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1st Annual MCAASEES Workshop: *Regional Cooperation in the Security Sector*

14 – 16 May 2012, Podgorica, Montenegro

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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 Defense, Government of Montenegro

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 its 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).

This 1st Annual MCAASEES workshop seeks to examine and discuss new approaches for regional cooperation in the security sector of member countries (to include a discussion of *Smart Defence* and specific forms of security cooperation) as well as to 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 best models of cooperation in the security sector of countries in the region and discuss the impact of NATO's *Smart Defence* concept.
- Conduct a formal business meeting of the Association and discuss past results, lessons learned and planned activities.

Monday, 14 May 2012

Time	Event	Location
0900 – 1800	Participant Arrival & Registration	Apart Hotel "Premier", Podgorica
1800 – 1900	Welcome Icebreaker (<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	Apart Hotel "Premier" Restaurant, 7 th Floor
1900 – 2100	Informal (No-Host) Dinner	

Tuesday, 15 May 2012

Time	Event	Location
0700 – 0830	Breakfast	Apart Hotel “Premier” Restaurant
0830 – 0840	Administrative and Opening Remarks Speaker: Mr. Dean L. Dwigans, Marshall Center	Conference Room “Zeta”, 7 th Floor, Apart Hotel “Premier”
0840 – 0900	Keynote Remarks Speaker: Prof. Dr. Milica Pejanovic-Djurisic, Minister of Defense, Government of Montenegro	
0900 – 0915	Welcome Remarks (MCAASEES President & Vice-President) Speakers: MCAASEES President: Colonel Dr. Mehmedin M. Tahirovic (Montenegro) MCAASEES Vice-President: Dr. Stojan J. Slaveski (Macedonia)	
0915 – 1015	Presentation 1 & Discussion: <i>Smart Defence</i> and Implementation in Southeast Europe Speaker: Mr. Aljosa Selan, Advisor, Ministry of Defence, Montenegro	
1015 – 1045	Coffee Break	
1045 – 1100	Group Photo	
1100 – 1200	Presentation 2 & Discussion: Countering Corruption in Southeast Europe Speaker: Dr. Valbona Zeneli, Professor of National Security Studies, College of International and Security Studies, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies	
1200 – 1330	Lunch	Apart Hotel “Premier” Restaurant
1330 – 1415	Presentation 3 & Discussion: Draft Project Update: Center for Security Studies in Southeast Europe Speaker: Colonel Dr. Mehmedin M. Tahirovic, Head of Department for Analysis and Assessment of Defence Systems, Ministry of Defence, Montenegro	Conference Room “Zeta”, 7 th Floor, Apart Hotel “Premier”
1415 – 1445	Coffee Break	
1445 – 1600	Plenary Discussion on Regional Cooperation in the Security Sector 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	
1600 – 1630	Closing Discussion and End of Day Remarks Speaker: Colonel Dr. Mehmedin M. Tahirovic, MCAASEES President	
1800 – 2030	Off-Site Dinner (bus transport by Montenegrin Ministry of Defense)	Restaurant “Konoba Bandici”, Podgorica

Wednesday, 16 May 2012

Time	Event	Location
0700 – 0830	Breakfast	Apart Hotel “Premier” Restaurant
0830 – 0845	MCAASEES Business Meeting Opening Remarks and Review of Business Meeting Agenda Speaker: Colonel Dr. Mehmedin M. Tahirovic, MCAASEES President	Conference Room “Zeta”, 7 th Floor, Apart Hotel “Premier”
0845 – 0900	Review of MCAASEES Past Activities (2011-Present) Speaker: Colonel Dr. Mehmedin M. Tahirovic, MCAASEES President	
0900 – 0915	Marshall Center Outreach Programs Update for Southeast Europe for 2012-2013 Speaker: Mr. Dean L. Dwigans, Marshall Center	
0915 – 1000	Plenary Discussion on MCAASEES Planned Activities (2012-2013) Moderator: Dr. Stojan J. Slaveski, MCAASEES Vice-President	
1000 – 1030	Coffee Break	
1030 – 1200	Marshall Center National Alumni Associations Lessons Learned & Best Practices Speakers: Spokesperson(s) from each represented Marshall Center National Alumni Association or Alumni Group	
1200 – 1300	Lunch	Apart Hotel “Premier” Restaurant
1300 – 1430	MCAASEES Working Group Discussion (2 Groups) - Topic Group 1: Funding & Sponsorship Facilitators Group 1: Colonel Dr. Mehmedin M. Tahirovic & Mr. Dean Dwigans - Topic Group 2: Marketing & Social Media/Technology Facilitator Group 1: Dr. Stojan J. Slaveski & Mrs. Barbara Wither	Room “Zeta” and Room 602, Apart Hotel “Premier”
1430 – 1500	Coffee Break	
1500 – 1530	MCAASEES Working Group Reports to Plenary Moderator: Colonel Dr. Mehmedin M. Tahirovic, MCAASEES President Spokesperson(s) from each of the two Working Groups present their findings and recommendations (each group is allocated 15 minutes)	Conference Room “Zeta”, 7 th Floor, Apart Hotel “Premier”
1530 – 1600	Election of MCAASEES Vice-Chair Vice-Chair Tenure: 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013 Moderator: Colonel Dr. Mehmedin M. Tahirovic, MCAASEES President	
1600 – 1630	Closing Discussion and Business Meeting Closing Remarks Speaker: Colonel Dr. Mehmedin M. Tahirovic, MCAASEES President	
1900 – 2100	Off-Site Dinner hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration (MFAEI), Government of Montenegro (bus transport by Montenegrin Ministry of Defense, if needed)	Restaurant “Pod volat”, Podgorica

Thursday, 17 May 2012

Time	Event	Location
0700 – 0830	Breakfast	Apart Hotel
0830 – UTC	Participant Departures	“Premier” Restaurant