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I N V I T A T I O N

CISM BALKAN GAMES PROJECT CONFERENCE and 11th CISM MOUNTAIN RUNNGING CHALLENGE CUP

27-31 July 2022
Kopaonik, Republic of Serbia

"Friendship through Sport"

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To: See Distribution List
Subject: CISM Balkan Games Project Conference and 11th CISM Mountain running Challenge Cup
Date: 27th to 31th July 2022

Dear Chief of Delegations,

On behalf of the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Serbia I have the honor to invite a Mission representing your CISM Member Nation to attend both institutional and competitive sporting events – CISM BALKAN GAMES PROJECT CONFERENCE & The 11th CISM MOUNTAIN RUNNING CHALLENGE CUP – from 27th to 31th July 2022, at mountain Kopaonik.

Included within this invitation, you will find all necessary administrative details, schedules and annexes.

We look forward to seeing you in Serbia.

CHIEF OF SERBIAN DELEGATION TO CISM
Colonel Milivoje Pajovic, PhD

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1. Distribution List.

- *CISM President*
- *CISM Vice-President for Europe*
- *Secretary General of CISM*
- *Chief of the Liaison Office for Europe*
- *President of Sports Commission*
- *President of CISM Track & Field Committee*

To the Chiefs of Delegations of CISM member countries:

ALBANIA
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
BULGARIA
CROATIA
GREECE
NORTH MACEDONIA
MONTENEGRO
ROMANIA
SLOVENIA
TURKEY

2. Program

July 27, 2022	ARRIVALS	
July 28, 2022	MRCH Cup Technical meeting	09.00-10.00
	Official Training and recognition of the MR course	10.00-12.00

SESSION 1:

<u>CISM BALKAN GAMES: »Sport – interoperability – integration«</u>

Presentation Guidelines and Schedules:

- Briefly analyze of the membership in CISM: period, podiums, attended and organized events, realized projects etc.
- Aim of the Project: Emphasize sporting interoperability and integration in the Balkan region.
- Top 10 sports in the army – proposals concerning sports that should be in the Games and optimal composition of the missions.
- Questions that should be discussed (suggestions).

	Serbia (Plenary/Host)	10.00 – 10.30
	Albania	10.30 – 10.50
	Bosnia and Herzegovina	10.50 – 11.10
	Bulgaria	11.10 – 11.30
	Coffee break	11.30 – 12.00
	Croatia	12.00 – 12.20
	Greece	12.20 – 12.40
	North Macedonia	12.40 – 13.00
	Montenegro	13.00 – 13.20
	Lunch	13.30 – 14.30
	Romania	15.00 – 15.20
	Slovenia	15.20 – 15.40
	Turkey	15.40 – 16.00
	Opening Ceremony MRCH	18.30 – 19.30
	Working Dinner (CoD, Delegates)	20.00 – 21.30
July 29, 2022	Competitions MRCH	
	(Fun Run / CoD, CoM)	10.00 – 12.30
	Lunch	13.00 – 14.30
	SESSION 2:	
	CISM BALKAN GAMES: »Sport – interoperability – integration«	
	Comparative analysis and conclusions	15.00 – 16.30
	Victory ceremony MRCH Cup	18.30 – 19.00
	Official Dinner	20.00 –
July 30, 2022	CULTURAL DAY	10.00 – 12.30
	Lunch	13.00 – 14.30
	»ARMY COMRADES	
	FUTSAL MATCH«	16.30 – 17.30 (CoD, CoM)
	Dinner	19.00 – 20.30
July 31, 2022	DEPARTURES	

3. Composition of the Mission.

1 Chief of Delegation (Mission),
1 Delegate,
1 Coach,
1 Ad Libitum,
7 Athletes (4 Men, 3 Women),
11 Total

4. Access to the local of the Competition.

Point of Arrival and Departure:

By car: Detailed map and directions will be sent upon request.
By plane: Airport "Nikola Tesla", Belgrade.

Please provide the time of arrival, so that necessary transportation arrangements can be made. If you plan to use car with military registration numbers and tactical signs, arrangements for immigration have to be made by the official diplomatic channels.

5. Conditions of Stay.

During their stay in Serbia the missions will be the guests of the Serbian Delegation to CISM from 27th to 31st July 2022. Full board and lodging are at the expense of the organizer. Accommodation will be provided at Military Training Center (athletes and coaches) and Hotel (CoD, CoM, delegates) on the mountain Kopaonik. Extra expenses including telephone, laundry and drinks must be paid by the consumers.

6. Regulations of the MRCH Cup.

*Mountain running race (**Women: apx. 8 km**, **Men: apx. 10 km**) will be realized on the up and downhill terrain (high differences: from 1700m to 2000m) and governed by WMRA-IAAF and CISM regulations.*

All the finishers will receive the official medal and the military personnel will be ranked in individual and team competition.

The organizer of the CISM Mountain running event will provide medals and cups for top three finishers and top three mixed teams (3 men and 2 women). The team time score will be calculated from the total time scores of the finishers from one team.

The invited participants are not bound to have the full team composition, but they can also participate with lower number of runners, and they will be ranked only in individual competition.

8. Uniforms.

Uniform - uniform at closing ceremony
Training clothes- during competition
Leisure - during free time

9. Customs and Visa procedures.

For information on passports and visas for entry into Serbia, please contact the Serbian Embassy in your country.

10. Weather Conditions.

The average temperatures at mountain Kopaonik at this time are between 15 (night) and 28 degrees Celsius (day).

11. COVID restriction and prevention

Please note that „CISM Balkan Games Project Conference" and "11th CISM Mountain running Challenge Cup – Kopaonik 2022" will be organized following COVID 19 Guidelines, from the Serbian health authorities.

The following active guidelines will be updated each week so possible exceptions of the regulations and modifications will be forwarded to all participating nations (active guidelines- https:/www.mfa.gov..rs).

The following guidelines have been issued by CISM Serbia using the collective feedback of different stakeholders in the sport. The guidelines will be updated continuously according to the latest information from the World Health Organization and the research/ publications that are released on this topic. Also consider that the event will look different to what we all are used to, as some of the measures will have an impact on how the event looks like. Here are the measures that will affect:

• Pre-travel Health Checks for all personal Staff will be held to ensure exclusion of those with potential additional risks.

• PCR test could be requested by regional authorities on the arrival to Belgrade. Anyway a Pre-event medical Test (Antigen) for COVID 19 will be mandatory. In case a positive Test, the athlete will not be allowed to participate in the above mentioned sporting events. CISM Serbia will send a COVID report one week after FE expiring dates.

• Temperature checks will be done for accessing the venue, and no access will be allowed to anyone with high temperature, or symptoms of COVID.

• Face masks are mandatory fulltime during indoor activities. Chief of mission/ Team Manager: face mask mandatory fulltime.

• CISM Serbia will not facilitate any interviews with athletes before or after the event, so that athletes don't have to be in close contact with any external media personnel. Athletes can do it at their discretion, preferably in open air spaces.

• Due to COVID restrictions, Opening and Closing Ceremonies will be reduced to the minimal nation representatives.

• In case of symptoms suggestive of acute respiratory illness before, during or after travel, the athletes are encouraged to seek medical attention and share travel history with CISM Serbia.

• Individual Responsibility:

- *Participants should aim to keep at least two-meter distance from other people.*
- *Frequent hand washing by participants using soap and hot water or alcohol-based (at least 65-70%) hand rub for 20 seconds.*
- *Avoid shaking hands or hugging.*
- *Avoid steam rooms or sauna.*
- *Athletes must monitor their health status continuously (including taking their temperature and monitoring for any symptoms) from 14 days before and during the event.*

12. Registration Forms Deadlines.

Before 30 May 2022 – *Preliminary agreement, Annex 1*
Before 15 June 2022 – *Final entry, Annex 2*
– Composition of the mission, Annex 3
– Commitment by the Chief of Mission, Annex 4

13. Correspondence.

All official mail concerning the championship should be sent to:

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Chief of Serbian Delegation to CISM
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11000 Belgrade
Tel: +381 11 3603 082
E-mail: serbia.cism@mod.gov.rs
Contact: Lt Col Dragan Todorov

14. Eligibility.

Competitors must be military personnel on active duty in their respective countries, with valid military identity cards, in accordance with CISM Regulations art. 7.21.

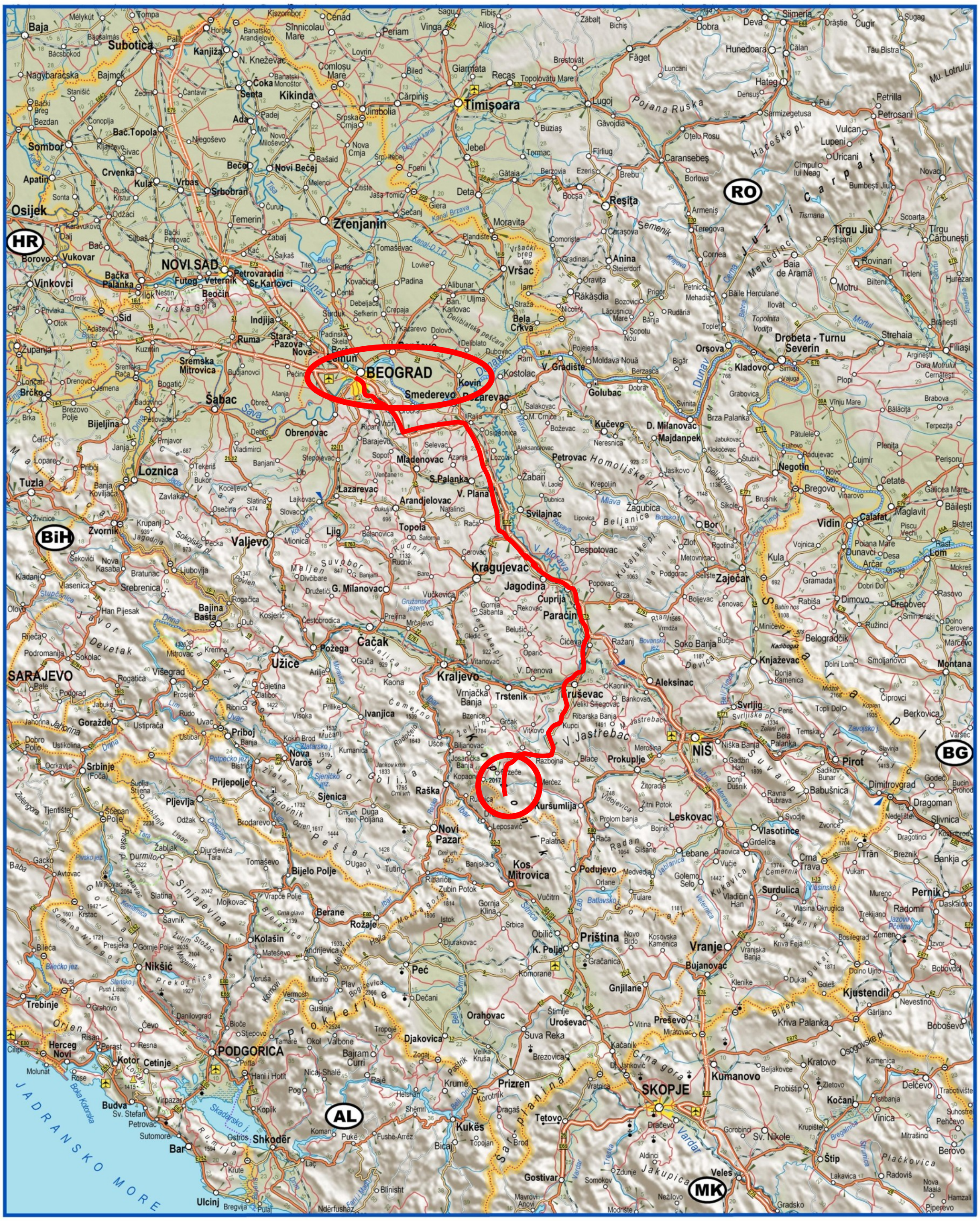
15. Traveling Expenses.

The cost of travel to and from the point of arrival/departure will be the responsibility of the participating nation. Local transportations during the championship will be at the expense of the organizer.

16. National Anthems and Flags.

We kindly ask all the participants to bring with them a tape or CD with their national anthem and national flags in size: 1 x 1.5 m, 2 x 1.5 m.

Republic of Serbia Map



20°48'40'' E **43°17'16'' N**

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FINAL ENTRY – COMMITMENT BY THE CHIEF OF MISSION

NATION:

The undersigned, Chief of Mission declare that he has read the CISM Regulation and moreover understood the following prescriptions:

A. Chief of Mission

1. Chiefs of Mission shall be familiar with CISM regulations.
2. Missions must not only participate or be present at sports events, they are also required to participate in information conferences on CISM, study days, commemorative and cultural events and ceremonies organized by the host nation.

B. Conduct of a mission

1. The Chief of Mission is responsible for the behavior of his team in sports and general discipline. He shall ensure that members of his mission respect the rules and directives prescribed by CISM and organizers of the championship. The respect of schedules is particularly important as they form the basis for the effective conduct of competitions and ceremonies. Instances of indiscipline or poor sportsmanship will be handled by Championship officials and may result in the disqualification of individual athletes or teams.
2. The Chief of Mission shall also enforce the rules concerning behavior and dress during the ceremonies. He plays an important role in promoting the CISM spirit among his mission, a spirit represented by friendly attitude towards other missions, courtesy towards organizers and fair-play in competition. The mission, who does not wear military uniforms during the opening ceremony of a Championship, will not be authorised to take part in the Championship.
3. In conformity with the Statutes and traditions of CISM, any political or religious action during a CISM event, in particular the dissemination of propaganda documents, pictures, brochures, reviews, etc, is strictly forbidden. Any contravention shall result in the exclusion of the mission from further competition.

DATE: _____ :_____
SIGNATURE OF CHIEF OF MISSION

RANK/NAME: _____

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PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT

To be returned before ***30 May 2022***

NATION | |

To:
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11000 Belgrade
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Fax: +381 11 3603 082

PARTICIPATION	*YES*	*NO*

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	*MEN*		*WOMEN*	
NUMBER OF COMPETITORS	*MEN*		*WOMEN*	

CONTACT ADDRESS *(Name, tel., fax.)*	

DATE: _____

:_____
SIGNATURE OF CHIEF OF DELEGATION

RANK/NAME: _____

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FINAL ENTRY

To be returned before ***15 June 2022***

NATION | |

To:
Republic of Serbia
Ministry of Defence
54 Bulevar Oslobodjenja St.
11000 Belgrade
Tel: +381 11 3603 082
Fax: +381 11 3603 082

Date and time of arrival	
Place of arrival	
Means of transport	
Date and time of departure	

DATE: _____ :_____
SIGNATURE OF CHIEF OF DELEGATION
RANK/NAME: _____

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COMPOSITION OF THE MISSION

To be returned before ***15 June 2022***

NATION

Function	***First name***	***Surname***	***Rank***	***Gender***
Chief of Delegation				
Delegate				
Chief of Mission				
Coach				
Ad Libitum				
Athletes:				
1.				*Male*
2.				*Male*
3.				*Male*
4.				*Male*
1.				*Female*
2.				*Female*
3.				*Female*

In strict compliance with applicable CISM Regulations (Chapter VII, art: 7.22), I, the undersigned Chief of Delegation, hereby officially confirm that all athletes representing my nation in the CISM event are on active duty in my nation's Armed Forces. I understand that sanctions may be imposed against my nation, my mission, my team, individual athletes, or myself for violation of this provision (CISM Regulations Chapter I, Art: 1.12).

DATE: _____ :_____

SIGNATURE OF CHIEF OF DELEGATION

RANK/NAME: _____