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# Annual Report 2011

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## ANNUAL REPORT CIOR 2011

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1. CLA in Czech Rep. (Jan)
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18. Meeting with Czech Rep. Minister of Defense (Nov)
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### 1. CLA in Czech Rep.

The English refresher course in the CZE Republic took place the fourth week of January with 22 students from 2 countries.

### 2. Visit ROA US, SACT, NRFC, Washington DC (USA)

The President's visit to the United States included the NRFC meeting in Norfolk, Virginia and the Reserve Officers Association (ROA) convention in Washington, D.C. In addition he attended a series of meetings with policy makers on Capitol Hill. The main purpose was to increase the awareness and build support of CIOR with Members of the U.S. House of Representatives. It was also essential to explain how U.S. Reserve members play a part in CIOR; and build interest for a future CIOR Congress in the United States. In the US ROA

Convention he gave a presentation about CIOR issues and in HQ SACT he met members from the leadership including DSACT, General Bienek.

### **3. Seminar (Wesseling - Germany)**

Theme: "NATO'S STRATEGIC CONCEPT – PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL SECURITY THROUGH COOPERATION".

There were 52 attendees from 14 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.

### **4. Mid Winter Meeting (Brussels, BEL)**

The MWM took place as usual in NATO HQ in Brussels with some 250 participants from 26 nations. The main speaker was DSACEUR, followed by Chair COMEDS. SACEUR had sent a greeting as a video message. The Council had their meetings in accordance with the agenda and committees and working groups had their own meetings to prepare future activities or to finalize reports. More details in the minutes.

### **5. YRO Workshop (Latvia)**

The workshop was attended by young reserve officers, approx 30 people from 6 nations. The Seminar was opened by the VP-LVA. The program went according to schedule. Lt. Col. Gert Dijk (NLD) arranged a very good prepared exercise for the participants.

### **6. In Between Meeting (Bergen – Norway)**

The second In Between Meeting (IBM) of the Norwegian CIOR Presidency took place in Bergen. There were 35 delegates from 12 different nations. CIOMR had 2 delegates. The IBM followed the planned time scheduled and covered the intended agenda points. This event was supported by Royal Norwegian Navy. The delegates were also given a tour of the main naval base of Norway (Håkonsvern), including a visit and brief on one of the new frigates. More details in the report.

### **7. CLAC (Marseille – France)**

For the first time since the CIOR Language Academy was created a refresher course of French was held for 12 students from 7 different nations. The course was run in Marseille, south of France, and the local Officers Club hosted the students and the three instructors from 24 to 30 April 2011.

### **8. Gaming Initiative – GÖD (Hungary)**

The Secretary General attended this event on behalf of CIOR. The Gaming Initiative is a regional meeting arena; participating nations were generally from Central, Eastern and southern Europe. The topic was European Security from a Hungarian perspective. The host nation was represented by a former Chief of Defence, officials from the MOD and the Mayor. Participating nations gave national briefs on reserve issues.

**9. The President's brief for NATO Military Committee (MC)**

The President held the annual brief for MC at NATO HQ as planned in July. He was supported by our Perm Rep. The brief was coordinated and given together with the brief given by Chair NRFC. A CIOR report covering the previous 12 months was distributed in advance. The President felt that the CIOR presentation was very well received and that the MC took a strong interest in reserve matters.

**10. CLA (Moldova) and Meeting with Moldovan Minister of Defence HE Vitalie Marinuta**

The course took place in the Dacia Center, 30 km from Chisinau, the two last weeks of July with 56 participants from 13 countries, including 3 from 2 different MD countries. Totally 13 instructors from 5 nations took the students through the program. The President also met the Moldovan Minister of Defence in an official reception in order to discuss reserve issues and Moldovan participation in CIOR. The Minister of Defence also visited the CLA campus. The visit and interviews with the Minister and the CIOR President was aired on Moldovan television.

**11. NATO School Oberammergau (Germany)**

The Presidency was invited by NRFC to give a presentation at the NATO Reserve Forces Integration Course. The Secretary General gave the presentation and the feedback from the students was very positive. The Presidency recommends to national ROA's to consider sending students to this course.

The aim of the course was to instill in the students an understanding of the various roles, missions, doctrine, and challenges of the Reserve Forces throughout the Alliance. Building on Military Committee policy, the course surveyed how the Alliance integrates Reserve Forces in current operations. To do this, the course explored numerous national 'Best Practices' in a comparative analysis framework. A wide range of topics common to most Alliance and PfP Nations were surveyed. This course was also related to the use of Reserve Forces in international missions.

**12. Summer Congress (Warsaw – Poland)**

There was attendance by a total of 598 people, including close to 90 volunteers. The Committees were covered in a satisfactory manner. SACEUR sent a message expressing his support and appreciation by video.

- **Symposium.**

Theme: NATO's Strategic Concept and the Role of the Reserves". The subject was extensively discussed in a number of presentations and panel discussions by high level speakers, including the previous Chief of Defence from Poland, the previous Chief of Defence from Norway, DSACT as well as several other high ranking military and civilian officials.

- **MilComp** was arranged with a good qualified committee and the athletes were reported satisfied and showed good sportsmanship.
- **YRO WS** took part with 56 persons from 23 nations and lasted 40 hours. Through a simulated NATO role-play the aim was to promote a broader picture and understanding of the process, policy and decision-making within NATO. Group work and panel discussions enhanced the understanding of the big specter of management challenges in operations. Country briefs raised the level of understanding of other NATO Allies and Coalition partners' country, culture and military assets and training of their Reserves.
- **Council and the Committee meetings.**  
Present where VP's from 23 nations. The meetings went according to the scheduled agenda. It can be mentioned specially that our financial situation is healthy but we will get in contact with nations having outstanding dues. Capt. (N) De Decker informed that the International Military Staff (IMS) includes him into IMS meetings and the cooperation with the IMS liaison Col. Josef Otta is extremely well. Capt. (N) de Decker did further advise that a visibility in NATO HQ is important, that a good relation to the NRFC is very helpful, that the understanding and relation to IMS was of great value, and that CIOR/ CIOMR should be real independent organizations.

Committee meetings were arranged simultaneously with the meetings in Council.

The minutes have more information on the Summer Congress.

### **13. Gaming Initiative (La Spezia – Italy)**

The Secretary General attended this event on behalf of CIOR and gave a brief covering relevant CIOR issues. The topics for this second annual meeting were geopolitical and geostrategic importance of the Mediterranean Sea, including an evaluation of the threats. There was a presentation by an Italian Vice-Admiral and a visit arranged to the naval facilities in the city, including a visit to an Italian frigate and the Naval Technical Museum. In addition the normal status reports from participating nations were given.

### **14. PfP & O Seminar (Albania)**

The National Association of Military in Reserve of Albania organized the 2011 CIOR Partnership for Peace and Outreach Committee workshop in Tirana Military Academy from 26 to 30 October. There were 50 participants, among whom 30 internationals, that took part. The seminar followed the program, which included working groups and a visit to the MNB SE in Kosovo 28 October. The program was supported by the General Staff and included also briefs on the national reserve systems in US, Switzerland and Germany.

**15. IBM (Bodø – Norway)**

The third In Between Meeting (IBM) of the Norwegian CIOR Presidency took place in Bodø. There participated 36 delegates from 11 different nations. The Presidency team, including the Perm Rep, Capt Jacques De Decker, was present; CIOMR had 2 delegates, the President-elect Col Olaf Penn, and Cdr Stef Stienstra. The IBM followed the planned agenda as scheduled. This event was supported by the Royal Norwegian Air Force giving us a tour of Bodø Airbase and presentation of the fighter aircraft F 16. The National Joint Headquarter gave an excellent presentation of the situation and challenges in the High North. Further details are available in the Report.

**16. Meeting with Admiral James Stavridis (USN) SACEUR at SHAPE, Belgium**

This meeting took place 12 October. The President reported back to SACEUR on the tasks received. The President and CIOR Permanent Representative held a presentation about CIOR matters and what CIOR has done. The information was well received and his confidence in the reserves stated again. SACEUR will be invited to the Congress in Denmark.

**17. Veterans Day – (Paris – France)**

The President was invited by the incoming French CIOR President to attend the official ceremony of the Association Nationale des Memoires du Mont Valerien. The Day before the President laid down a wreath on the Monument of the Unknown Soldier on Avenue Champs Elyses alongside French veterans and reservists.

**18. Meeting with Czech Rep. Minister of Defense**

The President and our Permrep visited the MOD and met the Minister of Defence, HE Alexandr Vondra on 24 November. They were invited to discuss the future localization for summer congresses. The CZE Republic is positive to host a future congress. During their visit they were invited to give a personal interview to Czech television, being presented the next day.

**19. Visit by Georgian ROA (Oslo – Norway)**

The Georgian Veterans Federation was in Oslo attending a meeting in World Veterans Federation – and combined that with a meeting with the CIOR Presidency. The Georgian ROA was represented by three people, including their President Alex Nakani, together with 2 people from their MOD. They met with the CIOR Sec Gen and Secretary. Their wish is to join CIOR; they were given the required information about the procedure and way ahead, and given the point of contact to CIOR through the PFP&O Committee, which now is handling this issue.

**20. BALTJOLDS**

This four days Leadership Seminar for younger reserve officers was carried out at the Naval Academy in Gdynia. This activity is a joint Polish/Swedish effort in the area of International Operations, with CIMIC & PSYOPS in focus. It had some 20 + participants

from a number of nations, meeting between 1 and 4 December..

**21. Finance**

The financial year, ending 30 September, showed that our finances are in a healthy state. Some outstanding issues concerning the dues are mostly solved. Details will be given at the MWM 2012 and the Auditor will present his report at the Summer Congress.

**22. CIOR Public Affairs**

The CIOR website was modernized and updated in the autumn 2010. There have been regular updates during 2011 and newsletters have been produced by the Presidency 4 times in 2011. Articles from various officers from CIOR member ROA's have been imperative in this work. ([www.cior.net](http://www.cior.net))

**23. CIOR Drafting Working Group for MC 441**

NRFC initiated a revision of MC 441 last year. CIOR was invited by our LO IMS, Col Josef Otta, to take part in a drafting session medium September. The Perm Rep facilitated the required administration. CIOR was represented by Cdr Hörmann, Cdr Roll, Ltc Wood and Col Jahr. The work developed further by a good working relation between the Chair NRFC and the CIOR Presidency in the months to follow. In addition to contribute to a sensible reserve policy paper in NATO our participation was vital to ensure the integrity to MC 248, which most likely is to be revised in the coming years. CIOR has received very important support from Adm Gade and Col Otta in IMS, their positive and helpful attitude has been important to maintain a good relation to NATO.