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The Route of Truce - a CISM International Sport and Peace Event

Abstract

Researchers in the field of Sport for Development and Peace (SDP) endorse the role of Sport in bringing people together for its universal language, whose characteristics develop values such as discipline, teamwork, justice, respect for the opponent and the rules of the game and which can be used in achieving social cohesion, solidarity and peaceful coexistence (Grünenfelder, 2020). The International Military Sports Council (CISM) is a multidisciplinary organization in the world, bringing together military personnel from all nations to share experiences in sports fields, instead fight on the battlefield (Nóbrega 2019). With objective to create relationships of friendship through sports, strong motive, and a great opportunity to increase contacts between civilian and military sportsmen and sportsmen within the CISM The Greek Delegation to CISM since 2016, in collaboration with other bodies (IOA, Olympia Confederation, International Olympic Truce Centre), organizes “The Route of Truce”, joining forces in order to highlight the role of truce. The purpose of this paper is to present the results of a questionnaire designed to enhance our understanding of the SDP field through the eyes (and experiences) of Route of Truce participants (Coalter, 2008). The event is assessed, particularly in the Sport for Peace sub-area, to concerns about limited support, ineffective and inequitable practices and unclear impact. By understanding actors’ experiences in and expectations of the event, the research is able to identify a set of strengths and weaknesses that must be addressed in order to facilitate the growth and development of the activity in the context of CISM Sport for Peace. The paper concludes with a set of recommendations about ways the activity can be improved, including enhanced access to resources an research, more quality collaborations and partnerships, and meaningful, rigorous research and evaluation.

Practical Implications

CISM is working on various peace and sport activities, such as The International Day of Military Sports (former *CISM Day Running*), *CISM Futsal Cup for Peace*, *CISM Summer and Winter Games*, *CISM Championships e Route of Truce*. An in-depth assessment of the impact of these sport and peace events is needed, with particular emphasis on attributes relating to their ability to build trust, friendship and relationships.

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