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Events during the year in chronological order:

1. Seminar (Wesseling, DEU)
2. Midwinter Meeting (Brussels, BEL)
3. YROS (Vyskov, CZE)
4. President visit to Republic of Moldova
5. InBetweenMeeting 4 (Amsterdam, NLD)
6. CLAC Courses
7. Summer Congress (Stavanger, NOR)
 - Symposium
 - Military Competition
 - YROW
 - Council
8. InBetweenMeeting (Oslo, NOR)
9. PFP & O Seminar (Sofia, Bulgaria)
10. Finance
11. CIOR Public Affairs

1. The subject of the 2010 Seminar was “ NATO in an unbalanced world”. There were 50 attendees from 23 nations. The subject was extensively discussed in a number of presentations and panel discussions by high level speakers, among them ambassadors, professors and several generals.
2. **The Winter Meeting** took place as usual in NATO HQ in Brussels with some 250 participants. All committees and working groups had their own meetings to either to prepare future activities or to finalize reports. Issues discussed in Council included:
 - South Africa. The Association RFC of South Africa was awarded the status of Associate Member. This became possible as South Africa is now a partner of NATO (as an “other Partner across the Globe”).
 - Russia. The Association UORR of Russia was awarded the status of Observer.
 - Constitutional changes. A number of changes to Constitution and By-Law were accepted, mainly to make it more practical to operate, in particular by introducing By-law 19.4. Also Associate members have been given extended voting rights.

3. **The Young Reserve Officers Seminar in Czech Republic** was attended by reserve-officers from 6 nations. The Seminar was opened by MGen Mallory (USA). The participants were divided into two working groups and discussed aspects of deployment of reserve officers.
4. The CIOR President visited the Republic of Moldova on invitation of the association FARVFARM, which currently has Observer Status. The meetings with representatives of the Ministry of Defence will help FARVFARM to get governmental support so that they can apply for Associate Membership of CIOR.
5. **The InBetweenMeeting -Amsterdam** was attended by most committee-chairpersons, a number of VP's and the incoming NOR President and Secretary-General. Although hampered by the volcano ash from Iceland, which stopped all air traffic, there were still 36 delegates from 13 nations present. Issues where:
 - Summer Congress including Symposium. Practical preparations including the fee schedule and the timing of events were discussed and finalized.
 - Observership Russia. After discussing this issue extensively, the President recognized that in Winter Meeting the Observer Status had been awarded to the UORR with procedural violations. This status therefore had to be declared null and void. The UORR will be asked to apply again at the Summer Congress in Stavanger.
 - Objectives of CIOR. Discussions were held in order to see how the objectives as stated in the current Constitutions related to the objectives of NATO. Proposals to bring CIOR Objectives more into line with NATO Objectives will be presented to the Council in Stavanger.
6. **CLAC Courses** were conducted in Poland in February, in the Czech Republic July and again in Poland in September...
7. **The Summer Congress in Stavanger** (NOR) was attended by 640 persons from 28 nations. All the committees were covered in a satisfactory manner.
 - **Symposium.** Theme: NATO's Comprehensive approach, an overview. Conclusion: involved Speakers of high quality and involved delegates.
 - **MilComp** was arranged with a good qualified committee and all the athletes were satisfied and it was shown good sportsmanship.
 - YROW Committee questionnaire and student feedback presented.
 - **Council and the Committee meetings.**
 - **Council:** Comprising all member nations and represented by their Vice-Presidents. The council treated topics as follows:
 - All financial items were presented. CIOR is in a healthy financial state.
 - Relations with NRFC. Proposed amendments in the MOU between CIOR and NRFC were presented, being the output of internal work in

the NRFC. There are different point of views between NRFC and CIOR on our role and activity.

- Report of the Perm Rep.: Capt. (N) De Decker asked the presidency to handover the archives of the presidency to the CIOR Brussels office. The SG stated that he will take care of this.
 - **Committee meetings.** Was arranged simultaneously with the meetings in Council.
8. **InBetweenMeeting –Oslo** - The first In Between Meeting of the Norwegian Presidency took place in Oslo Military Society. There were 40 delegates from 13 different nations. (BEL,CAN,CZE,DEU,DNK,ESP,FRA,GBR,LVA,NLD,NOR,SWE,USA).
- The agenda was approved without any comments.
 - The SG commented on the minutes from the summer congress on issues not to be covered later during the agenda. This included the work to establish a LO with HQ SACT, the relation to the UORR (the RUS ROA), the ongoing tasks of the LEGAL Committee and the working relation between the presidency and Chair NRFC. The minutes from the summer congress were approved.
 - It was furthermore informed by the President that the handover of the CIOR accounts and the responsibility of the finances from the NL Presidency should have taken place 1 October. However, due to illness this has been delayed.
 - The CIOMR President Colonel Ruetter gave a brief on the work of CIOMR as well as the relation and cooperation with CIOR
 - The Head of the Norwegian Defence University College, Rear Admiral Dedichen, took us through the higher military education system in Norway. It is also work ongoing on to close an agreement allowing reserve officers from CIOR to attend some of these courses.
 - It was some discussion about the suggested amendments to the MOU between CIOR and NRFC received from NRFC this summer and how to proceed. The Presidency and NRFC have during the summer had three meetings and the working relations are positive. Several delegates voiced their opinion on the relation and different views presented. This discussion, as well as the brief from the Chair of NRFC, had the intention to form a basis for the Strategic Working Group handling this issue. The status of future presidencies and congresses were presented and discussed. This included formally accepted as well as offers/nominations being processed.

- The new Chair of NRFC, Major General Lilland, briefed on the work taking place in NRFC under the headline "NRFC Perspective". During the Q and A's several questions were raised about the present relation to CIOR. The general emphasized that we were two independent organizations with different but complementary missions in addition to mention the good working relation existing.
- The remaining part of the afternoon the President met the President of CIOMR as well as all Committee Chairs and the Chair of the Symposium Working Group. The delegates formed three Strategic Working Groups. Nr 1 was dealing with the MOU with NRFC, Constitution and By-Laws and External Partners, Nr 2 covered Tasking of the Committees, Deliverables/Activities and Recommendations, Nr 3 was tasked to prepare ideas/suggestions for the 2011 Symposium next summer in Poland.

9. **Partnership for Peace & Outreach Workshop 2010** took place from Wednesday 17 November to Sunday 21 November 2010 at the Bulgarian Red Cross training centre located just outside Sofia.

CIOR's Partnership for Peace and Outreach Committee (PfP&O Committee), led by LtC Loïc Conquer was responsible for the content.

The Workshop was opened by Lieutenant General (R) Stoyan Topalov: the President of the Bulgarian reserve officers association. Colonel Konstantin Popov the Bulgarian Vice President to CIOR took part in the opening. Present were also the Secretary General of the Bulgarian MoD as well as the former Chief of Defence.

One session at the Workshop covered the issue of as less conscription and more professional armies and the consequences for our work in CIOR.

Another Area was the role of the ROA's. They could (to a higher degree) take care of the interests of the reserves, including help to start a civilian career, help with legal and insurance issues both during deployment and after, involve more in lobbying, get agreements with MoD's to cover certain tasks and find new ways to get funding, may be through sponsors.

The bottom line is however that we must keep relevant, attract young officers, be visible and have funding. Our most important tool may be enhanced use of websites.

10. **Finance** is not a settled area. The Dutch Presidency has not yet terminated or given the Norwegian Presidency the authority/control of the CIOR accounts. This means that the Norwegian Presidency has no insight or control of the status of the CIOR finances. This situation is planned solved during the MWM.

11. **CIOR Public Affairs.** The CIOR website has in 2010 been modernized and updated. There has during the fall been prepared and produced two CIOR Newsletter.