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Once again, the principal event of the year was the annual Congress, the XXXVIth, held in Amsterdam, from the 29th August to 3rd September on the theme “Insurgency and Counterinsurgency: Irregular Warfare from 1800 to the Present”. The Society’s speaker was Dr. Patrick McCarthy, the Honourable Correspondence Secretary. He presented a paper entitled “The R.A.F. and the Irish War of Independence, 1919-1921.” I also attended the Congress, as did Mrs. Dolores McCarthy, the President, Dr. Harman Murtagh and Council Member Dr. David Murphy. The event was attended by over 300 delegates and accompanying persons from 39 countries. Over 80 papers were presented in a series of triple parallel sessions. The Congress also featured two roundtable discussions and a graduate student workshop.

Once again we express our gratitude to the Minister for Defence for the subvention which covers the expense of sending a speaker to this important annual event without the need to call on Society funding. The Department provides this support in addition to the payment of our annual subscription of 650 Swiss Francs to the International Commission.

An annual feature of the work of the International Commission has been the publication of the *Bibliographie Internationale*, consisting of several hundred summary reviews of the latest military history books. Tome 31 was not published this year but will appear next year as a journal and an online edition. It will contain 9 reviews submitted by the Society. As ever, we are greatly indebted to Dr. Patrick McCarthy, Chairman of the Books Committee, for his dedicated work in reviewing the books and compiling the submission.

The 2010 annual Congress, the XXXVIIth will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 28th August to 2nd September on the theme “Decolonisation: colonial wars and independence from the 18th century to our day.” Our speaker will be selected shortly. The Congress 2011 website is www.cihm2011.com.br Looking further ahead, the 2012 Congress is due to be held in Bulgaria. The 2013, 2014 and 2015 Congresses are expected to take place in Japan, France and China respectively.

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