

Dear Sir/Madam.

The responsibility for crisis management and disaster response is different for every nation and may involve several ministries and agencies. The Crisis Management and Disaster Response expertise improvement, education and training and interagency interaction in the domain are some of core tasks of the Crisis Management and Disaster Response Centre of Excellence (CMDR COE). Based on the recognition that military alone or solely civil organization cannot resolve a crisis or ensure recovery after disasters, the CMDR COE develops appropriate programs and activities, using the analysis and lessons learned from crisis response operations, including NATO policy and standards.

On behalf of the Crisis Management and Disaster Response Centre of Excellence (CMDR COE), I would like to formally invite you at the upcoming 4th Annual Interagency Interaction in Crisis Management and Disaster Response Conference 2016. It will take place in Sofia, Bulgaria, from 31st May to 2nd June. 2016.

Main objectives of the 2016 Conference will be:

- To spread the knowledge concerning Lessons Identified/Lessons Learned in disasters relief and humanitarian assistance, consequence management and the ways of mitigation the effects of the natural and manmade calamities.
- To make the contacts in order to exchange ideas among the members of the crisis management community of interest.
- The researchers from different countries to have the opportunity to present their work and to share experience with other scientists working in the field of Climate change.
- To share data between researchers in different countries, cooperation between research institutes and governmental organizations, the application of hydrological and meteorological research for the planning of disaster

prevention activities according implications of the climate change in military operations and disaster occurrence.

Our desire is to facilitate the comprehensive approach and make participants familiarized with the combined tools and best practices for training and education in the area of the crisis management and disaster response.

For further information please do not hesitate to contact the Conference Director – COL Jaroslaw Kubisz, jaroslaw.kubisz@cmdrcoe.org, phone: +359 2 92 24704; +359 88 857 0271 or COL Plamen MILANOV at plamen.milanov@cmdrcoe.org.

You can acquire more information or directly registered for the Conference on our website: http://cmdrcoe.org/menu.php?m_id=2&c_id=41

I look forward to welcoming you to Sofia and I am certain that you will have a productive and rewarding experience and we will gain much from your presence in the conference.

Best regards.

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