

## DELEGATIONS ARE ENTHUSIASTIC OF THE AOSTA VALLEY AND FOR THE ORGANISATION

**Fantastic landscape, welcome and Aostan food. Everything has been appreciated: from Pakistanis and Iranian skiers to the only women chief of mission of the CISM, the Czech Jana Senkova.**

**(Aosta, march 20, 2010)** – *"We are hundreds of military from 41 different countries, languages, cultures and history very far apart, and yet we are all here in peace, in a beautiful and friendly atmosphere, thanks to sport"* said during an interview, the general **Mehr Ali Baran Cheshmeh** chief of mission of the Iranian delegation. *"Sites are wonderful and the organisation is perfect. I would like to thank the president of the CISM, general Gianni Gola, president Roth, the organizing committee, President Rollandin and the Aosta valley for its superb welcome". General Baran Cheshmeh loved Aosta Valley so much, that he will stay a little bit more for getting to know its religion and mountains".*

**Muhammad Abbas**, a Pakistan's athlete, attended the slalom in Pila on Tuesday and ranked 18<sup>th</sup> out of 65 participants. A clear improvement in comparison to the 79<sup>th</sup> and third to last place on the Vancouver's Olympic Games. But for Pakistan it goes beyond the pleasure of participating: *"We are here to have a nice experience, and skiing on these marvellous sites is very important. Training for us is hard, two of our ski slopes were destroyed by the war, and the roads to reach them are in very bad conditions"* said the Pakistan's team coach, air force colonel **Shahid Nadeen**, glad for his stay in Aosta Valley and for the received welcome.

A welcome that impressed positively the Chinese delegation too, that enjoyed wines, fontina cheese and the dried chamois meat that was being served on the "parterre" of the contests: *"food here is great, and these mountains around us are wonderful"*, commented Beijing's athletes.

*"I want to thank Italy and Aosta Valley for the great organisation of these Games, and the CISM for the opportunity that has been given to all the military athletes to meet on these wonderful mountains"* said smiling the only women chief of mission, elected directly from her government, by just two days, head of the military sports of Czech Republic, captain **Jana Senkova**.



From hot Brazil to cooler Monte Bianco, where the indoor climbing challenge was planned, the sailor **Paolo Henrique Arges Cursage** caught the attention with his white uniform and his smile, in the Opening Parade. He said: "I have never left Brazil before. I like this place very much and from my arrival everybody gave me a warm welcome. This is the reason why I have forgotten the cold climate that I have found here in Aosta Valley and I was glad to take part in these great Military Games".

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