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International Reserve Non-Commissioned Officer Symposium

**IRNS 2019**

*The Reservist is twice the Citizen*

- Winston Churchill -



10 – 12 October 2019

Oirschot Barracks

Netherlands



## Preface

Welcome on behalf of the Belgium Presidency of CISOR!

It is an honor and privilege to host you as our guests for the inaugural International Reserve NCO's Symposium (IRNS 2019).

This is a unique opportunity to experience the different military culture, heritage, leadership, doctrine, and education process of participating nations. These engagements enhance mission effectiveness and readiness and we are dedicated to make your visit enjoyable, productive and informative.

Please leverage this excellent opportunity to build relationships, increase your knowledge and continue your growth as a junior enlisted military leader... All while taking in the local history and sights of Oirschot's 13th Light Brigade Army Barracks and southern Netherlands.

We hope you enjoy this very rewarding experience

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## Introduction

The Netherlands Reservist Association, under the responsibility of the Belgium Presidency of CISOR, is pleased to announce the 1st International Workshop for Reserve Junior NCOs which will be held in 2019 at Oirschot Army Barracks, home to the 13th Light Brigade at Oirschot, Netherlands. These instructions are to confirm your registration as a student for IRNS 2019 and to inform you about the necessary preparations before traveling to the Netherlands (NL).

## Dates

The workshop dates are Wednesday, 9 October until Saturday, 12 October 2019

## Participants

During IRNS 2019, there will be a maximum of 40 students from different nations such as Belgium, Netherlands, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. The symposium will provide a forum for discussion and exchange of ideas within a multi-cultural military environment. To stimulate discussions, students will be exposed to the host nation's military and societal culture, history, leadership techniques to include learning styles, and the nation's decision-making process to enhancing the military experience of all those attending

Participants will be grouped in syndicates of up to ten people. Each syndicate will have its own dedicated facilitator. There will also be a day of cultural visits organized by the host nation organizing committee.

## Arrival and Departures

### For those traveling by air to Amsterdam Schiphol Airport

Please schedule your arrival at Amsterdam Airport ***no later than 1200 hrs*** on Wednesday 9 October. Due to very dense traffic in the Netherlands you will have to travel by train to Eindhoven central station.

Travelling from Schiphol Train station:

Every 30 minutes a train leaves on platform 3 (Direction Venlo). Train leaves at --:18 and --:48. Get off at Eindhoven Central station. This train ride will take approximately 1:30 hrs.

Please contact the POC on arrival on Eindhoven Central Station. Transportation to Oirschot Barracks will be provided. (Phone numbers are located in the Useful Telephone Numbers section.)

### For those traveling by air to Eindhoven Airport.

Please schedule your arrival on Wednesday 9 October at Eindhoven Airport ***no later than 14:30 hrs.***

Please contact the POC on arrival on Eindhoven Central Station. Transportation to Oirschot Barracks will be provided. (Phone numbers are located in the Useful Telephone Numbers section.)

### For those traveling by train to Eindhoven Central Station

Please schedule your arrival on Wednesday 9 October at Eindhoven Central ***no later than 14:30 hrs.***

Please contact the POC on arrival on Eindhoven Central Station. Transportation to Oirschot Barracks will be provided. (Phone numbers are located in the Useful Telephone Numbers section.)

### For those traveling by car to Oirschot Barracks

Please schedule your arrival on Wednesday 9 October at Oirschot Barracks ***no later than 16:00 hrs.***

Report to check in at the gate. Gate guard will verify credentials for base access.

## Immigration / Base Access

Country Access: For those traveling from outside of the Netherlands, you must ensure that you have the relevant Military Identification Documents (ID), civilian/military passports, and visas (if necessary) for entry into the Netherlands. Members should bring the appropriate Travel Orders. **Note: Your military ID will be needed for some of the events.**

Base Access: For those traveling from outside of the Netherlands, you will need to present your passport with visa, official orders and your issued military identification (credentials) to Oirschot Barracks gate guards for base access. Gate guards will reference the class roster and verify the overseas student credentials for base access.

You will be lodged at Oirschot Barracks, located at Eindhovensedijk 48, 5688 GN OIRSCHOT (51,476131 N / 5,373798 E).

All reservations will be made by the IRNS team; the costs for lodging are covered by the registration fee.

All of the rooms are non-smoking. The designated smoking area is in the pavilion located in the grassy area in front of your building.

## Costs

The Registration Fee is €350 Euro. The fee covers all lodging, meals and tour. The meals that are covered are 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 4 dinners.

**If the payment has not been made beforehand through bank transfer, the participant will need to pay an amount of 370 EUR in cash upon arrival, otherwise he/she will not be allowed to participate.**

Be advised you may wish to bring additional funds to buy souvenirs, or additional food and beverages outside of the already covered breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

## What to pack / Dress code

### Clothes:

Arrival Attire: Civilian clothes

Duty Day Attire: Auxiliary Battle Dress Uniform (ABU), standard working uniform, including headdress, suitable for both inside and outside activities (i.e. field/working uniform).

Off Duty/After Hour Attire: Civilian clothes

Dress for evening meals and social hour events is smart casual clothing. When in civilian attire, you are to ensure that your dress and personal appearance is in line with the standards traditionally associated with the Armed Forces. It is suggested that you wear comfortable shoes for walking. Please ensure that you bring adequate and appropriate civilian attire for your stay at Oirschot Barracks.

Temperatures can range from 40-44 degrees Fahrenheit/3-7 degrees Celsius. Average chance on rain is 60% - 75% so waterproof clothing is advised.

Sports Kit: Military workout uniform/Physical Training (PT) uniform, including running shoes (optional for those who want to work out or run).

### Optional Additional Items:

- Umbrella
- Refillable water bottle/water can
- Small backpack (you will need this for items purchased during the day)
- Coins, patches, etc....
  - It is an informal tradition to trade or “swap” coins, patches, stickers and other assorted military items at these types of gatherings. There will be approximately 60 people (participants and staff together) if you wish to partake in this tradition throughout the week.
- Chargers for electronic items. The voltage in the Netherlands is 220 Volts 50Hz. Adaptors from 115 to 220 are not available so you must bring your own.

## Staying in the Netherlands

For out of country participants, call your service provider to determine if your cell phone will work in the Netherlands. The currency in the Netherlands is the Euro. There is a currency exchange at the Schiphol International Airport but to avoid fluctuating rates it is advised to get your Euro's at ATM's. Most restaurants and shops accept the use of credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, etc...), however it is best to have Euro currency/cash with you just in case. The €350 registration fee will need to be paid in Euro currency.

## Medical

Oirschot Barracks does have a medical treatment facility on base. However, during the weekend it may be closed. Participants requiring immediate medical care will be taken to an off-base medical treatment facility. For emergency medical service, dial 112. Be aware that you may have to pay cash for treatment for which you may be reimbursed by your own military or insurance company. Any participant who develops a condition requiring extended medical or dental treatment will likely be returned to their home country.

## Useful Telephone numbers

### Inquiries leading up to the event

If you have any questions on the IRNS 2019, please email us at [cisor@avm.nl](mailto:cisor@avm.nl) and copy [info@avrm.nl](mailto:info@avrm.nl) and [office@cisor.info](mailto:office@cisor.info)

### Emergency contact numbers during the event

Contact the two individuals below in case of late arrivals, other problems, or if your family needs to contact you for emergencies.

Director: SM Edwin Sprokkereef, cell phone (0031) 6 29469585

Aide: SSgt Laszlo Szekula, cell phone (0031) 6 40816743

For accidents, fire or medical emergencies on base call the Oirschot Barracks Emergency Communications Center. The number will be given to all course participants at the beginning of the symposium.