



Hosting a CISM Judges Seminar in Denmark 2019

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How do you go about planning a parachuting event, where actual parachute jumps are only optional? That was one of the questions that came to mind for the Organizing Committee of the 2019 CISM Judges Seminar. Who should be the crew and host it, was naturally the next question.

To answer the first question, we looked the experience we have from our daily lives in the military. What makes a great course? Quick answer was location, quality of the teaching environment, food and social events, but, above all else, flexibility. Right, so on to the next question. Who can best accommodate the above mentioned for a group of Skydivers? The Center for Military Physical Training, who are also the Danish Delegation to CISM quickly reached out to the Chief of Sports for Parachuting. The Chief of Sports for parachuting, LTCoL Klavs Niebuhr very decisively appointed 1 judge, 1 competitor and 1 Danish student of the course to take part of organizing the event. Because who knows better what parachutists, training to be judges can possibly need, than select persons from all the stages of developing accomplished parachutists, to world class judges.



Holmen Naval Base

With the right crew selected, preparation began. Copenhagen was selected as our venue. Partly because of the facilities available at Holmen Naval Station, but also because of the unique possibilities we had for arranging social events and an interesting area for the students to explore on their own hand.

Being a military event, it was very important for us to show Copenhagen as both the capitol, but more importantly, as a large Garrison. Albeit many years ago. We therefore planned and scheduled social events showing the Royal Guards and their role, as well as the importance of both Naval Station Holmen and the Royal Navy.

After months of preparation, everyone finally started arriving. Thanks to the great support of the Royal Guards, we were able to provide frequent shuttle services. For the organizing crew, this was a great help. It was a day of anticipation. Would people arrive at the announced time and would everyone show up? Luckily, almost everything went as planned.

In the following days, the training started. For us, the crew, the days were filled with excitement. Every one of us were keen to provide the best service we could imagine. As competitors, judges and in general participants in numerous CISM events, we wanted to do everything in our power to make sure we lived up to previous years' excellent events. The tasks ranged widely. From helping unlocking rooms, to driving participants into town to get to an ATM, but also servicing IT facilities and providing printouts. No task was too small and an added benefit was the time we spent with all the participants. I would like to extend a great thank you to all participants and instructors. You were patient, kind and welcoming. As the days passed, we went on several social events, such as visits to the Royal Guards' museum, The Opera House, The Parliament and various other famous local spots. Other than proudly displaying them, it was also a great opportunity to get to know everyone.



The Royal Guards'

As the course ended, it was hard not to feel remorse. Even though it was a rough couple of months leading up, and 2 weeks of hard work, we would not have missed it for the world. Luckily, this is not the end. Luckily, we will all meet again. If not in China for the Military World Games, then certainly at another event in the future.



Style Instructor Col Michael Eger



FormationSkydive Instructor Jurate Janauskiene



Viking Competition

Thank you CISM for giving us the possibility for hosting this event. Thank you Oliver, Michael and Jurate for being fantastic instructors and thank you to all participants for being awesome! To all my new friends, the motto Friendship through sport has never felt more present!



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Finally, we got 18 new CISM Judges from 13 different countries. Six refreshers from another two countries past also their exam to validate their license for the next two years.

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