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Welcome to the ICMH Newsletter

Piet Kamphuis, Secretary-General,
International Commission of Military History

The ICMH can look back on a particularly successful International Military History Congress in Bucharest. Thanks and compliments are once again directed towards our Romanian hosts. The death of Captain (N) Dino Willy Cozza, during the post-Congress tour made a deep impression on everyone and is a great loss for the military history community. Captain Cozza represented the Brazilian Commission of Military History for many years.
The ICMH has now set a heading for Rabat (Morocco) where the 30th International Congress will take place at the beginning of August 2004, and to Madrid where the Spanish Commission of Military History will act as host in the summer of 2005. I wish both Commissions a great deal of success and inspiration during the preparations.
In 2005, we are breaking with the tradition of holding the Congress in the country that is organising the quinquennial world congress of the International Committee of Historical Sciences (ICHS/UNESCO). The board of the ICMH is working towards a military historical presence in Sydney, Australia in 2005 and wants therefore to publish an international edition of the Revue Internationale d'Histoire Militaire dedicated to the theme of Recruitment in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries. I strongly request all National Committees to inform our Chairman, Prof. Dr. Luc de Vos before 31 December whether we will be able to count on your participation. You can find his address information on our website: www.cidhm.org
The positive reactions to the first edition have led us to decide to continue with this form of communication.
I am pleased to be able to inform you that - thanks to the cooperation of the German and French Commissions of Military History – this edition will also be appearing in a German and a French version. I am, of course, on your behalf and my own, very grateful to Dr. Pat Harahan, our unsurpassed editor.

Pleasant reading!

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Scope and Purpose of this ICMH Newsletter

Joseph P. Harahan, editor

The objective of this ICMH electronic newsletter is to provide a forum for scholars to read, learn, and communicate their activities in the field of international military history and to provide them with information about the activities of the International Commission of Military History. Please disseminate this entire newsletter, or any of the articles, to the members of the national commissions. We intend to publish it two times a year, once in the fall, and then in the spring.

In this Fall 2003 ICMH Newsletter there is a report on the 29th ICMH Congress, held in Bucharest, Romania in August 2003. This report is followed by an article announcing the **2003 ACTA "Coming to the Americas: The Eurasian Military Impact on the Development of the Western Hemisphere**" published and distributed by the U.S. Commission of Military History. Another article announces the ICMH publication, the **International Bibliography of Military History**, volume 24 (2003). In addition, there is an article on an interesting new newsletter, **Mars and Janus**, published by the ICMH. Committee on Military Archives. Finally, a few of the national commissions have elected new leaders, presidents, vice-presidents, and secretary-generals. This newsletter lists these national commission's new officers, names, titles, and electronic addresses. Last, and perhaps most significantly, the final article provides

information on the 30th ICMH Congress in Rabat, Morocco in August 2004.
In future issues, you can submit articles or announcements for publication in this newsletter. Periodically, officers of the national commissions may wish to communicate with the larger international community of military historians, military archivists, and museum specialists. If there are announcements or notices that would be of interest to scholars, then this ICMH Newsletter can be the forum. If there are announcements of bilateral or regional conferences, sponsored by the national commissions, these conferences and themes can be published in this newsletter. Just send the articles and announcements to the Secretary-General electronically (ph.kamphuis@mindef.nl).

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Report on the XXIXth ICMH Congress in Bucharest, Romania, 10-16 August 2003

The 29th International Congress of Military History was held in Bucharest, Romania from 10-16 August 2003. According to Brigadier General Mihail E. Ionescu, co-chairman, approximately 260 military historians, archivists, museum directors, and military officers attended the Congress. It was held in the center of Bucharest at the Palace of the National Military Center. The Congress' theme, "WAR, MILITARY AND THE MEDIA FROM GUTENBERG TO TODAY," was very expansive, allowing scholars and journalists from 33 nations to present papers and/or comments on the changing relationships between the military, media, governments, and the public over the past five and a half centuries. The Congress was organized and sponsored by the Romanian Institute for Political Studies of Defense and Military History and the Romanian Commission of Military History.
Romania is an eastern European nation of approximately 22 million people. It has a long and interesting military history. In 2002 Romania became a candidate nation for entry into NATO. For several years, it has been an active participant in NATO's Partnership for Peace exercises and training programs. Romania deployed a battalion to Afghanistan in support of the US-NATO war and pacification effort. In 2003 Romanian President Iliescu announced that his government would prepare Romania's administrative government, its economy, and society to meet the rigorous criteria for entry into the European Union by 2007. One consequence of this pro-European and pro-Western foreign policy was that the Romanian Government and the Ministry of Defense provided strong support for the scholars and accompanying persons attending this international congress.

In the opening session, Dr. George Christian Maior, Romania's State Secretary and Deputy Minister of Defense for Euro-Atlantic Integration and Defense Policy said that military history was not a mere theoretical branch of knowledge, but one that may offer "pragmatic solutions" of lessons learned from recent and distant conflicts. He emphasized how this International Congress of Military History would show foreign delegates how the Romanian Armed Forces of today were tightly bound to academic and scientific circles. This linkage of respect for academic and scientific knowledge, past and present, with the future of Romania as a European constitutional democracy was a deeply encouraging sign.
At the same opening session, ICMH President Luc de Vos said: "The 29th Congress of International Military History is an important event." He explained that "the chosen theme is very extensive and I think it will permit us to approach a lot of very interesting issues: how do soldiers communicate with the public, what do they say, what do they withhold and why?" "The role of the historian," Professor De Vos thought, "is to stand back in relation to the events, in order to illuminate the present with the light of events from the past." For his part, De Vos said he remained deeply skeptical that journalists, who live so completely in the contemporary world, understood the nature and complexity of war and military forces.
The theme, "War, Military and the Media from Gutenberg to Today," was explored in 17 sessions, with 54 scholars presenting papers. In addition, Congress organizers interspersed throughout the academic sessions, roundtables on specialized topics: new books, journalists and the Iraq War, and historic films. Finally, there was a concluding session that examined the theme, sessions, and made some summary judgments. Following in the footsteps of the US Commission's ICMH Congress in Norfolk, Virginia in 2002, there were two tracks for the academic sessions. This organizational scheme allowed for more papers, and provided space on the program for the roundtables. The Romanian Commission of Military History organized a separate area for publishers to display new books on military history. This initiative was

significant, since many of the publishers displayed history books from Romania and Eastern European nations.

The following scholars presented papers and chaired sessions at the 29th ICMH Congress.
Organizers: Dr. Mihail E. Ionescu, Romania, and Dr. Petre Otu, Romania.
Presenters: Allan Millett, United States, Herve Coutau-Begarie, France, Mohammend Mustapha Kabbaj, Morocco, Stephen Badsey. United Kingdom, Eric Norberg, Sweden, Maurice Faivre, France, William Hammond, United States, Pierre Emmanuel Barral, France, Dominic Pedrazzini, Switzerland, Jean Michael Sterkendries, Belgium, Tibor Bala, Hungary, Jorg Duppler, Germany, A.J. Esterhuyse, South Africa, Lothar Hilbert, Germany, Margaret Vining, United States, Barton Hacker, United States, Igor Mihailovich Popov, Russia, Leo Barnard, South Africa, Anna-Marie Fossberg, Sweden, Sergiu Iosipescu, Romania, Dimiter Minchev, Bulgaria, Jose Blanco Nunez, Spain, Patrick Harahan, United States, Mihail E. Ionescu, Romania, Yoshinaga Hayashi, Japan, Patrick Lefevre, Belgium, Petre Otu, Romania, James Hogue, United States, Ionannis Kakoudakis, Greece, Shudo Highashinakano, Japan, Jorg Echternkamp, Germany, Antonio de Nisi, Italy, Maria Georgescu, Romania, Adrien Tschumy, Switzerland, Dan Berindei, Romania, David Murphy, Ireland, Cemalettin Taskiran, Turkey, Manfred Rauchensteiner, Austria, Maria Gabriella Pasqualini, Italy, Bernard Cook, United States, Wolfgang Schmidt, Germany, Hans Rudolf Fuhrer, Switzerland, Alesandru Dutu, Romania, Arroub Bouchaib, Morocco, Yavuz Ercan, Turkey, Nicola Labanca, Italy, Shahin Leka, Albania, Gjerg Titani, Albania, Ioan Scurtu, Romania, Yann Galera, France, Stamatis Vitalis, Greece, Tadeusz Panecki, Poland, Kiyoshi Aizawa, Japan, Matityahu Mayzel, Israel, Ioannis Loucas, Greece, Michael J. Hughes, United States, José Luis Picciulo, Argentina, John A. Lynn, United States, Michael Epkenhans, Germany, Ingrid Schulze Schneider, Spain, Frantisek Csefalvay, Slovak Republic, Eduard Stehlik, Czech Republic, Nikolai Ivanovich Nikiforov, Russia, Grigore Radoslavescu, Romania, Bernadette C.M. Kester, The Netherlands, Mircea Laslau, Romania, Massimo de Leonardis, Italy, Jan Schoeman, The Netherlands, Bahija Simou, Morocco, Shaul Shay, Israel, N. Hershko, Israel, Thean Potgieter, South Africa, Hans Ehlert, Germany, Piet H. Kamphuis, The Netherlands.

All of the sessions were translated into Romania, French, German, and English. The cultural and social events at these international congresses are often memorable. This year in Romania, the assembled congress delegates went to receptions, military and cultural museums, music concerts, and a day-long bus trip into the Carpathian Mountains. There, the 250 of us watched as soldiers of the Romanian Army's Mountain Regiment climbed up and then rappelled down from high cliffs. As the delegates, accompanying persons, and children fastened on heavy metal combat helmets to guard against falling rocks, the soldiers climbed up the cliffs, fastened their ropes, and then leaped off, demonstrating their considerable military skills.
Following lunch in field tents, we traveled by bus further up into the Carpathian Mountains to Sinaia, the mountain palace of King Carlos I of Romania (1878-1919). Carlos was a descendant of the Hohenzollern family, which had ruled principalities in the Holy Roman Empire since the 12th century. In 1866, he became the prince of Romania. Then in 1878, following the Treaty of Berlin, he became the nation's first modern king. The palace, which Carlos constantly modified and changed during his 40-year rule, was beautifully designed and decorated with carvings of dark wood. It was very Germanic. The influence of European-Germanic culture explained, in part, how contemporary Romanians could support, even embrace, their government's pro-European policies.
This is an important point. One of the major purposes of these international congresses is to integrate scholars of the host nation and surrounding nations in the region into the international community. Building a community of professional scholars, cognizant of international standards of scholarship, will strengthen both the field of international military history directly, and the nation's professional military forces indirectly. The Romanian Commission of Military History, through its organization, hospitality, and professionalism in carrying out of the 29th Congress of the International Congress of Military History, demonstrated this important point.

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2002 ICMH Congress ACTA Published

In August 2002, the United States Commission on Military History hosted 215 international military historians from 23 nations at the 2002 ICMH Congress in Norfolk, Virginia. The theme was, "Coming to the Americas; The Eurasian Military Impact on the Development of the Western Hemisphere." The five-day congress was structured into three sub themes: Theme A. "La Conquista, 1492-1763," Theme B. "Wars of national Liberation, 1775-1898," and Theme C. Wars of Authoritarian Revolution, 20th Century." Professor John A. Lynn was the Program Chairman for the 2002 ICMH Congress. Since then, he compiled and edited for publication the final versions of the papers, which were presented in French, German, and English. A United States foundation, McCormick-Tribune Foundation of Chicago, Illinois, provided a grant to underwrite publication of the 2002 Congress ACTA. In July, the volume was published and distributed.
Entitled, ***Coming to the Americas; The Eurasian Military Impact on the Development of the Western Hemisphere***, the book contains a range of scholarly articles. Like most conference compilizations, the ACTA does not have a single unifying theme. Yet, there are some interesting points and new insights in the individual articles. Professor Allan R. Millett, President of the U.S. Commission on Military History, developed a plan for distributing the books to international scholars. The US Commission sent copies to the ICMH officers and all scholars who delivered papers or chaired sessions. The national commissions were sent multiple copies. The United States Commission of Military History distributed copies to its members and U.S. historians who participated in the congress. The U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, US Air Force Academy, and national research universities received copies of the 2002 ACTA. If you would like a copy of the ACTA for the 2002 ICMH Congress, please send an e-mail to the Secretary General of the U.S. Commission at http://www.uscmh.org.

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The International Bibliography of Military History, Volume 24, Published in Switzerland (2003)

In July 2003, the Bibliography Committee of the ICMH published ***The International Bibliography of Military History***, Volume 24, (Zurich, 2003). The volume contains 279 entries, listing books, collections, and edited volumes published during the years 1998-2002. Each entry contains the title, publication data, and a brief narrative paragraph explaining the significant themes and topics in the book. The annotated bibliographic entries are published in French, German, and English. For scholars, this annual international bibliography is a good resource for recent publications in military history in more than 27 nations.

This volume contains two special reports. Professor Dr. Hervé Coutau-Begarie wrote an essay, "Le Corpus des écrivains militaries en langue française." The second report focuses on the internet as a research tool for historians, "Military History "Online": A Look and Outlook."
If you are interested in acquiring a copy of ***The International Bibliography of Military History***, Volume 24, please send an e-mail to the President, Bibliography Committee, ICMH, Brigadier Jean Langenberger, Switzerland. His e-mail address is: j.langenberger@bluewin.ch

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ICMH Committee on Military Archives Has New Newsletter

Dr. Rudolph Jaun of the Swiss Military History Commission is the new President of the ICMH Military Archives Committee. The ICMH Committee on Military Archives has undertaken publication of a newsletter, entitled ***Mars and Janus***. It provides information and articles for specialists on current developments in national military archives.

Issue No. 2, **Mars and Janus, International Newsletter for Military Archives**, was published and distributed at the 2003 ICMH Congress in Bucharest. It contains articles by Warren Sinclair, Canada, "The

Problems of Declassification in the Directorate of History and Heritage Archives," Ulf Soderberg, Sweden, "The Military Archives: Technical problems in the declassification of military records," Aniceto Afonso, Portugal, "Portugal: Classified Documents in the Portugese Army Archives," and Rudolph Jaun, Switzerland, "Archive of classified and declassified documents: The Swiss Example." For electronic copies of this interesting newsletter, contact Professor Dr. Rudolph Jaun at: rudolf.jaun@gs-vbs.admin.ch

Dr. Christoph Tepperberg, Director of the Kriegsarchiv in Vienna, has been appointed Secretary-General of the Military Archives Committee.

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Board of the International Commission of Military History: Recent Activities

News from the Board of the ICMH:

Composition

In Bucharest, the Board appointed Dr. D.S. Allard to Senior Vice President to fill the vacancy created by the death of Lieutenant General M.F.T. Barata, and appointed Dr. H.O'Donnell as Second Vice President. The composition of the Executive Board is now:

President	Prof. Dr. L. de Vos
Senior Vice President	Dr. D.S. Allard
Second Vice President	Dr. H. O'Donnell
Secretary-General	Drs. P.H. Kamphuis
Treasurer	Colonel H. de Weck

The following are members of the Board:

Col Prof Dr T. Panecki
Dr E. Norberg
Prof Dr J.C. Allain
Prof Dr I. Loucas
Prof Dr B. Kroener
Dr. M. Mayzel
Prof Dr P. del Negro

You can find the address information for all of the above on our website: www.cidhm.org

General Meeting 2005

In Bucharest, the composition of the electoral college and the financial control commission was decided in relation to the preparations for the General Meeting of 2005. The electoral college consists of Dr. C.M. Schulten (Chairman), Dr. J. Kronlund (member) and Mme Dr. C. Hamm (member). The financial control commission consists of Prof. Dr. M. de Leonardis (Chairman), Captain Dr. A. Rakoto (member) and Dr. W. Etschmann (member).

In preparation for the decision-making in 2005, all national commissions have been provided with the proposals for revisions to the statutes, the election regulations and the guidelines for organising congresses with the request that they study them thoroughly. Those subjects will be decided on first in Rabat.

New national commissions

The Board decided in Bucharest to admit the South African Commission as a full member. Expanding the working range of that commission to include the surrounding region is under consideration. The new commission is bursting with ideas and ambition. Following consultation with the Board, the South African Commission is studying the possibility of holding the military history congress in 2007 in Capetown, South Africa. The Board of the South African Commission consists of:

President:	Brig Gen L.S. Mollo
Vice President	Prof. L. Barnard
Secretary-General	Cdr dr. Thean Potgieter

At the initiative of Board member Prof. Dr. J.C. Allain, the French Commission of Military History is studying the possibility of creating a regional military history commission for Francophone Africa.

After an absence of several years, the South Korean Commission of Military History is expected to again become active within the ICMH. The Board of that commission consists of:

President	Lieutenant General Ahn Byung Ho
Secretary-General	General Prof. Dr. Jung-Kwan Jea

Revue Internationale d'Histoire Militaire

In Bucharest, we were pleased to accept Vol. 83, prepared by the French and Romanian Commissions of Military History. Vol. 84, dedicated to the theme of "The Danish Straits" will appear shortly, and Vol. 84 is being prepared by the Danish Commission of Military History. And finally, I can inform you that the Hungarian Commission has announced that the last obstacles for the publication of Vol. 80 have been overcome and we shall soon have this long-awaited edition in our hands.

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National Commission Changes

Recently, the U.S. Commission on Military History selected new officers. In the future please communicate with the president and the secretary-general through the commission website www.uscmh.org or with the individuals directly.

President	Professor John A. Lynn
Secretary-General	Ms. Margaret S. Vining

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XXXth International Congress of Military History, Rabat, Morocco, August 1-8, 2004

General Bouchaib Arroub, President of the Moroccan Commission of Military History invites all members of the national commissions, interested scholars, and accompanying persons to participate in the XXXth International Congress of Military History Congress in Rabat, Morocco from August 1-8, 2004.

Professor Dr. Bahija Simou, Vice President of the Moroccan Commission of Military History, is the 2004 ICMH Program Chairman. For questions concerning the 2004 ICMH Congress, please contact Professor Dr. Simou at CMHM2002@Yahoo.Fr

The 2004 ICMH Congress theme is: **The Economic Aspects of Defense Through Major World**

Conflicts." This theme will examine the relationships between war and the economy and the army's contribution to the evolution of the economy. Further, scholars at the conference will explore the nature of the relationship between the army and the economy, and how defense strategies are developed and based on these two parameters.

The theme is divided into four parts:
Part 1: Conceptual. This part of the program will define the two basic concepts, namely the economy and war. Scholars offering papers in this section will highlight the areas were the two, economy and war, interact, using comparative analysis of the different theories in the light of major conflicts.
Part 2: War Economy. This part of the program will examine the historical dimensions of the war economy, such as taxation, administration, ownership, and specific military issues, such as army management, armaments, and equipment.
Part 3: Armies and Economic Change. In this section of the program, scholars will address the contribution of military institutions as factors in economic change and of scientific and technological intervention.
Part 4: Economy and Military Alliances. This part will examine the role of economic interests in setting up military alliances. Scholars will also examine how a nation's involvement in war or conflict can be limited to the economic role.

Scholars interested in submitting a paper proposal should contact their national commissions directly. Each national commission will review, select, and then submit the proposals to the Moroccan Commission of Military History for inclusion on the program.

Morocco is a beautiful country, with an interesting culture, and excellent military historians. For this 2004 ICMH Congress, General Arroub and Professor Dr. Simou put together an excellent package of information explaining the theme, cultural program, hotel arrangements, registration forms, and the nation. If you would like this package of information on the 2004 Congress, please contact Professor Dr. Simou at CMHM2002@Yahoo.fr

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