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Military Commission report (2021-2022)

Following the IJF Congress in 2021, the Military Commission as part of the Military and Police Commission/IJF has continued to promote judo through its values and principles in the Armed Forces, especially in the countries that are members of the International Military Sport Council (CISM). In the mentioned period, the members of the Military Commission have participated to different events organised by one of the most important military international sport organisations, CISM, as following:



The 40th CISM World Military Judo Championship was organized by the French Armed Forces, under the umbrella of the International Military Sport Council, in Bretigny-sur-Orge, France, between 28.10 – 04.11. This event gathered 300 athletes and officials with a very positive outcome for the medal-winning athletes on the one hand and for the event organisers on the other hand. The collaboration between IJF and CISM is very optimistic and resulted in the presence of the top athletes to the judo events organised by the CISM and not last the increasing the visibility of judo in the CISM countries members. This event was no exception,

when it comes on the high-level participation, having in mind the top-level judoka that were present during the competition.

The organization of this event was a very smooth one, which recited not only the support of the military authorities, but also benefited of a strong support from the French civil authorities, from the mayor of the city of Bretigny-sur-Orge, as well as France Judo Federation. This was a great indicator of success. Many of the athletes present at this event act also as regulars on the World Judo Tour and is not surprising therefore that the level of the competition was so good. Nowadays the level of these Military Judo Championships is strong as a result of the collaboration between International Judo Federation and International Military Sport Council.



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One positive result of the above-mentioned collaboration is that the 40th CISM World Military Judo Championship was introduced in the IJF calendar. We have succeeded by convincing the CISM member countries about the importance of using judo as a basic preparation sport in the training process of the military personnel and to bring the highest-level athletes in the armed forces and also help them to pursue their global judo career and after finishing it. Some of the CISM countries members, such as Russia, China, Brazil, Germany, Romania, France, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, Italy, etc, have developed strong programs in order to support their military judoka.



One of the most distinct day of this event was the 1st of Nov, which was dedicated to action of solidarity and discovery, placed under the umbrella of judo. After two days of individual competition and on the eve of the team tournament, this social parenthesis gave the opportunity to demonstrate once again that judo is more than a sport because it conveys values which make it possible to build the foundation of a better society. The judo family met to raise public awareness of two important concepts-disability on the one hand and youth on the other hand. In addition to the international outreach of this event, the general objective of the competition was to introduce the wounded soldiers of the nations present, to judo's well as to promote the army/nation bond, by offering an activity to the younger generation with the presence of the French military judo team. I was very impressed by these activities, being the first time in my career that I was so touched, spending time with the military personnel who were injured and with young people.

77th CISM General Assembly and Congress organized between 1 to 9 May 2022 in Lima, Peru. This was a very good opportunity to increase the visibility of judo in the CISM member countries. Being present at this event was beneficial for the activity of the military commission, as I have had the possibility to meet with chiefs of delegations to CISM and had discussions with them on the possibility implementing judo within the Armed Forces, in as many countries as possible.



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Introduction:

Since last year's analysis, we initiated and consolidated earlier actions and initiatives, following the key development concept set and conducted by the IJF leadership.

The second focus was to find common points and cooperation with the activity of other IJF Commissions.

Achievements and Outcomings:

1. Establishing a first relationship with the World Organization of Police and Fire Games

In July, at the 2022 World Police and Fire Games in Rotterdam (WPFPG), the Netherlands, we discussed integrating JUDO as a permanent sporting activity in future WPFPG events.

After the meeting with the president and board members, they guaranteed Judo's presence in the 2023 edition of the WPFPG, which will take place in Winnipeg, Canada.

In planning the 2025 Games in the USA, there are clear beliefs that Judo continues to remain in the program.

The perspective remains to strengthen this initiative and attract the organisation's managers to visit one or more of the main events of the Judo World Tour.

They will be able to understand the IJF concept better and concretely see our quality and experience, which could be strong leverage to find mutual benefits and a Memorandum of Understanding.

2. Cooperation with the IJF Judo for Peace Commission

In addition to the refugee cases, we contributed to developing Judo in South Africa.

The initiative contained Judo sessions and classes, thus contributing to Judo education within the participating police organisations. Eventually, the action also expanded in Lesotho.

The educational activity in and through Judo actively contributed to the development of one of our students, an authentic promoter of the IJF objectives and programs in the southern region of Africa, appointed this year as an IJF Judo for Peace Commissioner.

3. Regional activities

We resumed in Germany the assistance and actions with the Police institution through activities and outcomes like:

- the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between the German Police Sports Federation (DPSK) and the National Association;
- setting the Police sports clubs as a bridge between society and the police institution;
- promoting Judo as a special fitness tool in the police vocation;
- having joint press releases;
- cooperation in the implementation of a dual system of career: sport and professional addressed to the top athletes;
- lobbying politicians thru moral values proposed concretised in an increased interest of those personalities for Judo.



4. International initiatives

We are in contact offering advice and development models to the federations and organisation from:

JUA: Bhutan,

PJC: Trinidad and Tobago, USA Judo, Canada

AJU: Lesotho, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone

EJU: in cooperation with USPE (European Police Sports Federation)

By keeping a balance between objectives and achievements, 2022 brought a revitalisation in our activity after the massive reduction caused by the pandemic.

The idea of the collaboration between the National Judo Federation and the sports organisation of the Police institution shall continue and improve.

We are open to any questions and suggestions and receptive to possible collaboration proposals with other IJF commissions, national federations, or international organisations willing to exchange opinions and new development paths.