



CIOMR

Minutes, Executive Council, Feb 04. + 06. , 2016

NATO HQ Brussels, Belgium

1. **Welcome by President of CIOMR:** The President of CIOMR, MG Robert Kasulke, opened the meeting and thanked all present for their attendance.
2. **Roll Call:** A roll call of all VP's was conducted by AssSecGen and there were representatives present from the following countries:

Full Membership: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, United Kingdom, United States. (Total 11 present)

Absent: Bulgaria, Estonia, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Slovenia (7 Absent)

Associate Membership: Present: Austria, Switzerland

Absent: FYROM, Singapore, South Africa

3. **Report by Secretary General:** In the focus of Col Francois Martelet's report of this Mid-Winter Meeting was the future development of the structures and orientation of the organisation (CIOMR) and the relationship between CIOMR, CIOR and COMEDS. He stated that the advancement of COMEDS in the CIOMR aims and objectives is still increasing. More detailed information on this matter should be discussed later under the following agenda item "Future development of CIOMR".

4. **Approval Minutes Executive Council Sofia 2015:** The ASG of CIOMR, LtCol Horten, indicated that the Minutes of the Executive Council of the last Summer-Congress in Sofia had been forwarded to all National Vice-Presidents of CIOMR some weeks ago. Accordingly to this, he asked all National-Vice Presidents for their approval of the Minutes. The Minutes were approved by common vote.

5. **Future Development of CIOMR / Future Congresses:** Col. Martelet picked up again the important future development of the structures and direction of CIOMR. Because of the increasing importance of CIOMR for COMEDS as a center of excellence in military-medical-reserve issues, CIOMR should think about a much closer relationship to COMEDS and a potential detachment from CIOR. Some Member-Countries, in contrast to that perception, considered to stay in close cooperation with CIOR and especially with NRFC for the future to elevate the added value to the workshops, scientific-sessions and training-programs of CIOMR. Additionally some countries expressed their concerns, because they suspect to lose the support of their MoD's in case of a separation from CIOR because of limited financial and logistic resources. Over all there's consensus about strengthening the cooperation with COMEDS as main topic of the coming years. To get a quite clear view on the actual situation in the member countries of CIOMR, it was decided to get a detailed request-matrix (national reserve organisations, support by MoD, etc.) developed by the Board and distributed to the NatVP's until End of April to get the results before the upcoming summer-congress in Madrid. Another very important item is the future congress-organisation of CIOMR. If CIOR (MilComp) is thinking about new dimensions of the Military Competition for the future, CIOMR maybe should adjust their congress-format. If CIOR is going to implement main venues in selected sites for the MilComp in Europe, CIOMR and especially the 3C-Competition maybe have to follow. That means that maybe the CIOMR Congress could take place at the same venue with the 3C. To get a resilient background for a constructive discussion on that, Col. Neace offered to participate in the upcoming sessions of the CIOR MilComp to get more informations in which direction MilComp is going.

Detailed Request-Matrix attached as Annex A:

6. **Sponsorship of CIOMR Events:** Col. Davies and Maj. Drews reported that a lot of organisations and factories are highly interested in a participation of CIOMR Events and additionally in sponsoring these events. Although this could be added value to the events of CIOMR, the organisation should be very careful to ensure that there are no conflicts of interests. Col. Davies proposed a support of selected organisations/factories for scientific-formats, such as seminars followed by a “meet & greet” Cocktailparty sponsored by them. This could be a very interesting tool to arouse interest in CIOMR by high-potential decision-makers. Maybe CIOMR should think about to take this chance already for the upcoming summer-congress in Madrid.

7. **Development of 3C-Competition:** The Chairman of the OMC, Col Neace, presented the latest new developments concerning the 3C-Competition. The Competitors of MilCom expressed very much interest in the contents of the 3C-Competition. But their suggestion was to change the 3C-Competition to a more extensive Training-Program in advanced combat-medical-care procedures. That means to integrate educational and training units in basic principles and use of the advanced trauma care. A definite decision about that changing will be made by the MilComp-Committee of CIOMR at a later stage. Col. Neace noticed that this decision causes some serious logistical challenges to CIOMR. To handle with this, maybe the number of lanes during competition has to be bounded. But at the end the overall scenario of the 3C-Competition depends on the host-nation resources in logistical support (Equipment, Personnel, Moulage etc.)
Col. Henny continued the report with the latest news from the official recognition process of the 3C-Format by NATO MilMedCOE. There are some basic points which have to be recognized. CIOMR has to ensure that the competition is open also for other participants (Non CIOR). Another problem is to recognize CIOMR as an examination body of ACT. Therefore the requirements are very extensive. Result of all this is that there are a sort of “Stand-still”-situation at the moment. The procedure has to be continued. Col. Henny will report on that sequential.

8. **Report of CIOMR - Workshop:** Col Henny was very satisfied with the full-day Workshop presented on Wednesday in the Brussels Military-Hospital. This Workshop was organized and realised amongst others by SqdLdr. Banks from the UK. The interest in the workshop by the participants was very extensive. Almost 32 Participants have joined the event which dealt with Emergency-Care, Shock-Treatment etc. Col Henny emphasized that nearly 65 % of them were active-duty personnel! So this was a very nice success and added value for the CIOMR.

9. **Revision of Constitution of CIOMR:** Following the Constitution and By-Laws of CIOMR there has to be a revision of constitution in regularly recurring timeframes. It was requested by the council to give an overview of the revision of the whole constitution. MG Kasulke at last responsible for this, gave a short review that major amendments are not necessary. But the US- delegation asked for a possible modification of the section VI.3. (Membership) of the constitution. Following the constitution wording “ only one national association per country will be admitted to membership of CIOMR. Each national association must be approved by its Ministry of Defence...”, it is not intended to have one nation represented by two national Vice-Presidents at the same time.

Now the US-Delegation intends that it maybe should be possible to change the verbalization to “ up to two national associations per country will be admitted to membership of CIOMR” to allow the participation in the foundation of national CIOMR representatives by national military-medical-umbrella organisations additional to MoD’s because of the limited financial resources of the national authoritys. This proposal was discussed very controversial. Some Countries advised against such a transformation of the constitution to prevent a situation that one nation could be represented by two national Vice-Presidents at the same time. This could cause serious trouble in the work of the executive council of CIOMR. Additionally it is normally under national responsibility which organization (MoD or Medical Society) authorizes the national representatives within CIOMR. Some Countries reminded that there is no need for a changing because only the national organization could be member of CIOMR and not an individual person. To support the US –Delegation in some way it was proposed that the Board will make a suggestion for support in the next executive council during upcoming SC 2016 in Madrid.

10. **Treasures / Budgeted-Report:** Col DiDuca gave a comprehensive overview to the financial situation of CIOMR in his annual Budgeted-Report for the period up to Jan. 2016. Following this report the financial situation of CIOMR evolved into surplus funds. Now he initiated a discussion about possible investments with this surplus funds of CIOMR. It seems to be clear that long-term investments are not an option for CIOMR. Col Braathen objected that the time for investments is now. CIOMR has to decide whether it would be good to invest, or it would be better to put the money into portfolio. Additionally to that Col DiDuca proposed to work only with limited amounts (10.000 - 12.000 €) Following that proposal the council and the Board decided with a common vote to mount the surplus funds into savings and invest only the limited amounts as suggested.

In addition to this Maj Drews, in his position of Chairman of the Scientific-Committee, asked if the Budget for the SciCom is provided for each event or per annual. The Treasurer replied that the Budget for the SciCom is provided per year. The Secretary General, Col Martelet, subsequently asked the Treasurer for a detailed balance of the Scientific Budget. Following the given information by the Treasurer the Secretary General emphasized that there will be no approval of a deficit budgeted. Some other Countries shared the considerations about the Sci-Com Budgeted and the comprehensive Report and they asked for a more clearly arranged balance until the upcoming Summer-Congress in Madrid. It was supposed that the Treasurer needs some support on that and the Council decided that the new National-Vice President of Belgium, Maj Bijmens, will support Col DiDuca in the development of a standard balance until the next executive Council during the Congress in Madrid.

11. **Scientific Committee Report:** by Maj Nils Drews and Lt Chris Rankin
Detailed Report attached as Annex B:
12. **Continuing Medical Education Committee; (Sub-committee of OMC);** by Col Walter Henny
Full report attached as Annex C
13. **Report on COMEDS MMT WG:** by Col Walter Henny
Full report attached as Annex D
14. **Handover Presidency CIOMR during upcoming SC 2016:** MajGen Kasulke informed the Council that everything is well prepared for the Handover of the Presidency of CIOMR during the upcoming Summer-Congress. The UK already has formed a good team to take over the responsibility over CIOMR in summer.

Col Davies announced to present the new international Vice-President elect of CIOMR within the next two months so that the presidential team of the UK for the CIOMR is complete.

Additionally exploratory discussions with the Italian delegation had been done during this Mid-Winter-Meeting and the Italian Delegation had confirmed that they are prepared to take over the position of President-Elect during Summer-Congress.

15. Forecast Summer Congress 2016 Madrid: The CIOMR National-Vice President of Spain, Lt(R) Dutor-Vidal offered a warm welcome to the upcoming congress in Madrid in kind of a remarkable presentation which showed in an impressively manner that this congress is very well organized and prepared and the CIOMR will find excellent conditions for their sessions and 3C-Competition.

16. Awards: Due to the fact that during this Mid-Winter-Meeting no awards were presented by CIOMR, the Assistant Secretary General LtCol Horten used this situation to invite all National Vice-Presidents to give stimulations / candidates for awards of CIOMR. These incitements should be given in a written form until May every year so they could be recognized for upcoming Summer-Congress. To simplify this procedure the Board will provide a special request format for CIOMR awards which will be available until April this year.

17. Closing Remarks: by MG Kasulke:

Summing up MG Kasulke thanked for the support provided by all delegates given to the committees and working groups during this Mid-Winter Meeting. He closed the session in combination with best wishes for a reunion in Madrid this summer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

LCol Oliver Horten, Assistant Secretary General.

Detailed Request Matrix for CIOMR members support survey



Confédération Interalliée des Officiers Médicaux de Réserve (CIOMR)
Interallied Confederation of Medical Reserve Officers



CIOMR Members Support Survey:

Members

Nr.	Flag	National Organisation	COMEDS support	MOD support	Tri-Service	Comments
1	 Belgium					
2	 Bulgaria					
3	 Canada					
4	 Denmark					
5	 Estonia					
6	 France					
7	 Germany	Verband der Reservisten der Deutschen Bundeswehr e.V.	Fully Supportive	MOD funded activity	Heer Luftwaffe Marine SKB Zentraler Sanitätsdienst	
8	 Greece					
9	 Italy					
10	 Latvia					
11	 Lithuania					
12	 Netherlands			6		

Annex B

Report of the Committee-Session CIOMR Scientific-Committee

by Maj Nils Drews

1) Secretary - SciCom: As announced during SciCom meeting at MWM in Brussels, LtCol Strauch will not be able to continue his support to the SciCom due to new responsibilities within the German Army.

- We are more than happy to announce that **Col. Nancy Mikulin & LtCol. Tri Trinh (USA)** will both be joining the CIOMR Scientific Committee **in the role of Secretary!**
- In order to start our common work, especially in preparation for the upcoming Summer Congress in Madrid, we would like to ask you for your warm welcome and support for the new SciCom team.
- Please let us know if you don't agree to this or if you have other suggestions, thanks!

2) Theme - Summer Congress 2016, Madrid: First of all we will propose another process to decide on the upcoming Themes for our MWMs and SCs to be discussed at the next SciCom Meeting in Madrid. But following our SciCom meeting in Brussels we've had a very fruitful discussion how to "design" the themes and we would like to suggest the following adjustment for SC 2016:

- "Advances in military trauma surgery and disaster medicine - Are we doing better?"
- "Long term effects of deployment on active and reserve forces"

Based on the idea that CIOMR is and should be an international forum where reservists, civilian experts and active duty personnel act and discuss together, we have to position our themes and congresses according to this idea. This is the reason why we re-design our current themes to open up our list of potential speakers and audience.

Annex C

Report of the Continuing-Education-Committee, CEC-152

by Col Walter Henny

Immediately after the 2 CE activities in Sofia, Bulgaria, that had to be organized at the last minute because of a change in Congress location and date, planning started for this Mid Winter Meeting. As a consequence the subject was known at an early stage, and “advertising” also started early .

Thanks to the efforts of Sqn Ldr Graham BANKS, the Training Team of his RAF Reserve Squadron presented their Pre-Hospital Care Course last Wednesday.

This one-day course focused on what a decade of conflict has changed in pre-hospital care, in both treatment (regimes) and equipment.

Participants were for more than 50% non-CIOMR (with a large proportion of active duty personnel), which is exactly what CIOMR has been aiming at for many years, but was not always able to achieve.

Interestingly we got several requests “from industry” for an opportunity to show their related products. It was made entirely clear to them that they were very welcome but also that this activity was for educational and training purposes and not a trade show.

The course was a huge success. Our great thanks go to the UK colleagues.

For the upcoming summer congress we’re talking about the Dental Workshop that was cancelled/postponed last year, and about several other possibilities. To a degree this also depends on the venue of the congress. More details will follow as they become available

If 3C is recognized by Allied Command Transformation CEC would get a different position. As mentioned in my report on COMEDS/MMT-WG this doesn’t seem very likely at this moment.

Earlier this week we learned that plans to have the CIOR Military Competition at a limited number of well equipped sites in Europe and possibly the American continent are not being considered at present.

Preceding this year’s 3C competition in Madrid, OMC/CEC (at the request of CIOR’s MilCompCom) will provide a briefing for the competitors on equipment to be used in 3C, rather than a formal lecture on combat casualty care, as done in previous years. Given the time constraints in the schedule of the Military Competition there will be no opportunity for OMC/CEC to give a real training session..

Respectfully submitted

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Annex D

Report on COMEDS MMT WG

by Col Walter Henny

The Working Group met in Budapest, Hungary, November 9-11, 2015

The meeting was a meeting of transition, as a new chairman (UK) started his term and the secretary for many years, LTC Rob Meijering, stepped down.

The Working Group's focus is shifting gradually to a different plane. In connection with MilMedCoE it is also requested to provide inputs each year to define training goals for upcoming major (medical) exercises

As this process is still developing I'll confine my report to those items that are/can be of direct interest to CIOMR.

1. In my previous report I mentioned that at the level of COMEDS Plenary there is much attention for Pre-Hospital Care and that MilMed CoE is considering to develop a TCCC course that should serve as a standard for NATO.

It is important to remember that in NATO care in the field is a national responsibility

During its most recent meeting COMEDS Plenary decided to ask the Force Health Protection Working Group to define what care should be delivered at the point of wounding. This information is not yet available but it may have consequences for STANAG 2122. That STANAG sets a standard of care that should be adhered to by Member Nations (if they ratify) (also see below).

2. Doctrinal Portfolio

STANAG 2560 Medical Evaluation Manual (AMedP-27): in ratification

STANAG 2544 Requirement for Military Acute Trauma Care Training (AMedP-22): ratification completed

STANAG 2249 Training Requirements for International Health Support (AMedP-17): revision work as yet to begin

STANAG 2122 Requirement for Training in Casualty Care and Basic Hygiene for All Military Personnel:

- Norway is now the custodian
- as COMEDS Plenary has asked for a description of care to be delivered at the point of wounding (see above), the MMT-WG decided to shelve all work on STANAG 2122 until that information has been provided by the Force Health Protection WG
- if that information is really different from the material that was used in preparing the draft STANAG, a different STANAG 2122 will result.
- in that case CIOMR may have to adapt "Field First Aid", its source document for the 3C Competition

3. Cooperation with Captain Kimberly FERLAND USN (MilMedCoE):

- MilMed CoE is the agency through which applications for recognition by ACT should be processed
- CIOMR has prepared an application for recognition as a "examining facility" on casualty care in the field

- Captain FERLAND has discussed the issue with ACT which has indicated that they intend to recognize a “training institution” rather than an “examining facility”
- at present 2 venues will be pursued:
 - * trying to get 3C “listed” by ACT (which is less than being “recognized” but has something of a stamp of approval
 - * discussing the issue once more with ACT

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