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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

5 – 6 June 2018
Sofia, Bulgaria

SIDE EVENTS

SECURITY CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP 5-6 June 2018

MSG-147 - M&S SUPPORT FOR CRISIS AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT PROCESSES AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS 7-8 June 2018

THE CONFERENCE

The Crisis Management and Disaster Response Centre of Excellence (CMDR COE) is pleased to announce that the 6th Annual Interagency Interaction in Crisis Management and Disaster Response Conference will take place on 5 - 6 JUN 2018 in Sofia, Bulgaria.

The CMDR COE Annual Conference serves as a platform for information and knowledge exchange and promotes coordination of actions among key stakeholders, both military and civilian, in the CMDR domain. Each year the event addresses specific issues from the latter domain and gathers experts from across NATO Allied and partner nations. As with previous years, the 2018 Conference has for its purpose to:

- ✓ Stir dialogue on potential climate change implications on international security and by extension – to the conduct of operations;
- ✓ Discuss future crisis and disaster response operation from a collaborative comprehensive approach perspective;
- ✓ Facilitate cooperation between research institutes and governmental and non-governmental organisations;
- ✓ Provide participants with the opportunity to share their ideas through the Call for Papers initiative;
- ✓ Share Lessons Identified/Lessons Learned on Interagency Interaction in CMDR;
- ✓ Foster a Community of Interest in the CMDR domain.

The 2018 Conference will address the following main topics:

- 🕮 **Climate Change - Security Nexus**
- 🕮 **Future Crisis and Disaster Response Operations**
- 🕮 **Best practices in support of CMDR decision-making**

SYNOPSIS

Panel 1: Climate Change - Security Nexus

The interrelation and interaction between different political, social, technological, economic, and environmental trends is what marks and redefines the global security environment. The dynamics of interconnectedness and interdependence of processes and actors presents both challenges and opportunities for individual countries and for international organisations alike. Remaining relevant and apt in such a context is a key transformation and capability

development objective for NATO, as well as for other organisations such as the European Union (EU).

Analyses on the current security environment puts at the top of NATO's agenda the necessity to enhance its civil preparedness, as a central pillar of the Alliance resilience and a cross-cutting factor within its three core tasks, and guard from hybrid and cyber threats. Fostering the relations and interactions between the civil and military sector reinforces collective defence, enhances NATO's capabilities, and strengthens its resolve.

In a highly globalised world, the effects of climate change have the menacing potential of seriously impairing on development and, thereafter, on peace and security. Climate change impacts on nearly any human activity and serves as a compounding factor for existing issues. NATO and the EU consider climate change a critical component of future peace- and security-related activities, including in military operations.

Panel 2 - Future Crisis and Disaster Response Operations (CDROs)

The future security environment poses a number of challenges, specifically in terms of the blurred boundaries between time and space, putting to the test and ultimately redefining traditional military paradigms to the conduct of operations. The complex character of the latter will, and already does, require improved abilities complemented by relevant civilian and military capabilities. Interconnectedness and interdependence in a context of highly globalised world also provide opportunities for beneficial cooperation in the effective and efficient use of scarce resources. Establishing and sustaining viable security networks is a milestone in ensuring operational agility.

Therefore, the future crisis and disaster response operations will call for a collaborative comprehensive approach among leading international peace and security organisations such as the UN, NATO, the EU, and the OSCE. Geared towards the future, such an approach will enable accommodating the operational demands of tomorrow's crises and disasters. Resilient security, in the sense of providing stakeholders with the opportunity to anticipate and thus prepare for meeting challenges and overcoming threats, specifically minding the aggravating effects climate change may impose on our global society, comes to the fore as a matter warranting high consideration.

Panel 3 - Best practices in support of CMDR decision-making

Sound strategic, operational, tactical and communication planning are critical in the conduct of any CDROs. The wide-spread repercussions of crises and disasters in a context of global interdependence bring to the fore the necessity of timely decision-making leveraging on lessons-learned and best practices shared among key global peace and security actors. Complemented by the proper use of technological innovations, this collaborative comprehensive approach underpins the success of tomorrow's CDROs.

The purpose of exhibiting and further exploring the potential of modelling and simulation for CDROs planning and decision-making is two-fold. On the one hand, it aims at displaying the

benefit of using uniformed information gathering processes and of sharing standardised data for better predicting and hence, preparing for crisis and disaster situations. On the other, deciding on required actions by testing solutions would minimise waste while optimising the use of available resources and avoiding duplications among key CMDR stakeholders.

For the first time this year the Conference features two workshops, which unfold in its margins: **The George C. Marshall Bulgaria Association and European Centre for Security Studies, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, sponsored** *Security Capability Development* workshop, and the CMDR COE-led ***MSG-147 - M&S Support for Crisis and Disaster Management Processes and Climate Change Implications***. The closely related topic areas of these events feed into the broader perspective the Conference provides bridging policy makers and capability developers via modern technology.

Conference fee:	€ 80 (excluding lecturers and keynote speakers)
Audience:	Experts and professionals in the field of CMDR
Working language:	English (no translation service provided)
Security classification:	Non-classified releasable to the public
Dress code:	Military uniform or business casual

Fees could be paid, Bulgarian leva only, upon Conference in-processing (5 JUN 2018) or, alternatively, by bank transfer to the following account:

ACCOUNT: CMDR COE
IBAN: BG45UNCR70001522070686
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1000 Sofia, 7 Sv. Nedelya Sq., Bulgaria
COMMUNICATION: CMDR COE Annual Conference

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

MG William HICKMAN

Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategic Plans and Policy in Allied Command Transformation (ACT).

LtG Atanas ZAPRYANOV (Ret.)

Deputy Minister of Defence, BGR

Mr. Raed ARAFAT

Secretary of State for Home Affairs, ROU

Mr Jean-Dominique DULIÈRE

Head of Crisis Response and Exercises Section in NATO HQ, Brussels.

Mr. Dirk DUBOIS

Head of the European Security Defence College, Brussels

PANEL LEADERS

Colonel Milen MILKOV

Chief Education and Training Branch, CMDR COE
Panel: *Climate Change - Security Nexus*

Colonel Aleksandar GEORGIEV

Acting Chief Transformation Branch, CMDR COE
Panel: *Future Crisis and Disaster Response Operations*

Colonel Orlin NIKOLOV

Chief Capabilities Branch, CMDR COE
Panel: *Best practices in support of CMDR decision-making*

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Time	*Activities*
DAY ONE: 05/06/18 THUESDAY (Main Hall (2nd Floor))	
0830-0900	In-processing
0900-0915	Opening remarks **Mr. Krassimir KARAKACHANOV** – Minister of Defence of the Republic of Bulgaria **Col. Vassil ROUSSINOV** – Director CMDR COE
0915-0925	Admin remarks **Ms. Gergana VAKLINOVA**
0925-1030	Keynote speakers (first panel) **MG William HICKMAN** - ACT DCOS, Strategic Plans and Policy **LtG Atanas ZAPRYANOV** (Ret.) - Deputy Minister of Defence, BGR
1030-1100	Group photo & Coffee break
1100-1300	Keynote speakers (second panel) **Mr. Raed ARAFAT** - Secretary of State for Home Affairs, ROU **Mr Jean-Dominique DULIÈRE** - NATO HQ, Brussels. **Mr. Dirk DUBOIS** - Head of the European Security Defence College, Brussels
1300-1400	Lunch
1400-1530	First plenary session: **Security Capability Development** **Chair: Colonel Milen MILKOV**
1530-1545	Coffee break
1545-1715	Second plenary session: **Climate Change - Security Nexus** **Chair: Colonel Milen MILKOV**
1715-1730	Wrap-up Day 1
1800-2000	Icebreaker/Official dinner
DAY TWO: 06/06/18 WEDNESDAY	
0900-1030	First plenary session: **Future Crisis and Disaster Response Operations** **Chair: Colonel Aleksandar GEORGIEV**
1030-1045	Coffee break
1045-1230	Second plenary session: **Future Crisis and Disaster Response Operations** **Chair: Colonel Aleksandar GEORGIE**V
1230-1330	Lunch
1300-1530	First plenary session: **Best practices in support of CMDR decision-making** **Chair: Colonel Orlin NIKOLOV**
1530-1545	Coffee break
1545-1700	Second plenary session: **Best practices in support of CMDR decision-making** **Chair: Colonel Orlin NIKOLOV**
1700-1715	Wrap-up Day 2
1715-1730	Closing ceremony

DAY TWO: 06/06/18 WEDNESDAY – SECURITY CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT WS (Main Hall (1st Floor))	
0900 - 1000	Sectorial Policies Defining (Defence)
1000 - 1030	Capability Development Process
1030 - 1100	National Security System and Crisis Management
1100 - 1400	Ways of National Security System Improvement
1400 - 1500	Discussion and Final Results Refining
1500 - 1515	Out processing / Administrative matters
07- 08/06/18 - MSG 147 - M&S Support for Crisis and Disaster Management Processes and Climate Change Implications (Invitees ONLY!)	
0900-1700	MSG 147

CALL FOR PAPERS

Interested participants are invited and encouraged to submit papers on a topic relevant to the either of the three thematic panels. A peer review selection committee will determine the papers which will be presented during the Conference and further published in the 2018 CMDR COE Proceedings (ISSN 2367-766X). A **publication fee of 35 euro** is due upon selection.
Papers must not exceed 20 standard pages (font Arial, 12 pt.; 25000 characters with spaces, including annexes and appendices). Citation shall be done in accordance with the Harvard System of Referencing.

Texts should contain an executive summary in English (up to 200 words) and keywords (no more than 10). In addition, personal information such as the name, e-mail, institutional address and brief CV of the author (academic degree, position, monographs, important papers, scientific interests, etc.) is also required.

Key selection criteria will be:

- Relevance of the topic discussed;
- Mastery of the topic;
- Depth of knowledge presented;
- Respected technical requirements.

All relevant materials and required documents are to be submitted via online registration and e-mail (attachment) by **15 April 2018, 1600 EET**.

Selected candidates will be contacted via e-mail **by 30 April 2018, 1600 EET** and provided further information regarding their presentations.

Final papers are to be submitted via e-mail (attachment) **by 30 May 2018, 1600 EET** to boris.guenov@cmdrcoe.org or desislav.zmeev@cmdrcoe.org.

More information: https://www.cmdrcoe.org/menu.php?m_id=2&c_id=63

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GENERAL INFORMATION

THE CENTRE

The CMDR COE was established on 28 August 2013. The Centre currently has two Sponsoring Nations – the Hellenic Republic and the Republic of Poland, and one Framework Nation - the Republic of Bulgaria. The CMDR COE is founded upon Memoranda of Understanding (MOU): the Operational MOU between the participating Nations and the Functional MOU between the Participating Nations and NATO Supreme Allied Commander Transformation Headquarters (HQ SACT).

On 31 March 2015, upon a NAC silence procedure, the Centre was accredited as the 21st NATO COE and was activated as a NATO Military Body with an international status under Article 14 of the Paris Protocol.

CMDR COE's main objective and principle *raison d'étre* is to support and contribute to the enhancement of NATO's crisis management and disaster response capabilities, and as a corollary – to improve the Alliance's interoperability through, inter alia, education and training, research and analyses, concept and doctrine development, experimentation, and lessons-learned.

CONFERENCE VENUE

Sofia

Founded seven thousand years ago, Sofia is the second oldest city in Europe, today - a dynamic European capital with a vibrant city and cultural environment.

It combines the comfort of a modern city with the abundance of rich historical heritage. Located at the foot of Vitosha Mountain, Sofia allows for a quick escape to the mountainous resort. The variety of traditional and foreign cuisine opportunities is a delight for even the most sophisticated palate.

Sofia accommodates both the preference of a calm and more dynamic city life.

Central Military Club,

17, Tsar Osvoboditel Blvd, Sofia 1000
The Central Military Club (*Tsentralen Voenen Klub*) is a multi-purpose facility and a head-office for Recreation and Clubs Agency of the Bulgarian Armed Forces. The construction of the Neo-Renaissance building, designed by the Czech architect Antonín Kolář, started in 1895 and was operational in 1907. The building has three stories and features a coffeehouse, an art gallery, a number of refined halls varying in size, as well as an imposing concert hall with 450 seats.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Metro, buses, trolleybuses and trams serve travellers in Sofia. A single-journey ticket costs 1.60 BGN (approx. 0.80 euro cents) and can be bought from street kiosks; ticket counters in the underground stations; on-board vending machine in trams and trolleys, or from the driver (advisable to have the exact amount).

Taxi services in Sofia are cheap and generally easily accessible. At the airport, use the official taxi booth inside Terminal 2 to ask for a taxi (O.K. Supertrans Taxi), as those loitering outside are likely to overcharge you by anything up to 10 times the normal fare. The taxi should not be more than 15-22 BGN for a ride to the central parts of Sofia. The payment should be made in Bulgarian currency only. Some taxis provide card payment service.

All taxi cars should be yellow; should have clear tariff markings on their front and side windows and should operate by meter – upon departure, make sure the meter is on. The CMDR COE recommends the services of O.K. Supertrans and Yellow Taxi.

MISCELLANEOUS

Local Time: EET / GMT+3 between late March and late October.

Currency: Bulgarian lev (BGN). It is in fraction of 100 stotinki (singular: stotinka). Coins: 1 and 2 leva; banknotes: 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 Levs. The exchange rate against the euro is fixed at BGN 1.95 for 1 euro. Exchange rates may vary slightly.

Telecommunications: International code for Bulgaria is +359, for Sofia: +359 2. Main mobile service providers: M-tel, Telenor and Vivacom.

Potable water: Tap water is safe to drink.

Electricity: Main voltage 220 V/50 Hz, round two-pin plugs.

Driving: Right-side circulation with a valid International Driving Permit. Ride with lights on at all times. The use of seat belts is mandatory for all passengers, except pregnant women. Speed limits are 50 km/h urban, 30 km/h residential areas, 90 km/h outside urban areas and 130 km/h highways.

Common European Emergency Number: 112

ACCOMMODATION

Please note that transportation to/from conference venue will not be provided.

Although a personal responsibility, the CMDR COE has made a limited block booking at the Crystal Palace Hotel.
We recommend to make early reservation also in light of the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU in the first half of the year.

The Crystal Palace Hotel****

This is a boutique hotel, that offers shuttle bus service which are available upon request and charges apply. The unique combination between architectural monument and modern business style gives it a remarkable appearance. The Crystal Palace was awarded for Bulgarian Building of the Year for 2004.

The preferential rate, VAT and Taxes included, for a single room is 140 euro / night; double room 150 euro / night; small suit 210 euro / night.

Please note the deadline for hotel booking at the Crystal Palace Hotel is 10 MAY 2018

Other hotels in the central part of Sofia (no block booking available):

Grand Hotel Sofia*****
1 Gurko Str., 1000 Sofia, Bulgaria, phone: (+359 2) 811 0811 fax: (+359 2) 811 0953
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Sofia Hotel Balkan*****
5 Sveta Nedelya Square Sofia 1000 Bulgaria, phone: (359 2) 9816541 Fax: (359 2) 9806464
www.sofiahotelbalkan.com/en/

Sense Hotel*****
16 Tsar Osvoboditel Blvd., 1000 Sofia, Bulgaria, phone: +359 (0) 700 20670
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ONLINE REGISTRATION

To register (mandatory) for the Conference, please visit our website at: https://www.cmdrcoe.org/menu.php?m_id=2&c_id=64 and follow the instructions. The deadline for registration is **28 MAY 2018, 1600 EET**.

No registrations will be considered past this deadline.

Should you have any questions concerning the Conference, please contact the CMDR COE PoCs:

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