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**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MCAASEES Workshop:**  
*Regional Security Threats, Challenges and Opportunities*  
8 – 10 April 2014, Skopje, Macedonia

Sponsored by Alumni Programs, College of International and Security Studies  
George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies

Co-Sponsored by the Marshall Center Alumni Association for Southeast European Security (MCAASEES)  
and the Ministry of Defence, Republic of Macedonia

**BACKGROUND/PURPOSE:** The goal of Marshall Center Alumni Associations is to effect positive change in their countries that promote stability and security and to bring greater attention to resolving defense, foreign policy or regional security issues. Alumni associations endorsed by the Marshall Center are independent, not-for-profit entities and the purpose and structure of individual associations are determined exclusively by the membership. In June 2011, at a Regional Alumni Leaders Workshop conducted at the Marshall Center, senior Alumni leaders from 14 nations in the greater Southeast Europe region (including Moldova and Ukraine) decided on their own initiative to create the first-ever regional Marshall Center alumni association. At the workshop, a mission statement and charter was developed and formally approved, a leadership election held, and an official charter signing ceremony conducted. The official name of the association was designated as the Marshall Center Alumni Association for Southeast European Security (MCAASEES). The 1st official meeting of the MCAASEES occurred from 14-16 May 2012 in Podgorica, Montenegro and was co-sponsored by the Montenegrin Ministry of Defense. The topic of the workshop was “Regional Cooperation in the Security Sector” and was attended by 13 of the 14 member nations.

This 2nd Annual MCAASEES workshop seeks to examine the current security environment in the region, review current regional security threats, challenges and opportunities, and conduct a formal business meeting of the Association.

**OBJECTIVES:**

Overall objectives for this MCAASEES Workshop are:

- Increase awareness and understanding of regional security issues and how best the MCAASEES can impact the region.
- Improve regional cooperation in Southeast Europe and neighboring states by using a Regional Alumni Association as a tool to share and discuss security issues common throughout the region.
- Identify current regional security threats, challenges and opportunities, and develop regional and national recommendations to effectively counter these threats.
- Conduct a formal business meeting of the Association and discuss past results, lessons learned and planned upcoming activities.

**Tuesday, 8 April 2014**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
0900 – 1800	<b>Arrival &amp; Registration</b>	Holiday Inn-Skopje
1800 – 1900	<b>Welcome Event w/Remarks</b> ( <i>first event for all participants</i> ) Remarks: Mr. Dean L. Dwigans, Director, Alumni Programs, College of International and Security Studies, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies	Holiday Inn-Skopje, Ground Floor “Daily Room”
1900 – 2030	Informal Dinner	Holiday Inn-Skopje

**Wednesday, 9 April 2014**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
0700 – 0830	Breakfast	Holiday Inn-Skopje
0830 – 0845	<b>Administrative Remarks</b> Speaker: Mr. Dean L. Dwigans, Marshall Center	Plenary Hall “Millennium 2”, Holiday Inn-Skopje
0845 – 0915	<b>Keynote/Opening Remarks</b> Speaker: Minister Talat Xhaferi, Minister of Defence, Republic of Macedonia	
0915 – 0930	Group Photo	
0930 – 0935	<b>Welcome Remarks</b> Speaker: Dr. Stojan J. Slaveski (Macedonia), MCAASEES President	
0935 – 1015	<b>Presentation 1 &amp; Discussion: Tomorrow’s Global Security Challenges: Implications for Southeast Europe</b> Speaker: Ambassador (Ret.) Ferenc O. Bösenbacher, President, Hungarian Alumni Association of the Marshall Center & Director, International Relations, Center for Security and Defense Studies Foundation, Budapest	
1015 – 1035	Coffee Break	
1035 – 1115	<b>Presentation 2 &amp; Discussion: Threats from the South and East: Post-Arab Spring Developments in the Middle East and North Africa</b> ( <i>to be confirmed</i> ) Speaker: Dr. Petra Weyland, Professor of Middle Eastern Affairs, College of International and Security Studies, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies	
1115 – 1200	<b>Presentation 3 &amp; Discussion: Croatia &amp; EU Membership: Impact on the Region</b> Speaker: Dr. Sandro Knezovic, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Development and International Relations, Zagreb	
1200 – 1330	Lunch	Holiday Inn-Skopje

**Wednesday, 9 April 2014 (continued)**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
1330 – 1415	<b>Presentation 4 &amp; Discussion: Macedonia and Regional Security Stability</b> Speaker: Dr. Stojan J. Slaveski, Dean, Faculty for Detectives and Criminology, European University-Skopje, Republic of Macedonia	Plenary Hall “Millennium 2”, Holiday Inn-Skopje
1415 – 1445	Coffee Break	
1445 – 1615	<b>Plenary Discussion on Regional Security Threats and Challenges: Recommendations for Regional and National Implementation</b> Facilitators: Mr. Dean L. Dwigans & Mrs. Barbara Wither, Alumni Relations Specialist, Alumni Programs, College of International and Security Studies, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies	
1615 – 1630	<b>Closing Discussion and End of Day Remarks</b> Speaker: Dr. Stojan J. Slaveski, MCAASEES President	
1830 – 2030	Off-Site Dinner	Restaurant Stara Gradska Kuka, Skopje <i>tbc</i>

**Thursday, 10 April 2014**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
0700 – 0830	Breakfast	Holiday Inn-Skopje
0830 – 0845	<b>MCAASEES Business Meeting Opening Remarks and Review of Business Meeting Agenda</b> Speaker: Dr. Stojan J. Slaveski, MCAASEES President	Plenary Hall “Millennium 2”, Holiday Inn-Skopje
0845 – 0900	<b>Marshall Center Non-Resident and Alumni Programs Update for Southeast Europe for 2014</b> Speakers: Mrs. Barbara Wither and Mr. Dean L. Dwigans, The Marshall Center	
0900 – 0915	<b>Review of MCAASEES Past Activities (May 2012-Present)</b> Speaker: Dr. Stojan J. Slaveski, MCAASEES President	
0930 – 1000	<b>Plenary Discussion on MCAASEES Future Activities: The Way Ahead</b> Moderators: Dr. Stojan J. Slaveski, MCAASEES President & Mr. Dean L. Dwigans, The Marshall Center	
1000 – 1030	Coffee Break	
1030 – 1200	<b>Marshall Center National Alumni Associations Lessons Learned &amp; Best Practices</b> Moderator: Mr. Dean L. Dwigans, The Marshall Center Speakers: Spokesperson(s) from each represented Marshall Center National Alumni Association or Alumni Group	

**Thursday, 10 April 2014 (continued)**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
1200 – 1330	Lunch	Holiday Inn-Skopje
1330 – 1415	<b>BiH Alumni Association Select Presentation: Regional Forums and Initiatives in the Security Sector: Benefits and Challenges</b> Speaker: COL(Ret.) Hamza Visca, Bosnia and Herzegovina Marshall Center Alumni Association	Plenary Hall “Millennium 2”, Holiday Inn-Skopje
1415 – 1445	Coffee Break	
1445 – 1530	<b>Review of Regional Outreach Network Event: NATO and Regional Stability of Western Balkans – Smart Power Approach, 28 August – 1 September 2013</b> Speaker: Ms. Biljana Popovska, Project Manager	
1530 – 1600	<b>Election of MCAASEES Chair &amp; Vice-Chair</b> Moderator: Dr. Stojan J. Slaveski, MCAASEES President	
1600 – 1630	<b>Closing Discussion and Business Meeting Closing Remarks</b> Speaker: Dr. Stojan J. Slaveski, MCAASEES President	
1830 – 2030	Informal Dinner	Holiday Inn-Skopje

**Participant Departure on 11 April 2014**