

CONVENTION OF BUCHAREST

(9 August 1980)

Preamble

The present convention provides regulations for everything concerning the activity of the Committee of Bibliography, particularly:

- the selection of publications;
 - editing and wording of the international bibliography of military history.
- The convention is based on the Statutes of the International Commission of Comparative Military History (ICMH) of 15 August 1973 (Article 17 in particular); it replaces the Regulations of the Committee of Bibliography of 19 February 1977.

It is emphasized that the French text prevails in cases of controversy.

1. Selection of publications

- 1.1. Every year, the Committee of Bibliography of the International Commission of Comparative Military History (ICMH) publishes an **International Bibliography of Military History** listing those publications which provide military history with new scientific elements ⁽¹⁾.
- 1.2. The national Commissions of military history being affiliated with the International Commission of Comparative Military History take the scientific responsibility for the publications their respective correspondents notify to the Committee of Bibliography.
- 1.3. Announced in the Bibliography should be only the publications:
 - which were subject to a thorough report (dossiers) signed by an expert appointed by the national Commission of which he is a member;
 - of which a copy will be submitted to the editorial office (but for exceptions notified to the Committee).If possible, the dossiers will be provided with summaries in French, English and German.
- 1.4. The national Commissions only announce publications which have appeared in the country they represent.
- 1.5. The Committee of bibliography may, exceptionally and on its own responsibility, announce publications deserved particular examination, such as studies of pluridisciplinary interest, collective works, of scientists from different countries and other publications issuing from the national scope.
- 1.6. The Committee intends to maintain a fair ratio between the published titles in order to preserve the selective character of the Bibliography.
- 1.7. The national Commissions are due to inform the authors and editors on the selection of their publications in order to get the number of copies they need.

¹ The International Commission of Comparative Military History is composed of historians from different schools. The International Bibliography of Military History will necessarily reflect various, sometimes contradictory tendencies. Under these circumstances it is neither possible nor desirable to define uniform criteria for the selection.

2. Editing of the Bibliography

- 2.1. The President of the Committee of Bibliography assisted by his Secretary General, accepts the responsibility for the implementation of measures decided upon on behalf of his Committee.
- 2.2. The Committee of Bibliography is responsible to the International Commission of Comparative Military History for all the decisions taken during the period it was elected for.
- 2.3. The Committee of Bibliography submits to the bureau of the International Commission of Comparative Military History any useful proposal in view of both a medium and a long-term financial programme.
- 2.4. The Committee of Bibliography is authorized, on the basis of bilateral agreements, to make sales contracts concerning the Bibliography with the national Commissions.

3. Financing

The Committee takes all necessary measures for ensuring the financing and distribution of the Bibliography.

4. Miscellaneous

4.1. Availability of publications

The Correspondents of the International Bibliography of Military History will be able to ask the Secretariat General to provide with announced publications of which a copy is available at the Secretariat. The above service will, however, only be offered to those commissions which supply publications.

The conditions of loan will be provided by the regulations at present being in force in the field of international loan.

The Historical Service of the Swiss Army is responsible for the conservation of the works.

4.2. Meeting of the Committee

The Committee is, in principle, holding one meeting per year.

Coming into force

The present Convention comes into force with immediate effect.

Addressees: the members of the Committee of Bibliography.

For information: to the President of the International Commission of Comparative Military History – with copies for the members of the Bureau of the ICMH; to the Presidents of the national Commissions; to the Correspondents of the Bibliography.