



PROGRAM INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Future Armed Forces 2040

26-27 September, 2017

Sofia, Bulgaria

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Minister of Defense of the Republic of Bulgaria**

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CONFERENCE VENUE

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

25 September 2017, Monday

- 08:00 – 18:00** Arrival and accommodation of the foreign participants
19:30 – 21:00 Icebreaking (Central Military Club)

26 September 2017, Tuesday

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 10:30 Official Panel

- Opening remarks of Major General (BGR-A) Grudi Angelov, Commandant of G. S. Rakovski National Defense College
- Key Note Address by Mr. Krasimir Karakachanov, Deputy Prime Minister for Public Order and Security and Minister of Defense of the Republic of Bulgaria
- Address by Lieutenant General Andrey Botsev, Chief of Defense
- Address by Mr. Konstantin Zografov, AFCEA Regional Vice President for South East European Region and AFCEA Sofia Chapter President
- Keynote Speaker Mr. Alan Shaffer, Director NATO Science and Technology Organization Collaborative Support Office, confirmed
- Keynote Speaker from NATO ACT (tbc)

10:30 – 11:00 Family Photo and Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 First Panel

“Security Foresight Analysis 2040 – Global Challenges and Trends”
Discussions

12:30 – 14:00 Working Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 Second Panel

“Balkans and Black Sea Region: Emerging Security Challenges”
Discussions

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30 Third Panel

“Vision for Future BAF Services”
-Army
-Air Force

-Navy

-Special Operation Forces
Discussions

- 17:30 Closing of the first day of the conference. Capt. (BGR-N) Prof. Yantsislav Yanakiev, D.Sc.
- 19:00 – 21:30 Reception for the registered conference participants and guests, Lozenets Residence (Upon invitation)**

27 September 2017, Wednesday

- 09:00 – 10:30 Fourth Panel**
“Armed Forces 2040 – Capabilities and Investments”
Industry Presentation
Discussions
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00 – 12:30 Fifth Panel**
“Technological Trends and their Effect on Future Warfare”
Discussions
- 12:30 – 14:00 Working Lunch
- 14:00 – 15:30 Sixth Panel**
“Armed Forces 2040 – Human Capital”
Discussions
- 15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:00 – 17:30 Seventh Panel**
“Future Challenges in the Fifth Dimensions of Battlespace”
(Cyber)
Discussions
- 17:30 – 17:45 Closing of the Conference.** Major General (BGR-A) Grudi Angelov, Commandant of G. S. Rakovski National Defense College