Vancouver Downhill GOLD for Military World Champion Didier Défago!

1st CISM WINTER MILITARY WORLD GAMES
Aoste, Italy
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Chers membres de la grande famille du CISM,
Chères lectrices, Chers lecteurs,

C'est avec grand plaisir que je vous présente la 1ère édition de CISM Magazine de 2010 !
Deux grandes premières sont au programme de cette année : les 1er Jeux mondiaux militaires d'hiver à Aosta (Italie) en mars et les 1er Cadet Games qui se dérouleront en octobre en Turquie.
En tant que lecteurs réguliers, vous aurez sans doute remarqué le nouveau design ainsi que la nouvelle structure de notre magazine, conçu pour vous inciter, au-delà des jaunes sportives et autres manifestations du CISM, à découvrir plus personnellement nos athlètes, nos dirigeants et nos partenaires et eux avec un meilleur confort de lecture. Depuis 6 mois, de nombreuses idées ont germé pour le développement de la communication et elles se concrétiseront tout au long de l'année.
De belles surprises en perspective !

J'espère d'ores et déjà que vous lirez ce Magazine du CISM avec beaucoup d'intérêt !

Colonel Alexandre Morsicai
Secretary-General of CISM

Bienvenue

Welcome

Мои вітаєм

Estimados miembros de la gran familia del CISM,
Estimadas lectoras, estimados lectores:

¿Es con un gran placer que les presento el primer número del CISM Magazine de 2010 ?
Dos grandes acontecimientos figuran en el programa este año: los primeros Juegos Mundiales Militares en Aosta (Italia) en marzo y los primeros Cadet Games que se celebrarán en octubre en Turquía.
Como lectores regulares, habrá probablemente observado el nuevo diseño así como la nueva estructura de nuestra revista, concebidos para invitarlos, más allá de los torneos deportivos y otras manifestaciones del CISM, a descubrir de una manera más personal a nuestros atletas, a nuestros dirigentes y a nuestros socios, todo ello con una mayor comodidad de lectura. Después de 6 meses, han ido apareciendo numerosas ideas para desarrollar la comunicación que se concretarán a lo largo del año.
¡Usas agradecibles sorpresas nos esperan! 

¡Espero que lean esta revista del CISM con mucho interés!

Colonel Alexandre Morsicai
Secretary-General of CISM

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This is the last editorial I am writing as President of CISM

In Rio de Janeiro, next May, I will conclude my third mandate and the General Assembly will elect the new President.

We are now at the eve of another historical event for CISM: the first edition of the Winter Games. While I am personally ready to enjoy, together with our people - delegates and athletes - the splendid atmosphere of the new Games, I am also trying to summarise in a few concepts the outstanding experience I have had the privilege to live in these last twelve years.

This experience is not only mine but belongs to all our organisation as such and to each of us, members in different ways of a huge family, full of outstanding potentials.

And these are the main concepts on which I would like to draw the attention in this moment.

IDENTITY. In spite of the many international tensions and conflicts, we succeeded to maintain our neutrality and to keep harmony and cohesion. Against every opposition, military sport has been able to raise the international awareness of its presence and its role and to reinforce its identities.

GAMES. As we know, the CISM permanent task is to use sport to bring together the Armed Forces of all the countries. That's why we have done our best for the "Military Games", to assure their continuity, to launch "new" Games. In 2010 we will have two first editions of Games: the Winter and the Cadets Games. And next year, in Rio de Janeiro (Olympic City 2016) we will have the fifth edition of the overall Games.

Indeed, we succeeded!

ENERGIES. The most successful part of the recent CISM events has confirmed that it is vital for us to reject any perplexity and any reluctance and to believe that only a concrete overall interaction with all the stakeholders around us (political and sport bodies, media, sponsors, etc.) allow us to reach our most ambitious goals.

Even in period of financial crisis, military sport has demonstrated that there are important institutions ready to invest also on our initiatives and to support our development.

NEW HORIZONS. As many know, CISM has decided to enter the new Millennium by enlarging its horizons in some specific fields like: "sport for all soldiers"; a development philosophy; humanitarian initiatives; the education to peace and the peace-keeping activities.

We can say that the international community has appreciated very much this new active role and is encouraging all of us to go ahead.

Dear readers, dear CISM friends, we still have much to do in all these fields; there is no doubt.

But, at the same time, we have the right to be proud and happy for the concrete achievements that, all together, we have been able to reach. A solid, durable legacy for the future of CISM.

Dott. Major General Gianni Cola

2010 Action Packed!

Several billion spectators have watched the XXI Winter Olympics held in Vancouver, Canada, between 12 and 26 February. Twenty days later the International Military Sports Council, the Italian Armed Forces and the Autonomous Region of Valle d’Aosta (Italy) have invited thousands of selected athletes to the 1st Winter Military World Games, on 20-25 March. And fortunately enough this year, military athletes prepared for the Olympics will still be in top condition to take part in their own international winter sports competitions. Used to organising major international events and highly experienced in this field, the Italian organisations are determined to ensure that this event enjoys the widest possible visibility worldwide - as military events are definitely on the rise and major progress has been made in recent years on that front.

In addition to these two momentous events, more than 20 Military World Championships and many more continental and regional events will also rally thousands of athletes. The kick-off event was celebrated in Ostend (Belgium) on 11 March with the World Military Cross-Country Championship. It was impossible to remain indifferent to this event, even in Belgium since H.R.H. Prince Philip of Belgium honoured the event with his presence and was decorated by the President of CISM.

Alongside these purely competitive events, the Member Nations of CISM worldwide were once again invited to take part in the CISM Day Run commemorating the anniversary of the foundation of CISM on 18 February 1948. Last year, more than 300,000 runners from 42 different countries mobilised to promote peace and the objective for 2010 was to rally more than 500,000. The final tally is not available yet, but there are strong indications that the objective will be met!

Next October, the Turkish Armed Forces will host the 1st CISM Cadet Games in history! CISM is proud to further grow this way. For the pupils and students of our military academies, sport is a strong vehicle to disseminate values. My sincerest congratulations to the organisers of this great initiative and I wish all participants a lot of success!

It is also appropriate to pay a special tribute to women in 2010. Their presence in recent years and their outstanding performances at the 4th Military World Games in India are evidence of their steadfast presence and determination to play a prominent role.

Four separate women's military world championships will be held in 2010 (sailing, football, volleyball and basketball). I congratulate them wholeheartedly and wish them the best of success!

2010, a year full of hope for the future of CISM. This flurry of events shows once again that even as they face severe external challenges - economic pressure, society changes, political and other interference, etc. - our Member Nations are dynamic and their Armed Forces fully meet the requirements of their mission, i.e. to provide their athletes with an opportunity to meet and compete in sport events so that Friendship Through Sport may prevail.

Colonel Alexandre Morisod

Dott. Major General Gianni Cola
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Why the Winter Military World Games
Aosta Valley
20th-25th March 2010?

To lead people to understand the extraordinary role of the modern Armed Forces, which is that of keeping peace through sport (the CISM President Gen. Gola).

Why in Aosta Valley
The Valley, a natural border territory characterized by a peaceful cohabitation among people, has been the seats of the Italian military tradition and its sports for 75 years.

In addition to that historical element, there is the basic presence of all the sport, organizing, and logistic facilities, together with the useful proficiency for such important events.

The Organizing Committee principles:
Three goals:
1. Organizing the Games
2. To release the values representing the base of the Games
3. To increase the abilities and opportunities of the Valley

One way: total optimization of the investment:
- absolute control of the budget (in proportion to such an important event)
- sole use of the already existing facilities
- total synergy and cooperation between the local abilities and facilities of those of the Armed Forces (1 + 1 makes 3)

The competitions
The Opening Ceremony will take place on Saturday 20th March at 5.00 p.m. in Aosta, the epicentre of the event, the most important civil and military authorities will attend the ceremony.

6 competition days, with the most exciting and significant Winter sports:
Brusslon (Biathlon),
Cogne (Cross-Country Skiing and Ski Orienteering),
Courmayeur (Indoor Sport Climbing and Short Track),
Flaxion Saint-Oyen (Ski Mountaineering),
Gressoney-Saint-Jean (Alpine Skiing ladies)
Piha (Alpine Skiing men)

Some data
There will be at least 40 participating nations.
About 1000 persons attending the event among athletes and technicians
About 40 hotels involved in Aosta and in the competition sites
More than 20,000 meals served in the competition sites
About 10,000 beds, sold thanks to the Games

The economic impact
1,100,000 euros (VAT included) of total investment, covered by the financial contribution of the Autonomous Region of Aosta Valley, divided into the following way:
- General Organization costs about 240,000
- Hospitality, Opening and Prize-Giving Ceremonies about 380,000
- Event promotion and communication costs about 200,000
- Preparation of the competition sites 280,000

For such invested cost, no less than 5 euros of direct economic return on the territory, as demonstrated by the studies on previous similar events.

A very high economic equivalent, thanks to the media promotion of the Region and of the competitions sites, through TV coverage and the attention paid by the national and international press (an amount no lower than 1 million, a real value estimated on the base of the advertising investment necessary for such an impact).

A concrete effort, especially on the regional, but even on the national productivity system, and a good participation chance for suppliers, technicians and partners.

Pourquoi organiser les Jeux mondiaux militaires d’hiver du 20 au 25 mars 2010 dans le Val d’Aoste?

Afin de participer à la sensibilisation des populations à la mission extraordinaire des Forces armées modernes : maintenir la paix par le sport (Général Gianni Gola, Président du CISM).

Pourquoi dans le Val d’Aoste ?
Parce que le Val d’Aoste est un territoire frontière naturel qui incarne la coexistence pacifique entre les peuples. C’est aussi, depuis 75 ans, le siège de l’École militaire alpine italienne et de ses traditions sportives. Outre ce motif historique, la région réunit d’ores et déjà toutes les facilités sportives, organisationnelles et logistiques nécessaires ainsi que l’expérience et la maîtrise des manifestations de cette ampleur.

Les compétitions
La Cérémonie d’ouverture se tiendra le samedi 20 mars à 17h à Aoste, centre névralgique des jeux, en présence des plus hautes autorités civiles et militaires.
Six journées de compétitions dans les sports d’hiver les plus passionnants et les plus significatifs :
- Biathlon (Brusson)
- Ski de fond et course d’orientation à ski (Cogne)
- escalade et short track (Courmayeur)
- Ski alpinisme (Flaxion Saint-Oyen)
- Ski alpin féminin (Gressoney-Saint-Jean)
- Ski alpin masculin (Piha)

Les Jeux en chiffres
Il y aura au moins 40 Nations participantes.
Environ 1 000 sportifs et techniciens en présence.
Progress de 20 000 repas servis sur les sites de compétition
Environ 10 000 nuits d'hôtel vendues grâce aux jeux

Les retombées économiques
Un investissement total de 1 100 000 (TVA incluse) couvert par l'intervention financière de la Région autonome du Val d’Aoste, réparti comme suit :
- Environ 240 000 en frais généraux liés à l'organisation ;
- Environ 380 000 en frais de réception pour les Cérémonies d’ouverture et de clôture ;

Chaque euro investi en rapportera au moins cinq sous la forme de retombées économiques directes pour la région, selon l’étude réalisée lors de manifestations similaires antérieures.

Un retour sur investissement économique substantiel (5 euros par euro d’investissement selon une estimation raisonnable des dépenses publicitaires à consentir pour obtenir un impact comparable) grâce à l’intérêt des médias pour la région et les sites de compétition, à la couverture télévisée et à l’attention de la presse nationale et internationale.

Un impact mesurable, principalement sur les filières locales — mais aussi sur le système productif national — ainsi qu’une belle occasion, pour les fournisseurs, techniciens et partenaires, de partager les bénéfices de l’événement.
# Winter Military World Games

**Aosta Valley 20th-25th March 2010**

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Olympic Brief!

Vancouver Downhill GOLD for 2006 Military World Champion Didier Défago!

He comes from a family of champions: his father showed the way on competitive slopes, followed by brother Daniel (a former junior Giant Slalom world champion and now an Assistant IT Manager with the International Ski Federation, FIS) who preceded him on world military slopes and clinched silver at the 2001 CISM World Military Ski Championship in Stowe (Vermont, USA).

Married to Sabine and the father of two – Alexane and Timéo – Didier Défago has become at 32, the oldest Olympic champion in downhill history. Beyond the athletic achievement, this win shows that you should never give up! A fine example of resilience!

The Swiss Armed Forces have renowned athletes on roll and are definitely not short of champions. It is quite creditable indeed, for a small country and its Armed Forces to be able to attract the finest athletes every year thanks to its military system. The Member Nations of CISM are very well represented in Vancouver and outstanding performances have been produced there that will be reported on the CISM website.

Col. Alexandre Morisod

Didier Défago, champion du monde militaire 2006, devient champion olympique de descente à Vancouver!

En remportant son premier titre olympique lors de la descente des Jeux olympiques de Vancouver, Didier Défago (SUI) est entré dans l'histoire. « Cette médaille d'or récompense mon travail et ma patience » a-t-il déclaré à peine franchie la ligne d'arrivée à Whistler Mountain.


A Vancouver, le sympathique skieur de Morgins (Valais), station appartenant à l'un des plus beaux domaines skiables du monde situé à deux pas de la frontière française, est entré dans la légende en épinglant l'or olympique – un exploit de taille ! Le champion du monde militaire de 2006 a réalisé une véritable prouesse. Les annees olympiques brillent à jamais dans ce sympathique village valaisan où la hêvre n'a cessé de monter depuis le début de la carrière professionnelle de Didier Défago en 1996.

Il est issu d'une famille de champions puisque son papa Victor l'a précédé sur les pistes en compétition avant que son frère Daniel (actuellement Assistant IT Manager de la Fédération Internationale de Ski (FIS) et ancien champion du monde junior de slalom géant) le précède sur le circuit mondial militaire en obtenant en 2001 le titre de vice-champion du monde CISM à Stowe (Vermont, USA).  

Marié à Sabine, Didier Défago est l'heureux papa d'Alexane et Timéo. À 32 ans, il est le champion olympique de descente le plus âgé de l'histoire. En plus du succès sportif, cette victoire nous apprend qu'il ne faut jamais renoncer ! Quel bel exemple de volonté !

Les Forces armées suisses détiennent en leurs rangs des athlètes de renom et ce ne sont pas les champions qui manquent. C'est à tout à l'honneur de ce petit pays et de son armée de conquérir, grâce à son système de mise en place, de chaque année les meilleurs athlètes.

Les Nations membres du CISM sont très bien représentées à Vancouver et des résultats formidables ont été enregistrés qui sont communiqués sur le site Internet du CISM.

Col. Alexandre Morisod
Message of the Chief of the Italian Delegation to CISM on the occasion of the First CISM Winter Military World Games to be Held in Valle d’Aosta between 20 & 25 March 2010

"Whether in terms of technical outcomes, athletic performance or the number of participating nations and servicemen and women, the CISM Military World Games are the largest global event in the entire military sports movement.

For the Italian Armed Forces, hosting the first edition of the CISM WINTER Military World Games to be held in the wonderful and symbolic region of Valle d’Aosta, represents a new sizeable achievement when it comes to promoting planetary sport events requiring a very significant organisational and managerial effort from the Administration of the autonomous region of Valle d’Aosta.

Due to their magnitude in both quantitative and qualitative terms, these first Winter Military World Games fully confirm this reputation and it is therefore an honour for me, on behalf of the Italian Armed Forces and in my own personal capacity, to warmly and sincerely welcome the roughly 1,000 representatives (athletes, officials and accompanying persons) of the foreign military delegations of Member Nations coming from four different continents, also hoping for moving and exciting games embodying sport values and for wonderful and sound competition in sport, embodying the communion of peoples beyond political, religious and cultural differences, around the CISM motto: 'Friendship through Sport.'"

Les Jeux mondiaux militaires du CISM constituent la plus importante manifestation planétaire de tout le mouvement sportif militaire, que ce soit du point de vue des résultats techniques ou du niveau des performances sportives ou encore en termes de nations participantes et d’athlètes militaires inscrits.

La 1ère édition des Jeux mondiaux militaires d’hiver du CISM, qui se tiendra dans la région aussi splendide que symbolique du Val d’Aoste, constitue, pour les Forces armées italiennes, une nouvelle réalisation de taille dans le domaine de la promotion des manifestations sportives de dimension mondiale, exigant par conséquent de la part de l’Administration de la région autonome du Val d’Aoste un effort des plus significatifs sur le plan de l’organisation et de la gestion.

De par leur ampleur aussi bien qualitative que quantitative, ces premiers Jeux mondiaux militaires d’hiver confirment amplement cette réputation, et c’est donc un honneur pour moi, au nom des Forces armées italiennes et en mon nom personnel, de souhaiter chaleureusement et sincèrement la bienvenue au milier de représentants (athlètes, officiers et accompagnateurs) des délégations militaires étrangères, en provenance des Nations membres de quatre continents, en formant le vivre de vivre des Jeux pleins d’émotion et d’enthousiasme au nom du sport et d’y assister à une belle et saine concurrence sportive qui saura exprimer la communion des peuples par delà les spécificités politiques, religieuses et culturelles, dans le respect de la devise du CISM : ‘AMITIE PAR LE SPORT.’"
The Principality of Monaco, 132nd CISM Member Nation!

Welcome!

On 26 & 27 November 2009, General Gianni Cola, President of CISM, and Colonel Alexandre Morisod, CISM Secretary General, had the honour of meeting with His Most Serene Highness Prince Albert II, who is famous worldwide for his strong involvement in a wide variety of sports. The membership of Monaco had already been discussed on many similar occasions and today we can announce that it is a fact.

The Principality of Monaco

The Principality of Monaco is a sovereign city-state located in southwest Europe on the northern central coast of the Mediterranean. It is surrounded on three sides by its neighbour, France, and its centre is about 16 km from Italy. Its area is 2 km², with a population estimated at almost 33,000. Monaco is the name of the country and of its capital (and only) city. It is a constitutional monarchy and principality, with His Most Serene Highness Prince Albert II as its Head of State. The House of Grimaldi has ruled Monaco since 1297, and the State’s sovereignty was officially enshrined in the bilateral Treaty signed by France and Monaco in 1861.

The Armed Forces of Monaco comprise two full-time branches under the authority of the Department of the Interior. One is the Corps des Sapeurs-Pompiers de Monaco, and the other is the Corps des Carabiniers du Prince.

His Serene Highness Albert II of Monaco

A former bobsledder and an influential member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the Sovereign Prince is a dedicated defender of all athletes, who — rightly — condemn people who use sport events to convey a negative message of how to further their business, i.e. people who leverage these events for purposes that have nothing to do with sport. He is an enthusiast who competed at the highest level as a bobsledder for 16 years. Living in this community for so many years endearingly influenced him. He defines his view of the Olympics in three words: competition, camaraderie and friendship. He fervently believes in the usefulness of sport in life: digging deep inside oneself and surpassing one’s mental limits. In this context, competitive sport constantly confronts individuals with — sometimes insurmountable — obstacles enabling them — in both failure and victory — to explore certain aspects of their personality.

His Excellency Prince Albert II has expressed his desire for the Principality of Monaco to join CISM on many occasions. It is now a reality and it is with unqualified pleasure that we thank and warmly welcome him!

The whole CISM family is looking forward to meeting the representatives of Monaco at both our sporting and institutional events.

Once again,

WELCOME Monaco!

WELCOME His Serene Highness Albert II

Colonel Alexandre Morisod
22nd World Military Cycling Championship

09 - 14 September 2009
Clonmel, Ireland

Germany and Slovenia Victorious at the 22nd World Military Cycling Championship

The CISM World Military Cycling Championship took place in Clonmel, Ireland, from 9 to 14 September 2009. Clonmel is a typical Irish town, situated in the south-eastern part of Ireland. After several weeks of rain since June, we were welcomed by sunshine which remained our companion until the very end of the championship, not to mention that the conditions for the competition were excellent. Organizers had nothing to worry about.


Ireland followed the example of Slovenia’s exemplary organization model from the venue of the 2008 CISM World Military Cycling Championship. The competitive part was organized in cooperation with the local civil cycling club. This model has proved to be very successful on several occasions as the armed forces joined their capacities (logistics, protocol etc.) with the experts’ selection of the course, referees etc.). The competition followed the rules of the International Cycling Association (UCI) and their delegate also attended the event.

The national teams of the Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, USA and the host nation Ireland were stationed in the Kilworth Camp military base in Fermoy, while the heads of the delegations stayed in an excellent hotel in Clonmel.

After the official training and the opening ceremony, the competition started with a Time Trial which was of particular importance and meaning for Ireland. The Time Trial was set between two towns (from Carrick to Clonmel) and was the same course which the famous
Sean Kelly, who is an Irish national cycling hero, had won several times. The finish area was set up on a square named after him. Tension was also felt among many locals and spectators along the course. All eyes were focused on the score board in the finish area and the spectators awaited each competitor with excitement, hoping that nobody would beat the 20 km course record of 24 minutes and 9 seconds set by Sean Kelly in the Nissan Classic of 1986, known as the Tour of Ireland. Since then no one has succeeded in beating that record. All countries had very strong national teams but some expectations of the champions at the competitions came true.

The Time Trial is characterised by delayed starts of competitors and therefore the winner of the competition is not known until the very last competitor reaches the finish line. Towards the end of the second half the first places were already predictable based on the results of individual stages of the course. The German national team already started celebrating the double victory of Schaefer (GER) and Bengsch (GER). Then Bole (SLO), as the last competitor, bolted out from the blue with the best total time and took the title. In his last hundred metres all eyes were fixed on the score board and the Irish held their breath out of fear that he might beat Kelly, as he was obviously going fast. He had the best time and won the title of the World Military Cycling Champion. He missed Kelly’s record by just 7 seconds. His time was extraordinary as he blitzed around the variegated course at an average speed of 50.77 km/h. Bole (SLO) added a new triumph to the string of Slovenian victories. He took the throne of juni Brajkovic (SLO), three-time World Military Cycling champion, who did not compete in Ireland.

The last day of the championships featured a 142 km road race. The competitors had to cycle nine laps, where by the first half of the lap was slightly variegated and the second mainly level. Throughout the race, groups of cyclists tried to escape but never succeeded in gaining more than a half-minute advantage. There were some falls during the race and rejoiced in their absolute triple victory. Thus, the Germans won five of the six medals at the championship and also celebrated a team victory. Sincere congratulations to the German cycling champions! The organising committee did a wonderful job of conducting the championships and strong support of the Mayor of Cloonee, topped off by a harmonious atmosphere and the great participation of the locals. The closing ceremony was held at the platform of the Military Camp in Cloonee, similarly as the opening ceremony. In his speech, the official CISM representative Colonel John A. Forquer (USA) thanked the organisers with the following words: “To our wonderful Irish hosts in truly one of the most beautiful places on earth, we are extremely grateful. The hospitality, scenery and terrain of Ireland provides a perfect setting for this World Class competition. Ireland has produced a multitude of superb world class athletes. And in the world of cycling, the name Sean Kelly is known by anyone who has ever ridden a bicycle as truly one of the greatest athletes and ambassadors of the sport.”

Henning Bommel (Germany) WINNER OF THE ROAD RACE.

What can you tell us about your victory today?
Today’s victory is a big success for me. Our team was very strong, except during the medium hills. However, we managed to compensate for this deficiency during other stages of the course.

We had the feeling that your team basically put all your bets on the finishing sprint of the leading group?
This is true. Stefan Schaefer was our man for the finishing sprint. At the end, we had a bit of luck and we celebrated a triple victory. In the last few metres, Stefan realised we were heading for success and he left the victory to me, for which I am truly grateful.

Stefan is in excellent shape. Before this championship, he finished second in a race in Slovakia in sum total. It is evident that your performance as a team in the championship was excellent. You won five of the six medals. Are you satisfied?
Of course we are satisfied. We won medals in the Time Trial and also in the Road Race.

Grega Bole (Slovenia) WINNER OF THE TIME TRIAL.

Congratulations on your victory.
In the world road race and mountain bike championships you won 10th place. How did you manage to beat all your competitors this year?
It was a bit of surprise for me, too. I am very pleased with the result as I have engaged in intensive training in the last period. In the last week of September Switzerland will host a world championship in which I will compete as member of the Slovenian National Team. This excellent performance is confirmation that I am in great shape. I have not been in such a good shape in this year’s season yet.

In the last three championships the winner of the most difficult cycling discipline was your colleague Jani Brajkovic. Do you think he could have been better than you this time?
He would have had a good chance, like everybody else. However, I cannot comment on his performance at this championship because he was not here.

What do you think about your competitors in the individual Time Trial? The Germans Schaefer and Bengsch were excellent. And Kristijan Koren was not bad at all! The competitors were all top-class. They all

compete in cycling races all over the world and achieve great results. I am very pleased that I succeeded in overcoming the specialists in this discipline.

What do you think about the organisation of the championship which this year, was in Ireland?
The course was superb. Fast and varied. It really suited me and the course of the Road Race also suits me. The people are very friendly and I was very satisfied with the organisation and accommodation.

In the next season you will join the Italian team Lampre which is one of the best cycling teams in the world. What do you expect from the next season?
I am happy to have the opportunity to compete at the biggest cycling races in the world. I would certainly not have been given this opportunity if I had not been supported throughout all these years by the Slovenian Army Forces. I will invest all my efforts in the spring season, featuring classical one-day races in Belgium. What I want the most is a good performance in the Tour of Flanders which, for me, is the most beautiful and most difficult cycling race in the world.
Interview with Chief of Irish Delegation to CISM, Col. Andrew Kilfeather

Why you decided to organize Cycling World Military Championship?
First of all I would say that the Irish Defence Forces are a great supporter of CISM. We realized that there was a great need to have this competition because of our historical connections from the civilian side with champions such as Sean Kelly and Steven Roche and the affiliation with the various other international cycling events, we thought that this would be an opportunity for the Defence Forces to show what we can do on the military side.

Did you choose this track because of Sean Kelly's record?
That is correct. We decided that it would be appropriate to align ourselves to the centre of excellence for cycling in Ireland, which is the hometown of Sean Kelly. I was a little bit worried during the time trial race as the cyclists were getting closer and closer to Kelly's time. In fact it would have been a disaster if Kelly's record was broken. You only have to come to Ireland to realize how people in this part of the world revere this man's achievements. He was truly an historic athlete and still today he is so important to our country and to this part of Ireland itself. Indeed one of reasons is also this rural area which is perhaps one of the most historical and beautiful parts of Ireland. We thought it might be a good idea to show our international comrades what Ireland has to offer in this area.

Cycling and equestrian are the most popular sports in this region. Will you organize the next year's WMC in equestrian also in this region?
We would like to see the equestrian WMC perhaps run in conjunction with one of the major equestrian events in Europe—the Royal Dublin Society-RDS show which is usually held in August each year. We are planning the WMC Equestrian perhaps one week prior in order to give our international colleagues an opportunity to go to the RDS. It will be run as a military-private partnership again. We would like to bring the military to the public to see the equestrian event being organized in conjunction with a national or international show jumping event in Ireland.

How many personnel approximately were involved in this cycling championship?
The actual number of competitors and support staff would have been in the region of anything up to 150. It is not the size of the competition. If you run a competition for 50 people you might run it for 400. The logistics, the planning, everything has to be done, it doesn't make any difference. Perhaps into the future we should look for the ability of each country to run competitions, in terms of the financial outlays. I think there are areas where we could cut back and allow every country to come to the mark to organize an event.

You began the preparations for the WMC twelve months in advance and your delegation visited the CISM Headquarters in May. Is this helped you somehow in organization of the event?
Our planning started when we went to Slovenia who hosted the WMC 2008 and the Slovaks were extremely helpful to us, in giving us guidance on how to run the WMC Cycling. We found it important also that all the time we would keep the CISM HQ up to date on how our preparations were going. CISM Sports Department gave us the expertise and also the PCSC Cycling Lt. Colonel Wim de Geyter. It was a partnership, they guided us and I think this is a very good idea, because it is quite important to count on the help of people who run these competitions on a yearly basis.

This has been the success of the championship in Ireland. I feel as if we have run a good competition, it was a fair competition, run in accordance with the rules and everybody was extremely satisfied with the conditions.

You have done a great job; everything was excellent organized from logistics to competition. What are your recommendations for the next organizer?
We will do after action review, look at the lessons learned from this championship and prepare a file with all the documents. We are quite prepared to help any country that steps up to the mark to host a WMC Cycling in the future. What are the experiences we got from organizing the competition and any help that we can give to a country we will do. This is what these championships are all about. It is not about individual countries or individual winners. It's about cooperation between armed forces from around the world. We are all military people and we have served overseas in various operations and we can serve overseas in sports organizations as well.

By Lt. Col. Szymon Kowal, MS (SLO)
The CISM International Symposium "Sports science: fundamental tool of modern sports management" was held in Prague from 18 to 23 September 2009, organized by CISM Headquarters and the Sports Research Institute of Czech Armed Forces (CASRI) with tight cooperation of Military Department of Faculty of Physical Education and Sport, Charles University in Prague. 70 participants from 27 countries have been there with this occasion. There were guests from Angola, Austria, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, England, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guinea Republic, Hungary, Iran, Italy, Kenya, Nigeria, Norway, Sri Lanka, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, USA and Uzbekistan.

First of the symposiums' aims "to identify the importance of science as an efficient supporting tool of sports management" was focusing on topics of symposium sessions. The second one "to create a favourable environment to re-launch the CISM Academy" was reached with excellent concept of symposium and high qualified speakers. Culmination of this goal has been achieved on 21st September with the Academy Re-born Ceremony in Praha Hotel with the participation of CISM President General Gianni Gola and high authorities from Czech Republic, as Dean of Physical Education and Sport Faculty, Chairman of National Olympic Committee, Deputy Minister of Defense and other. They mark the historical moment with a signature in the Academy book.

Opening and closing ceremony attended also six top athletes, Olympic medalists from Czech republic. Two of them received CISM merits: Maj. Jan ZELZNY and Maj. Tomáš DVORAK. The symposium began with Opening session speech of Capt. Bengt Nylander, Official CISM Representative and Vice president for Europe, followed by a speech given to the Symposium Director Lt-Col Suzana Tkave, focusing on development of Sport and Science in CISM. Dean of Physical Education and Sport Faculty Prof. Vaclav Bunc continued with presentation, related to main goal of Symposium.

Sessions continues with 5 topics:
1st - Armed Forces as a stakeholder in the development of sports science;
   - 2 presentations by Retired Navy Capt. Lamartine DeCosta (Brazil) and Prof. Tusch Matej (Slovenia);
2nd - Training methods: science increasing performance;
   - 6 presentations by Prof. Damir Karpjuk (Slovenia), Lt. Col. Misael Cerit (Turkey), Col. Wenbin Yang (China), Col. Ciarak Amiri (Iran), Lt. Col. Herald Dobner (Germany) and Prof. Michael Spivack (Canada);
3rd - Physical test: armed forces, fertile universe for scientific researches;
   - 6 presentations by Prof. Heikki Kyröläinen (Finland), Prof. Damir Karpjuk (Slovenia), Dr. Med. Oliver Earley (Germany), Prof. Jean Marc Sene (France), Capt. Rafael S. Pinheiro Cunha (Brazil) and Lt. Col. Suzana Tkave (CISM HQ Brusel).
4th - Science: an efficient tool for sports administrators;
   - 6 presentations by Prof. Tusch Matej (Slovenia), Lt. Col. Gilvan Vasconcelos da Silva (Brazil), Prof. Cedric Laurent (Belgium), Mr. Kjell-Erik Kristiansen (Sweden), Prof. Michael Spivack (Canada) and Col. Lubomir Privetivy (Czech republic);
5th - Creating synergy between science and management;
   - 3 presentations by Prof. ing. Eva Caslavova (Czech Republic), Prof. Gary Armstrong (Great Britain) and Retired Navy Captain Lamar
tine DeCosta (Brazil).

Participants shared their point of view and experiences with 18 speakers (95% PhD and MSc) from Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, England, Finland, France, Germany, Iran, Slovenia, Sweden and Turkey that had presented their studies and researches in these fields of activities in overall 23 presentations. All the abstracts are published on CISM website.

It was a huge international CISM event with important historical moment of CISM Academy. CISM Headquarter would like to express once more gratitude and congratulations for excellent event done by the Czech Organizing Committee."

Lt-Colonel Suzana Tkave, MSC (SLO)

Vaclav BUNC, PhD-Dean of Charles University (CZE)
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The new equipment for the games in Beijing
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First of all, allow me to share an important piece of information with you: the CISM Academy already existed in the past (more about its history in the CISM Yearbook and in the Proceedings of the International CISM Symposium). The Academy Rebirth Ceremony took place as the Closing Ceremony of the CISM International Symposium. It was attended by CISM President General Gianni Gasperi and many high authorities of the Czech Republic including the Dean of the Faculty of Physical Education and Sport, Prof. Václav Bax, PhD; the President of the National Olympic Committee, Mr. Milan Jurek; and the First Deputy Chief of the General Staff, Major General Josef Prošek. To mark this historical moment, they officially signed the Academy Book, a book with glorious and special significance, created to be signed by the most important academic and military authorities, speakers and participants. This way, they all formally express their support for the initiative to reactivate the CISM Academy.

While the ceremony held in Prague was a central event in the rebirth of the CISM Academy, it was by no means the only important step in this process. The next one took place at the third CISM Board of Directors meeting of 2009 in Ljubljana, Slovenia, during which a report was presented on the CISM Academy Rebirth Ceremony. The Board of Directors supported the initiative and the next steps in the rebirth process. As a sign of their commitment, they too signed the Academy Book.
3rd Meeting of the Board of Directors

Brdo, Slovenia
03 - 05 November 2009

From 3 to 5 November 2009 the CISM Board of Directors met in Brdo, Slovenia, to address the annual report and to review future plans. The meeting was opened by General Miroslav Kocijančič, President of the CISM, who welcomed the delegates to the meeting and invited them to enjoy the hospitality of Slovenia.

In addition to the Board of Directors, the Committee of CISM's General Secretaries, the Chief of the CISM Headquarters, the Board of Directors of the CISM Headquarters, and the Chair of the CISM Sports Committee were also in attendance. The meeting was chaired by General Miroslav Kocijančič, President of the CISM, and was held at the CISM Headquarters in Brdo, Slovenia.

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Brigadier General Milan Obreza, Chief of Delegation of Slovenia

Slovenia is in CISM since 1992 and has demonstrated high involvement in our activities on multiple occasions. The Slovenian Armed Forces successfully organised CISM World Military Championships in archery, biathlon, cycling, shooting, and triathlon. These events are important for us as they help our soldiers to build up their military skills.

How many medals do Slovenian military athletes win in CISM world championships? Some of our athletes are really first class; they never come home from CISM World Military Championships without medals, like our parachutist Irena Avbelj and swimmer Rok Paraga. Since 2001, Slovenia has won 124 medals at World Military Championships: 6 gold, 25 silver and 27 bronze. We know this is not too bad for a country that joined only 17 years ago, especially if you consider that Slovenia's population is only 2 million.

What are your plans for the next few years, especially 2012, when Slovenia celebrates its 20 years in CISM? We are planning to organise the CISM European Judo Championship in 2012, which will be the most important event in Slovenia. We will celebrate this event with a special ceremony at the CISM headquarters in Brdo, Slovenia.
42nd World Military Orienteering Championship
Voru/Vastseliina/Haanja, Estonia
16 - 19 September 2009

Photos by Dirk De Vos
Finding your way in Estonia!

The Estonian Delegation to CISM has been a regular organizer of major events since it joined in 1993. This year, the world’s best military orienteering specialists laid down their maps and compasses in the town of Vastselina-Haanja to participate in the 47th CISM World Military Orienteering Championship. Orienteering has always been practiced at a high level of performance within CISM, as most of the top IFO (International Orienteering Federation) runners regularly meet under the CISM flag. This year again, the top athletes of the 30 Member Nations in attendance hungered for triumph in the Estonian woods.

A Model Event to Open the Competitions
A genuine “observation round”, the Model Event provides participants as well as their team captains and coaches with an opportunity to test race conditions. They were all treated to a good-hearted tasting of the serious things that lay ahead, starting the very next day! What could at first sight have seemed funny and trivial also served to “spy” a little on the other competitors, sizing up their fitness and performance levels. But above all, the Model Event taught everyone lessons about themselves and how to best prepare the races of the next days.

Switzerland All Over the Podiums!
The Swiss team triumphed on the first day, winning both first and third places in the long distance event. All told, there were five Swiss men in the top ten. Daniel Hubmann won gold in 76:19.

The Swiss Men Remained Invincible in the Relay Race – the Women’s Relay Event Became a “Baltic Affair”
Victory was at the end of the race again for the Swiss men’s relay team (Fabian Hertner, Matthias Merz and Daniel Hubmann). Second place went to Russia, who finished only 9 seconds behind the winners while the Finnish team climbed on the third step of the podium.

Following the Russian women team’s failure in the relay race, medals were divided amongst the three Baltic States. The winner of this Baltic Championship was Latvia (Kristine Kokina, Uta Aunu, Aija Skarstina). Second place went to Lithuania while Estonia finished an honourable third.

If you are an Orienteering aficionado, you must love mud, thick pine forests and technical courses... In that case, you should try to find your way in Estonia!

Article by Olivier Verbelle

She crossed the finish line 34 seconds before Julia Novikova (RUS), herself followed by another Russian competitor, Galiya Vinogradova (51:58). The men’s race confirmed the Swiss domination. No opponent managed to upset Daniel Hubmann, who arrived first in 27:30. Third was Fabian Hertner, also from Switzerland, who produced a strong 27:36 right at the beginning of the competition. Only Russian representative Valentin Novikov managed to come in between the two Swiss. Completing his run in 27:35, he lost to the winner by only 5 seconds.

As Thierry Guergiou was absent due to injury, the French honour was defended by Frédéric Gueguen, who finished 3:43 behind the winner. Bronze went to Matthias Merz (SWI) (+4:28), who beat Olle Kärlin (EST) to the podium by only a second.

In the women’s long distance event, Russia’s Julia Novikova dominated the race, finishing in 65:55. Lithuania’s Sandra Pauzaitė finished second 3:20 behind. Again, the time difference between third and fourth place was minimal: Finland’s Rikka Tiimpuri (+5:22) bagged bronze, outrunning Estonia’s Merike Vanjuk by only four seconds.

Sweet Payday for Aija Skarstina
Following her first-day failure, Latvia’s Aija Skarstina came first in the middle distance event with a strong run (30:54).

Awarding of the Relay Men Russia and Switzerland by Maj. General Doug Langton (CAN)
This year, the CISM (Conseil international du sport militaire) World Military Shooting Championship was held in Zagreb, Croatia, between 10 and 17 August 2009. The Croatian organisers did a very good job indeed. Regarding accommodation, the military organisers put at the disposal of all participants the amenities of the Military Academy located in downtown Zagreb, where the different functions surrounding the Championship – including the Opening and Closing Ceremonies – were held too. As for the competitions proper, they took place at a shooting range – which all competitors from many different countries were familiar with – located only a quarter of an hour by bus from the Military Academy. At the shooting range, all technical arrangements were handled flawlessly by the very experienced Croatian delegation under the masterful leadership of Tomislav Sepce. The event ran so smoothly and the organisers were so welcoming and warm that the participants could not stop singing their praise. With 44 attending nations in the men’s and 30 in the women’s – for a grand total of 499 athletes - the World Military Shooting Championship was the same success as usual in terms of participation. Like last year, Russia and its armada of world-class shooters were absent from the championship. Fortunately, almost all the other household names in the shooting world were present and performed up to expectations. Indeed, a new CISM world record was set and two more equalled: in the 300m rifle, rapid fire, Veljojen Berg (NOR) equaled the record set back in 1986 (Gulf, USA) with a fantastic 578 points. Linda Olofsson (SWE) also equalled – under very difficult conditions – the 50m prone rifle military world record, scoring 597 points. And finally, Sonja Pfeilschifter set a new CISM world record in the 50m three positions rifle with an incredible 593 points. The title of best nation went to Germany, with Norway in second place. Individual “best marksman” and “best markswoman” titles went to the following athletes:

300m rifle: Veljojen Berg (NOR)
50m rifle: Sonja Pfeilschifter (GER)
25m pistol: Oleksandr Petriv (UKR)
25m pistol: Munkhbatyn Dorjsuren (GER)

Flawlessly organised and conducted, the 2009 CISM World Military Shooting Championship in Zagreb (CRO) maintained the tradition of earlier editions. Once again, thanks, recognition and respect are in order for the Croatian organisers.

Col. Joseph Fischlin (SUI)
PSCS Shooting
Photos: MediaProLog
6th CISM World Military Golf Championship
Windhoek, Namibia, 14 - 21 November 2009
Photos by Dirk De Vos
CISM inaugurates Namibia’s most splendid golf course!
CISM World Military Golf championship 2009

The 6th CISM World Military Golf Championship was held at Windhoek Country Club in Windhoek, Namibia, between 14 and 21 November 2009. The Country Club golf course plays a total of 7,009 yards. In advance of the CISM World championship, the course underwent major renovations and the CISM tournament saw the inaugural rounds played on the freshly-mowed greens.

The Championship was a 72-hole stroke play tournament with competition in 5 categories: men’s and women’s individual competition; men’s and women’s team competition and seniors’ competition. The golfers of the 16 attending countries were provided with the very best possible conditions. A real cluster of paradise just a few kilometres from the Kalahari Desert.

As in recent years, the US maintained its domination, winning 4 of the 5 gold medals on offer. US Air Force Captain Linda Jeffery won her 4th consecutive gold medal in the ladies’ individual competition, and the United States servicemen and women also conquered team gold for the fourth consecutive year.

The Don Kuen Challenge Cup awarded every year to the team producing the most outstanding performance, went to the United States, also for the fourth year in a row.

As is customary, the Sportsmanship Award was attributed to the team that best embodies the spirit of CISM sports. This year’s award went to Canada.

We all know that CISM events are about more than just competitive sport. Due to the wide range of golfing expertise in evidence among the players, the practice area soon epitomized the CISM spirit with experienced players spending time there helping less experienced ones improve their game. In the same spirit, the CISM golfers added a new activity to the “regular” program, inviting some of the local players, irrespective of level, to share some moments with them on the links. These one-day players shared long moments of close friendship and sportsmanship together. It was quite unique to see the golfers from the American continent sharing advice and techniques with Namibian players.

At the conclusion of play, a Cultural Day was organized by the Namibian hosts, including a tour of Kuskus Lodge and Nature Park. The Participants were treated to close-up views of a broad selection of African wildlife.

Article by Bill Mongua
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
18 - 25 October 2009
Volleyball Coaching Course

An outstanding beginning to American CISM Regional Development Center

This is a milestone for the CISM History, the first event organized by the American CISM Regional Development Center. The Volleyball Coaching Course, from 18 to 25 of October 2009, the Brazilian delegation carried out a high standard course aimed at military volleyball coaches, for them to prepare their teams for the 5th CISM Military World Games – RJ2011.

During seven days, the 12 participants, coming from five CISM member nations, have successfully completed a 54-hour course, and immersed in an atmosphere set aside for champions. In fact, the course took place at Brazilian Volleyball Training Center, made available by the Brazilian Volleyball Confederation in an in-depth connection with the organizing committee under the responsibility of the Army Sports Commission, one of the stakeholders from Brazilian Delegation to CISM.

During the opening ceremony Rear Admiral Gambia, Chief of Brazilian Delegation, highlighted the fundamental Armed Forces' contribution to the development of sport not only in Brazil but also in the Americas. He expressed how they are proud to host this important international center, which is going to help American countries to prepare their teams to take part in the 5th CISM Military World Games – RJ2011.

The Course Director, Mr. Celio Cordiero, President of the National Volleyball Coaches Commission, has adapted the program between level II and level III, in order to adjust the contents to his audience, which was composed of representatives from Brazil, Chile, Iran, Paraguay and Venezuela. The anchor of the instructors was Mr. Percy Oweck, six-time World Champion as coach of the Brazilian Volleyball Team Youth and Junior, who followed the participants throughout the event.

A mixing of theory and practice, the program has covered all aspects related to conducting volleyball teams: Physical, Psychological, technical, tactical, decision-making process, statistical, and physiological. During three days, the participants shared the courts with the Brazilian Women Volleyball Team, the current Olympic Champion, observing their practice and discussing concepts with their Technical Commission. At the end of the course, the participants were tested in three different domains: Theoretical, practical, and oral presentation.

Apart from achieving the objectives in a high quality, the most important was the development of friendship between the participating nations. By quoting Major Erick Figueiras from Venezuela: “This is to become a very important step to the development of South American Military Volleyball, allowing the exchange of knowledge between the continent’s nations, and, the most important, with the presence of the best coaches of Brazilian National team who enriched the participants in the course with fresh knowledge.”
4th CISM African Development Center Boxing Course for Coaches

The Republic of Kenya
02-16 November 2009

The Republic of Kenya is a country in East Africa bordered by Ethiopia (north), Somalia (northeast), Tanzania (south), Uganda (west), and Sudan (northwest). The country is named after Mount Kenya, a significant landmark and the second among the highest mountain peaks of Africa.

People in Kenya are very sportive and the country is known as being active in several sports like cricket, rallying, football, rugby union and boxing. However, the country is known chiefly for its dominance in Middle-distance and long-distance athletics, consistently producing Olympic champions in various distance events, especially in 800 m, 1,500 m, 3,000 m steeplechase, 5,000 m, 10,000 m and the marathons.

The famous "Moi International Sports Centre" in Nairobi, where the great champions invest their time every day in hard physical training programs, was also the place for the 4th CISM African Regional Development Center Boxing Coaches Course.

Over 10 days, between 2 and 16 November 2009, about 20 coaches from 8 African countries got a theoretical and practical course given by one of the most famous boxing coaches of over the world, Professor Ruben Sanchez, from Cuba, who was assisted by high-level of instructors from the Kenyatta University of Nairobi.

The President of the Kenyan Boxing Association, Mr. Sammy Mochiga Mwangi officially opened the course with a very enthusiastic speech about the positive synergies around the CAD CISM in Kenya. During the course more than 18 different topics linked to the preparation of the military boxers were broached. Among others, the participants were professionally addressed on items such as the bandaging techniques, the principles of fitness adapted to boxing, and the psychological readiness of the competitors.

The participants joined the practice to the theory at the Sports Stadium of Kenyatta University for the targeted fitness tests which included physical education exercises such as upper body strength test, Shoulder Bridge, low back applied flexibility and many more.

One outstanding moment during the course was the visit of CISM Secretary General Col Alexandre Morisod, who had the opportunity to thank the CISM Kenya Delegation, under Lt Gen Tusker's leadership, for having successfully run the CISM Africa Development Centre (CAD). He noticed synergy required between the CISM Headquarters and Kenya Delegation, and also realized the importance of National and International Federations contributions to the CISM RDC. This would ensure recognition, support, and therefore success in CISM projects.

In 2010, it is expected a continuous improvement of the CISM African Regional Development Center and so to make available again the local welcome greetings: KARIBU KENYA BWANA!
Colonel

Founding President of CISM

Paris, 1 November 1961

"My 12 years as CISM President will remain the purest and most rewarding of my life as an officer. They are my pride. Thanks you, my friends, for giving them to me."

MILITARY CAREER


Colonel Henri Debrus passed away on 16 March 1993.

The Allied Forces Sports Council (AFSC) was set up as an American initiative in Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany, on 7 February 1946. Membership of the Council was reserved to countries with occupation forces; there were twelve. While the Presidency fell to an American, the Vice-Presidency went to France. The honour fell to young Captain Henri Debrus.

After a brilliant start, the AFSC faced a period of decline due to the consecutive withdrawals of several key member nations including the US, USSR and UK who decided to stay away from meetings and competitions. The Cold War was beginning!

The fifth statutory AFSC meeting was held in Nice, France, on 15-17 February 1948 in the margins of the Council's fencing tournament. The sessions were chaired by Squadron Leader Debrus, who had to take note of the AFSC's failure. However, rather than throwing in the towel, Debrus took a bold initiative without even informing his authorities first and suggested to disband the AFSC and replace it with a new organisation: CISM, the Comité International du Sport Militaire (International Military Sports Council). This proposal was accepted by the five attending countries. Debrus was also appointed Founding President without a vote.

It was a wise choice: as it turned out, Henri Debrus managed his position very effectively and masterfully presided over CISM for twelve years – first in 1948-1953 and again between 1956 and 1961. The purpose of the break was to allow then Lieutenant Colonel Debrus to assume operational command – he spent two years in Indochina – and rise to the rank of full Colonel.

It was Debrus who came up with the idea of opening membership of the Council to all Armed Forces. This opening enabled CISM to grow incredibly fast. In just five years, membership had climbed to 20 Nations – there are more than 130 today.

Another two of Debrus' notable achievements are particularly noteworthy: Back in 1946, while observing Dutch airborne forces training in Frankfurt, Germany, he noted that their routine included running, swimming, obstacle clearing, grenade throwing and shooting. This combination very much resembled the modern pentathlon, an Olympic event. Debrus had the idea of codifying and regulating these events. He organised a test in Frutig 1947 and by 1950, the Military Pentathlon featured on the CISM calendar. The aeronautical and naval pentathlons followed. These three typically military disciplines have become great participation successes. In them coalesce sports training and military technique. Colonel Debrus is credited with inventing the military pentathlon.

Another aspect of his personality was his taste for adventure, as illustrated by his participation in a number of long-distance car treks and rallies. He even won the so-called "Alger-Les Cap" Rally (officially known as "Rallye Méditerranée-Le Cap") in 1950 at the incredible average speed of 62.8km/h, a record that would not be improved until 1971!

Debrus spent much of his career as Head of the Service central des sports militaires ("Central Military Sports Department", now Commissariat aux sports). He developed a new sports doctrine to meet the requirements of modernised Armed Forces.

In recognition of his work and sport achievements, he was declared a Globe du sport ("Sports Glory"), a much coveted title awarded to date only to 379 exceptionally deserving Frenchmen and women.

At CNSD (Centre national des sports de la défense, "National Sports Centre of the Defense Department"), Colonel Henri Debrus has a street to his name. A fine tribute to a man who has more than earned our respect and gratitude.

Thank you, Sir!
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