1st International Congress “Information, Security and Defense” (IV National)
Conflicts in a Global World
IE University – Academy of Artillery
Segovia (Spain), April 16th, 17th and 18th 2008

Under the title of “Conflicts of a Global World” and after three national editions, IE University (previously “Universidad SEK”) and the Academy of Artillery, with the sponsorship of the Spanish Army, are organizing the First International Congress “Information, Security and Defense” (IV National) to be held in Segovia (Spain) from April 16th to 18th, 2008.

Keeping in line with the work carried out in previous years – based on the study of security and Defense and in particular with its link to the world of information and communication, the choice for this 1st International Congress on “Conflicts of a Global World” is due to the growing interest from scientific, political, professional and media sectors on the study of conflicts in their different stages and volume and how to avoid and solve them. The implications on the actual context of globalization in politics, economy, society, or in the fields of media and communication, offer an important challenge to justify its study in this Congress.

The 1st International Congress “Information, Security and Defense” therefore aims to provide a meeting place where academic, military, journalists and other experts and professionals from all over the world may share their experiences, information, analysis and proposals.
Subjects

Under the general title of “Conflicts in a Global World”, the 1st International Congress, “Information, Security and Defense”, will be split into three different areas:

1. Conflict prevention as a comprehensive approach to security.

This will deal with the basics and progress in conflict prevention, both in theory and in practice. It will also analyze the root of structural causes of the conflict, and the circumstantial or immediate causes; special emphasis will be made on early warning indicators (political, economic, physical, social, military, etc.). All of these, as part of a system of information and analysis, will allow us to detect stress situations that could turn into conflicts. During this session, different mechanisms and instruments of crisis prevention will be studied, along with the important role that observers play to detect them and their development.

2. The role of information in conflict prevention.

During any conflict, information plays an important role not only at the start but also during its development, including its violent phase. It is also very important during the conflict resolution efforts. This second day will pay attention to information in general, preventive journalism and other issues on the relationship between conflicts and information, either from a military or a civilian point of view. Situations related to what is known as “forgotten conflicts” will also be included in this area, along with the role that the media play when selecting the importance of the news on different conflicts. Propaganda and contra-propaganda activities require special attention during this session.

3. Security and Defense: from reaction to prevention

The third day will be dedicated to study the developments made by different Security and Defense organisations, both national and international, in the field of conflict prevention. Therefore, it is interesting to see the evolution that the role of the international organisations of security and defense have made on conflict prevention, the bilateral and multilateral initiatives, the role of NGO’s, the changes and transformation that the armed forces have made to cover these demands, and the development and evolution of the peace operations, among other issues.
Papers

Those interested in taking part should hand in an abstract of their paper no later than the 29th of February, 2008. The scientific commission will give their resolution within 10 days after this date. The papers may register once the proposals have been accepted by said commission.

The abstract shall not exceed 500 words, stating the title of the paper and the area of the topic in which it is to be registered. The following details are requested: Full name of the author, place of work and position held, full details (address, telephone number and e-mail address) and a short half-page C.V. The complete texts are to be handed in no later than the 10th of April, 2008.

The abstracts, and/or full paper texts are to be sent to the following e-mail address: conisdef@ie.edu

Rules on style and presentation

The paper shall not be longer than 15 pages in size DN-A4 with the specifications on style and bibliography given in the following WEB page:

http://actividades.universidad.ie.edu/actividades.formativas/congresos/

Each paper will be allotted twelve minutes for presentation. No paper will be published if it is not really presented in the Congress.

General Registration

1. Regular, with paper presentation: 80 €
2. Audience fee:
   a. University students: 30 €
   b. Professors and investigators: 50 €

Note: Those participants associated with the Spanish Ministry of Defense – military or civilian – should contact the Academia de Artillería (Cte. Antonio Peláez Castro, Cap. Juan José Sánchez Esteban) with regards to their registration.

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The registration date for the audience is as per receipt of documentation until full capacity is reached and expires on April 11th, 2008.

The organization will issue certificates to participants.
The attached registration form is to be filled in (also available on the WEB page) and sent along with receipt of payment to the following address or by fax:

1’ International Congress Information, Security and Defense”.
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Payment should be made by deposit/bank transfer to Caja Madrid, branch no. 4129, C/Vía Roma 37, 40003 Segovia. Transfer account no (from Spain) :2038 4129 30 6000000884 or From abroad: IBAN 102038-4129-30-6000000884 (BIC Code) CAHMESMMXXX, stating name, surname and the text “Registration 1’ International Congress Information, Security and Defense”.

Publication of the minutes

The minutes of the congress will be published by the University.

Additional Information:

Under the section “Actividades complementarias” on the University WEB page.
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