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Monthly Activity Report



June 2012

Upcoming MC Events

- Seminar on Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction/Terrorism July 12-27, Garmisch
- Curriculum development for professional military education, July 16-20, Weert, Netherlands
- Health security conference, July 17-19, Garmisch
- Security Sector Reform Working Group, July 17-20, Oberammergau
- Seminar on Transatlantic Civil Security, July 17-Aug. 3, Garmisch
- Central Asian Peace & Stability Operations Workshop, July 24-27, Bishkek
- Moldovan MOD military education program review, July 25-29, Chisnau
- Georgia National Security Review, July 25, Tbilisi, Georgia
- PfPC Editorial Board Annual Planning Meeting, August
- Georgia Defense Education Enhancement Program NDU Admin Functions, Aug. 3-8
- Combating Terrorism Language Program, Aug. 17 - Sept. 20
- Protecting Legitimacy in Politics in Baltic States Conference, Garmisch, Aug. 22-23

Counter drug conference draws 3 COCOMS, 28 countries

Three U.S. combatant commands and 48 Marshall Center alumni gathered to develop a common understanding about security issues posed by drug smuggling and other illicit trafficking June 18-21.

The four-day "Counter Illicit Trafficking Alumni Community of Interest Workshop" brought together Marshall Center alumni from Europe, the Balkans, Africa, the Middle East and Asia. The Marshall Center's alumni programs division sponsored the "first-time" event. Goals were to develop common understanding of the security issues posed by trafficking humans, drugs, money and cybercrime; improve international cooperation; share

best practices; and strengthen the role of Marshall Center alumni across the various regions involved.

"My country is dealing with unsolved conflict and as a result, we have a lot of consequences to our economy and development. We should cooperate with all our partners and neighbors," said one participant. "Exchange of experience with all participants from all points of view is crucial."

Caryn Hollis, principal director for counternarcotics and global threats, office of the deputy assistant U.S. secretary of defense, served as keynote speaker. Attendees were also able to meet with members of U.S. Africa, Central, and European Commands and the Department of Homeland Security.



Caryn Hollis, principal director for counternarcotics and global threats, office of the deputy assistant secretary of defense for counternarcotics and global threats, talks to Liana S. Wyler of the U.S. Congressional Research Service following Hollis' keynote speech at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies June 19.

Brig. Gen. Mark Scraba, director of the Joint-Interagency Counter-Trafficking Center for EUCOM, summed up the importance of the Marshall Center alumni gathering.

"Counter-illicit trafficking has grown to be international and global in scope. It's far-reaching. It's a national security issue not only to our United States, but it's a security issue to partner nations around the world," Scraba said.

Superintendent Hakan Akdemir is assigned to a counter terrorism unit for the Turkish national police in Ankara. He tied his work in thwarting terrorists to stopping illicit trafficking.

"In countering terrorism, you must prevent their financing," he said. "That financing begins [in a number of ways including] illicit and human trafficking. They are all ways to finance terrorism. That's why this conference is important for us."

Meanwhile, there is the strength of the Marshall Center alumni network bolstering the counter-drug process, according to Dean Dwigans, chief of alumni programs. While 48 attended this week, more than 9,000 participants will receive and share the information gained during the conference.

Workshops like these reinforce the worldwide network of Marshall Center graduates, Dwigans said. This network, based initially on resident course teachings, is a valuable DOD investment.

"If we end with a resident course and don't continue to help these security professionals grow, then we've lost the potential of the graduates," Dwigans said. "The idea of bringing them back this week is to keep forming that network of professionals – in this case, on counter-illicit trafficking – so they can use that in their professional duties to combat this problem."

Marshall Center events prepare partners, build worldwide support

MC, CENTCOM seminar tackles disaster response

Disaster preparedness and response took center stage during a seminar conducted by the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan June 18.

The seminar, in conjunction with U.S. Central Command Central Asian Regional Exercise 2012, had 155 participants from Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and the United States. Events took place at Koi Tash military base outside of Bishkek.

Primary goals for the event were to enhance regional cooperation in Central Asia and enhance interoperability within a “whole of government/whole of community” approach to catastrophic events, according to Darren Adams, a conference planner for the Marshall Center.

“These seminars allow the Marshall Center to support CENTCOM’s goals in the Central Asian region, and allow the center to interact with large audiences at low cost,” Adams said.

Adams said specific CENTCOM priorities focused on increasing defense-establishment crisis-reaction capability and improving disaster and emergency response capabilities. Marshall Center presentations focused on major disasters involving “complex cascading events,” Adams said.

Navy Capt. Rob Blazewick, deputy course director for the Seminar on Transatlantic Civil Security; and Dr. Sven Gareis, German deputy dean of the Marshall Center, taught crisis and consequence management; media/information operations and offered a case study in the Fukushima nuclear power plant disaster. Blazewick and Gareis also led a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear exercise.

Air Force Capt. Justin Ballinger, Air Mobility Command, briefed participants on joint task force port-opening capability. He discussed how the command would open temporary air fields, humanitarian aid distribution points and how to request AMC support during crises.

The Kyrgyz Ministry of Emergency Situations ended the semi-

nar discussing local disasters and the obstacles to response efforts caused by the rugged Kyrgyz terrain, Adams said.

“The seminar topics are based on the exercise scenarios to ensure the seminar is relevant,” Adams added. “Improved cooperation is necessary since disasters that span borders occur regularly in this region. Countries that participated made some progress toward the goals.”

The Marshall Center served as host for the 2010 exercise and conducted the 2011 event in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

International participants learn tactical English

Participants from Bulgaria, Romania and Slovakia studied tactical communications English June 5-22.

The 12 military members attended the Operational Mentor and Liaison Team Based Tactical Communications English Workshop in Garmisch, held at the Partner Language Training Center Europe.

Participants familiarized themselves with military radio communication terminology associated with medical evacuation, improvised explosive device reporting, artillery call for fire, and aviation close air support.

Additionally, participants learned about the military decision making process and operation orders, as well as how to conduct after action reviews.

Many of the participants will continue their training at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center at Hohenfels, Germany, before deploying to support Afghan National Security Forces.

Alumni meet to discuss NATO’s Chicago Summit

Twenty-five participants, 20 of which were alumni, met June 25 in Sarajevo to listen to the Marshall Center’s John Kriendler and Drs. Matthew Rhodes, John Treddenick and

Valbona Zeneli, as well as the Bosnia-Herzegovinan Assistant Defense Minister Zoran Sajinovic, who attended the summit discuss key issues.

The roundtable provided an opportunity for the audience of inter-ministerial security professionals to receive an overview of and discuss the most important NATO security issues and challenges which, irrespective of the country’s final decision on joining NATO, are relevant to regional stability and the further political, defense, democratic and economic reform of BiH.

The major issues discussed were NATO’s post-ISAF posture, the missile defense shield, smart defense, and the deterrence and defense posture review. This also included a discussion of the financial crisis and its impact on defense along with other topics, such as burden sharing, NATO-Russia relations, the impact of a US rebalance of its efforts toward the Asia-Pacific region and the effects of the Arab spring.

Questions such as how smart defense might work led to a useful discussion on how small, regional collectives can develop niche capabilities and how best to revive the defense industry in BiH and the region. Attendees included Office of Defense Cooperation chief, Lt. Col. Karin Wagner; Despina Fragouloupoulou, political affairs and security policy division and bosnia-Herzegovinan desk officer at NATO; and Croatian ambassador-designate to Israel, Pjer Simunovic. Fragouloupoulou and Simunovic both spoke at a NATO workshop conducted concurrently by the Marshall Center.



Zoran Sajinovic (center) opens the Bosnia-Herzegovina alumni association roundtable on NATO after the Chicago Summit Monday evening in Sarajevo, 25 June. Seated on either side are (left) Dr. Matthew Rhodes and Dr. Jack Treddenick and (right) Dr. Valbona Zeneli and Professor John Kriendler.

Bosnia-Herzegovinian officials talk NATO in Sarajevo

Bosnia-Herzegovina's NATO action plans, defense and combat readiness reforms brought professionals together in Sarajevo for a seminar June 25-26.

Thirteen officials from the Bosnia-Herzegovinian ministry of defense, national security and defense council, foreign ministry and others met for a NATO integration seminar. They discussed the country's NATO action plans and Bosnia-Herzegovina's defense and combat readiness reforms in relation to NATO.

Participants also discussed the economic aspects of the country's NATO cooperation and the importance of strategic communication to generate public awareness and support for NATO integration.

U.S. Ambassador to Bosnia-Herzegovina Patrick Moon discussed the country's NATO aspirations during a press conference June 25.

Presentations to the group and visits by outgoing and incoming NATO HQ Sarajevo commanders, Brig. Gen. Gary E. Huffman and Brig. Gen. Walter T. Lord rounded out the remainder of the seminar.

The press conference and media focus of the seminar helped set the stage for future regional education teams to further the merits of NATO integration for the country where knowledge about NATO is minimal, according to Army Maj. Stephan Schoenborn, Southeast Europe Strategist for the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies.

"In addition to popularizing Bosnia-Herzegovina's NATO integration, the event promoted inter-ministerial dialogue and allowed participating Marshall Center graduates to continue their close coordination on efforts to further Bosnia-Herzegovina's NATO integration, as well as share information and feedback in an open and transparent venue during an Alumni outreach networking event," Schoenborn said.

The seminar served as a follow-up event to the Marshall Center's alumni outreach event conducted in Banja Luka Sept. 13, 2011, which focused on EU and NATO integration. The Marshall Center will continue to work with the country

team to assist Bosnia-Herzegovina with its goal of attaining NATO membership.

The next event, a NATO Smart Defense workshop, is tentatively scheduled for October 2012.

Security, stability highlight consortium's 14th conference

Promoting security and stability in the South Caucasus and Central Asia was the topic of the Partnership for Peace Consortium 14th annual conference June 19-20 in Tbilisi.

Co-organized by the Georgian Ministry of Defense, the conference provided a forum for about 100 participants from 14 countries to talk about concrete ways for education to enhance security sector reform and defense institution building.

Retired Lt. Gen. Keith W. Dayton, Marshall Center Director and chairman of the consortium's senior advisory council, stressed the importance in promoting partnerships and strengthening defense and security education in his welcome remarks.

He emphasized that the consortium is a cost-effective key soft power tool of growing relevance, especially in times of austerity as the U.S. rebalances its hard power assets in Eurasia.

Dayton also characterized the consortium as an effective way for partner nations, particularly the neutral and nonaligned powers, to join forces in areas such as defense education and research, thereby playing an important role in building strong security organizations.

In his keynote speech, Georgian Deputy Minister of Defense Andro Barnovi mentioned the importance of the consortium for Georgia's way ahead, emphasizing Euro-Atlantic integration.

Participants discussed current security issues of the region. They searched for solutions to the region's challenges

through the consortium's various working and study groups.

The accomplishments of the working groups during the past year were acknowledged and additional areas for future cooperation were identified.

Also during the conference, Sean Costigan, chairman of the consortium's editorial board, gave the 2011 Athena Award for outstanding academic authorship in the "Quarterly Journal Connections" to Col. Ted Donnelly, a former foreign area officer at the Marshall Center. Donnelly is currently deployed to Afghanistan.



Keith Dayton, director of the Marshall Center, talks to the attendees of the Partnership for Peace Consortium's annual conference June 19, held in Tbilisi, Georgia.

"This conference was a success. It brought together the right people to talk about and develop meaningful curricula for defense academies, using modern teaching methods," said Dr. Raphael Perl, executive director of the consortium. "A network model like the PfPC is a good way to do this."

Dayton and Barnovi concluded with a shared assessment that the conference was a model for successful cooperation in addressing security challenges in the South Caucasus region within the context of defense education institution building and enhancement.

The next conference is planned in April 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland.

Consortium conference in Armenia focuses on new approaches to defense education

A fresh focus on teaching students anchored work done at the 6th annual Conference of the Education Specialists of the Partnership for Peace Consortium of Defense Academies and Security Studies Institutes June 12-15 in Yerevan, Armenia.

The conference was titled “New Students, New Methods and New Assessments.” Workshop participants represented nine nations; the Defense Educators Team faculty represented six nations, and the Defense Education Enhancement Program experts team represented seven nations. With overlap of four countries -- Canada, Romania, Ukraine and the United States --a total of 18 nations were involved. Events were conducted in the headquarters of the Armenian Ministry of Defense.

Participants discussed approaches to

defense/military education and training. In addition to being one of the organizations which participates in the consortium, the Marshall Center also hosts the consortium operations staff, and the consortium's administrative center.

John Kane, international program manager for the consortium, took part in the event. “The conference was particularly successful thanks to the Armenian MOD's flexibility in hosting both the long-planned educator's workshop and also a shorter-notice initiative to concurrently involve a Defense Education Enhancement Program experts team,” Kane said.

“This greatly increased the impact and effectiveness of the event due to the synergies created between the two groups,” he said.



Kane, center, addresses the group during the conference in Yerevan, Armenia.

Kane said the personal involvement of First Deputy Minister of Defense Davit Tonoyan

and Deputy Director Ara Mesrobyan of the ministry's defense policy department was also key to the success of the event.

Conference gives regional center workers MC familiarity



Army Sgt. Maj. Martin Doxey (foreground, left) listens as Craig Sullivan and Ric Cantu discuss the RCPAMS registration system in Manfred Woerner Hall at the Marshall Center June 19. Doxey, the U.S. European Command manager for the Combating Terrorism Fellowship Program, was one of about 50 people taking part in the Security Cooperation Office Training to support the DOD's five regional centers, including the Marshall Center.

“The CTFP is an important partner in Marshall Center work,” said Cantu, the center's registrar. “The goals are to make the nomination and selection processes more effective and efficient, and to ensure that accurate and necessary information is being passed on through the points of contact to their prospective resident, outreach, and language course participants.”

The program has provided counterterrorism training to about 5,000 members of those security assistance agencies in approximately 140 countries through center programs.

Countries represented were Armenia, Albania, Belarus, Canada, Czech Republic, Georgia, Germany, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Macedonia, Mauritania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Montenegro, Ukraine, and the United States.

The consortium is a voluntary association of institutes of higher learning in defense and security affairs that is supported by the Austria, Canada, Germany, Switzerland, the United States and NATO. The Consortium seeks to support the security priorities of its stakeholders.

The mission of consortium is to strengthen defense and military education through enhanced national and institutional cooperation in order to promote defense institution building through defense education enhancement; and sustain regional stability through multinational education and research.

Financial crisis takes center stage during two MC events

The impact of the global financial crisis on defense spending took center stage as Marshall Center faculty and staff recently spoke the topic in two eastern European nations.

The center brought the Alumni Networking Event “The Global Financial Crisis and its Lasting Impact on European Security Defense Spending in an Era of Economic Crisis” to Bratislava, Slovak Republic June 5 and Budapest, Hungary, June 7.

In Bratislava, Dr. Jack Treddenick, a professor at the Marshall Center, gave a 40-minute presentation about the impact of the global economic crisis to 42 people, including 34 Slovak officials (25 of whom were Marshall Center alumni) at the residence of U.S. Ambassador Theodore Sedgewick. Ambassador Janet Garvey, associate director for international liaison for the Marshall Center; Dr. Axel Hartmann, German ambassador to Hungary; and Anna Kollarova of the Slovak alumni association, were also in attendance.

In Budapest, Treddenick gave the same lecture to 40 participants, including 20 Hungarian officials from the military, ministry of foreign affairs and others. He was joined by U.S. Ambassador to Hungary Elenis Tsakopoulos Kounalakis; Dr. James MacDougall, deputy director of the Marshall Center; and retired Ambassador Ferenc Boesenbacher of the Hungarian alumni association. Peter Sztaray, deputy state secretary for security policy and a Marshall Center alum, also attended.

“The general recommendation ... was that European NATO-member nations must maintain defense spending at current levels, yet gradually reduce personnel,” Treddenick said. “They must also work more closely

acquiring and sharing new military hardware and technology, improve training and achieve higher levels of mobility and interoperability with other NATO nations.”

Treddenick said the topic reinforced the general conclusions of the May 2012 NATO summit in Chicago and “underscored the declaration of the Visegard Group – Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Slovak Republic – to form a joint battle group by 2016.”

Other goals and objectives of the meetings included:

- Examining how the global financial crisis developed and influenced European security defense spending and assessing NATO’s Smart Defense strategy and offer options to improve the strategy
- Recognizing each country’s role as a core member of the Visegard Group in coordinating defense reform; as solid supporters of stability operations abroad; as major promoters of democratic change in the nations of the former Yugoslavia; and as leading proponents of smart defense among the Visegrad nations
- Reinvigorating their Marshall Center alumni, who include a broad cross-section of senior foreign ministry and defense ministry officials.
- Recognize each country’s role as a central European leader in the area of defense reform; as strong supporters of stability operations in Afghanistan and, for Slovakia, Kosovo
- Learning from each country’s experience’s to date and shape future Marshall Center outreach and resident programs to better benefit the region
- Establishing communication links for senior leadership with other key leaders
- Facilitating development of a network of key government officials with shared experiences and common understandings, in positions of influence in the region

Dean Dwigans, chief of alumni programs, said that at both locations all objectives were

met. Participants at both locations emphasized the beneficial aspects of institutions like the Marshall Center in educating the next generation of public servants.

Further, Dwigans said the call for maintaining current defense spending with a smaller European military force was “well understood and positively received.” In Hungary, Sztaray said Treddenick’s presentation was “sound and coincided with Hungary’s official long-term stance.”

The Marshall Center organized the events collaborating with each country’s alumni association. In Slovakia, Marshall Center officials worked with the U.S. Embassy while in Hungary, the center worked with the embassy and the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to organize the event.

Security addressed at Balkans conference

Three Marshall Center professors supported a recent conference about global Balkans security participation.

Drs. Sharyl Cross, Valbona Zeneli and James Anderson attended the “NATO 2BS to be Secure” forum June 4-6 in Budva, Montenegro. The conference, titled, “Security Challenges – Chicago Summit: What can the Western Balkans offer?” brought together more than 30 Southeast Europe nations, including many Marshall Center alumni.

Cross chaired a panel titled, “The Aftermath of the Arab Spring and Wider International Implications” along with Dr. Karl A. Lamers, president of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and member of the German Bundestag defense

committee; Dr. Karen Kneissl, journalist; and Dr. Mustafa Eli Saif, professor of political science, Cairo University.

Zeneli spoke on the implications of the European economic crisis for economic security and development in South East Europe, along with panel members Dr. Milica Pejanovic-Duriscic, Montenegro’s Minister of Defense; and Dr. Tanja Misevic, Serbian State Secretary, Ministry of Defense.

Anderson spoke on U.S. policy in the Middle East and Iran, as part of a panel including Dr. Amadeo Watkins; Israeli Ambassador Yossef Levy; Dr. Dragan Simeunovic, professor of political science, University of Belgrade; and Dr. Darko Trifunovic, professor of security studies, University of Belgrade.

The event is an annual high-level forum which deals with global and regional security issues. The event is meant to be a discussing forum for relevance and high impact, helping promote new thinking along ‘Chatham House’ rules, and to help promote tactical thinking in reform efforts in Southeast Europe, build closer ties between key stakeholders and partners and thus make the region a safer and more prosperous place, able to contribute to global challenges in the future.



Dr. Milica Pejanovic-Duriscic, Montenegro’s Minister of Defense, speaks to participants in the conference while Serbian State Secretary Dr. Tanja Misevic and the Marshall Center’s Dr. Valbona Zeneli listen.

Former center fellow earns war college honors

A former fellow from the Marshall Center was lauded by the U.S. Army War College for his work on a research project.

For his work on “Exploiting Vulnerabilities of Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps,” Army Col. Sean Corrigan received the Commandant’s Award for Distinction in Research, an annual honor given during the college’s research award competition. Corrigan was notified of the honor May 21. He received the award June 9 at Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

Professor James Wither, academic director of Marshall Center fellowship programs, said the award reflected the quality of people who serves as fellows here.

“I’m absolutely delighted with the award. It’s great to see the high quality work produced by our U.S. senior fellows get the recognition it deserves,” Wither said.

Jay Le Beau, a Marshall Center professor, served as Corrigan’s mentor. Le Beau said Corrigan’s paper is timely and on point.

“Sean’s paper addresses a topic that is not only actively current, but which military strategists in the future will need to consider. It portrays a state within a state, with the Revolutionary Guard playing a disturbing role vis-a- vis other states in the region and, indeed, the world,” Le Beau said. “He has addressed a compelling issue that is going to be of concern for some years.”

The 2011 recipient was Army Col. Paul B. Olsen, the Norfolk District commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Alumni talk reducing disaster vulnerability

Marshall Center alumni and guests gathered June 18 in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic to learn and discuss fundamentals and principals of disaster preparedness and response as well as methods to reduce disaster vulnerability through education, science and technology.

Among the more than 20 participants were alumni rep-

resenting the ministries of defense, internal affairs, justice, education, labor, workforce and migration, the national security council, police academia and the parliament. Guests also attended from Ataturk Alatau and Kyrgyz Turkish Manas Universities.

Dr. Orozbek Moldaliev, a Marshall Center distinguished alumnus, opened the event on behalf of the GCMC Union of Kyrgyz Graduates. Dr. Sven Gareis, the Marshall Center’s German Deputy Dean, welcomed the alumni and guests.

Gareis highlighted several professional achievements of the Kyrgyz alumni and provided an update on the state of the center’s transformation process, including changes in resident and alumni programs.

Navy Capt. Robert Blazewick, Marshall Center faculty, gave a presentation on disaster preparedness and response” followed by a local guest speaker, Kadyrbek Bozov, who provided the participants an overview of a new program on disaster forecasting and warning.

In the closing session of the event, alumni and guests engaged both speakers with questions, offered feedback on how to improve Marshall Center’s resident and alumni programs, and discussed opportunities for future regional alumni cooperation in Central Asia.

Bulgarian alumni meet to shape energy policy



The Bulgarian Marshall Center alumni association met June 21-22 for a one-day conference followed by a half-day working group, both under the patronage of the president of Bulgaria, to shape a framework document for consideration by the government in forming the energy policy for the country with a strong emphasis on regional cooperation. The conference took place at the Military Club in Sofia with the half-day working group meeting in Bankya at the Center of Education of the State Commission of Security Information at the invitation of former center alumna and chair of the center, Tsveta Markova.

MC talks terrorism to German community

Dr. John “Jay” Le Beau, professor with the Program on Terrorism and Security Studies at the Marshall Center; Dieter Kirsch and Dr. Raphael Perl, executive director of the Partnership for Peace Consortium, listen to a question from a member of the community during a discussion about terrorism in Murnau, Germany June 22. With Kirsch leading the discussion, Le Beau and Perl spoke to 24 people for about two hours on a broad range of terrorism-related topics. Kirsch organized the discussion for residents of Murnau.



Participants share defense planning best practices

Participants from 20 partner nations met to share best practices and lessons learned from their countries' efforts to refine security strategy and defense planning processes.

Twenty-nine participants representing ministries of defense and national security organizations within their respective nations met for the conference titled, "Best Practices and Lessons Learned in National Security Strategy and Defense Planning," held June 26-27 in Garmisch.

The purpose of this event was to provide a forum for exchanging ideas, sharing lessons learned and best practices in developing and institutionalizing the processes of national security and defense planning.

The issues addressed were making hard choices on national security in an age of austerity, the whole of government approach to national security planning and getting the process right, transatlantic security relations: continuity or change, dealing with more threats and fewer resources, defense planning after the Chicago NATO Summit, and expectations and experiences in pooling and sharing.

Speakers at the event included Dr. Dragan Lozancic, Croatian Assistant Minister of Defense; Dr. Andrew Michta, director of the German Marshall Fund Warsaw office; Dr. Donald Abenheim, Naval Postgraduate School; Brig. Gen. (ret.) Kazimierz Sikorski, director, strategic analyses department, National Security Bureau, Poland; and Dr. Bengt Vretblad, National Defense College, Sweden.

Representatives from the US EUCOM and OSD-PSO Defense Institution Building Management Team participated.

Participants engaged in thoughtful debate on contemporary issues of concern to their nations, such as identifying and defining threats to national security, prioritizing in an age of economic austerity, and finding whole of government approaches to security sector reform.

In addition to providing a forum for the exchange of ideas and best practices, the seminar yielded potential opportunities for the Marshall Center to engage partners in bilateral work on specific areas of interest.

June distinguished visitors

- **Roger Sabin**, Defense Security Cooperation Agency deputy general counsel visited June 7 for an orientation
- **Dr. Christopher Harmon**, Maj. Gen. Matthew C. Horner Chair of Military Theory, Marine Corps University, Va., visited June 8 to speak to participants of the Program on Terrorism and Security Studies
- **Sheikh Dr. Muhammad Al-Hussaini**, research fellow in Islamic Studies, Leo Baeck College, London; and **Sheik Dr. Mohamed El Sharkawy**, dean, Al-Azhar College, London visited June 18 to speak to PTSS participants
- **Maajid Nawaz**, director and co-founder, Quilliam, London, visited June 19 to speak to PTSS participants
- **Caryn Hollis**, principal director, counter narcotics and global threats, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, visited June 19 to speak to participants in the Countering Illicit Trafficking Community of Interest Seminar
- **Gen. (ret.) Vijay Kumar Singh**, former Indian Chief of Army Staff, visited June 21 to speak to PTSS participants
- **Dr. Dragan Lozancic**, Croatian Assistant Minister of Defense, visited June 26 to speak at the best practices conference
- **Dr. Armando Spataro**, Milan Public Prosecution Office, Justice Palace, Milan, Italy, visited June 26 to speak to participants in the PTSS

Faculty outreach

- **Dr. Valbona Zeneli** lectured on the "The Challenge of Corruption in Stability Missions" to about 150 cadets at the International Summer Camp organized by the Macedonian Military Academy, on June 20, in Pepliste, Macedonia. This camp was a continuation of the international camps held in 2010 and 2011, with the participation students and cadets from U.K, Macedonia, Bulgaria, Turkey and Kosovo.
- **Dr. Sharyl Cross** received a grant from the Institute of National Security Studies based at the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., to complete a two week research visit to Moscow in June examining Russian perspectives on countering violent extremism, particularly in the internet/social media spheres, and to assess the potential for U.S. and Russian cooperation in countering violent extremism in the cyber arena. Dr. Cross will publish her findings and prepare a briefing on the result that will be presented by INSS to the Office of the Secretary of Defense in fall 2012.
- **Dr. Matthew Rhodes** delivered a presentation in Zagreb, Croatia on June 15 on the role of the U.S. at an international conference on consolidation in Southeast Europe organized by the Institute for International Relations and the Hans Seidel Foundation. He also gave an introductory presentation on security policy in the 21st century at the annual Summer School in Global Security for advanced university students from Central and Southeast Europe and the Caucasus organized by the Center for European and North Atlantic Affairs at the National Defense Academy in Liptovsky Mikulas, Slovakia on June 24.

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