

Your Excellencies, Generals, Soldiers, Ladies and Gentlemen, dear friends of AMI!

The working sessions of our conference are coming almost to an end – time to take a short résumé!

During these three days we listened to nine different lectures concerning two different and difficult subjects:

How to commemorate now and in the future under changing circumstances, and how can our Christian faith help to overcome fear of death.

The idea was to make room for as many different positions as possible to produce the climate bringing us into the position for working on these two themes and to find solutions or common positions.

Although we had used an Austrian working paper as a background for our working groups I feel that we will not come to a final end of our discussions, what is thus clear because we were just able to present the results of our working groups and are not able to present a concluding paper on these themes, maybe due to different histories and different (military) cultures. What is gathering us together is our tight Christian relationship and with it in mind we will do our best to come to a common result.

Beside this, to be honest, I think now that it was too much what we tried to do during these three days.

Some excellent ideas arose concerning the structure of the conference. Unfortunately it was not possible to fulfill all wishes instantly, but some changes have already taken place when changing a little bit the daily agenda.

It is my task thinking about how to leave more space for more spiritual nourishment and more time for discussion and common work.

Concerning next year's conference allow me to invite you all to support the presidency in finding an essential subject. All your proposals shall be discussed in autumn, bringing us in the position to send the most important information's concerning the conference already still in wintertime.

What I will try again and again is to get back onboard all countries having taken part sometimes in the past.

To be honest, up to this morning we faced a problem, which fortunately and due to the understanding and support by the Slovenian Armed Forces is now solved.

The 2013 AMI conference will take place in Celje/Slovenia, a beautiful town nearby the last slopes of the Alps. At the end of the working session of our conference I want to thank once more our Belgian friends for their professional preparation and organization of our conference.