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## Handover of the Presidency to Norway



*By Lieutenant Commander (R) Ole Andreas Uttberg. Photo: Henry Plimack (US)*

**Norway relieved the Netherlands of the [CIOR Presidency](#) on the last day of the [CIOR Summer Congress in Stavanger](#) on August 14th. Over 600 reserve officers from more than 30 countries participated in this NATO Reserve Officer congress. Captain (R) Royal Norwegian Navy Jon Erling Tenvik assumed the Presidency of CIOR for the next two years.**

- Captain Tenvik, told the delegates that, "Bringing the capability of Reservists together for the best possible utilization in support of the goals in NATO's Comprehensive Approach can best summarize our vision for our Presidency."

### Support for NATO

Supporting NATO as an advisor supporting their Centres of Excellence from a Reserve perspective was also mentioned as an important tasks for his Presidency. "It is also important that we strengthen Reservists organisational and leadership skills," the audience was told. He also focused on the importance of the further development of CIOR's portfolio of products to meet the criteria needed by of our member organisations and NATO. "We will continue to improve our organisational efficiency in terms of quality, speed and cost," stated Tenvik in his first speech to the Congress as President.

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## New Presidency Team

The [Norwegian Presidency Team](#) was also presented to the delegates. [Biographies of team members](#) can be found on this website or in the CIOR presidency folder.

With this international team of officers, the Norwegian Presidency of CIOR will strive to strengthen the relevance of CIOR to better serve NATO and the reserve community.

## Timely Field Medical Response Saves Lives



By Major Michelle Faucher (US) Photo: Henry Plimack (US)

**Immediate action is needed when you or your comrade are suddenly faced with an injury. Instant reaction and confidence to treat the injury is needed in order to preserve life.**

Capt Jason English, Canada CIOMR Operational Medicine Committee spoke to over 45 young international reserve officers at the Young Reserve Officers Workshop (YROW) at Madla Navy Camp, Norway during the Summer Congress of the Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers (CIOR). He informed the YROWs about the Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) concept initially developed by Capt Frank Butler, United States Navy as it applies to medical care for leaders on the battlefield.

The coordinated effort between YROW and CIOMR was a success. "For the YROWs, many of them have a lot of experience in missions abroad like in Afghanistan or in Iraq, and realize it is very important know about tactical medical care. Because of this it was a great opportunity for the YROWs to hear Capt English's lessons learned", said Capt Philipp Schuett, Chairman of the YROW Committee.



This year CIOMR had the opportunity to present to the YROWs explaining that CIOMR is an independent organization focused upon medical issues where medical professionals are gathered together to exchange ideas and concepts. Many ideas shared are brought back by the reserve officers to their own home countries and civilian jobs adding value and advancement in medicine. At the summer congress CIOMR also has a very important role during the CIOR military competition (MILCOMP) as they provide a Combat Casualty Care Competition for the MILCOMP competitors where medical lifesaving skills are tested.

For the first time the MILCOMP competitors benefited from a pre-session explaining the concepts of tactical medical care as it has been proven that soldiers trained and experienced in operational medicine gives the soldiers the skills to react and have better increased survivability when crisis hits.

“The importance of immediate buddy aid or self aid cannot be over emphasized. Specifically the rapid control of hemorrhage at the point of injury improves survival rates immensely,” said Capt English. “If the causality can make it to the medical facility breathing and has a pulse because of the field care you provided, than the causality has a 98+% chance of surviving their wounds.”

Capt English continues to explain, “These young officers are the future leaders of their respective nation’s role in future conflicts. In this present day environment of asymmetrical warfare, for them to have an understanding of the concepts of TCCC, and how to integrate them into the battle plan, will improve their odds of a successful mission.”

During the presentation, medical acronyms were introduced to help the YROWs remember first hand response for operational medicine. Also, still photos and videos were used to drive home the different advancements that are utilized with first responders to include lessons learned. For example, it has been proven that Cervical Spine suspected injuries were only 1.4% historically in Vietnam meaning those precautions are mechanism specific. Today tourniquets are seen as an invaluable and a highly efficient life saving tool, so valuable that some countries issue every soldier a tourniquet for possible future usage and the medics carry multiple tourniquets.

The exchange of information between CIOMR and YROW was a success and both plan future presentations to continue the exchange of ideas.



"From a reserve perspective, I was very impressed to see approximately 25% of the young reserve officers had already deployed, and I was equally impressed that approximately 75% of the attendees had received prior medical training in their home nation it seems we are progressing towards being better prepared in the field operational environment," said Capt English.

## The Comprehensive Approach: CIOR Symposium explores the Role of Reservists



By LtCol Ann P. Knabe (US) Photos: Henry Plimack (US).

The Comprehensive Approach is a leading framework within NATO, and in this context, reservists are crucial in building bridges between military and non-military actors in the operations. The role of Reservists in this context was discussed among 11 speakers and more than several hundred delegates at the 2010 CIOR Congress Symposium in Stavanger, Norway.

"Our first objective was to enhance professional development," said Commander Michael Ervin (CA), chair of the SWG. "We also wanted to move the symposium beyond a single product in itself, and create something that could be used in other CIOR products and events during the Congress."

The SWG strategically moved the symposium to Wednesday, creating an opportunity for discussion throughout the week in different committees. They also created a legacy document, capturing the highlights of the different panels and presentations in a thorough examination of the topic, NATO's Comprehensive Approach and the Role of Reservists.

The Stavanger symposium featured a variety of speakers and breakout sessions. Topics included Planning and Conduct of Operations, Lessons Learned, Enhancing Cooperation with External Actors, Public Messaging, and Stabilization and Reconstruction.

"The breakout sessions increased the opportunity for audience interaction," said the symposium chair. "With four separate sessions in



the afternoon, we were able to quadruple the chance of delegates asking questions. A smaller, intimate setting also made junior officers more comfortable asking questions."

So far, the symposium has received positive responses from delegates.

"I really feel the symposium was a cut above predecessors," said Navy Captain David Epstein (US), who has attended 29 CIOR Congresses. "Using a disciplined focus on the theme a Comprehensive Approach led to a really effective program. The speakers were excellent selections. I believe we will reap dividends in the years to come."

For the first time, the symposium was organized by a dedicated working group. SWG members felt this was helpful because they weren't pulled in different directions, and were able to focus on the symposium planning. They also created 50 planning documents and email templates to assist future Symposium Working Groups.

In addition to Ervin, the SWG included Lieutenant Colonel Coen Brouwer (NL), Lieutenant Colonel Mack Lemmermann (DE) and Captain Tonny Pedersen (DK).

Available for download are [presentations from the symposium](#). At a later stage, a report will be ready for download at <http://symposium.cior.net>.



The CIOR Symposium 2010 is held as part of the [CIOR Summer Congress 2010](#) in Stavanger.

This year's theme is "NATO'S COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH – THE ROLE OF RESERVISTS".

The [program](#) and [speaker list](#) and [Presentations](#) are now ready for download.

You can also find two [newsletters](#) from the organizers, the "[Symposium Working Group](#)".

Questionnaire for participants of the symposium: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/cior>. Please fill in this questionnaire to help us improve future symposia.



## Greetings from SACEUR to CIOR



As the global security environment has shifted to threats that are not as well defines, we must understand and agree onm what the Alliance represents today and how we need to develop our military capabilities to function in line with what NATO represents. In this environment, reserve forces are no longer considered to be forces of last resort, rather, they are now recognized as indispensable to the Alliance’s defense from the earliest days of a conflict.

Your collective experience as service members and highly accomplished business and industrial leaders, public servants and academics has contributed immensely to NATO through enhancing cooperation and interoperability amongst reserve forces within the Alliance and its partners. With these varied backgrounds and expertise, reservists also play an important role in CIMIC operations. In addition, the reserves’ peacetime support to the active forces has taken on increased importance in areas such as Partnership for Peace seminars, language training, and professional development workshops.

I am pleased to congratulate Norway on assuming Presidency of CIOR for the next two years and charge you with improving on the legacy that this Confederation has established over the last 62 years. Your support to NARTO by promoting and enhancing cooperation and interoperability amongst reserve forces, and serving as an enabler to transformation invaluable.

## SACEUR message to reserve officers

By a video message by Admiral James Stavridis the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe (SACEUR) where he encourage the participants of the CIOR Summer Congress. He stipulated the undoubted value of reservists for NATO and explained the role they have in current and future operations of the Atlantic alliance.

<http://www.cior.net/getattachment/News/2010/SACEUR-encourages-reserve-officers-in-Stavanger/Admiral-Stavridis-message-to-CIOR-August-2010.wmv.aspx>



## Presidency Message - Greetings from the CIOR President



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<http://www.cior.net/Presidency/Programme/Biography---JON-ERLING-TENVIK.aspx>

Dear reserve officers and friends of CIOR. It is a great privilege on behalf of the Norwegian Presidency to take the helm of this successful and long standing organisation. For more than 60 years CIOR has worked relentlessly to support the alliance and to further the reservist cause.

I would like to thank the Dutch Presidency for their leadership that has contributed significantly to the modernisation of the organisation. The new web site and revision of our articles of association and by- laws represent an excellent platform for further development.

During the Norwegian Presidency we will actively seek to:

- a) Support NATO as an advisor and centre of excellence on reserve matters
- b) Support NATO in our roles as citizens
- c) Work with NATO on Partnership for Peace and Outreach activities
- d) Strengthen CIOR's capabilities as an organisation for the enhancement of personal, organisational and leadership skills among reserve officers
- e) Further develop CIOR's portfolio of activities and offerings to meet the criteria and wishes of our member organisations and other stakeholders
- f) Continuously improve our organisational efficiency in terms of quality, speed and cost.

We are looking forward to co-operating with you all to achieve our common goals.



## Invitation Winter Seminar, 6-9 February 2011, Wesseling, Germany

### **"NATO's New Strategic Concept and its Plan to Deal with a Complex World"**

The annual CIOR Pre-Midwinter Seminar will be held at the conference center of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Schloss Eichholz, Wesseling, near Bonn, Germany, from Sunday, 6 February to Wednesday, 9 February 2011.

This CIOR seminar is open to all nations of CIOR, including the CIOR Council, and representatives of CIOMR. The total capacity of the seminar is 70 persons. Due to the high attendance of council and committee members, the seminar is not organized to accommodate spouses or accompanying persons in the seminar sessions.

Based on the experience of previous years, we expect to reach full capacity. In the event that we have too many registrations, the selection for attendance will give priority to Council and committee members who are in drilling (active) reserve status. Selections will be made in coordination with the Presidency in the event that a selection is necessary. Nominations must be approved by national Vice Presidents or Heads of Delegation.

The total cost for the seminar is a registration fee of approximately €200, including all meals, coffee breaks and single rooms, from arrival Sunday afternoon through lunch on Wednesday. The schedule allows departure on Wednesday to arrive in Brussels for delegation meetings Wednesday evening.

In December, after we have the final list, the Seminar Committee will provide all designated participants the updated seminar agenda, the final letter of instruction including means of paying the registration fee, a map with instructions to reach Schloss Eichholz Conference Center, a delegates' guide for the seminar and the Winter Meeting in Brussels, and information on the chartered bus from Wesseling to Brussels.

***Please return a registration form by 5 November 2010.***

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