

MILITARY AND POLICE COMMISSION



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Achievements and Outcomes

1. CISM Military World Championships in October 2024, Tashkent (UZB)

IJF President Mr Vizer asked me to attend as the IJF delegate. It was a well organised judo event with great judo performances on the tatami, with friendship on and beside the tatami between judoka and the delegation members. We keep a very close relationship with the CISM team from the Brussels HQ, developed by Mr Stefan Marginean (R.I.P.).

Additional event notes:

The individual championship comprised 150 male and 64 female athletes from 29 countries. The team championship was organised for separate male and female teams.

There was positive discussion with CISM Sport Director Mr Van den Hool and the delegates about the implementation of a mixed team competition, to become more aligned with IJF events and the Olympic Games.

2. World Organisation of Police and Fire Games (WPFG)

After the personal meeting in July 2022 in Rotterdam, contact continues with some board members of the WPFG committee.

3. European Police Sports Federation (USPE)

This is the official continental body in Europe where the member countries are organised with their official representatives from the Ministries for Internal Affairs /Police – security ministries:

European Police Judo Championship, May 2024, Sofia (BUL)

Bulgaria organised a great Police Judo Championship. Professional organisation facilitated great judo performance on the tatami. This was great PR for the police and for judo.

The USPE Congress

I was elected in November 2024 as a member of the technical committee (TC) for a four year term. I will be oversee judo for European police forces, aiming to offer all the positive aspects of judo tot he forces oft he whole continent. In Germany, there continues tob e excellent co-operation between the German Police Sports Federation and the German Judo Federation (DJB), for the benefit and better promotion of judo for the police.



4. National activities

In Germany, we resumed the assistance and actions with the police institution through activities and outcomes as follows:

- The renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between the German Police Sports Federation (DPSK) and the national judo federation (DJB) in February 2024.
- Setting police sports clubs as bridges between society and the police institution.
- Promoting judo as a special fitness tool in the police force.
- Publishing joint press releases.
- Co-operation in the implementation of a dual career system of sport and professional vocations, addressed to the top athletes.
- Lobbying politicians through a concrete presentation of judo's moral values, increasing interest in judo.
- Lecture from a high level police commissioner: "Judo Values as Police Values".
- Lecturer at the annual meeting of the German Police priests around "Judo Values for the Police".

5. Further international initiatives

We are in contact with federations and organisations, offering advice and development models. Examples:

Bhutan: In 2023, the German government sent me to Bhutan to deliver some development assistance. The Bhutan Judo Federation showed great commitment to the initiatives of the Commission. Currently, we are working with the police forces towards the possible implementation of judo for the Bhutan police forces.

Mauritius: In 2024, we delivered some well received judo lessons for the Mauritius Judo Federation. We remain in contact, discussing options for further support with materials and 'Train the Trainer' seminars. Further development steps, like a material donations from the German Judo Federation (judo clubs) and the implementation of Judo for Police and gender equity initiatives are ongoing.

Asian Police Sports Council / India: A new project around the Judo for Police idea is just beginning in India.

PJC: Trinidad and Tobago, USA Judo: Contact has been established with both countries and discussions are ongoing regarding 'Judo for Police' ideas.

AJU: Lesotho, Ethiopia, South Africa: There is continuous contact with Dr Tsegaye Degineh (ETH) and Mr Roberto Orlando (Judo for Peace South Africa), exchanging knowledge, networking and sharing expertise to support judo at different levels.

EJU: In co-operation with USPE (European Police Sports Federation)

Hanns Seidel Foundation (humanitarian and political institution, close to the Bavarian government): Through political contacts, up to European Parliament members, several online lectures were delivered on the subject of 'Police judo clubs as a bridge between society and the police,' for representatives of 15 countries. Gender equality issues have also gained new interest in this arena.

6. Co-operation with the IJF Judo for Peace Commission and Veterans Commission

We are always in contact with colleagues to exchange ideas and discuss experiences. Every possible opportunity to connect and network is explored with the goal of developing judo activities.

We are open to any questions and suggestions and are receptive to possible collaboration proposals with other IJF commissions, national federations or international organisations willing to exchange opinions around new development paths.

Thanks to all supporters and friends who are working together, giving ideas and advice for the benefit of judo for individuals and society.

Acknowledgements

In December 2024, the entire judo family was saddened by the passing of Stefan Marginean, Head of the IJF Military Commission. For many years, he had been a fervent promoter of judo and its values, and we will be forever grateful for everything he did for our discipline. The IJF, the Military and Police Commission, and the entire judo community, have lost one of its key members.

