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CIOR Congress highlights “Cyber Warfare”

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At the upcoming CIOR Summer Congress in Warsaw in August, the one-day Symposium will include a session on Cyber Defence. Through different activities in the CIOR community, the organization has been able to highlight this important topic within NATO. Cyber Warfare was mentioned in the message to CIOR by Supreme Allied Commander in Europe (SACEUR), Admiral James Stavridis (US) as an important topic for NATO.



Illustration: defensetech.org

Together with seven other issues, the Cyber Warfare was mentioned by SACEUR in connection to a speech about the impact of the new Strategic Concept in NATO, agreed at the Lisbon Summit in October 2010. During the Mid-Winter Meeting (MWM) in Brussels and at the In Between Meeting (IBM) in Bergen (Norway) the CIOR has discussed how the organization can contribute and be of best value to NATO.

Symposium

The Symposium at the upcoming Summer Congress in Warsaw in early August, will in addition to the two panels covering Fight against Piracy and NATO Transition in Afghanistan, also include a session on Cyber Defence. The audience will hear Professor Daniel Ventre (FRA) from Centre National de Recherche Scientifique, talking about the great challenges we are up against related to Cyber Warfare/Defence. The lecture will deal with the topic “*Cyber War: a threat to National Security and governments’ responses*”.

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Loudspeaker

Through an extensive network, the CIOR community contributes by being a "loudspeaker" and creates higher awareness about Cyber Warfare.

–We consider it important to get the message out to the public and we can play a role in this connection, says President of CIOR, Captain (R) Royal Norwegian Navy, Jon Erling Tenvik. Both individuals - through the wide range of civilian branches and professions that CIOR as a group represent - and through respective national reserve officers associations the CIOR can contribute as loudspeakers.



Illustration: Atlantic Council and topnews.us

Cooperation with NATO

In the same way as the CIOR's CIMIC Committee has worked through the NATO CIMIC Centre of Excellence over the past few years, it would be of importance to establish similar cooperation with the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCD COE). The CCD COE has taken a NATO-orientated, interdisciplinary approach to its focus areas. The work of the Centre is based on extensive information exchange, cooperation with NATO and NATO states as well as academia and the private sector and CIOR should be considered as being a valuable cooperating partner in this respect. Particularly would the Defence and Security Issues Committee (DEFSEC) and the Legal Committee of CIOR be relevant contributors in the way ahead.

Legal resources

The legal resources and the development of a good legal framework is perhaps the single most pressing need within the domain of computer network defence. The technical challenges are difficult enough, but investigating and prosecuting cyber criminals has proven to be extraordinarily difficult for law enforcement. CCD is also currently working on a Manual on International Law Applicable to Armed Conflicts in Cyberspace, due for publication at the end of 2012.



Illustration: cyber.laws.com



CIOR Language Academy - refresher course in Marseille

By Colonel (R) Gérard Dréville (FR)

For the first time since the CIOR Language Academy was created a refresher course of French was run for 12 students from 7 different nations (Austria, the Czech Republic, Germany, The Netherlands, Poland, Russia and the United States of America. The course was run in Marseille, south of France, and the Officers club hosted the students and the three instructors from 24 to 30 April 2011.



It is worthwhile to notice that two of the attendees were former students of the 2010 class of the French Reserve Officers staff course.

Two class levels were set up to make the students benefit the most of the education. The week's programme focussed on the preparation of the military certificate of French as a foreign language. Tests of the previous years' exams were used to support the education.

Some visits were also organized, including the Enrolment centre of Marseille, the Armoured 4th Regiment with a presentation of the Leclerc MBT and a presentation of the role the Marseille military organization plays in the civilian defence of the Region. Oral presentations or written reports were produced by the students every time a visit or a formal presentation was carried out.

Oral presentations

Every morning three students of each group made an oral presentation of the forecast of the day, the news of the day, and a report of what was done the previous day. In addition, every visit was prepared, including with a list of the specific vocabulary which could be used. For example vocabulary dealing with boats, helicopters, main battle tanks, horses, yellow fever was covered.

We were also fortunate enough to visit Eurocopter which parent Company is EADS. A general presentation of the Company was made as well as some specific presentations of the Tiger and the NH90 helicopters. We also visited the assembly chain of the Squirrel helicopter.

On Friday, the President of CIOR, Captain (R) Norwegian Royal Navy, Jon Erling Tenvik, joined us to see for himself what a CLA refresher course actually is. He also stayed with us for the closing ceremony which included a concert of songs in French where he presented the CIOR crest to the Deputy Commander of the Foreign Legion.

On the Saturday all the people were invited to attend the Foreign Legion Camerone ceremony which is a unique experience a Reserve Officer may have in a lifetime.



The CIOR Presidency Message



Our first In between Meeting (IBM) this year took place in Bergen, Norway 7-9 April. We focused on the work to improve our output, based on the approved motion, and to work on the areas indicated by SACEUR in the Mid Winter Meeting in February in Brussels. In Bergen we also visited the HQ of the Royal Norwegian Navy at Haakonsværn Naval Base and were taken on board a frigate of the new Nansen class for briefings.

We enjoyed the support and hospitality of the Chief of the Navy, Rear Admiral Haakon Bruun-Hanssen. When we have our October IBM in Bodo we will meet the Admiral again in his new role as CINC Norwegian Operational Forces with the rank of Vice Admiral.

Both of these issues will be on the agenda for our Summer Congress in Poland 2-6 August as well. I do hope all of you having the opportunity to attend will do so, and I am convinced you will face a splendid event organized by our Polish colleagues. The symposium has attracted high level speakers and the themes include transition in Afghanistan and Piracy.

The spring has included a CLA refresher course in Marseille, France and a meeting in the Gaming Initiative in Budapest, Hungary, both events in April. In May our Czech friends arranged the 37. Liberty Cup in Vyskov with 200 participants from 6 countries Col Jahr attended the Gaming initiative and the Liberty Cup, while I had the pleasure of attending the CLA refresher course. When in Marseille I also had the opportunity to experience the Camerone Day of the French Foreign Legion in Aubagne on the invitation of the Commandant General de Brigade Bouquin.

In the security policy world the waves of protest in several countries in the Middle East, as well as the killing of Osama Bin Laden, have been on the headlines. NATO, based on a resolution in the Security Council, is engaged heavily in Libya. So far it has been changes in the leadership in Egypt and Tunisia, but the long term effect on the international situation remains to be seen. This includes the recent proposal by the President in US to establish a Palestinian State, in principal based on the borders from 1967, as well.

Most nations in Europe have for different reasons; economical included, left conscription and are now basing their defence on professional soldiers. Reality seems to be that the cost savings aspect versus numbers and sustainability can vary. NATO guidance is that you need five soldiers at home to in the long run have one soldier deployed on a mission. Hungary is now in process of establishing a reserve force of 6000 soldiers. This work can be useful for many other nations and will include legal issues, employer support, insurance, veteran policy etc.

The work in Poland is progressing. We have at this stage confirmed two 4 stars as and other leaders in their fields as speakers for the Symposium, the agenda for the Council is materializing and the Military Competition well prepared for the different competitions as well as the accommodation. More information is available on our website.

BEST WISHES TO YOU ALL, I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN WARSAW !

Jon Erling Tenvik, Captain (R), Royal Norwegian Navy



Symposium 2011 in August:

Afghanistan and Piracy at Sea

By Lt Colonel (R) Tore Johansen, Chair Symposium Working Group (SWG)

The main focus of CIOR's Symposium will this year be on the Transition in Afghanistan and how to deal with the Piracy problem off the coast of Africa. The Cyber Warfare will also be covered by one of the speakers this year.



Each section of the Symposium will be introduced through profiled and competent speakers, followed by a panel discussion with 3-4 participants. By conducting a panel discussion the different point of views can be displayed from different angles on these important issues. In addition to the focus on Afghanistan and Piracy, one of the aims of this year's Symposium held 3 August in Warsaw, is to set the stage for next year's Congress in Copenhagen by presenting a lecture on the issues of Cyber Warfare as a lead-in to one of the main topics in 2012.

Opening lectures

The two opening lectures will be given by the Chief of Defence in the host country, General Mieczysław Cieniuch (POL), on the topic "The Polish Armed Forces transformation in light of its professionalisation and creation of the National Reserve Forces" and Vice Admiral Carol Pottenger (US-N), Deputy Chief of Staff, Capability Development at NATO Headquarters Supreme Allied Commander Transformation in Norfolk, Virginia (US) on "NATO's new Strategic Concept". SACT is a NATO military command, which was formed in 2003 after the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation restructuring. It is intended to lead military transformation of alliance forces and capabilities, using new concepts such as the NATO Response Force and new doctrines in order to improve the alliance's military effectiveness.

Closing lecture

The Symposium will be closed with a speech by General Sverre Diesen (NOR), recently retired Chief of Defence in Norway on "Consequences of success or failure in NATO's missions: now and in the future"



The Summer Congress in Warsaw

*By Dorota Dobrowolska-Na Nagara, Congress Coordinator,
64th CIOR/CIOMR/NRFC Summer Congress, Warsaw 2011*

The changes that have occurred in the global security environment at the turn of the 21st century resulted in the strengthening of Poland's position in the International Arena. Our country has become a valuable member of the Northatlantic Treaty Organization and the European Union. Over the last decades Poland has played an active role in international operations aimed at stabilizing global security and has taken up a huge task of professionalizing its Armed Forces.



Modern-day challenges are far more global in nature than just a few decades ago. Therefore it takes an international effort to safeguard peace and security to our and other countries' citizens. The role of one of the main guarantors of peace in the world – the Northatlantic Alliance – is therefore unquestionable. It is also one of the fundamental aims of NATO-affiliated organizations, such as the CIOR, the CIOMR and the NRFC.

The fulfillment of this goal is achieved by a number of ways, including such undertakings as the annual CIOR/CIOMR/NRFC Summer Congress. This fact cannot be overlooked in terms of a constant development of mechanisms and methods of contribution of reserve officers to national and international security. Nor can one underestimate the increasing role and participation of Reserve Forces in international stabilization missions preventing global conflicts on our Planet.

This year's CIOR/CIOMR NRFC Summer Congress will be held in Poland for the first time in history. The 64th Summer Congress is hosted jointly by the Federation of Associations of Reservists and Veterans of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Poland (FARVAFRP), also known as the Polish Federation of ROAs, and the General Staff of the Polish Armed Forces. The Congress will be held in Warsaw - the capital of Poland, from Tuesday, 2 August to Saturday, 6 August, while the 2011 CIOR Military Competition events, traditionally accompanying the Congress, will take place in different venues around Warsaw.

The time of the Warsaw Summer Congress is unquestionably special because it coincides with the Polish Presidency of the Council of the European Union. This fact not only enhances the prestige of the event but makes it even more symbolic. The hundreds of international delegates will have the opportunity to visit our beautiful capital as well as other historic sites in Poland.



The Congress organizational preparations are at their final stage now. With all Congress locations and venues confirmed, we are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our first Guests to give them a warm welcome and show the renowned Polish hospitality.

The majority of Congress events, such as the CIOR, CIOMR and YROW working sessions as well as the CIOR/CIOMR General Council Opening, and MILCOMP Award and Congress Closing Ceremony will take place at the Novotel Warszawa Centrum Hotel – the Congress Center. CIOMR delegates will also visit the Military Institute of Aviation Medicine where the second day of the scientific sessions will be held. The Congress Opening Ceremony will be organized at the Pilsudski Square in Warsaw, by the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

MILCOMP participants will be accommodated at the military quarters of the Communications and Information Technology Training Center in Zegrze, approximately 30 km from the center of Warsaw (a 45-minute drive from the Congress Center). The Obstacle Course will also be organized in Zegrze, while the other MILCOMP events will take place at the facilities of the 1st Armored Brigade in Wesola (Shooting / 3C & LoAC) and the Police Training Center in Legionowo (Utility Swimming). The Military Competition will commence on August 3 with Pistol and Rifle Shooting / 3C & LoAC events in the 1st Armoured Brigade in Wesola, continue through August 4 with Land Obstacle Course at the facilities of the Communication and Information Technology Training Center in Zegrze and Utility Swimming at the Police Training Center in Legionowo and will be concluded with Military Orientation March on August 5. The Pentathlon will be preceded by a series of pre-scheduled trainings from July 30 until August 2.

Onsite registration will be available at the Congress Center for non-MILCOMP delegates starting from July 29 and at the Communications and Information Technology Training Center (for MILCOMP participants) - starting from July 27. CIOR, CIOMR, YROW and DAL delegates, as well as MILCOMP participants can be pre-registered online at www.cior2011.pl.

As of June 10, 2011 the following nations have been pre-registered for the 64th CIOR/CIOMR/NRFC Summer Congress: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Macedonia, Sweden, Switzerland, UK and the USA.

For more information, please contact the Congress Office: Federation of Associations of Reservists and Veterans of the Polish Armed Forces (FARVAFRP), 11 Listopada 17/19, 03-435 Warsaw, POL, Tel. +48 (22) 618-22-03, Tel. / Fax: +48 (22) 6-872-480, email: cior2011@gmail.com, federez@wp.pl or visit the Congress Website: www.cior2011.pl

We look forward to seeing you in Warsaw!



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The CIOR military competition is based on the military pentathlon which has been in existence since 1946, so nearly as long as CIOR itself. Like the modern pentathlon, the military pentathlon also evolved from military activity at a time in which horses and swords started to disappear from everyday military life. World championships in the military pentathlon - which features shooting, an obstacle run, obstacle swimming, throwing, and an 8 km cross-country run - have been staged by the international military sports organisation CISM since 1952.

The CIOR military competition has developed without the help of CISM over the years and is now a pure team event in which reserve officers from all NATO states competing in teams of three

The CIOR military competition



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In the events of rifle and pistol shooting, an obstacle run, obstacle swimming and orienteering including special tasks. The CIOR military competition demands an athlete who has a marked power of concentration, has fine motor functions, is quick off the mark, has staying power and is able to work in a team.

In the eighties, a number of female officers started in mixed teams, and there has been a women's event since 1992. Teams from non-NATO-states have been invited to participate in the CIOR competition as guests since 1996.

