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**WEDNESDAY, May 22, 2019**

**Foreign participants arrival. Accommodation at Vila Verde Hotel (110, Grenoble Street, Chişinău)**

**THURSDAY, May 23, 2019**

**Center for Culture and Military History (47, Tighina Street, Chisinau)**

**08.30-09.30 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS**

**09.30-10.00 Column Hall. OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE (reports up to 5 min)**

**Moderator: SOFRONESCU Igor**, Lieutenant-Colonel (r), PhD, assoc. prof., President of the Conference, Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun", Republic of Moldova

1. **PLOP Sergiu**, Colonel, Rector (commander), Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun".
2. **STURZA Eugeniu**, Minister of Defense of the Republic of Moldova.
3. **IONIȚĂ** Daniel, Ambasador of Romania în Republic of Moldova.
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5. **ILIAŞ Miroslav**, Ministry of Information Policy, Kiev, Ukraine.

**10.00-10.10 Group photo of the conference participants**

**10.10-11.00 Column Hall. PLENARY MEETING (reports up to 15 min)**

**Moderator: SOFRONESCU Igor**, Lieutenant Colonel (r), PhD, assoc. prof., Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun", Republic of Moldova

1. **Challenges, visions and perspectives regarding the defense in the context of the current security environment**. BURDUJA Radu, State General Secretary, Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Moldova.
2. **Romania's contribution to crisis operations in new geopolitical context**. CÎRCIUMARU Florian, Colonel, PhD, assoc. prof., Center for Defense and Security Strategic Studies, National Defense University "Carol I", Bucharest, Romania.
3. **Policies regarding the international cooperation of the Republic of Moldova in the field of defense**. GORGAN Igor, Brigadier General, Center for Strategic Defense and Security Studies, Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun", Republic of Moldova.
4. **The concept of ground based military robotic complexes (Концепция наземных роботизированных комплексов военного назначения).** KRAVCIUK Oleg, Colonel, Military Academy, Odessa, Ukraine

**11.00-11.30 COFFEE BREAK**

**11.30-13.30 Column Hall. SECTION 1. THE REGIONAL SECURITY SYSTEM: RISKS, DANGERS AND THREATS.**

**Part 1 (reports up to 10 min)**

**Moderators: ROMAN Vasile**, Major General (r), PhD, "Apollonia" University, Iasi, Romania; **CEBOTARI Svetlana**, DSC, assoc. prof., Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun".

1. **Comprehensive Approach to Romania's Security.** ROMAN Vasile, Major General (r), PhD, "Apollonia" University, Iasi, Romania.
2. **Guaranteeing state neutrality through international law institutions.** FORTUNA Andrei, PhD, National Institute of Information, Republic of Moldova.
3. **The Black Sea Basin in the context of confronting the interests of the great powers.** CEBOTARI Svetlana, DSC, assoc. prof., PLOP Sergiu, Colonel, Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun".
4. **The impact of Russia-US relations on Eastern Europe and the consequences on the national security of the Republic of Moldova.** LAVRIC Aurelian, PhD, assoc. prof., Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun", Republic of Moldova.
5. S**tate security ensuring by preventing and combating the corruption.** CAZACU Adriana. National Anticorruption Center, Republic of Moldova.
6. **Contemporary civilization achievements in the military field and human security.** SÎRBU Ion, DSC, Prof., Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun", Republic of Moldova.
7. **Human security and agenda "Women, Peace and Security" - indicators of a good governance**. ALBU Natalia, PhD, Institute for Legal, Political and Sociological Research, Republic of Moldova.
8. I**deological concepts: features, forms and methods of influence on security in the region**. ILIAŞ Miroslav, Ministry of Information Policy, Kiev, Ukraine.
9. **Paradigmatic transformations of the political-military cooperation process in the context of the evolution of the Partnership for Peace Program.** UNGHUREANU Veaceslav, PhD, Institute of Legal, Political and Sociological Research, Republic of Moldova.
10. **Russia's "Smart power" in action - military implications and geo-economic consequences in the post-soviet space in 2015-2019.** MAISAIA Vakhtang, PhD, Caucasus International University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

**13.30-14.30 LUNCH BREAK**

**14.30-16.30 Section 1. THE REGIONAL SECURITY SYSTEM: RISKS, DANGERS AND THREATS. Part 2 (reports up to 15 min).**

**Moderators: GORGAN Igor**, Brigadier General, Center for Strategic Defense and Security Studies, Military Academy of Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun", Republic of Moldova; **ZAVALSKI Igor**, Colonel (r), Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun".

1. **Information threats in the context of geopolitical confrontation in the wider Black Sea area**. TIMERCAN Sergiu, Colonel (r); ZAVALSKI Igor, Colonel (r), Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun".
2. **Transformation of the intelligence services in the context of the new security challenges of the 21st century**. BUBUIOC Vasile, Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun".
3. **Information and Security Service of the Republic of Moldova. Transformations and Reforms**. PÎNTEA Iurie, Colonel (r), Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun".
4. **State security assurance through the creation of high-protected computer networks**. SALLMAN Ali, SRG Corp., Iraq; PERJU Veaceslav, DSC, Academician IIA, Armed Forces Military Academy "Alexandru cel Bun", Republic of Moldova;
5. **Security insurance in agglomerated areas of strategic importance based on the biometric technologies**. COJUHARI Vladislav, Commissar, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Republic of Moldova; PERJU Veaceslav, DSC, Academician IIA, Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun", Republic of Moldova.
6. **Security insurance by effectively detecting the explosive materials based on modern scanning technologies**. PIANCOVSCHI Alexandru, Technical University of Moldova; PERJU Veaceslav, DSC, Academician IIA, Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun", Republic of Moldova.
7. **Contemporary security environment in the context of cybernetic treatments promotion**. NEAG Mihai, Colonel (r), Prof., Academy of Land Forces "Nicolae Balcescu", Sibiu, Romania.

**11.30-13.30 Protocol Hall. Section 2. MILITARY CAPACITIES OF THE EST EUROPEAN STATES IN THE NEW GEOPOLITICAL CONDITIONS: CHALLENGES AND ANSWERS. Part 1 (reports up to 15 min)**

**Moderators: GHEORGHIU Alexandra-Violeta**, PhD, Prof., University „Apollonia”, Iași, România; **CIOBANU Vitalie**, Colonel, PhD, Center for Culture and Military History, Ministry of Defense, Republic of Moldova.

1. **New Security Risks, Dangers, and Threats: Countering Online Disinformation.** GHEORGHIU Alexandra-Violeta, PhD, Prof., University „Apollonia”, Iași, România.
2. **Diversity of the operational environment as a result of technological evolution and military thinking**. MIHALCEA Petru, Lieutenant Colonel, Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun", Republic of Moldova.
3. **Operational strategy in the context of modern armed struggle**. GÎRNEŢ Iurie, Colonel (r), Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun", Republic of Moldova.
4. **The military potential of the separatist regimes**. DELIGHIOZ Valeriu, Colonel (r), Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun", Republic of Moldova.
5. **Tactics of offensive actions in the urban environment: the experience of the civil war in Syria**. ZAVALSKI Igor, colonel (r), MÎNDRU Cătălina, Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun".
6. **Methods and procedures of identifying the centers of gravity during armed conflicts**. MEREUTA Gheorghe, Colonel (r), PhD, assoc. prof., Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun".Republic of Moldova.
7. **The military capabilities of the National Army of the Republic of Moldova in relation with the partner countries**. CIOBANU Vitalie, Colonel, PhD, Center for Culture and Military History; FONDOS Aurel, colonel (r), Ministry of Defense, Republic of Moldova.
8. **Particularities of military actions in the war of the future**. SOLESCU Daniel, Colonel, PhD, assoc. prof., Academy of Land Forces "Nicolae Balcescu", Sibiu, Romania.
9. **Private military companies in the contemporary security environment**. STRĂUŢIU Eugen, PhD, Prof., "Lucian Blaga" University, Sibiu, Romania.

**13.30-14.30 LUNCH BREAK**

**14.30-16.30 Protocol Hall. Section 2. MILITARY CAPACITIES OF THE EST EUROPEAN STATES IN THE NEW GEOPOLITICAL CONDITIONS: CHALLENGES AND ANSWERS. Part 2 (reports up to 15 min)**

**Moderators: DUMITRACHE Vlad**, PhD, Prof., Regional Department for Defense Resources Management Studies; **BUTUC Marin**, Major, PhD, assoc. prof., Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun".

1. **Human rights in conflict zones: relationships, challenges and perspectives**. MANOLE Ion, NGO Promo-LEX, Republic of Moldova.
2. **The notion of "mercenary" in the international criminal law and criminal law of the Republic of Moldova**. DRĂGULEAN Alexandru, Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Moldova.
3. **Evolution of the defense economy in the modern strategic environment**. DUMITRACHE Vlad, PhD, Prof., Regional Department for Defense Resources Management Studies, Braşov, Romania.
4. **Particularities of the use of discursive techniques in the context of strategic communication**. BUTUC Marin, Major, PhD, assoc. prof., Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun".
5. **Military system. A comprehensive approach to the professional training of military specialists.** OVCEARUC I., Colonel, assoc. Prof., Military Academy, Odessa, Ukraine.
6. **Strengthening the military potential through qualified IT training.** ZAVALSKI Igor, Colonel (r), Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun".
7. **The psychosocial dimension of the supplementing deficiency with human resources in the defense sector**. GROSU Ruslana, PhD, Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun".
8. **Relationship between power and combat potential**. ŢURCANU Gheorghe, Colonel, Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun".
9. **Considerations on operative level maneuvers**. CIUBARA Iuri, Colonel (r), Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun", Republic of Moldova.
10. **Special Forces of the National Army of the Republic of Moldova – current situation and perspective**. DACIN Octavian, Colonel (r), Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun".

**11.30–13.30 REIGNING’ HALL . Section 3. REGIONAL COOPERATION - A TOOL FOR ACHIEVING SECURITY. Session București ­ Chișinău. Part 1 (reports up to 15 min).**

**Moderators: BUDEANU Răzvan**, European Border and Coast Guard Agency FRONTEX, Poland**; ȘARAMET Sergiu**, Colonel (r), Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun".

1. **Revision of the Moldovan-Ukrainian relations in the context of the political crisis and the armed conflict in Ukraine.** PRISAC Lidia, Central Scientific Library "Andrei Lupan" (Institute), Republic of Moldova;

2. **The military and social-political aspects of an urban area and their impact on the regional security situation**. ŞARAMET Sergiu, Colonel (r), Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun".

1. **Some aspects of the terrorist phenomenon evolution: concept, forms, methods**. SÎLI Vitalie, PhD, University of European Political and Economic Studies "Constantin Stere".
2. **Organized crime with cross-border dimensions - a major threat to national and European security**. BUDEANU Razvan, European Border and Coast Guard Agency, Poland.
3. **Principles and rules of international humanitarian law, applicable to armed conflicts of asymmetric character**. IARMALIUC Petru, Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun".
4. **Addressing the hybrid threats through strategic communication**. MÂRZAC Elena, NATO Information and Documentation Centre in the Republic of Moldova.
5. **Institutionalization and dynamics of UN - NATO cooperation in Afghanistan**. CARTERĂ Octavian, NATO Information and Documentation Centre in the Republic of Moldova.

**13.30–14.30 LUNCH BREACK**

**14.30–16.00 REIGNING’ HALL. Section 3. REGIONAL COOPERATION - A TOOL FOR ACHIEVING SECURITY Session București ­ Chișinău. Part 2 (reports up to 15 min).**

**Moderators: CÎRCIUMARU Florian**, Colonel, PhD, assoc. prof., Director of the Center for Defense and Security Strategic Studies, National Defense University "Carol I", Bucharest, Romania; **JUC Victor**, DSC, Prof., Director of the Institute for Legal, Political and Sociological Research, Republic of Moldova.

1. **IPCR Mechanism & a Workshop Approach - from sense-making to decision-making: sharing experience on the management of trans boundary crises**. DĂNILĂMihai–Liviu, Brigade General (r), PhD,Operational Centre for Special Emergency Situations, Ministry of the Foreign Affairs (presentation on-line);
2. PETRESCU Daniel, Major General, PhD, Headquarters Multinational Division South-East (presentation on-line).
3. **Cooperation with Member States at the external border of European Union under the aegis of the European Border Police and Coast Guard Agency FRONTEX.** MOCIOI Dan, Police Chief - Commissioner, FRONTEX National Contact Point, Romanian Border Police (presentation on-line);
4. BURSUC Adrian Florin, Lieutenant-Colonel, National Military Command Centre, România (presentation on-line).
5. **Combined Joint Enhanced Training Program (CJET).** STĂNICĂ Olivian, Colonel, PhD, Directorate for Training and Doctrine, Defence Staff, România (presentation on-line).
6. **Republic of Moldova in the context of regional integration processes**. JUC Victor, DSC, Prof., Institute of Legal, Political and Sociological Research, Republic of Moldova.

**16.30-17.00 OFFICIAL CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE (reports up to 5 min)**

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**17.00-20.00 Cultural program for foreign participants**

**FRIDAY, May 24, 2019**

**Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun" (23, Haltei Street, Chişinău)**

**09.30 - 11.30 - Meetings at the Military Academy of the Armed Forces "Alexandru cel Bun"**

**12.00 - Departure of foreign participants**

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