

In accordance with our agenda, please allow me to make a brief on our activity since the creation of the commission. In addition, I will make a short presentation of the Project concerning the implementation of Judo within the Armed Forces and Police Structures.

As you all know, the Military and Police Commission was established in 2011. On *October 04th, 2011* in Budapest, at the IJF Presidential Office, Mr. Marius Vizer has convoked the first meeting of Military and Police Commission. At its creation, the commission had six members, as you can see on the slide, out of which the following four were present: Mr Stefan Marginean, Mr Johannes Dexbacher, Mr Fatih Uysal, Mr Dilar Khabuliani.

According to Mr Marius Vizer: "one of the main strategy to be followed is the implementation of judo as a basic preparation sport in the Armed Forces and in the Police Structures, to sign agreements on behalf of the IJF or NFs with the Ministries of Defence and of Internal Affairs in various countries, in order to establish a program".

Mr President nominated me, due to my position at that time as member of the Board of Directors of CISM, and Mr Johannes, as member in the technical commission of USIP, to initiate discussions and collaboration activities with the above mentioned sport organizations. The result of this initiative was the elaboration of a MoU that was signed between IJF and CISM/USIP.

*On February 4, 2012*, the second meeting of Military and Police Commission was organized during the Paris Judo Grand Slam. The main purpose of this meeting was the subscription of the Memorandum of Understanding between IJF and USIP/CISM. The MoU was elaborated prior the meeting and the final form of the agreement was approved by IJF President. This document has as one major aim: the implementation of a partnership based on the intention of the extension of the diplomatic, sports and professional collaboration between the above mentioned organizations. Other directions of cooperation defined in the MoU are: common strategy on social protections of military judoka, competition advocacy, common competition and regulation, control of public procurement.



The protocol of signing the MoU between IJF president and CISM president- colonel Kalkaba Malbum



The protocol of signing the MoU between IJF president and USIP president Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf AL-Ahmed AL-Sabah

The MoU was presented to USIP members, during the USIP Congress held in Kuwait in May 2012 by our president



while, during the CISM GA organized in Uganda in May 2012, I presented the same document to the CISM member countries.



Also, in 2012, we have elaborated an official letter signed by our President that was delivered to all national federations members of IJF, requesting the nomination of a responsible person in order to maintain connection with our commission. So far twenty national federations replied, as you can see on the chart:

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In 2013, the third meeting of the commission was organized in Germany, during the Dusseldorf Grand Prix. The commission members present there were: Mr Stefan Marginean, Mr Johannes, Mr Fatih Usal and Mr Morales from USA, newly appointed as MPC member.



The main point of the meeting was to elaborate a strategy in order to ensure a good development of the commission.

I proposed the following steps to be taken:

1. Creating a database in order to:
  - a. Identify those countries that use judo within their defence system (armed forces, police and other defence organization);
  - b. Monitor these countries in order to establish the level of judo implementation;
  - c. Track the amount of the athletes that activate within the defense system and their position as military.
2. Establishing attributions for each member of the commission such as:
  - a. Maintaining a steady communication with similar commissions that will be implemented on national judo federation, especially those that activate within CISM/USIP;
  - b. Supporting the organizers in their efforts to provide excellent conditions for the development of military and police judo competitions both on national and international level;
  - c. Participating on different types and levels of judo competitions organized by IJF, CISM, USIP;
  - d. Participating on a series of conferences organized by IJF, CISM and USIP;
  - e. Monitoring that the IJF rules are being respected during the military/police competitions.

As a consequence, members of the Military and Police Commission have participated to sport events organized by CISM/USIP and events organized by IJF. Participation in major events organized by IJF, CISM/USIP is an opportunity in fulfilling the commission aims.

From 2012 until present, I have participated to the following events:

1. *67th CISM General Assembly and Congress* organized between 13 to 15 May 2012, in Kampala/Uganda. As mentioned earlier, during this congress, I presented in front of the participating delegations from 87 countries the Memorandum of Understanding, that was signed between the president of the International Judo Federation and the president of the International Military Sport Council, highlighting the importance of this document for the two organizations and the benefits resulting from the collaboration between them on international level.



2. *35th edition of the World Military Judo Championship* organized between 28 June and 7 July 2013 in Astana, Kazakhstan under the auspices of the International Military Sport Council. The championship, an important judo and also military event, gathered under its umbrella a number of 257 athletes and officials from 28 countries: Algeria, Bahrain, Belgium, Belarus, Bulgaria, Brazil, Greece, Germany, Iraq, Iran, Spain, Italy, China, Kazakhstan, Korea, DPRK, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Slovakia, USA, Finland, France, Croatia, Switzerland and Estonia. My mission there was to support the organizers to increase the level of the competition. As a conclusion I can say that the event was a success and that the excellent cooperation between Kazakh armed forces and national judo federation is a good example to be followed.





3. *22nd European Conference* held between 21-25 October 2013 in Võru, Estonia and the *2nd Asia Meeting*, during 25-30 November, organized in Kuwait. On both occasion I delivered presentations in order to inform the participants about the Military and Police Commission objectives and aims, and I had discussions focused mainly on the implementation of judo as basic preparation sport discipline in the armed forces and on supporting the military athletes after finishing their career, which constitutes two of the most important objectives of the Military and Police Commission.



On this occasion, a visit was organized at the Ministry of Defence of Kuwait Headquarters. During this visit, I had discussions with the Deputy Prime-Minister and Minister of Defence, his Excellency, Mr. Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah, focused on the significance of sport for all military personnel and the importance of having contacts among militaries from different countries during the international sport events organized by our organizations.



4. *23 to 29 April 2014*, visit to Bahrain at the invitation of CISM Asia President, Lt.col. Abdulhakim Alshino. On this occasion I had meetings with military sport personalities where I emphasized the importance of judo as a basic preparation discipline in the training programs of the military personnel and in the development of the military cadets based on judo code of sportsmanship, sense of mutual respect and moral principles. The visit in Bahrain was also a first step in the process of convincing authorities from military area on the necessity of implementing judo in the educational and training process of the military cadets and personnel.



5. *69th General Assembly and Congress of the International Military Sport Council* held in Quito/Ecuador between 04 to 09 May 2014. With this occasion, I had the possibility to discuss about the achievements and activities developed in common by IJF and CISM since the MoU was signed. This edition of the CISM General Assembly and Congress



was marked by the election of the new president of this organization. The new president of the CISM was elected Colonel Hakeem Al-Shino from Bahrain.



Colonel Hakeem Al-Shino expressed his gratitude to IJF president, Mr. Marius Vizer for his interest in the development of the military sport in general and judo in particular and also thanked MPC members for their dedication and the activities developed in view of improving the military sport. He also assured of his entire availability in supporting the IJF endeavor, hoping that this cooperation will be a model to follow by other international sport organizations too.

During all these events I have contacted the local military and police authorities and had meetings in order to convince them to implement judo as a basic preparation sport in their structures and to find solution for social and professional integration of the military judokas at the end of their sport careers.

In order to achieve the Military and Police Commission objectives is necessary to establish more links with national authorities from all over the world, ministries of defense and internal affairs and other responsible structures by signing Agreement Protocols. For this, I have had a steady flow of communication with Presidents of National Federations, asking them about the state of judo, the possibility to implement the Project in their countries and the benefits of this action for the parties involved.

Having in mind Mr Vizer proposals at the creation of this commission I would like to present what we have achieved so far in this regard as following:

No.	Objectives	MPC activity	State of implementation	Proposals
1.	Implementation of judo as a basic preparation sport in the Armed Forces and Police Structures	Letters signed by IJF President were sent to all National Federations in order to nominate a PoC with MPC	Untill this moment 22 federations replied	Resending the letter to those countries that did not reply
		Elaboration of a project aiming to offer a guideline for the implementation of judo in the Armed Forces and Police Structures	Objective achieved	
		Letters to the National Federations Presidents to introduce the project and to ask for their support in the implementation of the document	Objective achieved A database was elaborated with the positive answers (national federations that accepted to implement the project)	Resending the letter to those countries that did not reply
		Participation in major events organized by IJF/CISM/USIP	Objective achieved	Participation of MPC members at events such as: Grand Prix, Grand Slam, International Championship, etc., for a better collaboration with the representatives of the National Federations
2.	Convincing the ministers of defence and internal affairs that judo can provide a ready prepared staff for physical or professional activities	A letter was prepared to be sent to all ministers of defence and ministers of internal affairs from the countries that are members of IJF	Activity in progress	Resend the letter to IJF President to be signed
3.	Meetings with CISM and USIP Presidents	There was a meeting between IJF President and CISM/USIP President in Paris during the Grand Slam, in February 2012. On this occasion a Memorandum of Understanding elaborated by MPC was	Objective achieved	Continue a active and close collaboration with judo structures within CISM and USIP

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		signed between the present organizations. The MoU was reinforced in 2014 and extended for a period of 4 years.		
4.	Organizing a congress that would gather ministers of defence and ministers of internal affairs and signing protocols	No specific action were undertaken in this respect	In order to achieve this objective it is necessary to have full support from National Federations Presidents and CISM/USIP	Meetings between presidents of IJF, Continental Judo Association, CISM and USIP
5.	Organizing events such as training camps for the athletes belonging to the Armed Forces and Police Structures	No specific action were undertaken in this respect	Activity not initiated	These training camps could be performed having as a base an agreement signed between National Federations and Ministries of defence and Ministries of internal affairs
6.	"Give a good system, a model to re-establish police and military clubs in those countries where this is possible"	An email was sent to all chiefs of delegation to CISM and IJF countries members asking for information with regard to the state of judo within each military and police structures.	As the email was sent directly by the MPC Director to the CISM chiefs of delegations, it created a unfortunate situation because, the CISM President considered that an direct communication is not desired and all further actions should be taken through CISM General Secretariate.	Letter to CISM and USIP General Secretary

**ABBREVIATIONS:**

- IJF = International Judo Federation
- MPC = Military and Police Commission
- AF = Armed Forces
- PS = Police Structures
- CISM = International Military Sports Council
- USIP = International Police Sports Union
- PoC = Point of Contact

This, dear colleagues, would be a brief information about the activities we have done in the previous years. I believe it is important to dedicate our entire energy in the field of cooperation and share our experience in order to accomplish the objectives of the Military and Police Commission.