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The Girl from Ipanema

(Comments on the ICMH Congress, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, August 2011)

Piet Kamphuis

President, ICMH

The compelling musical notes of “Garota de Ipanema” are resounding in my head while I write this contribution to our unsurpassed Newsletter. Visiting the restaurant of the same name, where Tom Jobim and Vinicius de Moraes composed their world-famous song, will be a lasting memory of our visit to Rio. It was also one of the rare moments I managed to escape the franticness of being President during this event. It was just as beneficial to me as sleep management is to military leaders during operational deployment. In order to keep sight of the main picture, taking a step back and looking at things from a distance can really work to your advantage.

Although two terms as Secretary-General gave me a tremendous knowledge of our ICMH, being President adds an extra dimension. When unexpected developments occur, particularly just before the start of the congress, all the balls are passed to the President, who is then expected to keep the goal clear or quickly seize the opportunity and score. There is only a chance for success if he can blindly rely on his fellow players, i.e. his fellow members of the Board. In the run-up to the congress in Rio, it soon became clear that the present Board, with Pat Harahan, Massimo de Leonardis, Fritz Stoeckli and Erwin Schmidl, is a close-knit team. The preparations made during an intensive board weekend in The Hague in May, with Dr. Jarl Kronlund of the Bibliography Committee as special guest, proved to be extremely useful in Rio.

The hospitality of our Brazilian colleagues, under the leadership of Lieutenant General Dr. Aureliano Pinto de Moura, was heart-warming, the facilities in the Brazilian Army Command and General Staff College during the Congress were excellent and the hosts’ talents for improvisation made a great impression. The presence of many Brazilian participants, as well as military historians from other Latin American countries, offered a unique opportunity to introduce them to our network and to enrich ourselves with their knowledge and insight. To paraphrase Solly Mollo’s famous statement from Cape Town: ‘Let the Latin American voice be heard!’ That voice was amply heard in Rio and certainly made us want to hear more! Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a report on the Congress in Rio de Janeiro, the first in the history of our worldwide organisation to be held on the South American continent. I would like to once again extend my gratitude and compliments to General Dr. Aureliano and his team for the organisation of the XXXVIIth ICMH Congress.

Our Brazilian hosts were very generous in the facilities they made available to the Board. In addition, the social programme afforded us plenty of opportunity to exchange ideas with the delegations. Intensive talks, in official meetings and behind the screens, led to a

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President's meeting on Friday morning, when a number of important issues were discussed in an open debate and a cordial atmosphere. This made it possible for me to communicate the most important decisions during the General Assembly.

The future of the International Bibliography of Military History has caused us much concern in the past two years. Last year it was decided to accommodate this showpiece of the ICMH with the publishing house Brill. From 2011 forward, the Bibliography will be published twice a year and, from 2012, in digital format only. Shortly before Rio, the first edition of the 'new style' Bibliography was published, thanks to the good work of Dimitry Queloz, Marco Wyss and all the correspondents. Unfortunately, editor Queloz was forced to retire. We were therefore faced with two challenges, namely finding a new editor and re-defining the position of the Bibliography Committee within our ICMH. It was very satisfying to be able to report during the General Assembly that Dr. Mauro Mantovani will take up the dual position of the Bibliography Committee's chairman and editor, and that new statutes for the committee have been approved. We owe a debt of gratitude to Dimitry Queloz for the excellent work he has done for the Bibliography over many years. As a token of appreciation, he was appointed honorary Chairman of the Bibliography Committee.

The Board has had intensive contact with the chairman of the Bulgarian Commission of Military History, Dr. Dimitre Minchev, about a long-held wish of our Bulgarian colleagues to organize a congress in the Bulgarian capital Sofia. In Rio de Janeiro, after giving a presentation, the Bulgarian Commission received the green light for organizing the ICMH Congress in August 2012, with the theme: Technology and Warfare.

Japan has been hit hard by natural disasters in the past months. The Japanese Commission has come to the conclusion that, due to these events, it will not be able to organize the ICMH Congress in 2013. Finding a solution for this gap in the Congress agenda that has suddenly appeared took up a great deal of attention in Rio de Janeiro. I was moved by the sympathy and solidarity with our Japanese colleagues expressed during the congress. During the Presidents' meeting, Cyprus and Italy offered to look into their possibilities for hosting the event in 2013, and they were joined by a third country after the meeting. If these inquiries prove fruitless, the Chinese Commission will be officially asked to host the event in 2013 instead of 2015. In that event, a new host for the 2015 Congress will be needed; the United Arab Emirates and Turkey have already expressed their interest in filling this role. I hope to be able to give you more information in the spring edition of the Newsletter.

I can also report that the Netherlands Commission has concluded its work for the 2010 Congress with the presentation of the voluminous, over 700 pages long, Acta of the Amsterdam Congress. I add here that it was decided in Rio that the congress organisers will remain obliged to publish the papers, but they may opt for making them accessible in a digital format rather than through the relatively more costly printed editions. An additional, and important, advantage of digital publication is that wider audiences can be

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reached. The Italian Commission presented a new volume, number 89, of the International Review of Military History, which is entirely devoted to Airpower.

Lastly, the Congress in Rio was the baptism of fire for the 2010-2015 Board. The Congress has brought us a great deal of positive energy, not the least because of the cordial atmosphere and constructive cooperation and decision making. We will now focus on Sofia 2012!

Report on the 37th ICMH Congress, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Pat Harahan

Vice-president, ICMH

At the opening session of the Congress, Brigadier-General Sergio Jose Pereira, Commander of the Brazilian Army's Command and General Staff College, welcomed the 240 participants from 35 nations, and stated that this was the first time that the ICMH had held its international meeting in Latin America. Then Major General Dr. Aureliano Pinto de Moura, President of the Brazilian Commission of Military History, welcomed the participants and explained the Congress' theme: "Decolonization: Colonial and Independent Wars, since the 18th century to the present." He explained that military historians and scholars in Brazil were enthusiastic about the conference; more than fifty Brazilian historians would be participating. Historians from Argentina and Venezuela would also be presenting papers at the Congress.

ICMH President Kamphuis began his remarks by acknowledging that "for the first time in history, the Congress of the International Commission of Military History is being held in Latin America." He explained how the ICMH had been transformed in recent years, developing from a European-centered organization into an organization in which "military historians from all continents and countries" were playing a role. He cited the major congresses in Rabat, Morocco (2004), and Cape Town, South Africa (2007) as breakthrough conferences on the African continent. Kamphuis noted the 2010 ICMH Congress in Amsterdam on the topic of "Insurgency and Counterinsurgency" had led to several important conclusions. Armed forces organized, trained and equipped on the Western model would have to shed their Cold War baggage and refocus on questions of how irregular forces fought in the past. Consequently, the study of colonial wars and independence movements at this Brazilian congress was current and timely. He thought that this study would lead to a series of interesting questions to be answered during the Congress.

Then Celso Amorim, Defense Minister of Brazil, gave a serious, thoughtful speech on military history and its capability to provide context, time and place. He thought that knowledge of military history could provide commanders and civilians the ability of seeing war from an international perspective. Minister Amorim noted that in recent wars

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new military concepts were asserted: preemptive war and the unilateral “right of attack”. These concepts, Amorim stated, were not accepted by all nations. In his opinion, they represented a policy of delegitimizing war. Brazil had lived in peace for several hundred years, he stated, and the peoples of Latin American today lived in “a community of safety” from war. Yet, Brazil believed that its military had to live in peace, but be prepared for war to insure its sovereignty.

The Congress’ sessions began in the afternoon. For four days during the week, more than thirty sessions were held, with 90 scholars presenting papers. Historians presenting papers were from more than 30 nations, including Brazil, France, Argentina, Germany, Italy, Japan, Portugal, Turkey, Indonesia, Korea, England, Cameroon, Spain, Venezuela, United States, China, Netherlands, Israel, Ireland, South Africa, Finland, Morocco, Poland, Romania, Senegal, Austria, Cyprus, and United Arab Emirates. All papers presented at the Congress will be published in 2012 in the usual format of an Acta volume.

During the Congress, the ICMH Executive Board met and discussed policy revisions and future congresses from 2012 through 2015. This board consists of the president, two vice presidents, treasurer, and secretary-general. There was also a meeting of these officers and the larger ICMH board. Most of the same issues were discussed. In that meeting, the president of the Japanese Commission of Military History explained that the recent earthquake and nuclear damage had caused severe problems across the nation. He stated that Japan would have to cancel its invitation to host the ICMH organization in the year 2013. After discussion, the board agreed. Following this meeting, there was another in which the ICMH Officers and Board met with the Presidents of the National Commissions. The main topic of interest was the location of the congress in 2013. Several national presidents pledged to consult with their government and military institutes on the issue. President Kamphuis thanked these presidents, asking them to return with answers by December 1st, and outlined the schedule for future ICMH congresses as following:

- 2012 - Sofia, Bulgaria
- 2013 - Under discussion
- 2014 – Paris, France
- 2015 - China

At all ICMH Congresses there are a variety of cultural and educational activities. The Rio Congress had excellent visits to natural sites, military museums, naval fortifications, and national war monuments. One day, the entire Congress went on an all-day cultural tour of the sea and coastal areas of Rio de Janeiro. The final banquet was held in the Brazilian Officers Beach Club. It was an event which everyone enjoyed, but leaving the beautiful Rio de Janeiro and our interesting Brazilian colleagues was difficult. Certainly, the first ICMH Congress in Latin America will not be the last one.

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ICMH National Commissions' Presidents' Meeting

Massimo de Leonardis

Vice-president, ICMH

On Friday, September 2, President Kamphuis convened a meeting of the ICMH Board with the Presidents of the National Commissions and their representatives. This kind of meeting, introduced in the recent years, has the objective of dealing with the issues which are on the table and discussing them at greater length, thus facilitating the work of the General Assembly. The main issue discussed was a new location for the ICMH's 2013 Congress. The Japanese Commission announced that owing to the recent earthquake and the consequent nuclear accident, it would not be possible to organize a congress in Japan in 2013. President Kamphuis asked if any national commission president would agree to take on the commitment, or to make a study on the feasibility of organizing the Congress. He asked that they report to him by December 1, 2011. Representatives of Cyprus and Italy volunteered to do so, and the Chinese president agreed to consider advancing their invitation to host the ICMH Congress from 2015 to 2013. Previously, China had invited the ICMH to meet in that nation in 2015.

The year 2013 will mark the 75th anniversary of ICHM, founded in 1938. Some new initiatives were envisaged to commemorate the event, such as the coinage of a medal and publication of a booklet tracing the history of our organization in the general context of the development of historiography.

The new statutes of the Bibliographic Committee were discussed together with the new features of the International Bibliography of Military History, to be published by Brill.

Information on the revised guidance from the ICMH Board for the publication of the future Congresses' Acta, was discussed. The revised concept will take advantage of computer technologies in order to enhance the quality and circulation of the Acta while at the same time reducing its cost. The new guidelines will replace sections § 2.5→2.12 of the "Guidance for Organizing International Congresses sponsored by the ICMH." The new guidelines are distributed together with this ICMH Newsletter

Report of the Secretary General & Proposed Amendment of Statutes

Erwin A. Schmidl

Secretary General, ICMH

As stated in the previous contributions by our President and the Vice-Presidents, the Congress in Rio was a tremendous experience for all – and certainly a 'first' for many of us: the first ICMH Congress to be held in Latin America, the first visit to South America

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for many participants, and also a ‘first experience’ for me in my new position as Secretary General of our Commission. For their support in this function, but also for their understanding, I would like to thank the other members of the Board, all the other participants from all countries, and also, especially, our Brazilian hosts.

I have also to ask your understanding that his Newsletter – the Fall 2011 issue! – is only distributed in early 2012: Pat Harahan had his draft ready by November, but various other duties prevented me from finishing this sooner. But then, historians are used to thinking in ‘la longue durée’... In any case, this gives me the opportunity of adding my very best wishes for a good start of the New Year.

There was another ‘first experience’ in Rio, which demonstrates how global our organization has become: Several delegations expressed concern that the dates originally planned for the 2012 Congress in Sofia would conflict with the end of Ramadan. This being a highly important point, we are glad that concern was voiced in time, and that Dr. Dimitri Minchev managed to re-adjust the timing of the Congress in Sofia in a suitable manner, so as to avoid any inconvenience to any participants of different religions.

I would also like to use this opportunity to announce, in timely fashion, a proposed correction and amendment to our Statutes, which were discussed at the General Assembly in Rio. This basically concerns the correction of a mistake, which had inadvertently slipped into our Statutes approved in 2005 in Madrid: In Section II, Article 3, “General Meetings” are defined in a way that they are held at five-year intervals only, while in Section III, Article 12, they are stated to be held every year, as is the case in reality. This mistake originated because the first mention originally referred to the five-year meetings with elections of the new Board only.

Presently, the Statutes under Section II, Article 3, lists only the “Ordinary five-year [...] and Extraordinary General Meetings”:

Section II, Article 3 :

[L'Assemblée générale ordinaire quinquennale \(au cours de laquelle se déroulent les élections\) ou extraordinaire, le Bureau, l'Exécutif et les vérificateurs aux comptes sont les organes de la CIHM.](#)

This contradicts Section III, Article 12, pt. 2, which specifies that a General Meeting is normally held every year”:

Section III, Article 12, pt. 2 :

[2. Une Assemblée générale se tient en principe chaque année.](#)

Therefore, Section II, article 3, should be amended as follows:

[L'Assemblée générale ordinaire ou extraordinaire, le Bureau, l'Exécutif et les vérificateurs aux comptes sont les organes de la CIHM. Au cours de l'Assemblée générale quinquennale se déroulent les élections, comme spécifié à la Section IV.](#)

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Amendments are to be submitted to the national commissions in advance “six months at the latest” (Section VII, art. 32). Therefore, the Board submitted this proposed correction to the General Assembly in Rio and announces it here in the Newsletter, to be decided upon in Sofia in 2012.

As the French version of the Statutes is the binding one, the English version will be corrected accordingly after this issue has been decided on. At the same time, a translation error in the English Statutes will be corrected: Article 21 should in the future read “Verification of Accounts” instead of “Auditors”, this being more in line with the meaning of the French “Verificateurs”.

The 38th ICMH Congress, 2012, Sofia, Bulgaria

Dimitri Minchev

President, Bulgarian Commission of Military History

The Bulgarian Commission of Military History invites the ICMH’s national commissions and their members to participate in the 38th Congress of Military History, which will be held from 25 until 31 August 2012 in Sofia, Bulgaria, under the aegis of the Minister of Defense of the Republic of Bulgaria. The forum will be hosted by the Bulgarian Defense Academy. The Bulgarian Commission of Military History is delighted to welcome the Congress in Bulgaria for the first time in the history of the ICMH.

The main theme of the Congress will be: “TECHNOLOGY AND WARFARE”. The working languages for the event will be English and French. The Congress will be located and organized in the five-star Kempinski Hotel Zografski – an excellent hotel for accommodation. Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria has 8.000,000 inhabitants. It is an ancient city, with museums, streets, and undergrounds that have historical tracks from the Thracian, Hellenic, Roman, Slav, Bulgarian, and Ottoman periods. Some of these sites will be visited by the participants in the Congress during the social events. We look forward to welcoming you to Sofia in 2012, to what we are certain will be an exciting and stimulating ICMH Congress.

General and Topical Information:

There is an excellent website for general and topical information. Please consult www.BCMHLL38.com for information on the congress’ program schedule, thematic topics, call for papers, registration, social events, post-congress tours, hotel and tour booking, and a way, if you have questions, to contact conference organizers.

Main Theme: TECHNOLOGY AND WARFARE

Under this theme, there are several questions which the congress organizers hope will stimulate the preparations for scholars preparing proposals. They are:

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- What was the role of military technology in the development of human societies and civilizations?
- What was the way in which the world order after the Cold War influenced the development of military technology?
- What is the role and function of the armed forces in the development of military technology?
- To what extent was the military an instrument in this technological development?
- How did regional military cooperation influence the development of military technology?
- How did developed countries influence the development of the technology in smaller nations?

The Bulgarian Commission of Military History expects that researchers/historians from all national commissions will submit proposals of interest to the Congress. There are a series of subthemes, please consult the Congress' website, www.BCMHLL38.com.

The Congress will have several Special Panels: There will be three Roundtables ("The Central Powers and New Technologies on the Eve and during the First World War 1912-1918"; "21st Century Technologies and their Application in Peacekeeping Missions and Operations"; "New, Significant books in military history"), as well as the Graduate Student Seminar, where younger military historians will present research papers.

Call for Papers:

National commissions are advised to present their paper proposals to the Bulgarian Commission of Military History by 30 March 2012 at the latest. The paper proposals must include: author's name, title of the paper, and a short vita of no more than half a page, and a short resume of the paper (no more than one page, please!). The papers must be approved by the President of the respective national commission, and if more than one paper is submitted, they should be presented in sequential order.

Papers should be sent to the Bulgarian Commission of Military History, Prof. Dimitre Minchev at: bcmhll@yahoo.com. The Bulgarian Commission of Military History will select the time and place on the program for presentation of the papers. The list of the selected papers will be available on the Congress website by May 2012. Historians who are selected to present papers, must prepare and submit them by June, 2012, so that interpreters will have time to prepare the translation. Time for presentation for each presenter is 20 minutes, with 10 minutes for discussion.

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Congress Registration:

All participants are kindly asked to register by making the necessary payment of the Registration fee by bank transfer or by sending the completed Registration form by 30 March 2012 to the Bulgarian Commission of Military History. See the website for specific information: www.BCMHLL38.com.

The payment of the registration fee should be settled in cash (Euro) at the Registration desk, in Kempinski Hotel Zografski, upon arrival. The Registration desk will be located in the congress lobby of Kempinski Hotel Zografski. It will open on 25 August 2012, and it will operate till the end of the Congress.

Hotel & Tour Booking:

Rooms at preferential prices are booked for the participants in Kempinski Hotel Zografski, the venue of the Congress. Hotel bookings should be made by consulting the congress website. Located in the heart of Sofia, Kempinski Hotel Zografski is ideally situated – 12 km from Sofia Airport and 15 minutes walking distance from the business and commercial district. Recognized as one of the city's grandest hotels, the Kempinski Hotel Zografski offers guests a pleasant experience of Bulgaria's finest culture and service. It offers a blend of lush gardens, serene ponds, romantic benches next to murmuring fountains and an exceptional view to Vitosha Mountain.

The hotel offers 420 deluxe rooms and standard rooms and 18 junior sites. All are furnished in classic style and feature: individual air conditioning control, direct dial telephone, satellite and pay television, radio, mini bar, safe (in the deluxe rooms), high-speed Internet access WLAN, 24-hour security. The hotel boasts an excellent congress centre, a number of restaurants and bars, an indoor pool, and a fitness centre.

About Bulgaria:

Bulgaria is a part of the Balkan Peninsula in South Eastern Europe. The state of Bulgaria was first founded in 681 AD and since then has had a long and varied history. Its capital is Sofia. Going back over 7,000 years in history, Bulgaria's capital now is a modern city which testifies to the country's eternal bond between past and present. Monuments to its rich Thracian, Roman, Bulgarian and Ottoman history rub shoulders with modern-day edifices of cosmopolitan city life. Over 250 historic landmarks and architectural monuments blend in with the city's modern skyline.

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Towards a new ICMH Bibliography

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After the ICMH Bibliographical Committee signed a contract in 2010 with Brill, the renowned Dutch publishing house, the International Bibliography of the ICMH is facing a major transformation. That process is supposed to lead to a publication which will enjoy the respect, not only of the larger community of those interested in military history, but also of the scientific community.

This means several changes. First, the focus of the contributions will shift towards newly published scholarly books in our field; those books which are of outstanding relevance for the country's historiography and/or worthy of being taken note of by an international audience. This audience will – most likely – be interested in a number of pieces of specific information on these books. In particular, one wishes to know the answer to several questions: what guiding questions did the author pursue, what methodology did he/she apply, what sources did the author draw from and what are its most important findings?

In a formal respect, there will be some changes to the Bibliography: For one, the reviews will be longer (2,000 to 3,000 characters). This means there will be more space for each of the presented books; yet still less than in most journals containing proper book reviews. Concerning the languages, our new statutes adopted in Rio specify (in accordance with the Brill contract): “The reviews and other contributions may be written in English, French, German, Italian or Spanish. If done in another language than English, the correspondents have to submit a translation of their review into English as well.” This formula makes sense since English is by now a language understood by most scholars, but leaves the flexibility to continue our unique multilingual tradition, in that texts in French, German, Italian and/or Spanish are still most welcome. This gives room for the contributors to specially address a certain linguistic community. The members of the Bibliographical Committee and the national correspondents to the Bibliography have been asked to abide by these new standards.

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Another major change concerns a new section which shall be added to the Bibliography. It deals with the topic of our annual congress. Here we have traditionally had a session on new and significant published books. A summary of that session has been, so far, a part of the Acta of the Congress. From now on, this summary will be published in the Bibliography's issue after the Congress. Then, in the issue before the Congress, we intend to publish a list of all relevant publications on the particular topic from different national viewpoints. This new regular section will allow for a closer linkage of the Bibliography with the annual ICMH Congress, specifically to support the coherence of the International Commission of Military History.

As you may have noticed, the layout of the Bibliography has already changed considerably with our first publication of the "Brill era", issued in July 2011. It will continue to evolve, for example the notes will be listed according to a chronological principle. Of course, all these changes cannot be implemented over night and it will take the commitment of all involved to give our Bibliography a boost in the new direction.

I am confident that even high aims can be achieved by a common effort. Once you receive a copy of the new ICMH Bibliography please let us know your evaluation.

We are interested in your comments.

ICMH Committee on Archives (CAM)

Hans Pawlisch

President, Archives Committee of the ICMH

The Committee on Archives (CAM) convened its annual meeting in Rio de Janeiro on 28 August 2011. Seven members were present: President Hans Pawlisch; Michael Steidel, representing Germany; Aniceto Afonso from Portugal; Carlos Lopes De Silva, Brazil; Hernando Fernandez, President of the Spanish Commission, accompanied by Silvia Lopez Wehrli; Andreos Loizou (Cyprus) and Lynn Jones Stewart (USCMH), recording secretary. President Pawlisch called for a discussion of old business, pointing out that the old business overlapped the current new business: the question of a functioning and updated web site for the CAM. President Pawlisch noted that the ICMH may be considering the possibility of UNESCO hosting the ICMH website, which would create hyperlinks from the ICMH website to those of the individual National Commissions. CAM is unique in that it is the only link between military archives and the academic community, which makes the ICMH CAM web site particularly important. President Pawlisch summed up the situation with the observation that the web site remains the CAM's primary issue.

During the committee's meeting, Lieutenant Carlos Andre Lopez de Silva of the Board of Historical Patrimony and Documentation of the Brazilian Navy presented a paper entitled

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“Rediscovering the Nineteenth-Century Navy: The Document Archive of the State Department for Navy Affairs, 1808-1890”. This paper was followed by an informal presentation on Spanish Ministry of Defense Archives presented by Silvia Lopez Wehrli of the Spanish Commission. Both papers stressed initiatives to create digital archives with standardized descriptions that would be available to users on-line. Committee members noted that often documents relating to colonial or military history are present in the archives of other countries.

For the 2012 CAM meeting in Sophia Bulgaria, Michael Steidel, Committee member from Germany, volunteered to give a presentation on German archives, their history and challenges with emphasis on classified documents and the special organization of military files. Warren Sinclair, from the Canadian Commission will also deliver presentation on Canadian Indian Code Talkers during World War II. Finally, President Pawlisch announced a new military history book prize, the Brigadier General James L. Collins Book prize, to be awarded in 2012 by the U.S. Commission of Military History.

ICMH Military Education Committee

Rudolf Jaun

President, Military Educational Committee of the ICMH

In Rio, the committee was pleased to receive Lieutenant General Ulisses Lisboa Perazzo Lannes of Brazil as a guest. In an extremely precise and carefully balanced paper, Lt. Gen. Lannes explained the development of Military History education at the institutes of the Armed Forces and at Brazilian universities. His paper is distributed as an annex to this Newsletter.

New PhD Panel:

Starting with the 2012 ICMH Congress, the Educational Committee will assist in organizing and conducting the PhD-Candidate sessions. At the beginning of November there will be a Call for Papers to the National Commissions and the Institutes of History of the Universities. One paper per National Commission will be accepted. The paper and the presentation must be in English. An enlarged Board of the Educational Committee will make a first selection in February, another one in March and it will make its final selection in May and have it reconfirmed by the National Commissions.

The following guidelines have been established for graduate students submitting proposals for papers: The length should be between two and three pages, including a description of the topic, an explanation of methodical and theoretical approaches, perspectives and issues and agenda; and a short CV of the student.

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New Secretary General appointed for the Military Educational Committee.

Prof. Dr. Michael Epkenhans has been appointed as the new Secretary General of the Educational Committee. Michael Epkenhans is Honorary Professor at the University of Hamburg and head of the *Forschungsabteilung* of the *Militär-geschichtliches Forschungsamt* (Military History Research Institute) of the *Bundeswehr* in Potsdam. His email is: MichaelEpkenhans@bundeswehr.org.

“Insurgency and Counterinsurgency: Irregular Warfare from 1800 to the Present”

Presentation of Acta 36 (Proceedings of the 36th ICMH Congress, Amsterdam 2010)

Jan Hoffenaar

President, Netherlands Commission for Military History

On 2 September 2011 Professor Jan Hoffenaar, president of the Netherlands Commission for Military History, presented the 2010 *Acta* of the XXXVI ICMH Congress, which was held in Amsterdam from 29 August to 3 September 2010. He handed the first copy to ICMH President Kamphuis, during the final day of the ICMH congress in Rio.

The 2010 *Acta* contains 71 papers presented in Amsterdam on irregular warfare and transcripts of various speeches delivered during the congress. The book is a uniquely broad selection of some familiar, and many less familiar, case studies from all parts of the world. They give us an insight into both the differences and the similarities between insurgencies and counterinsurgencies separated by geography and time. Some of the contributions concentrate on a single aspect of irregular warfare, such as the role of air power, special forces, propaganda and civil-military cooperation. Other papers raise broader issues, ranging from the existence of national approaches, to the degree to which the experiences, lessons and doctrines from the past are still applicable today. The 2010 *Acta* was edited by Dr. Thijs Brocades Zaalberg, Professor Dr. Jan Hoffenaar and Dr. Alan Lemmers. *Acta 36* contains 681 pages in a single volume (ISBN 978-90-71957-00-0).

Airpower in 20th Century – Doctrines and Employment: National Experiences

Publication of the *International Review of Military History*, No. 89

Massimo de Leonardis

Secretary-General, Italian Commission of Military History

The publication of issue no. 89 of the *International Review of Military History* was announced in Rio. The volume is entitled: “Airpower in 20th Century - Doctrines and Employment: National Experiences”. It includes 19 articles by authors from 17 countries, plus two presentations, one by Gen. Vincenzo Camporini, former Chief of the

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Italian Defense Staff and Chief, Italian Air Force Staff, and the other by Col. Matteo Paesano, President of the Italian Commission of Military History (CISM), and an introduction by Prof. Dr. Massimo de Leonardis. The issue was prepared and is published by in close cooperation with the Historical Office of the Italian Air Force, under the general coordination by Colonel (Army) Matteo Paesano. Air Force coordination was by Col. (Air Force) Angelo Piccillo, the scholarly editing accomplished by Prof. Dr. Massimo de Leonardis and the general editing completed by Lt. Col. (Air Force) Giancarlo Montinaro. The entire volume can be downloaded for free in PDF version from the CISM website at this website address:

http://www.difesa.it/Area_Storica_HTML/editoria/Pagine/editoria.aspx

Conferences and Announcements:

14th Annual Graduate Strategic Studies Conference, Alberta, Canada

The 14th Annual Graduate Strategic Studies Conference will take place **February 10 and 11, 2012 at the University of Calgary**. The graduate students of the Centre for Military and Strategic Studies invite researchers to share their work on security, strategy, or defense. The conference is open to both undergraduate and graduate students from all disciplines. Assistance with travel costs may be available. Suggested topics include: Aerospace security, Arctic security, Canadian military and security, conflict, cooperation, counterinsurgency, emerging threats, environmental security, geopolitical issues, human security, immigration, intelligence, irregular warfare, maritime security, military history, peace building, resource security, strategic thought, and terrorism.

Proposals including contact information, a short biography, and a 250-word abstract should be sent to info@strategyconference.ca. Please confine presentations to a 15-minute format. Deadline for Proposals: December 12, 2011. Maria Robson, Centre for Military and Strategic Studies 701 MacKimmie Library Tower, 2500 University Dr NW, Calgary AB T2N 1N4 Email: info@strategyconference.ca

Meeting of the Conflict Studies Working Group (formerly the Military History Working Group of the PfP Consortium), Vienna, Austria:

The 2012 Conference of the CSWG will take place in Vienna, Austria, from **21 to 24 May, 2012**, organized jointly by Austria and Hungary. For more information, please contact Dr. M. Christian Ortner (m-christian.ortner@hgm.or.at).

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“Revolutionary Aftermaths” 2012 Conference of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Hartford, Connecticut, USA:

The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) invites proposals for panels and individual papers at its annual conference to be held **June 28-30, 2012** in Hartford, Connecticut – within two hours of Boston and New York. Proposals must be submitted via the on-line interface www.shafr.org/conferences/annual/2012-annual-meeting/ by December 1, 2011 in order to receive full consideration.

In encouraging proposals relating to “revolutionary aftermaths,” the Program Committee implies a broad definition of “revolution,” applying not only to political movements such as the U.S., French, Haitian, Mexican, Bolshevik, Chinese, Cuban, Iranian, and recent Middle Eastern revolutions, but also to developments such as the industrial, communications, transportation, consumer, and green revolutions. The Program Committee will give preference to panels that address the “revolutionary aftermaths” theme, it also welcomes proposals on other topics pertaining to U.S. relations with the wider world, including state-to-state relations, global governance, transnational movements, and histories of mobility, borderlands, and empire. All proposals should be submitted via the web at www.shafr.org/conferences/annual/2012-annual-meeting/. Applicants requiring alternative means to submit the proposal should contact program-chair@shafr.org.

Conference on Liberal Wars, Reading, Great Britain

Liberalism is not pacifism. Instead, Liberal states – states that attach importance to individual autonomy – have frequently been willing to use military force; they have also, on occasion, fought aggressive wars of choice. But liberal ideology and practice are not at ease with military adventures: war by its very nature involves attacks on life; it usually requires some kind of trade-off between security and liberty; and it encourages a warrior ethos that draws upon non-liberal motivations. On **July 6-7 2012**, the University of Reading will host a conference concerned with the past, present, and future of ‘Liberal Wars’. It will be concerned with the constraints on liberal belligerent states arising from their liberal commitments, the tensions between liberal professions and the realities of large-scale warfare, and the way that such states represent their actions to themselves. We welcome proposals for papers (or for thematically-connected panels) from scholars with backgrounds in History, Law, International Relations, Strategic Studies, or Political Theory.

We welcome case studies of conflicts or ideas derived from any place or period. Brief abstracts should be sent to e.j.joyce@rdg.ac.uk before 20 October 2011. Informal enquiries may be sent to Alan Cromartie (a.d.t.cromartie@rdg.ac.uk).

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The Balkan Wars 1912/13: Experience, Perception, Remembrance, Istanbul, Turkey:

International Conference on the Occasion of the 100th Anniversary, **11-13 October, 2012** at the Center for Balkan and Black Sea Studies, Yildiz Technical University, Istanbul. Organizers are the Center for Balkan and Black Sea Studies, Yildiz Technical University, Istanbul, and the University of Regensburg, Germany. Coordinators are Katrin Boeckh, Mehmet Hacısalihoğlu, Heike Karge, Sabine Rutar.

Call for Papers:

The conference aims to explore the two Balkan Wars of 1912/13 from the perspective of New Military History. We call for cross-disciplinary proposals approaching the Balkan Wars through a triple lens as experienced, perceived and/or remembered. Proposals should aim at scrutinizing these two wars on the basis of their manifold interconnections. We invite scholars to reflect on Koselleck's Semantics of Historical Time(s) in order to approach the two wars as an integral part of the history of European wars in the 20th century. We wish to explore the potential entanglements between the wars of 1912/13 and the wars that followed. In addition to scholars of the Balkan Wars, therefore, we encourage scholars of the "other" European wars of the 20th century – the First and the Second World War as well as the Yugoslav wars of the 1990s – to submit proposals. Their contributions will foster a discussion that integrates the Balkan Wars into the perspectives put forth by the New Military History.

Potential topics include the social history of the military; war technology / modern warfare / war operations; front and homeland; physical violence; population movements; propaganda and censorship; life worlds of peace and war; symbols, imagery, (changing) discourses; illness, death, and health care; gendered perspectives; economy of the wars; diplomacy; remembrance. The conference language is English. Proposals must be no longer than 300 words. Please include also a short biographic note and your institutional affiliation, as well as your contact details. Contact: PD Dr. Katrin Boeckh, Osteuropa-Institut, Landshuter Str. 4, 93047 Regensburg, (boeckh@osteuropa-institut.de).

The Balkan Wars 1912/13 and South Eastern Europe in the 20th Century, Vienna, Austria:

An International Conference on the Balkan Wars seen in the wider context of South East European history in the 20th century will be held in Vienna, Austria, from **29 to 31 October, 2012**, organized jointly by the Austrian National Defence Academy and the Austrian Army Museum. For more information, please contact Dr. Erwin A. Schmidl (Erwin.schmidl@bmlvs.gv.at).

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The International Committee for the History of Technology (ICOHTEC) Symposium, Manchester, England:

This meeting is to be held as part of the 24th International Congress of the History of Science, Technology and Medicine in Manchester, **22-28 July 2013** (<http://www.ichstm2013.com>).

The general theme of the Congress is “Knowledge at Work” and ICOHTEC encourages proposals for sessions dealing with the history of technology within this broad framework. While open to all proposals, the program committee suggests the listed several sub-themes for the consideration of session organizers and contributors.

Membership in ICOHTEC is not required to participate in the symposium. We especially encourage graduate students to participate in the symposium and submit their proposals. Limited travel grants will be available; see further information at <http://www.icohtec.org/>. The final deadline for all submissions is 15 March 2012. Please, submit proposals for papers and sessions via the ICOHTEC online submission system at: <http://www.icohtec.org/annual-meeting/cfp-system/2013-manchester/>. Please pay close attention to the instructions. Should you have any queries on the procedure, please contact Mark Clark, the chair of the program committee, via email (mark.clark@oit.edu).

Final Announcement

Pat Harahan

Newsletter editor

The objective of the ICMH Newsletter is to communicate information concerning the National Commissions and the ICMH's officers, board, committees, and congresses to all of the commissions. The newsletter is a way of communicating information in three languages, English, French and German, across five continents to the officers and members of 41 national commissions.

We need your help. The presidents and secretary-generals of the National Commissions are encouraged to send the newsletter editor information regarding forthcoming international congresses and conferences. If your National Commission is sponsoring a military history conference, museum exhibition, or planning a special exhibition of a military archive, please send the editor a brief communiqué. Your announcements and communiqués will be published in the ICMH Newsletter. Please send the information to Pat Harahan, ICMH Newsletter editor at the e-mail address, harahan@verizon.net.