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INTERAGENCY INTERACTION IN CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND DISASTER RESPONSE

CONFERENCE INFO PACKAGE



5 – 6 June 2019
Sofia, Bulgaria

THE CONFERENCE

The Crisis Management and Disaster Response Centre of Excellence (CMDR COE) is pleased to announce that the 7th Annual Interagency Interaction in Crisis Management and Disaster Response Conference will take place on 5 – 6 JUN 2019 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 countries. As with previous years, the 2019 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 2019 Conference will address the following topics:

-  **Conceptualising Resilience – Enabling Future CMDR**
-  **Implication of Global Changes on Security**
-  **Collaborative Interaction – Implications on Security**

SYNOPSIS

Panel 1: Conceptualising Resilience – Enabling Future CMDR

The aim of the panel is to explore the multi-faceted, multi-disciplinary and often – obfuscating, concept of resilience in light of future crisis management and disaster response (CMDR), bridging theory and practice, tools and actors, level of ambition and reality, ultimately testing the practical utility of resilience. The panel will be structured in the form of a moderated discussion, featuring prominent, both military and civilian, professionals in the field addressing different aspects and practices of resilience. The 90-minute discussion will provide an opportunity for open Q&As, which will flow into the second part of the panel, where conclusions and recommendations will crystalize key take-aways for future CMDR.

Panel 2: Implication of Global Changes on Security

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. 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. Global 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.

Analyses on the current security environment puts at the top of NATO's agenda. The necessity to enhance its civil preparedness is 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.

Panel 3: Collaborative Interaction – Implications on Security

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).

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, and the EU. 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.

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 in Bulgarian leva (BGN) only, upon Conference in-processing (5 JUN 2019) or, alternatively, by bank transfer to the following account:

ACCOUNT: CMDR COE
IBAN: BG45UNCR70001522070686
BIC: UNCRBGSF
BANK: UniCredit Bulbank – Sofia, Bulgaria
1000 Sofia, 7 Sv. Nedelya Sq., Bulgaria
COMMUNICATION: CMDR COE Annual Conference

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COLLABORATIVE INTERACTION – IMPLICATIONS ON SECURITY

All 2019 Conference participants are invited and encouraged to submit papers on a topic relevant to the any 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 2019 CMDR COE Proceedings (ISSN 2367-766X). A **publication fee of 35 euro** is due upon selection.

Papers should not exceed 20 standard pages - font Arial (12 pt); 25000 characters with spaces, including annexes and appendices; all related schemes, charters, pictures must be provided by attachment separately. 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, the CMDR COE requires personal information of the author – name, e-mail, institutional address and brief CV (academic degree, position, monographs, important papers, scientific interests, etc.).

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 **30 April 2019, 1600 EET**. Selected candidates will be contacted via e-mail and provided further information regarding their presentations.

Final papers are to be submitted via e-mail (attachment) **by 31 May 2019, 1600 EET** to boris.guenov@cmdrcoe.org or desislav.zmeev@cmdrcoe.org.

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'être* 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 00359, for Sofia: 00359 2. Main mobile service providers: A1, 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 AND REGISTRATION

However the hotel reservation is an individual responsibility, the CMDR COE would like to recommend some hotels in the downtown of Sofia.

The Crystal Palace Hotel**** www.crystalpalace-sofia.com

Arena Di Serdica <https://www.arenadiserdica.com/>

InterContinental Sofia***** www.ihg.com/intercontinental/hotels/gb/en/sofia/sofco/hoteldetail

Grand Hotel Sofia***** reservations@grandhotelsofia.bg

Sofia Hotel Balkan***** www.sofiahotelbalkan.com/en/

Sense Hotel***** www.sensehotel.com/en/Grid-Menu/

Note: Transportation to/from conference venue will not be provided

Registration (mandatory) for the 2019 Conference at: www.cmdrcoe.org.

The deadline is 20 MAY 2019, 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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