



CALL FOR PAPERS

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Interagency and International Cooperation
in Countering Hybrid Threats

28-29 September, 2016

Sofia, Bulgaria

Under the patronage of the Minister of Defence of the Republic of Bulgaria

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CO-ORGANIZERS:

- Defense Advanced Research Institute (DARI) of G. S. Rakovski National Defense College
- Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) International, South East European Region, AFCEA Sofia Chapter

CONFERENCE VENUE

Central Military Club, 7 Tsar Osvoboditel Blvd., 1000 Sofia, Bulgaria

CONFERENCE GOALS

- To stimulate expert discussion on the emerging security challenges and to encourage the process of conceptualization countering hybrid warfare.
- To propose effective ways and means for building integrated capabilities to counter hybrid threats including Diplomatic, Political, Informational, Military, Economic, Financial, Intelligence and Legal.
- To provide scientific support of the process of concept and doctrine development countering hybrid warfare.
- To encourage cooperation between security sector and industry in capabilities building countering hybrid warfare.

MAIN TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

- Horizon scanning of the emerging challenges of hybrid warfare and related threats and risks to the collective and national security.
- Technological and conceptual trends and aspects of future warfare and their influence on the integrated architecture of tomorrow's security and defence; the role of cooperation with industry in capabilities building.
- Assessment of the nature, aspects, and appearance of hybrid threats, and the need of future military and non-military capabilities to counter them.
- Legal and doctrinal limitations and gaps for the application of a comprehensive institutional approach to capabilities development countering hybrid threats.
- Principal institutional responsibilities in the development and use of capabilities to counter hybrid threats and effective ways for future interagency cooperation.
- Mine-set change challenges to achieve resilience in hybrid warfare.
- Opportunities of enhanced cooperation between NATO, European Union and Partners in countering hybrid warfare: Political and military dimensions.
- The role of innovative methods in Education, Training, Exercises and Evaluation in countering hybrid warfare.

The working language will be English. Simultaneous translation will not be provided.

DEADLINES:

Application via e-mail to both POCs (topic and abstract of the paper, 120 words max, contact coordinates) – 15th June 2016;

- Confirmation of accepted papers – 30th June 2016;

- Papers due in English – 1st September 2016;
- Publication of the preliminary program on the websites of G. S. Rakovski National Defense College and AFCEA Sofia Chapter – 15th September 2016;
- Discount price for hotel booking – 1st August 2016;
- Registration of guests without papers – 1st September 2016.
- Publication of the conference proceedings in English – 30th December 2016.

THERE IS NO CONFERENCE FEE FOR THE PARTICIPANTS FROM MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS, STATE SERVANTS AND ACADEMIA

Additional information regarding the preparation of the conference and supplemented cultural events for conference participants will be published regularly on the websites of G. S. Rakovski National Defense College <http://rnda.armf.bg/> and AFCEA Sofia Chapter <http://www.afcea-bg.org/>. The registration for the conference will be open via both websites after 30th June 2016.

RECOMMENDED ACCOMMODATION: Grand Hotel Sofia, 1 Gurko str., 1000 Sofia, Bulgaria (single/double superior room 90/116 euro per night, breakfast and tax included).

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