



NATO MODELLING & SIMULATION CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE



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13th NATO CAX FORUM 2018 – Sponsor participation.

The NATO Computer Assisted Exercise (CAX) Forum is the most relevant international discussion environment on the design, planning and conducting of CAX exercises. NATO Modelling & Simulation Centre Of Excellence (NATO M&S COE) has been responsible for the organization of the last six editions held in Italy, Germany and lastly in 2017 in Florence, Italy. The 13th NATO Computer Assisted Exercise Forum (NATO CAX Forum 2018) will be organized by the NATO M&S COE and hosted at *Marinela Hotel in SOFIA, Bulgaria, 25 - 27 September 2018* in cooperation with the NATO CMDR COE (Crisis Management and Disaster Response Centre of Excellence).

Representatives of NATO Countries, Partnership for Peace (PfP), Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (ICI), Mediterranean Dialogue (MD), Contact Nations (CN) take part in the Forum, as well as industries and universities from various Countries.

Given the high profile of the event and the resonance it will have in the military & technical industrial environment, the Centre is ready to evaluate the offer your Company would formulate in terms of sponsorship for the event. Participation may include the provision of one or more items of your choice (administrative arrangements for the service provision in Annex 1) with the possibility of applying your company logo on the item itself, according to arrangements to be made with this Centre.

All interested parties should note that a limited amount of exhibition spaces/booths will be made available for any requesting Company/Agency to expose and advertise their CAX and simulation related skills and products.

Thanking you in advance for your attention in this, I am forwarding the following links for the event to be held *in SOFIA, Bulgaria*:

- <https://www.mscoe.org/event/nato-cax-forum-2018/>
- <https://mscoe.org/>, NATO Modelling & Simulation Centre Of Excellence web site;

We remain available for any further information deemed useful in this regard.

Please coordinate your responses with:

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Confident in your positive response, I offer my best regards.

Capt. ITA N Vincenzo MILANO
NATO M&S COE Director

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

NATO M&S COE has identified the events/items listed below to be provided, in whole or in part, under the mentioned sponsorship agreement:

1. ICEBREAKER EVENT, with participation of about 200 people/VIP/Authorities;
2. COFFEE BREAKS, with participation of about 200 people/VIP/Authorities;
3. VIP DINNER, attended by 20-25 VIP/Authorities;
4. GIFT TO FORUM ATTENDEES, parchment, lithograph printing, etc.;
5. GIFT TO VIP ATTENDEES, in order to leave a tangible sign of gratitude in memory of the event;
6. BADGE HOLDERS with lanyard;
7. WELCOME PACKAGES (includes Folder, Notepad, Pen, Admin Instructions, Forum Program, Forum Flyers and any other advertisement material);

Any expressions of interest from the companies must be received *NLT June 30th 2018* to the following e-mail address:

- mscoe.budfin@smd.difesa.it, Lt.Col. Fulvio MORGHESE, tel. +39 0646914388.

The Centre will coordinate for the procurement of the articles listed above, or proposals may be forwarded by companies and agreed with the Centre. Should there be two or more offers / proposals for the same article, the First Come-First Serve criterion will be used for the quotation selection.

A separate agreement will be signed between the parties in order to guarantee the mentioned articles provision.



1. The 13th NATO Computer Assisted Exercise Forum (NATO CAX Forum 2017) will be organized by the NATO Modelling and Simulation Centre of Excellence (NATO M&S COE) and hosted at *Marinela Hotel in SOFIA, Bulgaria, 25 - 27 September 2018.*
2. The CAX Forum is the main CAX-related conference held yearly and the 12th Edition, hosted in FLORENCE in September 2017, was attended by more than 250 participants coming from more than 29 NATO, PFP, ICI, Mediterranean Dialogue and Contact Nations. As per previous editions, the Forum will be conducted in conjunction with the NMSG group activities.
3. All interested parties are encouraged to participate by providing presentations on the CAX related topics including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Technical
Experiences and lessons learned by Nations and NATO bodies/ Simulations and models: approaches, architectures, data, algorithms and systems/ Modelling combined, joint and expeditionary operations, and irregular warfare/ Collaboration, service discovery and data sharing techniques and systems/ Auxiliary software for military simulations/ Command and control (C2) systems, operational planning process (OPP) tools and their interactions with CAX tools/ CAX Environmental data/ CIS requirements, architectures and security/ Knowledge management system to support CAX process/Availability of assets.
 - b. Operating Procedures
Experiences and Lessons learned by nations and NATO bodies/ Organizational challenges in CAXs/ CAX Planning Process/ Collaboration, service discovery, and data sharing procedures/CAX support tools exploitation/Multi-level and cross-level distributed exercises/ Experimentation.
4. This year CAX Forum will be held under professional patronage of: Research Associate Prof. Imre BALOGH, Director, Modeling, Virtual Environments and Simulation Institute, Monterey, USA; Prof. Erdal CAYIRCI, FMV Isik University Istanbul, Turkey, Director, The Research Center for S.T.E.A.M.; Prof. Stefan PICKL, Universität der Bundeswehr München, Germany; Lt. Col. Associate Prof. Jan HODICKY, Centre for Security and Military Strategic Studies at the University of Defense In Brno, Czech Republic; Adjunct Prof. Andreas TOLK, Old Dominion University, USA.
4. The program will be further consolidated during the months until the beginning of September. Forms for the proposal of presentations and a template for papers can be found at the following link: <https://mscoe.org/educational-and-training/cax-forum.html>

it should be forwarded to the M&S COE Points of Contact (POCs) for the Forum via E-mail, or FAX, before August 31st, 2018.

The NATO M&S COE POCs for the Forum are:
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In order to complete the Forum registration, please use the following link <https://www.mscoe.org/event/nato-cax-forum-2018/> no later than September 21st, 2018.

LOCATION

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