

14th International Symposium *MINE ACTION* 2017

25-27 April 2017, Biograd na Moru, Republic of Croatia

Under the high patronage of the Croatian Parliament Speaker

Second Invitation

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Monday, 24th April 2017

- 14.00 – Arrival and registration of participants, setting up of posters and exhibits – *venue: Adriatic Hotel*
- 16.30 – 18.00 **Meeting of the South East Europe Mine Action Coordination Council (SEEMACC)**
venue: Adriatic Hotel, (Internet Corner)
- 19.00 **Welcome drink** – *venue: Ilirija Hotel, in front of the restaurant*

Tuesday, 25th April 2017

- 08.00 – Arrival and registration of participants, setting up of posters– *venue: Adriatic Hotel*
- 09.30 – 10.15** **SYMPOSIUM OPENING** – *venue: Adriatic hotel, conference hall*
- Introductory speech **Hrvoje Debač**, Acting Director, Croatian Government Office for Mine Action
- Welcome addresses **Ante Brkljačić**, Acting Director of CROMAC
Nikola Pavković, Director of HCR-CTRO, President of the Organising Committee
Ivan Knez, the Mayor, Town of Biograd na Moru,
Stipe Zrilić, Prefect of Zadarska County,
H.E. Astrid Versto, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway to Croatia
Representative of the Croatian Government
Envoy of the Croatian Parliament Speaker
- 10.15 – 11.30** **Topic 1: TWENTY YEARS OF OTTAWA CONVENTION – ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES** – *venue: Adriatic Hotel*
- Presentations **H.E. Astrid Versto**, Embassy of the Kingdom of Norway to the Republic of Croatia
How and why Norway works in the field of mine action
Eddy Bladimir Moscoso Castiblanco, National Centre against Explosive Devices and Mines (CENAM)
The state and intensity of the mine problem in Colombia
Jennifer Risser, CISR at James Madison University
The Journal: Documenting 20 years of HMA since Ottawa
Andrew Smith, University Of Genoa
Why we fail to meet the primary goal of the Ottawa Convention
- Panel discussion **H. E. Daniel Maksymiuk**, Ambassador of Canada to the Republic of Croatia
Guy Rhodes, Executing Director of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD)
Juan Carlos Ruan, Director of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Implementation Support Unit (ISU APMBC)
moderator: **Hrvoje Debač**; Acting Director, Croatian Government Office for Mine Action
- 11.30 – 12.00** **Coffee break**

12.00 – 13.30

Topic 2: NON-TECHNICAL SURVEY, TECHNICAL SURVEY, DEMINING – BEST SOLUTIONS

Topic 3: IEDS – EXPERIENCES AND METHODS OF APPROACH

venue: Adriatic hotel, conference hall

Presentations

Darvin LISICA, Norwegian People's Aid, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Technical Survey with targeted search in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Francy Bolaños; National Centre against Explosive Devices and Mines (CENAM)

IEDs and methods of approach – Technical survey comprehensive approach for IEDs in Colombia

Branislav Krljaš, BH MAC and **Dražen Šimunović**, CROMAC

Lessons learnt from demining incidents

Sufian Al Souse, International Organisation for Consultancy, Training and Rehabilitation

Saving time & money with Non-technical Survey

Guy Rhodes, GICHD

Panel discussion:

moderator: **Tomislav Ban**; CROMAC

13.30 – 15.00

Lunch break

15.00 – 19.00

15th ICI-IARP Workshop on C-IED and C-CBRN EOD Action

Professor Emeritus **Yvan Baudoin**, ICI/EKC Manager

venue: Adriatic Hotel, conference hall

IARP presentations according to a special programme

Panel discussion

Signing of the Cooperation Agreement between HCR-CTRO and International CBRNE institute

16.30 – 17.00

Coffee break

15.00 – 16.30

COLOMBIA AND NORWAY, PARTNER COUNTRIES OF THE SYMPOSIUM

venue: Adriatic Hotel, conference room

Introductory speeches

Representatives of Colombia and Croatia

Presentations

Nikola Pavković; HCR-CTRO, **Eddy Bladimir Moscoso Castiblanco**; CENAM; representative of the Croatian Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs

Example of prosperous cooperation: Cooperation between Croatia and Colombia

Panel discussion

Moderator: representative of the Croatian Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs

Side events

09.00 – 19.00

Presentation of demining manufacturers and equipment

Viewing of exhibited equipment and discussion with manufacturers

21.00 – 24.00

Informal gathering

venue: Adriatic Hotel, the area below the pool

Wednesday, 26th April 2017

08.30 – 09.20

Transportation of participants from the hotel to the demonstration site

09.30 – 11.45

FIELD DEMONSTRATION: Technical Survey Site, Bila Vlaka

Programme:

Demonstration of the state and analysis of a suspected hazardous area, technical survey preparation and implementation (organization, protective measures, methods, key personnel at a work site), demonstration of expected results, viewing of the equipment and devices used.

Side events

Presentation and demonstration of equipment (metal detectors, demining machines and other equipment)

Moderators: **Tomislav Ban**, CROMAC; **Tomislav Vondraček**, HCR-CTRO

12.00

Departure for Krka National Park*

A tour of the National Park

More information about Krka National park: <http://www.npkrka.hr/>

14.30

Boarding the yacht *Nada* in Skradin *

Navigation through the Krka river delta to Lake Prokljan and then to Sibenik, through the St. Anthony channel, passing by the St. Nicholas fortress. This is one of the most beautiful river-lake-channel systems in the Mediterranean. Sailing in the Sibenik archipelago and alongside the island of Murter, with a view of Kornati Islands and through the Pasma channel to Biograd.

More information about the sailing route:

<http://www.sibenikregion.com/hr/prirodna-bastina/znacajni-krajobraz/krka-krajolik-od-skradinskog-mosta-do-usca>

<http://www.sibenik-tourism.hr/hr/kanal-sv-ante> ; <http://www.np-kornati.hr/hr/>

Dinner will be served at sunset. The yacht will dock at the Biograd waterfront.

Expected duration of the route is 4-5 hours.

Dinner will be hosted by HCR-CTRO

* **Surcharge for the Krka National Park visit and boat excursion – 20 EUR.**

Thursday, 27th April 2017

09.45 – 10.00

Đurđa Adlešič, Association *Croatia helps*

The Role of Mine Risk Education in Psychosocial Empowerment of Croatian War Veterans

10.00 – 12.30

Topic 4: CLUSTER MUNITION DISPOSAL – LATEST EXPERIENCES**Topic 5: NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN MINE ACTION**

venue: *Adriatic Hotel, conference hall*

Presentations

Branislav Jovanović, MAAVARIM GROUP

Residual Contamination management practices in post civil war Spain

Juan Carlos Betancourt Ramírez, National Centre against Explosive Devices and Mines (CENAM)

Terrorism and ERW – Colombian case

Paul Curtis, Counter IED UK

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Zvonko Orehovec, HCR-CTRO Scientific Council President

Position and role of new technologies in Mine Action

Blair Graham, COBHAM

State-of-the-Art in GPR-Based Detectors and Future Roadmap, a Cobham-Vallon Partnership

Ross Gillanders, School of Physics & Astronomy, University of St Andrews

Field Trials and Improvements of a Polymer-based Explosive Vapour Sensor System

Poster presentations

Panel discussion

Moderator: **Zvonko Orehovec**, HCR-CTRO Scientific Council president

12.30 – 13.00

Conclusions, wrap-up and adjourn

GENERAL INFORMATION

VENUE:

The Symposium will be held at the *Adriatic Hotel* in Biograd, Croatia, and participants will be accommodated in *Adriatic* and *Ilirija* Hotels, located side by side, near the town centre, by the seashore.

The participants are asked to book accommodation by 8th April 2017 via the link on www.ctro.hr.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE:

Croatian and English will be the official languages of the Symposium, interpretation will be provided.

REGISTRATION FEE:

Participants - 300 EUR

Presenters – first authors 100 EUR, co-authors 300 EUR

Accompanying persons – 100 EUR

Students are exempt from payment.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAYMENT:

Payments should be made to the following account:

HCR - CTRO d.o.o., Sortina 1d, Zagreb, Croatia
Account No.: IBANHR3023600001101686642
Zagrebacka banka d.d., Paromlinska 2, 10000 Zagreb, SWIFT: ZABHR2X
Purpose: Registration fee (name and surname)

NOTE: The banking transaction fees should be paid by the payer

VISAS:

Visa requirements overview will be available at the website of the Government Office for Mine Action:

www.mine.gov.hr

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The online registration form, as well as other information about the 14th International Symposium "Mine Action 2017" may be found at the websites of HCR-CTRO (www.ctro.hr), CROMAC (www.hcr.hr) and the Government Office for Mine Action (www.mine.gov.hr).

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