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## **The 49<sup>th</sup> CISM World Military Marathon Championship comes to Ottawa**

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“The 49th CISM World Military Marathon Championship is a phenomenal example of the spirit of healthy competition and peace on which CISM is built. Canada is proud to host this wonderful event, and we wish every athlete luck in their race.”

- Sean N Cantelon, Cmdre  
Chief Executive Officer

Staff of the Non-Public Funds, Canadian Armed Forces

The 49th International Military Sports Council (CISM) World Military Marathon Championship (WMMC) is being hosted in Ottawa, Ontario on Sunday, May 28, 2017. The event is taking place within the broader Scotiabank Ottawa Marathon, and will feature over 103 military athletes competing from 22 CISM member nations.

Top military athletes from all over the world will be arriving in Ottawa throughout the week of May 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the opening ceremony will occur on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Canadian Armed Forces will have 8 athletes representing Canada (4 men and 4 women). The Championship will begin at 7am on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, and the closing ceremony and awards will be held after the race on the same day.

Many of the top military athletes competing in the WMMC have personal best times that place them in the top ten for the entire field of the Scotiabank Ottawa Marathon. This means that along with competing for the opportunity to become the CISM World Military Marathon Champion, they will also be vying to become the overall Ottawa Marathon winner as well.

Founded in 1948, the International Military Sports Council (CISM) is one of the largest multidisciplinary sports organizations in the world. Created with the mission of promoting peace and international dialogue through sport, CISM allows the militaries of the world to compete peacefully in the spirit of cooperation. The WMMC is one of many World Championships that occur in the CISM

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## **About the Tamarack Ottawa Race Weekend**

The 2017 Tamarack Ottawa Race Weekend is expected to welcome 45,000 participants in six races, including the Scotiabank Ottawa Marathon, the Scotiabank Half Marathon, the Ottawa 10K, the HTG Sports 5K, the Ottawa 2K and Scotiabank Ottawa Kids Marathon. Through the Scotiabank Charity Challenge, runners raised close to \$800,000 for local and national charities in 2016.

The Tamarack Ottawa Race Weekend is one of only two running events in the world to host two IAAF Gold Label races - the Ottawa 10K and the Scotiabank Ottawa Marathon. The 2017 Tamarack Ottawa Race Weekend will take place on May 27-28, 2017. Visit us at [www.runottawa.ca](http://www.runottawa.ca).