thank the organizers for all there preparations and for the invitation to the military winter game. The organizers started up the website for the Winter Games during the video conference www.cismvda.it



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“President’s survey” – CISM President Maj Gen Dr GOLA

CISM President Maj Gen Dr Gola gave a brief about lessons learned from his work as a CISM President.

The brief contains all about the start of CISM and an historical background with important point of the excellent work that have brought people together and formed the work of CISM, all of this with Maj Gen Dr Gola’s reflections and lessons learned.

The president emphasized the integration and importance that CISM had come to play around the world under many years.

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Adding to the European Calendar 2010

PCSC orienteering Harald OSTBYE informed that Turkey has withdrawn from the responsibility to organise the event for orienteering 2010.

Question to all member countries: If someone have the possibility to organized this? Give your answer directly to the PCSC orienteering.

Information about European Military Judo Championship, Slovenia 2010

Short brief about basic information:

Date 28 June – 3 July 2010

Location: Ljubljana, Novo mesto

Competitions: individual competitions

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Information concerning working groups during the conference

Vice President informed the member countries about the aim with the working groups during this conference.

Working groups:

- Financial crisis – all members have reasons to reflect about what CISM member countries can do in short and long terms. All members need to be able to manoeuvre in shorter time.
- CISM regulations – precede the work with the regulations that started last time.
- European Strategic Plan – the workgroup’s aim is to create the groundwork for a new strategic plan.



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Presentation of working group discussions - Account of the working groups

Working Group 1 - Handling of the Financial Crisis:

Overview: 11 nations, with 14 participants present

Intensive and good discussion

Broad range of items

General situation:

Reductions of resources since the last decade.

Deterioration up to 40 % of the budget in some of the member countries

Reaction by decrease of participants and cancelation of competitions

Consequences and proposals:

- Revision of the strategic plan and the system of competitions
 - shorten the duration of competitions
 - prioritize the disciplines
 - check the need for MWC every year (except the pentathlons)
 - Modernize the regulations
- Contribute to cost reduction
 - less protocol
 - reduction of participants (CISM HQ, conferences)
 - use civilian assets
- Support potential organizers
- Face reality in a creative and flexible way

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Working Group 2- Working group of the CISM for the revision of CISM Statues.

This group was created in order to analyze the relevance of the current situation.

Objectives of the meeting: analysis of the current situation concerning CISM Statues:

- The statutes
- The CISM Policy Manual
- The CISM Procedures Manuals

A. The Statutes

No fundamental changes to the statutes. There are some minor points that can be changed.

B. The CISM Policy Manual

Invalid or confusing articles:

- Definition of the role of the president
- Definition of the role of the Secretary General
- Definition of the role and responsibilities of the TG
- Better defining the responsibilities and relationships regarding the CISM goal between the CISM president, the SG, the Vice President and the Treasure General.
- More transparency of the BoD decisions and activities.
- Definition of the exact role of the commissions.
- Sports categorization – clearer procedures and easier possibilities for a sport to become at World level.

Missing articles:

- Responsibilities and accountability of the BoD members
- Responsibilities of the CISM Headquarters including a SOP and personnel establishment.
- Financial transparency – idea of assign to the TG the task to develop a financial plan. Tasking the TG to brief more details in the official documents.

Fundamental changes:

- Election system of the Secretary General
- Election system of the president/continental tournus
- Selling the rights to organize a CISM event. Only for the MWG at first time and later for Major events. The CISM Commissions – creating or deleting some commissions.

Final proposals are going to be delivered at the BoD 2011-1 and after that there will be a presentation to the GA 2011.

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Working Group 3 European Strategic plan:

In general a very good documentation.

Different system – different needs. We need a strategic plan as a guidance into the future with focus on lessons learned.

Working process:

Analyze and measuring “goal and action achievement”. More involvement and contribution from every nation. Questionnaire to CoD, before Feb 2010. WG and Liaison of CISM Europe make the first draft and then send it out to the members’ countries.

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“Sport Psychology – Theoretical Basis of Sporty Activities” – LtCol DOBMEIER, German Delegation

LtCol Harald Dobmeier gave a lecture concerning his work and research on sport psychology and the theoretical basis of sporty activities. LtCol Dobmeier underlines that sport psychology is an important part in a participant’s goal and his/her possibilities to gain the vision.

Successful sport activity must be a joined effect from several levels of the person, environment and task, where the level of the person contains motivation and emotion. The level for the task is divided in motoric and mental but both of them are important. When it comes to environment, it contains both materiel and social side.

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“Military Sport in the International Sport Environment” – CISM President, Maj Gen Dr GOLA

CISM President Maj Gen Dr Gola briefed about important lessons learned and reflection about the military sport in the International Sport Environment and the work with CISM. The brief contains short but very important guidelines:

- A. Be proud of our identity – assure the continuity, preserve the credibility and promote the overall knowledge of the strength and values of military sport.
- B. Be pragmatic but far-sighted – it’s important to have a vision as a complement to the strategic plan.
- C. Be open mind – promote any kind of public relations and remember that the right place of the military sport movement is in the middle of the society, not in a corner.
- D. Cultivate creativity – don’t accept the “routine”, invent new initiatives and find new solutions for old problem. Dedicate a special attention to the young generations.
- E. Cultivate ambitions – the tremendous strength of our “world” must be guided only by ambitions projects. Don’t accept a marginal role of military sport. Do your best to generate attention, interest, attraction and financial resources.
- F. Cultivate courage.
- G. Cultivate tenacity – if you have a goal, a mission, be tenacious.

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”Sports in the Armed Forces” – Dr Nicos L KARTAKOULLIS, Dep Minister of Sports, Cyprus

Dr Nicos L Kartakoullis gave a brief concerning his work and the connection to sports in the Armed Forces. In many countries sport and physical training is a naturally part of the daily work in the armed forces. Competition can have a positive influence on soldier’s morale and can assist in developing a spirits and military/armed forces can lead every soldiers into the sporting morale and for a long life in sports.

The military/armed forces with its “captive audience” (facilities, support structure, communication structures, values) can become an efficient and effective setting for improving the health and well-being of individuals (soldiers) and there families.

Dr Kartakoullis highlighted the following strategy for to maintain and increase the effects of the sports in the military. This strategy contains increase knowledge about sport/physical activity, personal motivation, enhance skills (life skills), provide opportunities, provide support networks, establish the right physical environment and enforce policies/regulations.

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“2500 Years Anniversary of Marathon” – Col Konstantinos KOUSANTAS, Greek Delegation

Col K KOUSANTAS gave a short information about the 2500 Years Anniversary of Marathon and 43rd Marathon MWC 2010 in Athens, Greece.

Col KOUSANTAS thanked the BoD for the opportunity to organize these events at the same time. The Athens Classic Marathon is the largest and most important sport event in Greece.

Composition of the mission:

1 Chief of Mission

1 coach

1 ad Libitium (doctor or physiotherapist)

4 athletes (man)

4 athletes (women)

Totally 11 people.

For more information visit the website: www.athenclassicmarathon.gr

The Greek delegation will send everybody the invitation file of the Marathon MWC 2010 at least 6 month in advance.

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“50 years anniversary in CISM” – Col Walter KRÜGER, Chief of German Delegation

Col W KRÜGER, Chief of German Delegation gave a short brief concerning Germans 50 year's anniversary in CISM. To celebrate this anniversary they planned and conducted several championships. Col KRÜGER underlined the 46th CISM World Naval Pentathlon Championship 30 July – 06 August 2009 in Eckernförde. 12 nations with more than 100 participants and 78 athletes (17 female/58 male).

And the 56th World Military Pentathlon Championship 1 – 10 September in München. There were 29 nations with over 300 participants and 186 athletes (43 female/143 male). One of the main lessons learned is that the organizers manage to interest media for the event. Media was well represented with 6 civilian TV broadcaster, 7 radio stations, 13 print- media, 2 press agency and 5 international military agencies.

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“6 years of CISM Sailing on Poland” – Polish Delegation

The Polish delegation, Anna KUZAWINSKI gave a short brief about the 6 years of CISM Sailing in Poland.

They thanked the president of CISM Sailing for the excellent jointed work over the years that they have arranged CISM Sailing. Next CISM sailing is hosted by Turkey in 2010.

Upcoming elections

Vice President gave a short brief to present the upcoming elections for President of CISM, Vice president for Europe and for one member to the BoD.

When it comes to the election for VP and board member there is possible to perform a pre-election during the European Continental meeting in Rio in order to select this persons in advance.

Main attraction for an organisation is the election of the president. It's important that CISM Europe present good and strong candidates to meet candidates from other continents. There is no possibility to make a pre-election for the president post, because everyone that is a candidate will be so for the GA election. However the European countries agreed to, if necessary, to have an advisory election to see the position of candidates and give them recommendations.

“European Conference 2010” – Col ® Nevzat VAROL, Azerbaijan Delegation

Next CISM Europe Conference will take place 11-15 November 2010 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

The member countries were welcomed to participate in CISM World Judo Championship 8-15 November 2010, Baku, Azerbaijan.

VP Col Bengt NYLANDER: The dates are not confirmed. It must wait for the dates for the BoD Meeting 3/2010.

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Summary of the European Calendar

NSTR

Decorations

President of CISM decorated Col Victor PODLOUCKY, Czech Republic, as CISM Order of Merit “Grand Officer”

President of CISM decorated Capt Jana SENKOVA, Czech Republic, as CISM Order of Merit “Grand Knight”

President of CISM decorated Lt Georgios MARGIOLAKIS, Greece as CISM Order of Merit “Knight”

Closing remarks and summary

Chief of Czech Republic delegation Col Victor PODLOUCKY thank CISM Europe for this years in the organisation of CISM.

VP’s ending reflections and thanks

VP thanked the ELO for an excellent work, the Cyprus organizers for a strong and competent support with the conference and the participants for their contribution.

VP thanked the participants for their engagement and wished all a safe trip home.

See you all in May in Rio.