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MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF ICMH ON THE OCCASION OF THE
75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MILITARY HISTORY SOCIETY OF IRELAND

The Military History Society of Ireland was founded in 1949 and therefore is marking an important achievement with the celebration of its 75th Anniversary.

The International Commission of Military History is very happy to join in these celebrations, since the Society is affiliated, under the style of the Irish Commission for Military History, to ICMH, which numbers 42 National Commissions in five continents.

Among these various Commissions the Military History Society of Ireland stands out for its seniority, the continuity of its commitment, its wide range of activities, including the publication of the scholarly journal *The Irish Sword*. I also remember meeting various Irish scholars at the annual Congresses of ICMH.

It is also remarkable that the Military History Society of Ireland in its composition and in its governing bodies represents an excellent example of collaboration between civilian scholars and military, on active service or retired. In my experience of President of ICMH I know well that this is a recipe for success.

Finally, I would recall the long list of peacekeeping missions to which the Armed Forces of the Republic of Ireland have taken part and constitute a field of research and studies for historians.

I am sure that the Society will continue this success story. Óglaigh na hÉireann'!