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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Prof. Dr. Massimo de Leonardis
President of the International Commission of Military History /
Président de la Commission Internationale d'Histoire Militaire

Re-start at Full Speed

A commonplace says that in the United States of America (and generally in Anglo-Saxon countries) a speech (or an article) begins always with a joke, while in Italy (and in Latin countries) it starts with a quote. The joke provides relaxation for the audience, the quote relaxes the speaker (or author). In any case professional historians cherish quotes like dogs love bones.

In a previous Editorial I borrowed a quote from British history: “We shall meet again.” Actually, we are going to meet soon and so I can adapt a Ronald Reagan’s electoral slogan: “It’s morning ICMH.”

As a matter of fact, ICMH, in its central organization and national commissions, never switched off lights in this difficult period which started at the beginning of 2020. But certainly we missed our annual most important event, the Congress in Poznań. We are now sure that in August-September we shall have an excellent Congress in Athens. We are lucky to have in Greece a very active Commission led by the clever and competent Major General Georgios Rachmanidis. Moreover, our Senior Vice President, Dr. Efpraxia Paschalidou is a prominent member of the Hellenic Commission of Military History and this is very helpful and provides an added value.

All necessary information on the Congress is published in the ICMH website, in the specific website of the Congress (<https://internationalcongress2021.mil.gr/>) and is repeated in this Newsletter. I invite the readers to seriously consider their participation.

Just referring to the continuation of ICMH activities even during the pandemic, I will just mention two new initiatives launched recently: the ICMH Fellowship and the Affiliate Individual Scholars.

The ICHM Fellowship complements the Corvisier Prize in fostering the academic careers of young scholars in the field of Military History. It finances projects of research presented by scholars having a Ph.D. in a historical discipline and being younger than 40. ICMH gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the Breidenthal-Snyder Foundation to the first edition. More details can be found on the ICMH website.

The Affiliate Individual Scholars Programme aims to widen our ICMH audience, to offer a forum to individual scholars, and to enhance our scientific standing and outreach. While ICMH local structure remains unchanged and based on National Commissions, single scholars may join our organization as Affiliate Individual Scholars, both from countries where there is no National Commission or from countries where it exists but has a restricted membership. We already received and accepted some applications, but I really hope that many more will follow. Again, full details can be found on the ICMH website.

In the following pages you will find a report on the V Edition of the André Corvisier Prize, which marked a record in the number of applications: 21. You will also read a report on ICMH participation to the General Assembly of the International Congress of Historical Sciences.

Finally, the ExBoard decided to introduce a silver pin with the ICMH emblem which will be offered to ICMH officials and to all participants to our International Congresses, in order to provide a visible sign of commitment to our organization.

See you in Athens! Τα λέμε στην Αθήνα!

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Update:
**The XLVI Congress of the International
Commission of Military History**
**29th August-3rd September 2021, Athens,
Greece**



Dr. Efpraxia Paschalidou
Vice President, ICMH

Dear Members of the National Commissions,

The year 2021 coincides with the bicentenary of the Hellenic War of Independence which constituted the culmination of a wave of national revolutions and resulted in the establishment of the modern Hellenic State.

The entire country and the sizeable Hellenic diaspora celebrate this milestone of European history with a wide range of memorable events. In this context, the Hellenic Commission of Military History has the honour to host the XLVI International Congress of Military History, which is to be held in Athens from 29th August to 3rd September 2021.

The main theme of the Congress is “Independence Wars since the XVIII Century”. Congress website: <https://internationalcongress2021.mil.gr/>

The Hellenic National Defense General Staff is proudly and fully committed to providing effective support to the success of this prestigious Congress following the guidelines of the ICMH.

The XLVI International Congress of Military History aspires to make an original contribution to the historical framework, the causes of Independence Wars, their relationship with strategic theory and the road to their victory or defeat. All scholarly facets of the historical phenomenon of Independence Wars will be touched upon in an innovative, interdisciplinary manner.

We would like to assure you that the forthcoming event will set a standard for future ICMH congresses, which will utilize and expand gained experience. It will also offer you, thanks to the cultural program of parallel events, a wide view of the strengths and accomplishments of Hellenism throughout history.

For the convenience of the participants and due to the pandemic, we would like to provide some further updated information:

- The preparations for the International Congress of Military History are progressing according to plan. We would like to reassure you that both the Congress and the Post Congress tour will take place in full respect of the national and international safety guidelines effective by August and September of 2021. During the Congress and the Post Congress tour, all necessary preventive measures will be taken.

- You are kindly requested to fill in the Registration Form. Compared to the pre-registration form, extra fields concerning accommodation and payment of Congress fees have been added. Further information can be found at the following link: <https://international-congress-of-military-history.site>. Hotel reservations in the recommended hotels will be made exclusively on the website by the official partner of the Congress. This can be easily found on the website of the Congress by clicking on the Registration Form and then by selecting "Hotel" in the accommodation field. Young scholars have one extra option of accommodation (Supreme Military Support Command guesthouse).

- The Congress will take place at the Wyndham Grand Athens Hotel. The Wyndham Grand Athens and the Wyndham Athens Residence are located in the same area, in order for attendees to have easy access to the congress venue. For more information about the location, please visit the following link: <https://bit.ly/3uMKMBB>.

We are looking forward to your participation in the XLVI International Congress of Military History.

Sincerely,

Major General Georgios Rachmanidis
President of the Hellenic Commission of Military History

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Chers Membres des Commissions Nationales,

L'année 2021 coïncide avec le bicentenaire de la guerre d'Indépendance Grecque, qui constitue l'apogée d'une vague de révolutions nationales et se concrétisa par la création de l'État Grec moderne.

Le pays en son entier ainsi que les communautés de la diaspora célèbrent cette étape de l'histoire européenne avec une large gamme d'événements mémorables. Dans ce contexte, la Commission Hellénique d'Histoire Militaire a l'honneur d'accueillir le congrès annuel qui se tiendra à Athènes du 29 août au 3 septembre 2021.

Le thème principal du congrès est «Les guerres d'indépendance depuis le XVIII^e siècle». Site Web du Congrès: <https://internationalcongress2021.mil.gr/fr>

L'État-Major Général de la Défense Hellénique est fièrement et totalement engagé pour assurer un soutien effectif afin de garantir le succès de ce prestigieux congrès conformément aux directives de la CIHM.

Le XLVI^e Congrès International d'Histoire Militaire se veut apporter une contribution originale au cadre historique, aux causes des guerres d'Indépendance, leurs relations avec les théories stratégiques, et leur voie vers la victoire ou l'échec. Tous les aspects savants du phénomène historique des guerres d'indépendance seront abordés sous des aspects innovants, d'une manière novatrice et interdisciplinaire.

Nous souhaitons vous assurer que l'événement à venir établira une norme la norme pour les futures rencontres qui profitera et élargira les expériences acquises. Il vous offrira également avec le programme culturel en parallèle, une large vue des forces et des réalisations de l'Hellénisme dans l'histoire.

Pour faciliter les participants et en raison de la pandémie, nous aimerions fournir d'autres informations à jour:

- Les préparatifs du Congrès international d'histoire militaire progressent comme prévu. Nous tenons à vous rassurer que le Congrès et la tournée d'après-Congrès se dérouleront dans le plein respect des directives nationales et internationales en matière de sécurité à compter d'août et septembre 2021. Pendant la tournée du Congrès et de l'après-Congrès, toutes les mesures préventives nécessaires seront prises.

- Nous vous prions de remplir le formulaire d'inscription. Par rapport au formulaire de préinscription, des champs supplémentaires concernant l'hébergement et le paiement de droits du Congrès ont été ajoutés. Pour plus d'informations, veuillez consulter le lien suivant: <https://international-congress-of-military-history.site>. Les réservations d'hôtel dans les hôtels recommandés seront faites exclusivement sur le site par le partenaire officiel du Congrès. On peut facilement le trouver sur le site du Congrès en cliquant sur le formulaire d'inscription, puis en sélectionnant «Hôtel» dans le domaine de l'hébergement. Les jeunes chercheurs ont une option supplémentaire d'hébergement (maison d'hôtes du Commandement du soutien militaire suprême).

- Le Congrès aura lieu à l'hôtel « Wyndham Grand Athens » Le « Wyndham Grand Athens » et le « Wyndham Athens Residence » sont situés dans la même région, afin de permettre aux participants d'avoir facilement accès au lieu du congrès. Pour plus d'information sur l'emplacement, veuillez consulter le lien suivant: <https://bit.ly/3uMKMBB>.

Nous attendons avec intérêt au XLVI^e Congrès d'Histoire Militaire.

Sincèrement,

**Major Général Georgios Rachmanidis,
Président de la Commission Hellénique d'Histoire Militaire**

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“Independence Wars since the XVIII Century”

The year 2021 is the 200th anniversary of the Hellenic War of Independence which resulted in the establishment of an independent Hellenic State.

Conference Topics

The Congress will invite all participants to discuss the following, but not exclusive, sub-topics: *or* (the following sub-topics, but not exclusively)

1. Nationalism, the self-determination concept and the birth of new States.

2. Causes and results of independence wars. The interrelation of revolutionary warfare in the society, economy, diplomacy, culture and religious beliefs.
3. Strategic theory and wars of independence.
4. Wars of independence, the road to victory and major battles.
5. Insurgency, counterinsurgency and the transformation of revolutionary armies.
6. The influence of national identity in the selection and formation of civil-military alliances during national liberation struggles.
7. The shaping of national military strategies combining the local resources and the geopolitical balance of power.
8. Women and underage in revolutionary warfare.
9. The Age of Revolution: the rise of nation-States and the societies' evolution.
10. Wars of independence in the Balkans and in the Middle East before and after the collapse of the Ottoman Empire.
11. Wars of independence in the era of the Cold War and its aftermath.

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Program Overview

PARTICIPANTS' PROGRAM

Saturday, August 28

12:00-18:00 Registration of participants and accompanying persons

Sunday, August 29

10:00-18:00 Registration of participants and accompanying persons

10:00-12:00 Meetings of the:

-Executive Board

-Bibliography Committee

-Military Archives Committee

-Educational Committee

14:00-18:00 Bus tour Athens City Centre - Acropolis Museum

20:00-22:00 Reception - Museum Battleship Georgios Averof

Monday, August 30

08:30-10:30

-Opening Session,

-Welcome Addresses by the Minister of National Defence, the President of the International Commission of Military History and the President of the Hellenic Commission of Military History

-Award ceremony of the Corvisier Prize editions 2020 and 2021

-Keynote Speech

10:30-11:00 Coffee/Tea

11:00-12:30 Working Sessions

12:30-14:00 Lunch at the Conference Venue

14:00-15:30 Working Sessions

15:30-16:00 Coffee/Tea

16:00-17:30 Working Sessions

18:00-22:00 Visit to the Marathon Tomb Warriors - Reception at the Zoumperi Air Force Resort

Tuesday, August 31

09:00-12:30 Meeting of the ICMH Full Board

09:00-10.30 Working Sessions

10:30-11:00 Coffee/Tea

11:00-12:30 Working Sessions

12:30-14:00 Lunch at the Conference Venue

14:00-15:30 Working Sessions/Lectures by the Corvisier Prize Laureates

15:30-16:00 Coffee/Tea

16:00-17:30 Working Sessions/Workshop for PhD Candidates

18:00-22:00 Visit to the 747 Special Engineer Battalion - Reception

Wednesday, September 1

09:00-20:00 All Day Cruise to the islands of the Argosaronic Gulf

Thursday, September 2

09:00-10.30 Working Sessions

10:30-11:00 Coffee/Tea
11:00-12:30 Working Sessions
12:30-14:00 Lunch at the Conference Venue
14:00-15:30 Working Sessions
15:30-16:00 Coffee/Tea
16:00-17:30 Working Sessions
18:00-22:00 Visit to the War Museum - Reception

Friday, September 3

09:00-10.30 Working Sessions
10:30-11:00 Coffee/Tea
11:00-12:30 Working Sessions
12:30-14:00 Lunch at the Conference Venue
14:00-14:30 Closing Address
14:30-17:00 General Assembly
20:00 Farewell Dinner

Accompanying persons program

Monday, August 30

11:00-12:30 Visit to the Benaki Museum
12:30-14:00 Lunch at the Hellenic Armed Forces Officers' Club
14:00-17:00 Visit to the Museum of Cycladic Art

Tuesday, August 31

09:30-14:00 Guided tour at the Acropolis and the Ancient Agora - Lunch

Thursday, September 2

09:00-16:00 Guided tour at the Sounion Archaeological site - Lunch

Friday, September 3

09:30-14:00 Visit to the National Archaeological Museum of Athens - Lunch

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Aperçu du programme

PROGRAMME DES CONFÉRENCIERS

Samedi, 28 août

12:00-18:00 Inscription des participants et des accompagnateurs

Dimanche, 29 août

10:00-18:00 Inscription des participants et des accompagnateurs

10:00-12:00 Réunions:

-Executive Board

-Comité des Archives

-Comité de Bibliographie

-Comité d'Enseignement

14:00-18:00 Courte visite guidée à Athènes

Musée de l'Acropole

Acropolis Museum

20:00-22:00 Réception au Navire-Musée "Cuirassé Georgios Averof"

Lundi, 30 août

08:30-10:30 Ouverture du Congrès

-Discours d'ouverture par M. le Ministre de la Défense Nationale, M. le Président de la Commission Internationale d'Histoire Militaire et M. le Président de la Commission Grecque d'Histoire Militaire

-Remise des prix "Corvisier" 2020 et 2021

-Keynote Speech

10:30-11:00 Pause - Café

11:00-12:30 Communications des conférenciers

12:30-14:00 Déjeuner sur le lieu de la conférence

14:00-15:30 Communications des conférenciers

15:30-16:00 Pause - Café

16:00-17:30 Communications des conférenciers

18:00-22:00 Visite au Tombe de Marathon – Réception au Centre Vacances de l’Armée de l’Air

Mardi, 31 août

09:00-12:30 Réunion de la CIHM (Full Board)

09:00-10:30 Communications des conférenciers

10:30-11:00 Pause - Café

11:00-12:30 Communications des conférenciers

12:30-14:00 Déjeuner sur le lieu de la conférence

14:00-15:30 Communications des conférenciers / Discours des lauréats du prix “Corvisier”

15:30-16:00 Pause - Café

16:00-17:30 Communications des conférenciers / Ateliers des Candidats au doctorat

18:00-22:00 Visite au 747e Bataillon Spécial du Génie - Réception

Mercredi, 01 septembre

09:00-20:00 Croisière journalière aux îles du Golfe Saronique

Jeudi, 02 septembre

09:00-10:30 Communications des conférenciers

10:30-11:00 Pause - Café

11:00-12:30 Communications des conférenciers

12:30-14:00 Déjeuner sur le lieu de la conférence

14:00-15:30 Communications des conférenciers

15:30-16:00 Pause - Café

16:00-17:30 Communications des conférenciers

18:00-22:00 Visite – Réception au MUSEE DE LA GUERRE – Réception

Vendredi, 03 septembre

09:00-10:30 Communications des conférenciers

10:30-11:00 Pause - Café

11:00-12:30 Communications des conférenciers

12:30-14:00 Déjeuner sur le lieu de la conférence

14:00-14:30 Conclusions du congrès

14:30-17:00 Réunion générale

20:00 Dîner d'adieu

PROGRAMME DES ACCOMPAGNATEURS

Lundi, 30 août

11:00-12:30 Visite guidée au Musée Benaki

12:30-14:00 Déjeuner au Mess des officiers des armées

14:00-17:00 Visite guidée au Musée d'art Cycladique

Mardi, 31 août

09:30-14:00 Visite du «Rocher Sacré» (l'Acropole) et de l'Agora d'Athènes - Déjeuner

Jeudi, 02 septembre

09:00-16:00 Visite guidée au site archéologique - Déjeuner

Vendredi, 03 septembre

09:30-14:00 Visite guidée au Musée Archéologique National - Déjeuner

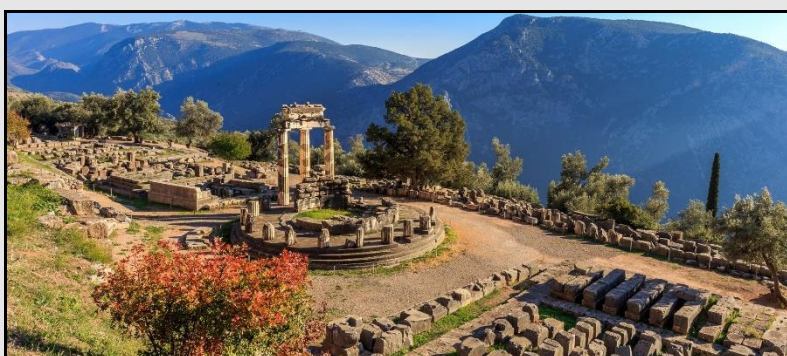
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Post Congress Tour (Tour of Peloponnese)

Saturday, September 4

Departure from Athens, photo stop at the picturesque village of Arachova, visit of Delphi (archeological site and museum). After the visit, departure for Ancient Olympia after pass through Itea, Galaxidi, the Rio/Antirio bridge and the city of Patras. Dinner and overnight at [Olympion Asty Hotel \(4*\)](#)





Sunday, September 5

Breakfast at the hotel and visit to the Archaeological site and at the Museum of Ancient Olympia. After the visit, departure for Monemvasia, after passing by the city of Kalamata. Visit to the castle of Monemvasia and departure for Sparta. Dinner and overnight at [Mystras Palace\(5*\)](#)



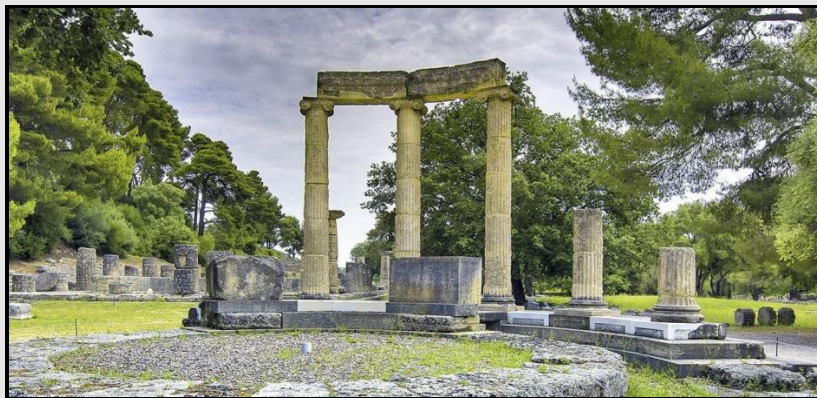
Monday, September 6

Breakfast at the hotel and visit of Mystras and the monument of Leonidas in the city of Sparta. Departure for Limbvisi (place of origin of Theodoros Kolokotronis), visit to Stemnitsa, Dimititsana and departure for Nafplio. Dinner and overnight at [Hotel Amalia \(4*\)](#)



Tuesday, September 7

Breakfast at the hotel, visit of Nafplio, Epidauros Theater and Mycenae archeological site. After the visit photo stop at the canal of Corinth and return to Athens late in the afternoon (around 18:00). After your return to Athens you can book once again one of the hotels you stayed in during the congress or contact our office to make a reservation at the Hotel Boss Boutique or Breeze Boutique / Athens, at the price of € 35 per person, per day in a double/twin room with breakfast or € 70 in a single room per day with breakfast.





***Rate** per person in Double or Twin room **€ 330** - minimum number of participants 25 persons

+ Single supplement € 120

Above rate include:

+ Hotel Olympion Asty 4* or similar / Olympia x1 night on Half Board

+ Hotel Mystras Palace 5* or similar / Sparta x1 night on Half Board

+ Hotel Amalia 4* or similar / Nafplio x1 night on Half Board

+ Entrance Fees to: Delphi archeological site and museum,

Ancient Olympia archeological site and museum,

Monemvasia castle, Mystras archeological site,

Epidaurus Theater and Mycenae archeological site.

+ Bilingual tour guide (English / French) throughout the duration of the trip.

+ GT A/C Bus throughout the duration of the trip.

+ Tolls & taxes in the buses

+ Water on bus (1 bottle 0,5 ml per person / per day)

Important notice

Kindly note that offered rates do not include an additional stay over tax per room, per overnight, applicable to all reservations, from January 1st, 2018.

PRICE DO NOT INCLUDE

- portage / Tips
- personal expenses
- optional services, not mentioned above

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The XLVII Congress of the International Commission of Military History 28th August-2nd September 2022, Seoul, ROK

(as published in ICMH Newsletter #34)

The XLVII Congress of the International Commission of Military History will be held in Seoul, Republic of Korea, from 28th August to 2nd September 2022. The Congress' General Theme will be "Military Conflicts during the Cold War (1945-1991)." A Power Point presentation with preliminary information including backgrounds for hosting on the 69th year of the Korean Armistice Agreement of the Korean War was shown in Sofia, Bulgaria, at the XLV Congress in 2019. The South Korean Military History Commission remains concerned about the pandemic situation and is examining additional conference participation courses of action. A virtual, on-line Congress is a possible option if COVID-19 quarantine requirements will not allow the in-person Congress. Nevertheless, we are closely watching the situation and taking actions to reflect budgets and plans to prepare the XLVII Congress in Seoul. We will develop and post on-line the dedicated Webpage for the XLVII Congress in the second half of 2021 and run a test around December 2021, which will provide additional information on conference preparations, the program, and participant instructions.

Lt. Col. Jeong Ki Kim, Ph.D., ROK Army, pakjisan@naver.com



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Finances of the ICMH



Prof. Dr. Jan Hoffenaar
Treasurer, ICMH

Although I will be officially accountable for the management of ICMH's finances later, at the General Assembly in Athens, I would like to give a brief update in this Newsletter.

While 2020 was a terrible year under many respects, at least it had positive effects on ICMH finances. Because all meetings were held digitally, no travel expenses were claimed. Of course, we would have preferred to have all the meetings in person. While on the income side, the ICMH was once again pleased to receive a grant from the Breidenthal-Snyder Foundation. Also positive was that some national commissions cleared their arrears. Although the value of the portfolio fell sharply in the first months of the Covid-19 pandemic, it recovered in the subsequent period, so that the year could even be closed with a small increase in value.

Meanwhile, the upward valuation of the portfolio continued quietly but steadily in the new year. My expectation is therefore that the ICMH will continue to be a financially healthy organization in 2021.

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Bibliographical Committee Update

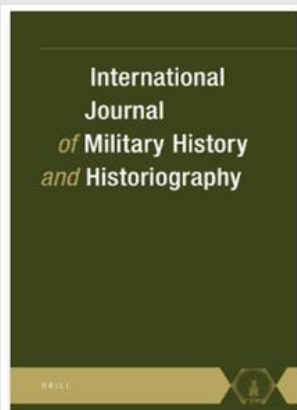
Bibliographical Committee (BC) of the International Commission of Military History (ICMH)
International Journal of Military History and Historiography (IJMH)

Dr Marco Wyss, President of the BC of the ICMH and Editor-in-Chief of the IJMH
Col. Prof. Dr Winfried Heinemann, Secretary General of the BC of the ICMH and Associate and Reviews
Editor of the International Journal of Military History and Historiography

The Bibliographical Committee (BC) and its leadership, which are responsible for editing the *International Journal of Military History and Historiography* (IJMH), have over the last year again published two outstanding journal issues. The second issue of

2020 features articles on submarine warfare during the First World War, partisans in the Second World War, the American use of nuclear weapons against Imperial Japan, and NATO's 'Deep Battle' doctrine. This year's first issue, meanwhile, covers Prussian war planning in the 19th century, Britain's colonial army in West Africa, South Africa's involvement in East Africa during the Second World War, and a historiographical article on the unwritten biography of American World War Two General William H. Simpson. Both these issues are, as ever, complemented by excellent book reviews sections.

During its board meeting, the IJMH's editorial board also chose the winner of its 2020 early career prize, which was awarded to Ian Ona Johnson from Notre Dame University for his article "Strategy on the Wintry Sea: The Russo-British Submarine Flotilla in the Baltic, 1914–1918". Finally, in one of the forthcoming issues the IJMH will again feature an article by the winner of the ICMH's Corvisier Prize, which was awarded in 2020 to Marcel Berni.



Membership of the BC is for five years and then renewable by vote of the Committee. A number of memberships will expire during the ICMH Congress in Athens. In some instances where the current members have not contributed to the work of the BC, the board has approached national commissions suggesting alternative nominations. Some responses are, however, still outstanding.

Due to the fact that some national commissions are not represented on the BC, or that their representatives do not contribute, the review section is still somewhat unbalanced. Books published in some countries or regions are under-represented in the IJMH review section. However, the reliable and high-quality input from a number of other countries makes up for that in sheer numbers, so that the review section covers all periods of history since antiquity and areas from all around the globe.

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The IJMH Early-Career Paper Prize 2021 by the *International Journal of Military History and Historiography* (IJMH)

of the Bibliographical Committee of the International Commission of Military History (ICMH)

The *International Journal of Military History and Historiography* invites submissions for its IJMH Early-Career Paper Prize.

The *International Journal of Military History and Historiography* has been continuously published (from 1978 to 2015 as the International Bibliography of Military History – IBMH), on behalf of the International Commission of Military History (ICMH), which can trace back its origins to 1938. The journal offers its readers and authors a platform that includes original research articles on any military historical topic from antiquity to the contemporary period that can appeal to an international readership.

The Prize will be awarded to an academic article of outstanding quality in the field of international military history written by a graduate student or an early-career scholar, which will have been published in the IJMH in 2021, either in print or as an advance article online. The author of the winning article will be officially announced in the journal and on the journal's website, and receive a €1,000 cash prize. See past years' winners below.

In line with IJMH's general guidelines, submissions should be an original contribution to the field of military history that is of interest to an international readership, e.g., a topic involving more than one nation and, preferably, based on multi-archival research. There is no chronological limitation. IJMH publishes articles ranging from antiquity to the contemporary period, provided that the subject is historical and the methodology fulfils academic standards.

Submission Requirements

Articles should be based extensively on primary research, must not have been previously published in another form or outlet, and should not be currently under consideration by another journal or book series. The submitted work has to comply with the journal's style sheet, be between 8,000 and 10,000 words (including footnotes), and be thoroughly referenced. For further information on style and referencing, please visit www.brill.com/ijmh.

The prize is open to graduate students who are currently registered at a higher education institution, or to those who have obtained their doctoral degree after January 1, 2016. Submissions for the 2021 prize are accepted on a rolling basis, but should be sent by 30 September 2021 by the latest. Please see the journal webpage for information on how to submit (www.brill.com/ijmh). In case of questions, contact the Editor-in-Chief, Dr Marco Wyss (m.wyss@lancaster.ac.uk).

Past winners of the IJMH Early-Career Paper Prize:

2020

Ian Ona Johnson, for the article "Strategy on the Wintry Sea: The Russo-British Submarine Flotilla in the Baltic, 1914–1918," published in Volume 40, No. 2.

2019

Hosub Shim, for the article "The Battle of An Khe Pass (1972): The Implications of the South Korean Army's Pyrrhic Victory in the Vietnamization Phase of the Vietnam War," published in print in Volume 40, No. 1; published online in 2019 as an Advance Article.

2018

Zoë Rose Buonaiuto, for the article "A Grave Reconciliation: The Establishment of German War Cemeteries in Normandy, 1944-1964," published in Volume 38, No. 2.

2017

Gaj Trifković, for the article "The Forgotten Surrender. The End of the Second World War in Yugoslavia," published in Volume 37, No. 2.

2016

John V. Clune, for the article “UN Peacekeeping and the International Men and Women of the Ghana Armed Forces,” published in Volume 36, No. 1.

2015

Kwong Chi Man, for the article “ ‘They Are a Little Afraid of the British Admiral’: The China Station of the Royal Navy during the First Sino-Japanese War, 1894-1895,” published in Volume 35, No. 2.

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The Military Archives Committee / Le Comité des Archives militaire / Das Archiv-Komitee / Il Comitato degli Archivi / El Comité de Archivos Update

Online Guide to Military Archives

The Military Archives Committee (CAM) would like to highlight once again our project to publish an “Online Guide to Military Archives.” The main purpose of the CAM from the beginning has been the exchange of archival information and providing the tools to access this information.

This ambitious plan has been a constant work-in-progress, with successes and some setbacks. To understand the importance of this project we would like to give a short history of the CAM.

In 1984, a working group on military archives was formed within the ICA (International Council on Archives). Its goal was to improve communication between institutions with military records and promote research in the field of military history. Their first special project was to publish a directory of archives or institutions who kept military records or archives.

The working group sent a questionnaire to 50 institutions worldwide.

In 1989, the *Guide to Military Archives* was published by Erik Nordberg; it listed 116 archives which answered the questions important to military historians or researchers: the name, address, opening hours, access, major collections, finding aids, etc. In 2003, president Dr Rudolf Jaun (Chief of the Archival Service of the Swiss Department of Defense in Bern) brought the project back to life and launched the “Internet Guide to Military Archives.” This was an interactive guide hosted by the website of the Swiss Department of Defense. The Guide consisted of the entries of 61 archives with detailed data on sources relevant for military history.

In 2009, the Guide was withdrawn from the server of the then Swiss Department of Defense. Since then the executive board has been working on another online guide. With the creation of the new website of ICMH, CAM got its own little spot on the web. This opened a new opportunity to publish the Online

Guide. Following the latest ICMH Congress in Sofia in 2019 the CAM refocused the attention on this guide because we believe that it could be a very important tool for researchers, scholars, students and archivists to find the correct information they are looking for and more important: where to find it.

The CAM has created a very simple template, where the archives and institutions can fill in the information about their archives, address, opening hours, finding aids, restrictions on access, etc.

Since the new start of this project the CAM has received little contributions from the members. So we ask you once again to help us in sending us the information we need for our Online Guide. You can send us the template you will find here, but also let us know which archives or institutions we should contact.

CAM is very committed to this project and we would be very grateful for your help.

For more information you can always contact:

President Flavio Carbone: presidency.CAM@gmail.com

Secretary-General Kathleen Van Acker: secretarygeneral.cam@gmail.com

Data template and hyperlinks for a draft to the Belgian Military Archives:

1. Archives name (English)		
2. Archives name (native)		
3. Address		
4. Organization affiliation		
5. Website		
6. E-Mail/Contact		
7. Phone		
8. Fax		
9. General description of contents		
10. Categories, Linear measurement, Period covered		
11. Access conditions (opening hours)		
12. Conditions of use (legal conditions)		
13. Publications/Guides of the archives		
14. Finding aids		
15. Accessible to the public (printed/electronic)		

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Educational Committee

The Educational Committee hereby announces the next meeting to be held at the annual conference of the International Commission of Military History in Athens. The Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 2, time and venue to be announced. As always, all national committees are welcome to delegate a representative. The agenda includes the election of a new President and a new Secretary General. Dr. Michael M. Olsansky, President EduCom ad interim.

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ICMH 2021 André Corvisier Prize for Ph.D. Theses on Military History

The President, Prof. Dr. Massimo de Leonardis, announced on 18 June 2021 that the Jury, after a careful process of selection which included drawing a shortlist, unanimously decided to award the 2021 Corvisier Prize to Dr. Paul J. Welch Behringer for his American University (Washington) dissertation “U.S. and Japanese Intervention in the Russian Civil War: Violence and ‘Barbarism’ in the Far East” The 2021 competition of the Corvisier Prize for Ph.D. theses in Military History proved to be very successful. Twenty-one applications from scholars of seven countries, as listed below, were submitted. The dissertations were well researched and well crafted, and this required a very careful examination by the Jury.

Dr. Paul J. Welch Behringer is currently a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Centre for Presidential History, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, USA. He earned his B.A., History and East Asian Studies, from the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 2004; the M.A., with honours, International Relations, from the University of Chicago in 2006; and in 2020 his Ph.D., History, from American University, Washington, D.C. From 2018 to 2020, he served as Ernest May Fellow in History and Policy, Belfer Centre, Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

Dr. Behringer’s dissertation examines the U.S. and Japanese military interventions in the Far Eastern front of the Russian Civil War from 1918 to 1922. In more than 700 pages, while not neglecting military operations, it focuses primarily on the civil war’s impact on the triangle of U.S.-Soviet-Japanese relations, by integrating the local and regional context with the international perspectives of the conflict.

The dissertation’s first part covers U.S.-Russian-Japanese relations up to 1918. Contributing to the historiographical debate over U.S. President Woodrow Wilson’s decision to intervene, the author argues that his overarching goal was to prevent the dismemberment of the Russian Empire. Although Wilson preferred a non-Bolshevik alternative, he failed to provide sustained support for either the Japanese or the anti-Bolshevik alternatives to Lenin’s regime. This policy, followed also by President Harding, facilitated the Bolsheviks’ reconstitution of the Russian Empire.

The dissertation then focuses on the period of U.S. military intervention from the summer of 1918 to the spring of 1920, arguing that the violence of the Russian Civil War had a major impact on American perceptions of Russians and Japanese and affected U.S. policy towards their countries. In the end, U.S.

officials came to regard Russians (whether Bolshevik or anti-Bolshevik) and Japanese as uncivilized people, prone to committing atrocities, and unworthy of American assistance and cooperation. These stereotypes helped sustain the policy of non-recognition of the Soviets throughout the 1920s. While some American elites saw the Japanese as “honorary whites,” the most civilized of all Asian peoples, others talked of “yellow peril.” The experience of the Siberian intervention fostered a negative view of the Japanese, as a people prone to barbaric violence and duplicity and paved the way for the act of 1924 that ended Japanese immigration to the United State

The dissertation’s final part explores the period of Japanese occupation from 1920-22. It demonstrates that strategies of violence are integral to understanding why the Bolsheviks won and the anti-Bolsheviks lost, showing that while the Bolsheviks focused on attacking state infrastructure, their opponents deployed a people-centric strategy aimed at rooting out ideological enemies. In doing so, the anti-Bolsheviks blurred the lines of ethnicity, criminality, and ideology, and were unable to secure territory under their control, instead fuelling insurgency. It also provides useful perspectives on future developments in the following decades.

The dissertation is based on ample research in state and other archives in the United States, Russia, Japan, and the United Kingdom, available collections of documents, and a very wide literature.

The 2020 and 2021 Corvisier Prizes will be awarded at the 2021 ICMH Conference in Athens. These were the 2021 theses in order of submission:

Name	Paper Title	Language	University
1-Jacopo Pili	Between Rome and Carthage: The Image of Great Britain in Fascist Italy	English	University of Leeds, England
2-Ekaterina Smirnova	„Von der „geistigen Unterhaltung“ zur „Aufklärungstätigkeit in der Truppe“: Deutsche Truppenbetreuung im Ersten Weltkrieg? Institutionell-geschichtliche Untersuchung der Truppenbetreuung 1914 bis 1918 unter starker Berücksichtigung des sächsischen Kontingentes des deutschen Heeres	German	Technical University, Dresden, Germany
3-Ruth Lawlor	American Soldiers and the Politics of Rape in World War II Europe	English	Sidney Sussex College, University of Cambridge
4-Charles J. Burgess	“An Epidemic of Planning”: Anti-Japanese Resistance and the Search for Grand Strategy in Southeast Asia, 1940-1945	English	National University of Singapore
5-Fabio Ruberti	The Sinking of the Italian Submarine <i>Scirè</i> : Historical and Underwater Analysis	English	University of Haifa
6-Paul J. Welch Behringer	U.S. and Japanese Intervention in the Russian Civil War: Violence and “Barbarism” in the Far East	English	American University
7-Hector Strobel	El ejército liberal durante la revolución de Ayutla y la Reforma, 1854-1861	Spanish	El Colegio de Mexico
8-Thomas Jamison	Pacific Wars: Peripheral Conflict and the Making of the U.S. “New Navy,” 1865-1897	English	Harvard University
9-Julie McClain	The Labor Army of Tomorrow: Masculinity, Allied Rehabilitation, and the	English	Ohio State University

Powell	First World War		
10-Angelo Odore	Il GIS e la storia (GisSto). Il caso di studio di Marsiglia al tempo della Rivoluzione Francese (1789-1792)	Italian	EHESS of Marseille and University of Teramo (Italy).
11-Lamine Faye	Guerre et art de la guerre dans l'Ouest-africain au temps des grands empires : des dynamiques Contrastées	French	Université Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar, Senegal
12-Stefan Droste	Offensive Engines: Die prekäre Expertise militärtechnischer Projektentwickler (1650-1800)	German	Georg-August-University Göttingen, Germany
13-Anne Godfroid	La guerre après la Guerre? L'occupation de la rive gauche du Rhin (1918-1930)	French	Histoire de l'Art et Archéologie (Université libre de Bruxelles) et en Sciences sociales et militaires (École royale militaire), Belgium
14-Ferdinando Angeletti	La missione dei Carabinieri Reali a Creta (1896-1906)	Italian	Sapienza Università di Roma, Italy
15-Dennis Werberg	„Im Tempo 114 der alten Infanterie“ Der Stahlhelm - Bund der Frontsoldaten und sein Verhältnis zum Nationalsozialismus 1918-2000	German	University of Potsdam, Germany
16-Patrick Salin	La France et la défense des États-Unis d'Amérique de l'Indépendance à la Guerre de Sécession (1780-1880)	French	Cergy Paris Université, France
17-Erik de Lange	Menacing Tides: Security, Piracy and Empire in the Nineteenth-Century Mediterranean	English	Utrecht University, Netherlands
18-Athinodoros I. Moschopoulos	The Historical Evolution of the International Military Sports Council (C.I.S.M.= Conseil International Du Sport Militaire)	English	Democritus University of Thrace, Greece
19-Frédéric Spillemaeker	Valor et Fortuna : A utorités guerrières, Révolutions et Indépendances en Nouvelle - Grenade et au Venezuela 1770-1831	French	École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales Paris
20-Marios Siammas	Cyprus and the Cyprus Regiment in the Second World War, 1939-1945	English	King's College London, England
21-Andrew Kless	Infighting at the Front: Officers, Bureaucrats, and Politicians at War in German-Occupied Russian Poland, 1914-1915	English	University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

The President of the International Commission of Military History
Prof. Dr. Massimo de Leonardis

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The General Assembly of the International Congress of Historical Sciences

Prof. Massimo de Leonardis – President of ICMH

The International Congress of Historical Sciences, of which ICMH is a member as an Affiliate Commission, held its telematic General Assembly in two subsequent phases in April and May 2021. The General Assembly had to take place in 2020 in *Poznań*, but had to be cancelled owing to the pandemic. The first session in April was informative, and the second deliberative. The Secretary General and myself participated to both sessions.

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ICMH NEWSLETTER UPDATE

The *ICMH Newsletter* is an excellent means of communications between all components of the International Commission of Military History -- the leadership and Executive Board, the three specialized committees, national commissions, and individual military historians. This digital platform will permit us to transcend distance and language barriers, to enhance the continued relevance and viability of the International Commission of Military History, to further engender worldwide the spirit of military history professionalism and cooperation, and the sharing of best practices.

The national commissions serve as the building blocks of the ICMH, and they and their members make unique contributions to accomplishing the ICMH mission. We wholeheartedly encourage each national commission to share the news of its past activities, events, and conferences; current projects; future conferences and workshops; and the achievements of individual members, to include new positions, academic degrees attained, accomplishments, books published, etc. -- as well as obituaries of members. To do this, I invite and encourage you, each national commission, to provide input for each issue of the *ICMH Newsletter*. This will help us learn more about each other and what we can do to advance the ICMH agenda even more.

The *Newsletter* will be published two times a year, in June and December. Please provide your national commission input to Harold Rough (please not to exceed 250 words) by 20 May of each year for the June issues of the Newsletter, and by 20 November of each year for each December issue:

Issue 36	submission deadline 20 Nov 2021	publication date 10 Dec 2021
Issue 37	submission deadline 20 May 2022	publication date 10 June 2022

Issue 38	submission deadline 20 Nov 2022	publication date 10 Dec 2022
Issue 39	submission deadline 20 May 2023	publication date 10 June 2023

This will also be an outstanding way to highlight and share the achievements and contributions of your national commission to the ICMH and professional study of military history.

In addition, if you know of other military historians who may want to learn of our many international activities, please send me (Harold Raugh) their names, positions, and email addresses, and we will add them to the ICMH Newsletter distribution list.

Please send your national commission input, plus any questions or suggestions you may have, to me at email INFFAOHER7@aol.com. I very much look forward to working with you, and together we can continue to enhance military history professionalism and service around the globe. Thank you very much!

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ICMH NEWS ROUND-UP

- Mr. Norberto Traub Gainsborg, President, Research Institute, Historical Aeronautics of Chile, recently announced the publication of the March 2021 issue of the excellent journal *AEROHISTORIA*. This can be accessed, along with other previous bulletins and special monographs, from their website www.historiaaeronauticadechile.cl.
- The Italian Society of Military Studies (SISM) was founded in 1984 by Raimondo Luraghi and has always been affiliated with the ICMH and collaborates with the Italian Commission. In February 2020 the SISM established the publication, in open access and double blind peer review, of a new interdisciplinary and international journal, titled *Nuova Antologia Militare* (NAM). It is directed by Professor Virgilio Ilari and Professor Giovanni Brizzi. NAM's scientific/academic council is chaired by Professor Massimo de Leonardis, Honorary Member of the SISM and the first Italian to hold the Presidency of the ICMH, and includes 25 Italian and foreign full or emeritus professors. Here the address of NAM websites: www,nam-sims.org , which also includes more complete information on SISM and NAM. (Submitted by Professor Virgilio Ilari, President of the SISM.)

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NEWS FROM NATIONAL COMMISSIONS



Brazil / Brésil / Brasilien / Brasile / Brasil

BRAZILIAN COMMISSION OF MILITARY HISTORY

The Institute of Geography and Military History of Brazil – IGHMB -- commemorated in November 2020 its 84th Anniversary Magna Session. Thirty new members took office. On this date we are in new facilities at the Military Club of Rio de Janeiro, with 116 associates. In December 2020, the closing Session of Sociocultural Year 2020 highlighted a book and lecture by General R. Tibau entitled the “1st Reconnaissance Squadron in WW2. In March, at the Opening Session of Sociocultural Year 2021, President Gen. Marcio BERGO delivered the well-received lecture “IGHMB in a new House, History and Perspectives.” A new website <http://ighmb.org.br/> and printed folder were presented.

Other Brazilian Commission news includes:

- IGHMB Review n° 108 (2021) was published by the Directorate of Academic Communications, under Col. Carlos Daróz.
- The Directorate of Historical and Cultural Heritage of the Army, under command of General C. A. Ramires, commemorated VE-Day, May 8th, in the Hall of Honor of the Eastern Military Command, followed by a lecture by Colonel Claudio Skora Rosty on the “Surrender of the 148th German Infantry Division to Brazilian Combatants.”
- The 29th Colloquium on Military History was opened by Portuguese Minister of Defense, Gomes Cravinho, in November 2020 in Lisbon. President Gen M. Bergo delivered the Opening Conference, “Brazil: Frontiers and Challenges.” At the closure, Colonel E. Secomandi, and Professor C. Bargo lectured on “Colonial Fortifications of Brazil.”
- Stamp and Medal “Centenary of First Olympic Gold Medal of Brazil (1920 Antwerp Olympic Games) were presented in November 2020 by Colonel Joel Corrêa, Army Sports Museum Director, and Mr. Marcelo Etienne, designer.
- Colonel Carlos Daróz, Director of Academic Communications, presented on 23 October 2020 -- Aviators Day -- his book *Aviatrix -- The Saga of Women Who Dare to Challenge the Sky*, in co-authorship with his wife, Dr. Elaine Daróz
- Frank McCann, 82, International Correspondent of the Institute, Professor Emeritus of History at University of New Hampshire, and author of classic *Soldiers of Fatherland -- History of Brazilian Army 1889-1937*, passed away 2 April 2021 in the USA.

Submitted by Prof. Israel Blajberg, PR Director

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Bulgaria / Bulgarie / Bulgarien / Bulgaria / Bulgaria

BULGARIAN COMMISSION OF MILITARY HISTORY

The Bulgarian Commission of Military History, under the experienced leadership of Col. Dimitar Minchev, has been very active in commemorating national military anniversaries and publications.

On 13 April 2021, on the eightieth anniversary of the foundation of the Bulgarian Central Campaign Committee (BCCC), a 1941 Macedonian effort to unify with Bulgaria, the Bulgarian Commission of Military History participated in a commemorative wreath-laying ceremony at the Monument of the Revolutionaries from Macedonia and Thrace in Sofia. Less than one week after its initial establishment in 1941, the BCCC welcomed “Bulgarian units in Macedonia as the liberator from the foreign Serbian rule.”

A remarkable book on Bulgarian military history has just been published in Sofia. Entitled *Българските генерали 1878-1946. With Dignity and Honor* and authored by Professor Todor Petrov (member Bulgarian Commission) and Associate Professor Sonia Penkova (Director, Military History Museum of Bulgaria), this is the first of four planned volumes containing biographical entries of 550 Bulgarian general officers from 1878 to the end of World War II. Unlike other studies, this book contains sketches of general officers during the 1944-1989 Communist regime. This outstanding book was launched on 28 April 2021 in the Solemn Hall of the National Military History Museum, in the presence of the Chief of Defense, Admiral Emil Eftimov, numerous other general and fleet officers, scholars, and press representatives.

Submitted by Col. Dimitar Minchev, President

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France / France / Frankreich / Francia / Francia

COMMISSION FRANCAISE D'HISTOIRE MILITAIRE / FRENCH COMMISSION OF MILITARY HISTORY

Coronavirus pandemic-related restrictions have profoundly impacted the activities of the French Commission. Although videoconferences have made it possible to maintain contact, we mainly suffered from the lack of mobility, opportunities for meetings, and lack of access to archives and documentary sources.

This period is marked by setting up an online site:

<https://www.facebook.com/infocfhm>

info.cfhm@gmail.com

We have adapted to the situation by working in isolation. The relaxation of restrictions should soon allow us to confront our work.

Other news includes:

- President Prof. Jean-Davis Avenel encouraged our efforts on the enlargement of our Commission by various contacts. Some seem already fruitful. Our editor-in-chief José Ilean, has largely worked in this direction. He is the author of an article on the military school of Saint-Cyr. Some of these works have been published or put online.

- Our Secretary General, Mr. Loustau, continues to publish book reviews, and progresses in the drafting of his thesis on Marshal Soult.
- General Ganascia, a member of our Commission and president of the military study company LaBertache, is director of publication of two journals, one on the Francs-Tireurs (1870-1871), and the other on the musketeers.
- Colonel Arbreaier, Deputy Secretary General, published an article on the Battle of Cannes, and is currently working on the tactical aspects of the Battle of Koufra (Libya, 1941). He also prepares his authorization to lead academic research by writing a brief on King Hussein of Jordan as a warlord (1951-1999).
- Dr. Francine Saint-Ramond continues to prepare conferences on the Franco-German conflict of 1870-1871. She is currently interested in the Battle of Sedan. In addition, she is preparing a census of fortified churches in the Lorraine sector around Verdun.

Submitted by Dr. Francine SAINT-RAMOND

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Italy / Italie / Italien / Italia / Italia

ITALIAN COMMISSION OF MILITARY HISTORY / COMMISSIONE ITALIANA DI STORIA MILITARE

On 4 November 2021, Italy will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the journey that relocated the mortal remains of the “Unknown Soldier” from Aquileia (in northern Italy) to Rome. This was a very special moment in Italian history. The soldier’s coffin was transported aboard a slow-moving train, with uninterrupted wings of emotional crowd standing along the railroad to the final destination.

Many re-enactments have been planned in the symbolic places of the event. In particular, a conference organised by the Historical Office of the Italian Defence General Staff will focus on this significant historical moment. The conference is planned to take place in Rome next October.

Furthermore, a new piece of literary work has been published in English entitled *The Secret War on the Italian front in WWI (1915-1918) – The Italian Army Intelligence Service and the Birth of Communication Intelligence* (by C. Colavito and F. Cappellano), which is also available on our website here: http://www.difesa.it/Area_Storica_HTML/Pagine/home.aspx.

Submitted by Navy Captain Michele Spezzano, President of the Italian Commission of Military History

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NETHERLANDS COMMISSION OF MILITARY HISTORY

Overview of academic activities, research and publications on Dutch Military History 2020-2021

Due to restrictive measures as a result of COVID-19, the Dutch Commission was not able to organize any public meetings over the last twelve months. However, it hopes to be able to set up such a gathering again this autumn with the expected relaxation of the above-mentioned measures. Nonetheless, it is gratifying that there has been an unremitting stream of relevant publications on Dutch military history from institutes such as the Netherlands Institute for Military History of the Ministry of Defense (NIMH), the Netherlands Defense Academy (NLDA), as well as other government institutions and individual academics. The commemoration of seventy-five years of liberation of the Netherlands and the end of the Second World War certainly contributed to this.

Furthermore, various large-scale studies by the NIMH are underway that should result in multi-volume publications such as those on the Dutch decolonization war, twenty years of military deployment in Afghanistan, and two closing volumes of the series on the Military History of the Netherlands. At the universities of Amsterdam, Utrecht, Leiden, and Groningen, professors affiliated with the NIMH or NLDA provided lectures on numerous military history subjects at Bachelor and Master level and they supervised various papers and theses. Finally, Ph.D. programs (partly) supervised by professors affiliated with the NIMH are nearing their completion, such as those towards IFOR in 1996, military medicine after 1945, the helicopter weapon, homeland military assistance to the civil Dutch authorities after WWII, the life on board of 19th-century naval ships, etc.

Relevant examples of literature on Dutch military historical literature released in 2020-2021 are:

- Mirjam Grandia, *Inescapable Entrapments? The Civil-Military Decision Paths to Uruzgan and Helmand* (2021) [decision making process on the Dutch mission to Uruzgan in the ISAF operation Afghanistan]
- Jan Hoffenaar e.a. (eds.), *Wat een vondst! Verhalen uit de geschiedenispraktijk* (2021) [new insights in Dutch military history thanks to archival findings]
- René de Kam, *De ommuurde stad. Geschiedenis van een stadsverdediging* (2020) [History of the medieval fortifications of the city of Utrecht]
- Olaf van Nimwegen, *De veertigjarige oorlog 1672-1712* (2020) [Dutch strategy, land and sea operations in wars against the France of Louis XIV]
- Sander Ruys, *Wiel en rups. Voertuigen van de landmacht 1945-2015* (2020) [an oversight and the backgrounds of all the vehicles, tanks included, of the Royal Netherlands Army after WWII]
- www.75jaarvrij.nl (a digital edition of a series of newspapers covering the period June 2019-August 2020 in which, based on scientifically-substantiated articles and archival documents such as diaries and maps, but also photos, the liberation of Europe in general, and that of the Netherlands in particular from a military perspective. historical point of view is highlighted. This publication was provided by the NIMH)

Submitted by Dr. Anselm J. van der Peet, President

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PORTUGUESE COMMISSION OF MILITARY HISTORY

Portuguese Commission Celebrates its 32nd Anniversary

In a festive event chaired by the Minister of National Defence, Prof. Doctor João Gomes Cravinho, and the President of the Portuguese Commission of Military History, Major-General João Vieira Borges, the Portuguese Commission of Military History (PCMH) celebrated on 6 April 2021 the XXXII anniversary of its creation.

The telematic event was attended by the Deputy Minister of National Defence, the Secretary of State for Human Resources and War Veterans, the Chief of Staff of the Army and representatives of the Chiefs of Staff of the Navy and the Portuguese Air Force, the Commander of the Republican National Guard, the President of the International Commission of Military History (ICMH), Prof. Dr. Massimo de Leonardis, the President of the Institute of Geography and Military History of Brazil (IGMHB), General Marcio Bettega Bergo, the former president, Lieutenant-General Alexandre de Sousa Pinto, and the former secretary-general of CPHM, Colonel José de Ataíde Banazol, the members of the scientific council of the PCMH and also other distinguished military, ecclesiastical and academic authorities.

After the opening speech by the president of the PCMH, the commemorative session continued with a keynote speech delivered by Prof. Dr. Nuno Severiano Teixeira, former Minister of National Defence and former Secretary General of the PCMH, entitled “The Transformation of Military History in Portugal.”

This was followed by a ceremony for awarding decorations and insignia, which included bestowing on the former PCMH president, Lieutenant-General Alexandre de Sousa Pinto, the medal and insignia that were recently awarded to him by the ICMH (honorary member of the board) and the IGMHB (honorary member).



Lieutenant-General Alexandre de Sousa Pinto

The evocative session ended with a speech delivered by his Excellency the Minister of National Defence, who reaffirmed, and publicly praised, the relevant role played since 1989 by the Portuguese Commission

of Military History in favour of research, study and dissemination of the military history of Portugal, both at national and international levels.

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SPANISH COMMISSION OF MILITARY HISTORY / COMISIÓN ESPAÑOLA DE HISTORIA MILITAR

The most notable activities carried out by the Spanish Commission (SCMH) during the last months have been:

- A new research work has been completed, “The British Presence in the Spanish Military,” which will be published in the coming months in Spanish and English. The project has been directed by Colonel Benito Tauler and involved authors from Italy, England, and Spain.
- Organization of four conferences to publicize the most important work of the Spanish Commission, “Military History of Spain.”

(<https://publicaciones.defensa.gob.es/libros/colecciones/historia-militar-de-espa%C3%B1a.html>)

The first conference: “The Origins of the War in the Iberian Peninsula”

The second conference: “The Spanish Army in the 16th and 17th Centuries”

- A virtual round table has been organized on the “Spanish Legacy on the US.” CESEDEN YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4soicqxoJVo>.)
- 7 reviews by Spanish Commission members were published in issue 41-1 of the IJMH

For the next few months, our projects-in-progress are:

- Two new research projects:
 - “The French Presence in the Spanish Military,” directed by Colonel Benito Tauler
 - “Spanish Military in Diplomatic Missions”
- A new virtual round table about the “Battle of Lepanto” to commemorate the 450th anniversary of the battle.
- More reviews to the IJMH.

Submitted by Coronel Fernando Fontana de Grassa, Secretary-General

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Tunisia / Tunisie / Tunesien / Tunisia / Túnez

TUNISIAN COMMISSION OF MILITARY HISTORY

The Tunisian Commission of Military History recently designated new leaders. They are:

- Mr. Ibrahim BARTEGI, Ministre de la Défense: National Commission President
- Colonel Major Adel MAHJOUB: Vice President
- Colonel Dr. Samir CHEMI: Secretary General

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Turkey / Turquie / Türkiye / Turchia / Turquía

TURKISH COMMISSION OF MILITARY HISTORY

Members of the Turkish Commission of Military History remain active in related activities and recently executed an internal organizational change. Members will participate in the International Symposium of Turkish Military Training and Education History on Turkish Military Training and Education History, to be held 16-17 September 2021 at the Turkish National Defence University, Istanbul, Turkey; and in the Turkish-Spanish Military History Symposium, to be conducted 23-24 September 2021 at the Turkish National Defence University, Istanbul, Turkey.

Two new books that will make major contributions to Turkish military historiography were recently published:

- *The Ottoman Army and the First World War*, written by Prof. Mesut Uyar, member of the Turkish Commission of Military History, and published by Routledge.
- *Turkish Battles in the Korean War*, published in 2020 by the Archives and Military History Department, under General Directorate of Administrative Services of the Turkish Ministry of National Defence.

Submitted by Erkan Ögütmen, Coordinator

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HONoured HISTORIANS

- The President of the Republic of Romania recently conferred on Dr. Carmen Sorina Rijnoveanu, ICMH Board member and Secretary General of the Romanian Commission of Military History, the Ordinul național "Pentru Merit" (National Order "For Merit"), in the degree of "knight." This prestigious award is limited to only 3,000 Romanian civilian and 1,000 military members.

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NEW PUBLICATIONS

- The ICMH is pleased to announce the recent publication of Italian Professor Virgilio Ilari's *Bio-Bibliographic Dictionary of Italian Military Historians of the Modern Age (1410-1799)* (Rome, Sism Series, Nadir Media, 2021, pp. 768, euro 75), an alphabetical repertoire of about 4,000 printed works by about 1,600 art writers, military, geography, raison d'état, history of operations, artillery, mechanics, architecture, medicine, hippology, fencing, cartography, and chivalric science.
- Mr. Norberto Traub Gainsborg, President, Research Institute, Historical Aeronautics of Chile, recently announced the publication, on the 100th anniversary of the first crossing of the Andes

Mountains by plane by a female pilot, Adrienne Bolland, a special biography of that daring aviator. It was written by two distinguished authors, one from Argentina and the other from Chile, and will delight its readers. For further information, please view the Institute of Historical Aeronautical Research of Chile's website at www.historiaaeronauticadechile.cl. He also circulated the monthly issues of the *Revista Aerohistoria*.

- Prolific British historian Jeremy Black has written a new study, *How the Army Made Britain a Global Power: 1688–1815*. Between 1760 and 1815, British troops campaigned from Manila to Montreal, Cape Town to Copenhagen, Washington to Waterloo. The naval dimension of Britain's expansion has been superbly covered by a number of excellent studies, but there has not been a single volume that does the same for the army and, in particular, looks at how and why it became a world-operating force, one capable of beating the Marathas as well as the French. This book will both offer a new perspective, one that concentrates on the global role of the army and its central part in imperial expansion and preservation, and as such will be a major book for military history and world history. There will be a focus on what the army brought to power equations and how this made it a world-level force. This book, ISBN 9781952715082, Hardback, £55.00, Casemate Publishers, can be found at www.casematepublishing.co.uk/how-the-army-made-britain-a-global-power.html

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Obituaries

Prof. Élisabeth du Réau

ICMH mourns the passing away on 6th February 2021 of Prof. Elisabeth du Réau de la Gaignonnière (born Élisabeth Anne Marie Thérèse Guilhmine d'Armand de Chateaufvieux). M. du Réau was a distinguished historian who taught in the French universities la Sorbonne Nouvelle-Paris III (of which she became Vice-President), and l'Université du Mans. She was a specialist of the History of International Relations in the Contemporary Age and served as Vice President of the *Institut d'histoire des relations internationales contemporaines* located at the University Paris I - Panthéon-Sorbonne. She directed research on the problems of Euro-Atlantic defence. Among her main publications are: *Édouard Daladier, 1884-1970* (Paris: Fayard, 1993); *L'Ordre mondial de Versailles à San Francisco, juin 1919-juin 1945* (Paris: PUF, 2007); *La Construction européenne. Fondements. Enjeux. Défis* (Nantes : Éditions du Temps, 2007); and *L'Idée d'Europe au XX^e siècle des mythes aux réalités* (Bruxelles: Complexe, 3^e édition, 2008).

A member of the French Commission of Military History, she presented papers at various of our international annual Congresses; in Beijing in 2015 she led the French delegation. We remember her not only as a great historian but also as a charming lady. Personally, I had the privilege of making her acquaintance in the 1990s, being both of us Historians of International Relations with similar interests. I was happy to meet her again in the ICMH context and in recent conferences in Paris.

We present our heartfelt condolences to her family.



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Tribute to Professor Sheikh Faty Faye



The President, the Board, and the entire ICMH mourn Professor Cheikh Fat Faye, who recently passed away. He was born in 1942 in Dionewar, a village of the Saloum Islands. This community has produced several generations of activists and teachers with its intellectual rigor, its moral righteousness, humility, and its constant commitment to the community. It is the whole community that loses a prominent patriot and militant intellectual.

After earning his Master's degree in history at the University of Dakar, he obtained a scholarship in France where he registered at the University Paris 7. There he authored his dissertation, then a thesis, defended in 1991, on "The Political Issues in Dakar (1945-1960)," under the direction of Catherine Coquery-Vidrovitch. In France, he served in associations of immigrant workers: an association of nationals of the Islands of Saloum and the Association of Senegalese workers in France, especially with literacy support.

After returning to Senegal, Professor Faye taught at the Normal School School, where he headed the Department of History and Geography and was a delegate of the staff, and also at the University of Dakar. For several years, he led classes at the National School of Active NCOs (ENSOA) and the National Administration School (ENA) before retiring in 2008.

Recently, after the official release by François Hollande of documents concerning the massacre of the Thiarooves on 1 December 1944, President Macky Sall entrusted Professor Iba der Thiam and Sheikh Faty Faye, who had long been interested in the massacre and had dedicated articles and interventions, and even the publication of a play, *Dawn of Blood*, to study the events of Thiaroye.

Sheikh Faty Faye assumed several responsibilities and was a Founding member of the SUDES.

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