

International Military
Sport Council (CISM)

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Vice President Europe



CISM, as an International Military Sport organization, like other sports organizations, conducts its activities with a certain systematic perspective.

Actually, the methodology followed by aims to guarantee the achievement of the goals that are set in an organization's strategic planning.

In other words, the point that we focus our energy on and priorities certainly relies upon the strategies that we follow. As the European Continent, which is regarded as the locomotive of CISM, we aimed to formulate a continental Strategic Plan (ESP) with the philosophy of bringing world's militaries together under the umbrella of Friendship through Sport and Peace.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dirk Schwede".

Colonel (GS) Dirk Schwede (GER)

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What is CISM

The International Military Sports Council, known by its acronym “CISM”, is an military international sports association composed of Armed Forces of member nations accepted by the General Assembly. CISM is open to the armed forces of all nations. Today CISM has 133 member nations.

Purpose

The fundamental aim of CISM is to promote sports activities, and physical education between Armed Forces as a mean to foster friendship and universal peace. In order to achieve these CISM organizes Summer and Winter Military World Games, Cadet Games, day run and other sports event at world, continental and regional levels. CISM also organizes seminars and symposiums and implement solidarity and technical programs.

The Military has been the absolutely dominant supporter of CISM activities since the beginning in 1948. It is commonly understood that sport in the Armed Forces shall:

- promote physical fitness and contribute to operational effectiveness
- foster contact between personnel of the Armed Forces and nations on the different levels
- contribute to confidence, trust, security and stability between Armed Forces and nations.

Mission

CISM is a worldwide International Military Sport Organization devoted to bringing together Armed Forces personnel from all nations through sports activities, thus enabling the physical training, military readiness and education for the Armed Forces.

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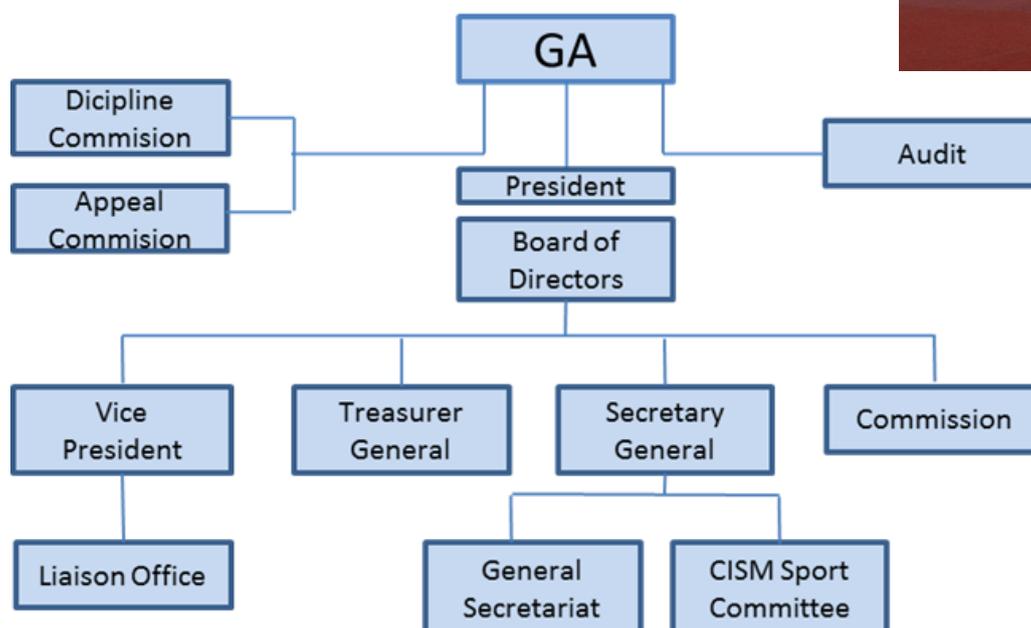
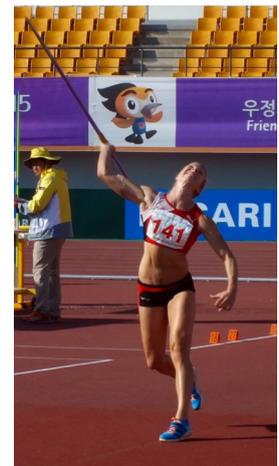
Structure

The supreme authority of CISM is the **General Assembly** in which all 134 member nations (from Europe, Africa, Asia and America) are represented. The General Assembly approves statutory matters, strategic and annual operational plans and convenes once a year.

The General Assembly also elects members to the **Board of Directors**, which is the policy-making body headed by an elected President. It convenes three times a year. The **General Secretariat**, located in Brussels/Belgium, is the permanent executive and administrative body.

Four **Vice-Presidents** each represent their continent in the Board of Directors and have an official continental office. These Liaison Offices are established in Europe, Africa, Asia and America to coordinate regional activities and support the CISM Headquarters in Brussels.

The General Assembly and the Board of Directors are supported in their tasks by a number of consultative commissions and committees, who manage, develop, and supervise the technical aspects for each sport. CISM is recognized as a NGO by the United Nations and maintain close contact with various national and international organizations.



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Principles

The CISM organization and operation are governed by the following principles:

- 
CISM is an apolitical organization which fosters, through sport, friendship between military athletes to promote international harmony.
- 
CISM values sport in the Armed Forces as an essential pillar of international sport and universal peace.
- 
CISM adheres to the universal principles of “mens sana in corpore sano”, and “all human beings are born free and equal, in dignity and in rights”, as stated in the universal declaration of human rights and in the united Nations Charter.
- 
CISM rejects all forms of discrimination towards a nation or a person on the basis of race, religion, political belief, and any other discriminatory practice.
- 
CISM upholds the universal right of each person to practice a sport of his/her choice, according to his/her needs.
- 
CISM operates under the democratic principles that a nation represents one voice, the majority rules and the General Assembly of member nations is the supreme authority.
- 
CISM conducts its activities in conformity with universal, fundamental legal and ethical principles and depends on the voluntary contribution and good will of its member nations.
- 
CISM encourages member nations to organize a maximum of sport competitions in a spirit of equal opportunity, friendship, solidarity and fair play.
- 
CISM develops sport by practice at all levels and research in physical education and training.
- 
CISM cooperates with all international institutions and organizations that share the same objectives and encourage the assembly of citizens of the world.



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CISM Europe

CISM Europe is recognized as a strong part of CISM. The implementation of an international military sport structure started in Europe, the continent has therefore a long tradition when it comes to organizing and participating in CISM events. Europe also has a strong tradition when it comes to organizing regional events and competitions. Europe is a main contributor of opportunities for CISM to reach its goals.

Europe is well developed in its sports infrastructure. Our nations have a long and broad experience in facilities for sports. This also applies to the military sport infrastructure. Our member countries have good facilities for physical training, education and for sport competitions.

The European Armed Forces have a tradition in sports, physical fitness and support the values of democracy. Nevertheless the main actors are downsizing their Armed Forces in finances and manpower, nations are transforming from conscript to professional armies.



CISM strategic direction at global level:

- ensure financial autonomy
- seek balance between highly visible sports events and other events, while maintaining CISM's military uniqueness and authenticity
- deeper cooperation with international sports, media and security political organisations
- improve management — professionalization on all levels

To meet these challenges CISM Europe has developed a continental strategic plan 2016-2019.

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The main goals of our future activities will be:

1. Put focus on **traditional Military Sport Competitions**
2. Promote and focus on integrated **Para-Sport** for handicapped soldiers and veterans



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SPORT Competitions

The core business of CISM Europe is to organize and participate in global-, continental- and regional competitions. Europe will work for an increasing number of world-, continental- and regional championships for the purpose of creating more possibilities for our military athletes to compete.

As the main actor of CISM, Europe will take a solid responsibility in organizing CISM Championships at all levels. We wish to promote sport and physical leadership in our nations, our higher military leadership and to our members.

CISM Europe underlines the importance for all members to support continuity in the present sports program, but also look for alternative opportunities for soldiers to meet in sports.

Outside the arena of the existing CISM competitions, we give opportunities to our soldiers to meet by inviting them to national events e.g. operational competitions, patrol races etc.

CISM Europe strongly encourages creation and maintenance of regional and sub-regional cooperation areas such as the Baltic sea-, Benelux-, Black Sea-, Nordic and the Balcan regions. In such regions there are good opportunities, which simple coordinatitions in different areas and to create more possibilities for our military sports.

CISM Europe will continue of women in CISM and on leading positions and we are strongly committed to respect equal rights.



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Para Sport

The Para Sport competitions were designed to provide high level venues of competition for wounded warriors at international level. They can be used as a springboard to national Paralympic organizations.



So then an international comparison competition was first conducted in September-2013. Here were about 260 maimed athletes in different disciplines against each other.



In February 2015, the first Para swimming event took place in Fontainebleau / France. It was attended by 10 countries, 7 of them participated in the Para competitions.



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These are the Member Nations of CISM Europe



Albania



Armenia



Austria



Azerbaijan



Belarus



Belgium



Bosnia
Herzegovina



Bulgaria



Croatia



Cyprus



Czech
Republic



Denmark



Estonia



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Sweden



Switzerland

The
Netherlands

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CISM European Liaison Office

The European Liaison Office (ELO) supports the Vice President Europe at his administration and all the European member nations in CISM matters for the European continent.

The ELO ensures the flow of information between the Vice President Europe with the member nations and cooperate with other continental offices and the headquarters in Brussels. In addition, the ELO maintains a website for the European continent and ensures the flow of information for all member nations. It coordinates sports competitions on continental and regional level. Under the leadership of the Vice President Europe the ELO is preparing necessary European conferences, workshops and other meetings for the European nations.

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