

The Many faces of Mantua



The origins of the City can be traced back to the Prehistoric time when the lake-dwelling populations of the "ferramare" settled down on the lands emerging from the marshy waters of the Mincio.

Etruscans, Gauls and Andi from the French river "Loire" are the foundations of the Mantuan Civilizations. In the Middle Age, two families had a huge impact on Mantua. First of all the Cassona around the year 1000 and the Gonzaga, around the year 1350. The evolution of the city under these two families rule was synonymous of great cultural, scientific and artistic breakthrough. Today's masterpieces all over the city are the living testimonies of this golden period.

Mantua was home to two of Italy sporting legends. The cyclist Learco Guerra and the Car race pilot Tazio Nuvolari.

Festivaletteratura

Mantua is internationally known for its 5-days Literature festival organized every September. This *festivaletteratura* provides the opportunity for authors ranging from Nobel Prize winners to best-sellers novelists to meet their readers in a relaxed setting.

Apart from its cultural treasures, Mantua is also synonymous of Gourmet shopping. The *Grana Padano* is one of the most famous Italian cheeses, and the unique recipe of the Sbrisolona cake gave Mantua the nickname of "Sweet City". It's worth taking your time to taste these marvels.



The International Military Sports Council (CISM)



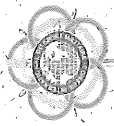
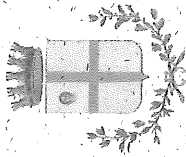
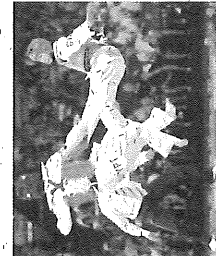
The International Military Sports Council, known by its acronym "CISM", was founded on 18 February 1948 in Nice, France. CISM is an international sports association composed of member nations accepted by the General Assembly. CISM is open to the armed forces of all nations. The fundamental aim of CISM is to promote sport activity and physical education between armed forces as a means to foster world peace. This ideal is encapsulated in the CISM motto "FRIENDSHIP THROUGH SPORT".



In addition to many continental and regional championships, CISM organizes over 20 World Championships annually and the Military World Games every four years with about 6,000 participants including Olympic Medalists and World Champions. CISM also provides clinics, technical and solidarity assistance to member nations.

CISM flies high. The International Military Sports can no longer keep track of the countless military champions who are also renowned for their exploits within civilian competitions.

The results of the Olympic Games in Athens have proved that military athletes are competitive at top level. Roman Serble, Sandro Vanni, Alexei Tichenko, Alexey Némov, Roman Hagara, are just examples of Military athletes who got a gold medal in Athens.



INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR



"THE PREVENTION OF THE CONFLICT AND
THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE.
THE ROLE OF SPORT"

31 April – 2 March 2005

Mantova

Italy

The International Military Sports Council and the Municipality of Mantua will organize the Seminar "The prevention of the conflict and the prevention of peace. The role of sport" in co-operation with the Italian Delegation to CISM. The Seminar will be held in Mantua from 31 of March to 02 of April 2005.

Topics of the Seminar

This seminar on "the prevention of conflict and the maintenance of peace. The role of Sport" is an international platform addressed to a panel of experts dealing every day with the problematic of sport and armed conflicts. The main aims of the Seminar are:

- To gather several International Organizations and to launch discussions around the role of sport, and more specifically Military Sport, in peace keeping.
- To Exchange different experiences and views in the field of sports organizations in conflict areas.

Issues to be discussed

- The Role of Military Sports
- What can Military Sports do?
- In which fields could Military Sports support peace?
- Sport in conflict areas.
- What can sport do before, during and after conflicts?
- What are the challenges of Sport in conflict areas?

Invited Organizations

Representatives of the following International organizations will be invited to attend/present the symposium: *Seminari*

- United Nations;
- European Union
- International Olympic Committee;

- Olympic Truce Foundation;
- IOC Cooperation and Development Organization;
- International Labor Organization;
- UNICEF;
- Red Cross;
- FIFA
- UEFA
- Right to play

Representatives from the CISM Authorities will also be invited as well as Italian Military authorities.

Military commanders of several countries in conflict will be invited to witness their field problems and solutions. Among others, representatives from Northern and Southern Korea, Iraq, Eritrea, etc.

Accommodation and travel information

All participants will be accommodated in hotels. The City of Mantua selected two international-standard hotels:

- Hotel Re Chigi
- Hotel San Lorenzo

The Accommodation costs will be covered by the Organizing Committee.

All participants are responsible for their transport to and from Mantua. The transport on the spot will be organized by the Organizing Committee. The nearest International airports are:

- International Airport - Verona, Malpensa or Linate International Airport - Milan

Other information

For any other information, we kindly invite you to visit the CISM Homepage: <http://www.cism-milSPORT.org>

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General program.

Thursday 31 March:

- Arrival of the participants
- Opening Ceremony and Banquet

Friday 1 April:

- First and second, plenary sessions
- Cultural concert at *Bibiena Theatre*

Saturday 2 April:

- Third and fourth Plenary Sessions
- Conclusion forum
- Closing session
- Closing Ceremony and Banquet

Sunday 3 April:

- Cultural day
- Departure of all participants

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Friendship through Sport