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INTERAGENCY INTERACTION IN CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND DISASTER RESPONSE

CONFERENCE INFO PACKAGE



2 – 3 June 2020
Sofia, Bulgaria

THE CONFERENCE

The Crisis Management and Disaster Response Centre of Excellence (CMDR COE) is pleased to announce that the 8th Annual Interagency Interaction in Crisis Management and Disaster Response Conference will take place on 2 – 3 JUN 2020 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 2020 Conference has for its purpose to:

- ✓ Explore 21st century as new era in the field of risk and crisis management
- ✓ 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 organizations;
- ✓ 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 2020 Conference will address the following topics:

-  **Crisis Complexity in 21st Century**
-  **Climate Change Implications on Security**
-  **Recasting strategy – a human-centered approach to security.**

SYNOPSIS

Panel 1: Crisis Complexity in 21st Century

This panel is intended to stimulate thinking about the vast geopolitical movement characterizing the world today and possible global trajectories during the next decades. Our effort is to encourage decision makers—whether in government or outside—to think and plan for long term so that negative futures do not occur and positive ones have a better chance to unfold. We are aiming to make this effort as collaborative as possible, believing that a diversity of perspectives enriches the work. The panel will focus on some so-called global aspects that we consider as megatrends worldwide. Our desire is to promote practice oriented views and researches in the crisis management and disaster response domain. We would like to hear opinions coming from professional practices and directly contributing the professional perspectives based on experience and experiments that cover below mention aspects of humankind development.

Rapid growth of sophisticated technologies has placed a hot potato in the security environment as converting materials and information into various digital forms. Consecutively this process of Digitalization inspired by political ambitions sets the stage for Hybrid Warfare.

Powered by a new wave of Cyber technics, such warfare implements Artificial Intelligence where humans are substituted by IT-systems. Operations of all shapes and sizes include Robotics in the way of acquiring and reasoning. To be more strategic and efficient we would like additionally to cover issues of Mass-migration based on our understanding that the demographic trend will fundamentally trace most economic and political patterns and relations among humans and states. At last but not least, to drag attention to the Frozen Conflicts where hostility remains and their further declines remain a possibility.

Panel 2: Climate Change Implications on Security

This panel is going to address climate change as high-probability, high-impact security threat that will continue to accelerate over the coming decades, with a wide range of implications for the geostrategic environment. Climate change works as a ‘threat multiplier’ – it exacerbates the drivers of conflict by deepening existing fragilities within societies, straining weak institutions, reshaping power balances and undermining post-conflict recovery and peacebuilding. Projections of the speed and the magnitude of climate change vary, but both long-term climate trends and short-term irregularities and extremes can influence social and political stability, particularly in already fragile contexts. The science of how the climate will continue to change over the coming decades provides a sound basis for risk assessment – far more so than information used to assess other factors affecting global security, such as nuclear threats or changes in the balance of geopolitical power.

Panel 3: Recasting strategy – a human-centered approach to security.

In retrospect, military strategy has gone a long way to account for changes in the security environment which place the human at the center of CMDR activities. In this context, ever closer civil-military interaction necessitates due attention on, inter alia, protection of civilians (PoC) and gender mainstreaming. Urban environments, technological advancement and climate change strain capabilities underlining the criticality of resilient and capable forces, and as resilient and dynamic processes.

The present panel will be organized in a workshop-format looking into all of the aforementioned topics individually and consequently - in their totality as per aggregated impact and effects on military strategy for CMDR. The importance of a collaborative comprehensive approach will be highlighted by the emphasis on collective brainstorming and focus discussions.

CONFERENCE FEE: € 115 (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 (2 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

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Rear Admiral John W. TAMMEN Jr.

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PANEL LEADERS



Colonel Plamen MILANOV
Capabilities Branch, CMDR COE

Panel 1:
Crisis Complexity in 21st Century



Colonel Dimitar DIMITROV
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Panel 2:
Climate Change Implications on Security



Svilena DAROVA
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Panel 3:
Recasting strategy – a human-centered approach to security.

All 2020 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 2020 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 2020, 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 2020, 1600 EET** to boris.guenov@cmdrcoe.org or svetozar.bosilkov@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.

CMDR COE PREMISES

Centre is located in newly renovated part of hotel SHIPKA, situated in Sofia's Serdica district at the gen. Totleben Boulevard. From beginning of this year CMDR COE personnel can perform their duties in new cozy offices



which are located on two floors. CMDR COE has modern and comfortable lectures halls, from which Brussels Hall can accommodate around 150 people and 3 others from 20 to 30 persons each. Two laboratories can facilitate unclassified and classified practical use and tests of simulation systems for crisis and disaster management. All premises are provided with contemporary audio – video equipment connected to internal network.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Metro, buses, trolleybuses and trams serve travelers 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 26 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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