



Dear participants to the 2016 CIOR-CIOMR Summer Congress:

On behalf of the “Federación de Organizaciones de Reservistas de España” (FORE) that I chair and on behalf of the Spanish Reservists we represent, it is a matter of great pride and satisfaction to give you a very much heartfelt welcome to Spain and to the Congress we are preparing.

Since a year ago when in the In Between Meeting of April 2015 in Sofia, possibility arose as to organize this Congress in Spain, we have been working very hard as to define this project, present it to our Authorities and to get it finally approved.

A year may seem a lot, but in reality, it is a very short period of time as to organize everything as our forerunners in this task would certainly know; only with the collective work of all members of FORE and with the support of the Spanish Department of Defense it has been possible to get ready for this Congress.

Therefore, I would like to thank all for their efforts, dedication and support in this task and to incite them to keep working as hard as previously, because there is a lot to do until next August as to reach our objective: make this Congress memories last and ensure that it will reach the same level of organization as its preceding Madrid 2001.

There is a lot of things that have changed in our country ever since the suspension of the compulsory Military Service, especially in any matter related to reservists; the actual model of reserve force was created and ever since then different promotions of reservists have been trained.

For us, it is mandatory to remember those Officers who leaded the way in CIOR and CIOMR around 1992, when our flag was hoisted for the first time in the Breda Congress, which was our first official attendance. From here, we invite you all to participate in this CIOR and CIOMR Congress to all of them, who still belong to CIOR and CIOMR.

To everyone, I cannot add anything else but only to thank you all for your confidence in our organization as to entrust us with the preparation of the Congress and to wish that, when you will come to Spain this summer, we will meet your highest expectations.

We sincerely hope that our Congress will be a great assistance success and we encourage you to participate as to enhance the importance of the Reserve Forces in the collective defense of our nations and our civilization, both tasks assigned to the Armed Forces to which we all modestly belong.

Best regards

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