



**International Commission of Military History
Commission Internationale d'Histoire Militaire**

**The President
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Dear colleagues of ICMH and fellow military historians,

As you are aware, in this period of sanitary emergence, the International Commission of Military History, remained active in all possible fields: compliance with statutory obligations, amelioration of existing initiatives, and launching of new projects. We only missed our Congress in presence in 2020.

I am now happy to announce that, unless unpredictable and unlikely negative events will occur, we shall be able to have our XLVI Congress in Athens in presence from 29th August to 3rd September 2021 on the general theme: *Independence Wars since the XVIII Century*.

The Hellenic Commission of Military History, chaired by Major General Georgios Rachmanidis, realized a really excellent project, organizing a Congress according to our usual pattern. All conditions will be satisfied: scientific quality, smart cultural events, security conditions from the sanitary point of view, and a beautiful post-Congress tour to discover a part of Greece, the cradle of European civilization.

All information on the Congress can be found at the address: <https://internationalcongress2021.mil.gr/> . I earnestly invite you to visit this Congress's website and seriously consider your participation. Many of you are familiar with our Congresses and will not miss this opportunity to meet again; new participants will discover a kind of event which will remain impressed in their memories and enhance the knowledge of military history.

The community of ICMH and all military historians will once again demonstrate their commitment as a "Band of Brothers" and a "Φιλική Εταιρεία" (Society of Friends), as it appropriate to say in this year which marks the bi-centennial anniversary of the beginning of the Greek war of Independence.

Yours sincerely

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