



OFFSHORE PATROL VESSELS

OPV

CELEBRATING A DECADE OF EXCELLENCE

Coast Guard Focus Day:
29th September - Morning

Non-Lethal Weapons Workshop:
29th September - Afternoon

Main Conference:
30th September - 1st October

Location: Rome, Italy

THE 10TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE HOSTED IN ROME, ITALY

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Attend the world's largest event for the OPV community and:

- Improve your technical understanding of the latest OPV designs from both public and private sector shipyards to keep innovative and ahead of the market
- Benefit from strategic engagement with Admirals from navies and coastguards; understand their current mission sets in order to design OPVs for their requirements
- Contribute ideas and solutions directly to senior officers and help shape the debate on delivering cost-effective maritime security.
- Share industry and public sector lessons from recent capacity building and modernisation programmes to promote smart and efficient procurement
- Gain awareness of industry offerings from the numerous shipyards and sub-system providers

Two pre-conference events:

- * Half day of presentations focused on Coast Guard effectiveness with a particular emphasis on Mediterranean Security
- * Workshop examining armament options including non-lethal weaponry

More details on Page 6!

« The Offshore Patrol Vessels Conference organized by Defence IQ has become an important reference world forum concerning the growing use of these naval assets »

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Rear Admiral Francisco Deiana, Director of Naval Engineering, Brazilian Navy

WELCOME TO OFFSHORE PATROL VESSELS 2015

Dear Colleagues,

To celebrate our 10th birthday we're going to Rome – a city with over 2,300 years of naval history and an **increasingly challenging contemporary maritime security environment**. The Punic Wars of the 3rd century BC forced Rome to recognise the importance of the sea to geopolitical realities beyond her borders and the consequences to her own fate. Once again, broader geopolitical realities are reinforcing the importance of **securing the Mediterranean**.

This **proven annual event** brings to Europe perspectives from all corners of the world. Water, rather than separating nations, provides connecting superhighways that bring us ever-closer together. For some this means large shipping vessels bringing commodities through **pirated waters**, for others a means of **transporting narcotics** to lucrative European markets. The sea provides a dangerous **escape route to a new life** away from war, famine, repression and torture, but can also be used to **traffick people** into the sex trade or forced labour.

At OPV 2015 you will meet **senior navy and coast guard chiefs** from around the world to discuss the challenges of **maritime security and policing** in our ever-more interconnected, ever-changing world: countering transnational illicit flows including **migration**, piracy, SAR, **fisheries** protection and EEZ patrol.

If you're reading this you are probably already aware of the **fantastic opportunities and growth** in the offshore patrol vessels market – for the past few years it has consistently been the fastest growing segment of the naval vessels market with a **broad customer base including navies and coast guards** of all sizes all over the world. Defence IQ's Offshore Patrol Vessels conference will give you unrivalled access and insight into the **fleet requirements** the world over.

Come for updates into the most sophisticated developments in OPV systems, design and architecture – stay a few extra days and visit Rome's ancient architecture including 12 UNESCO heritage sites from the Pantheon and the Colosseum, to St Peter's Square and the Spanish steps.

Spero che ci vediamo presto a Roma!

Cordiali saluti,

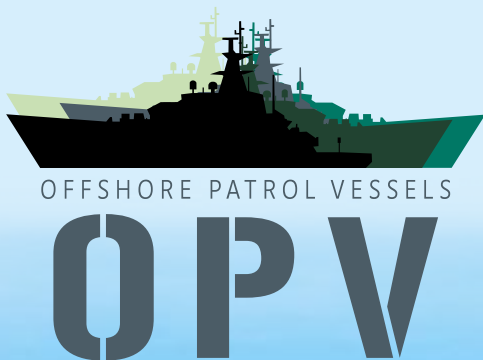


Alexander Stephenson

Director, International OPV Conference 2015

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A DECADE OF DELIVERING TO THE NEEDS OF THE OPV COMMUNITY

Offshore Patrol Vessels is a major international event designed to bring together Commanders of Navies and Directors of Coast Guards from across the world, in order to discuss a variety of issues facing navies, including:

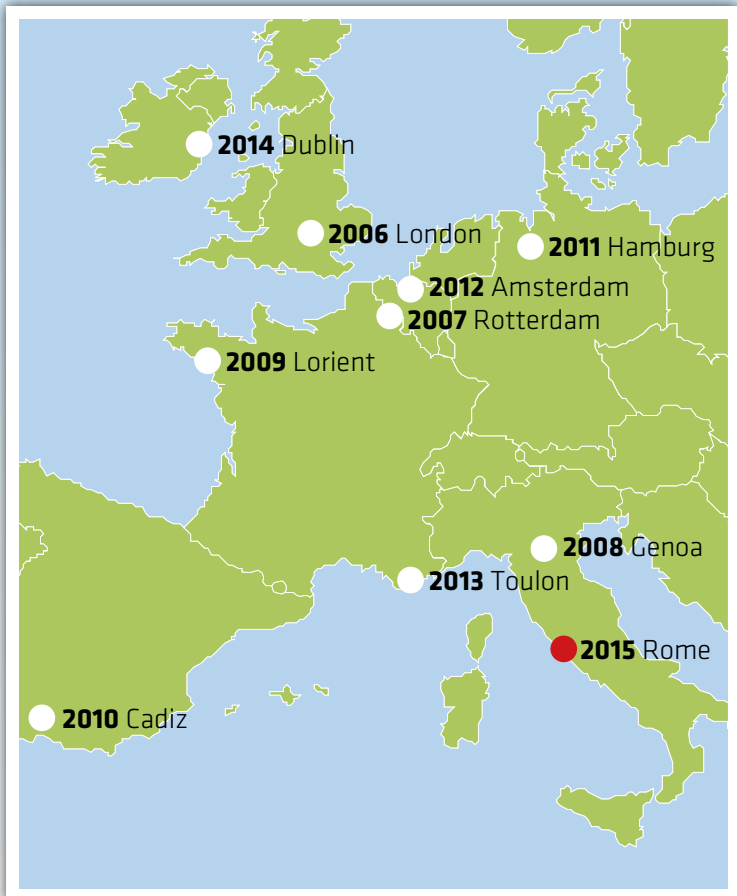
- Current threat types being prioritised by international navies and coast guards
- Strategies for development of more integrated maritime domain awareness
- Operational gaps facing current naval fleets and plans to fill these gaps
- Insight on best-practice in ensuring cost-effectiveness across naval fleets

In order to create the world's leading Offshore Patrol Vessel forum we:

- Leverage a decade of experience and reputation: trusted by you
- Harness our global series of regional events to bring you the best presentations from around the world
- Create a true community event both for the industry supply chain and the military and coast guard leadership
- We encourage interaction, facilitate discussion and include social elements aimed at building personal relationships

Our 2015 conference will feature:

- 30+ presentations
- 150 - 180 attendees
- Excellent networking and social events
- Gala dinner.



To celebrate our 10th anniversary, I had a look back and picked out 2 speaker highlights from each event to demonstrate the **variety and seniority** of participation in this now established forum. **Here is a little summary:**

Inaugural Offshore Patrol Vessel Conference; London, UK, 28-29 September 2006

Rear Admiral Jonathan Kamerman, Corvette Project Director, South African Navy
 Captain James Robinson, Officer Commanding, Naval Operations, Irish Naval Service

2nd Annual Event; The Netherlands, 26-28 September 2007

Rear Admiral Victor Guillory, Director of Surface Warfare, US Navy
 Rear Admiral Robert Love OBE, CVF Team Leader, Royal Navy

3rd Annual Event; Genoa, Italy, 29 September - 1 October 2008

Vice Admiral Franco Paoli, Commander-in-Chief Tyrrhenian Sea Department, Italian Navy
 Vice Admiral Cristián Gantes Young, General Director of Logistics, Chilean Navy

4th Annual Event; Lorient, France, 28-30 September 2009

Admiral Datuk Mohd Amdan bin Kurish, Director General, Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency
 Vice Admiral Anne-François de Saint Salvy, Commander Atlantic Fleet, French Navy

5th Annual Event; Cadiz, Spain, 27-30 September 2010

Admiral General Manuel Rebollo García, Admiral Chief of Naval Staff, Spanish Navy
 Admiral Moises Gomez, Under Secretary of the Navy for Management, Mexican Navy

6th Annual Event; Hamburg, Germany, 20-22 September 2011

Vice Admiral O. S Ibrahim, Chief Of Staff, Nigerian Navy
 Vice Admiral Roberto Garcia Márquez, Planning Chief, Colombian Navy

7th Annual Event; The Netherlands, 25-27 September 2012

Vice Admiral Matthieu Borsboom, Commander, Royal Netherlands Navy
 Vice Admiral Jorge Gross, Commander in Chief, Ecuadorian Navy


8th Annual Event; Saint-Cyr sur Mer, France, 15th - 17th October 2013

Admiral Benoît Courau, Chief of the Maritime Operational Centre, French Coast Guard
 Staff General Adel Omran Mahmoud Mohamed Hariedy, Egyptian Navy

9th Annual Event; Dublin, Ireland, 30th September 2nd October 2014

Minister Simon Coveney, Minister for Defence, Republic of Ireland
 Commodore Tariq Khalid Al-Obaidli, Director of Education and Training, Qatar Emiri Navy

CONFIRMED 2015 SPEAKERS




Rear Admiral Mohammed Laghari
Commander-in-Chief
Royal Moroccan Navy



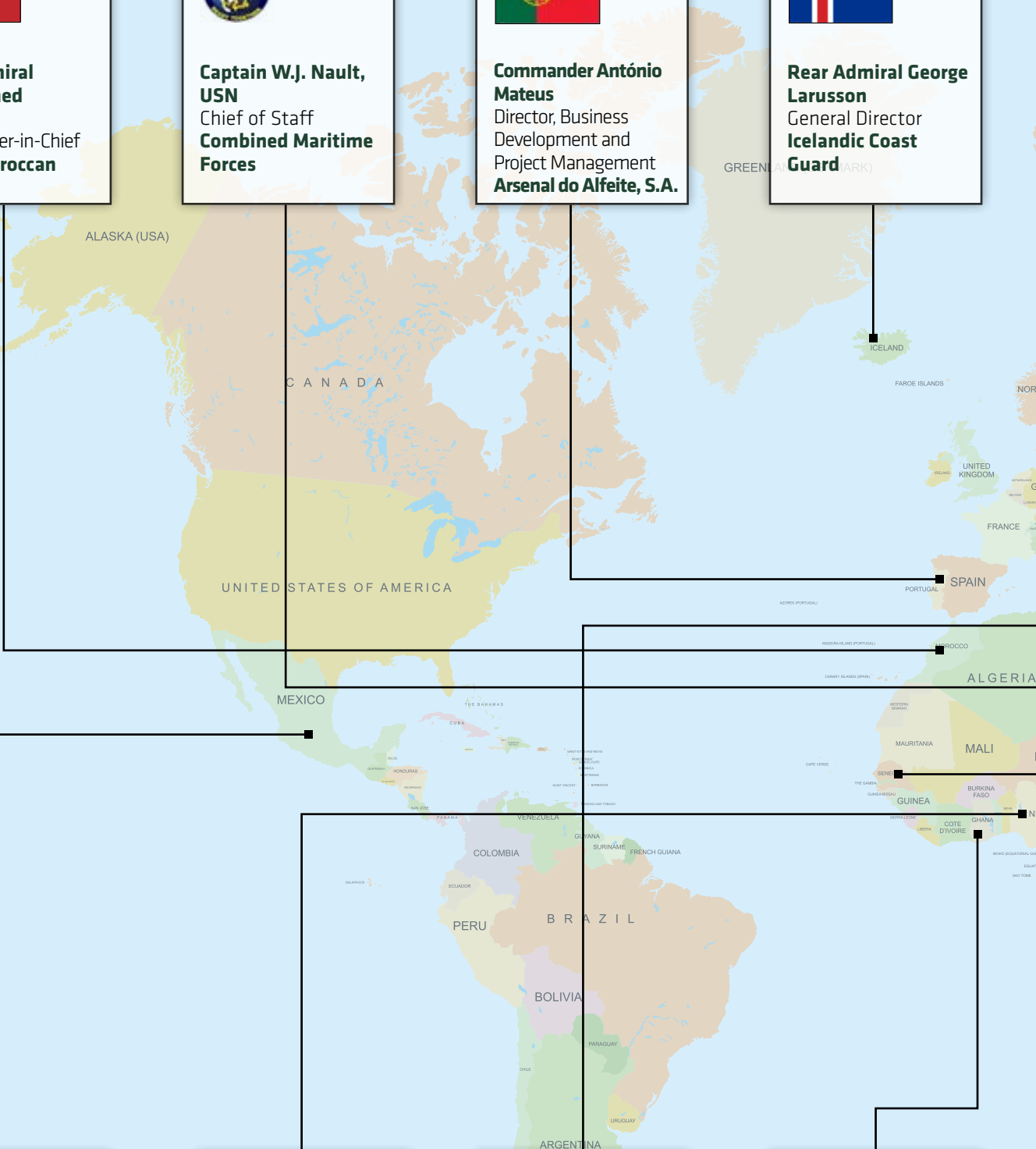

Captain W.J. Nault, USN
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Vice Admiral Kazuki YAMASHITA
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Staff College
Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force



Captain Jacquy Honoré
Deputy Commander,
Antsiranana Naval Base
Malagasy Navy



Captain Constantinos Fitiris
Commander
Cyprus Joint Rescue Coordination Center



Commodore Golam Sadeq, (G), ncc, psc,
Commandant,
Bangladesh Naval Academy
Bangladesh Navy



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COAST GUARD FOCUS DAY: SAR AND COAST GUARD EFFECTIVENESS

In light of recent events we aim to use this day to make a contribution to the exchange of ideas concerning Maritime Safety and Security issues in the Mediterranean Sea in order to promote international cooperation and facilitate appropriate networking between government and industry partners.

Attendees will:

- Share case studies from coast guard exercises and operations concerning effective SAR
- Discuss best practice in communication and co-operation within multinational operation.

- Hear about assistance to and swift evacuation from ships in distress
- Maintaining strong coast guard capability in a changing world
- Develop ideas addressing the evolving migration situation in the Mediterranean sea

08.30 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

08.55 CHAIRMAN'S OPENING ADDRESS

09:00 KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: THE SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA



Place reserved for: [Italian Coast Guard](#)

09.30 KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: TURKISH COAST GUARD SAR AND MIGRATION

- **OVERVIEW OF THE ORGANISATION, HISTORY, MISSION AND INVENTORY**
- **"OPERATION SAFE-MED"**
 - Initiated Aug 2014 to fight against irregular migration in the East Mediterranean
 - By January 2015, 16 vessels detained, 25 organisers and 2.114 migrants were apprehended
 - Turkish Coast Guard Command continues its efforts to prevent irregular migration
- **MODERNISATION PROJECTS UPDATE**
 - Multimission Helicopter Project
 - Lessons learned from the Turkish Coast Guard 600 Class Procurement Ship Project



[Rear Admiral Hasan, ÜSTEM/Senior representative Commandant, Turkish Coast Guard](#)

10:00 STRATEGIES TO MAINTAIN A STRONG COAST GUARD FUNCTION IN A CHANGING WORLD FACING NEW CHALLENGES

- **ORGANISATION, ASSETS AND OVERVIEW**
 - ICG operates four vessels Thor, Tyr, Ægir and Baldur
 - Newly expanded HQ within the National Rescue Centre at Skógarhlíð
- **MISSIONS**
 - SAR, maritime safety and security surveillance, and law enforcement at sea
 - Increased participation in multinational co-operation efforts regarding the monitoring of fisheries, counter- terrorism, and pollution control at sea
- **FUTURE PLANS**
 - Procurement of a new ship and a new aircraft



[Rear Admiral George Larusson, General Director, Icelandic Coast Guard](#)

10.30 MORNING COFFEE AND NETWORKING

11:00 THE JRCC'S ROLE IN MEDITERRANEAN SAFETY

• PRIMARY MISSION OF THE JOINT RESCUE COORDINATION CENTER

- Organise the Cyprus Republic SAR system in order to be able to respond in the least possible time
- Responsible for air or naval accident in its AOR which is identical with the Nicosia FIR



[Captain \(NAVY\) Constantinos Fitis, Commander, Cyprus Joint Rescue Coordination Center](#)

11:30 LESSONS LEARNED: BALTIC SAREX 14

• OVERVIEW OF EXERCISE BALTIC SAREX 14

- BALTIC SAREX 14 was a unit level exercise for surface and aircraft from national Search and Rescue organisations in the Baltic and Europe.

• LESSONS LEARNED

- Introduction of UAS's in SAR scenarios
- On Scene Coordinator function.
- Air coordination procedures during SAR.
- Communication and co-operation within a multinational search and rescue operation.
- Mass Rescue Operation
- Assistance to ship in distress
- Diving procedure during SAR
- Practical Response Analysis Method
- SAR including procedures in the concept Maritime Incident Response Group



Place reserved for: [Maritime Surveillance Centre South, Royal Danish Navy](#)

12:00 PANEL DISCUSSION: ADDRESSING MIGRATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA: THE WORLD'S DEADLIEST MIGRANT CROSSING



Place reserved for: [Italian Coast Guard](#)



[Rear Admiral Hasan ÜSTEM/Senior representative, Commandant, Turkish Coast Guard](#)



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[Commander Corrado Campana ITA\(N\) Director of Training Support NATO MIOTC](#)

Place reserved for: [Frontex](#)



Place reserved for: [Armed Forces of Malta](#)

12.50 CHAIRMAN'S SUMMATION

13.00 NETWORKING LUNCH

NON-LETHAL WEAPONS WORKSHOP

13:00 REGISTRATION FOR WORKSHOP-ONLY ATTENDEES AND LUNCH

14.30 CHOOSING THE APPROPRIATE COMBAT AND WEAPONS SYSTEMS FOR THE CONTEMPORARY OPV

- **AS COMBAT AND WEAPONS SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGIES CONTINUE TO MATURE, IT IS POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE MORE CAPABILITY IN A SMALLER HULL. THIS MEANS IT IS NOW POSSIBLE TO:**
 - Develop highly effective OPVs with anti-surface and anti-air warfare capabilities
 - Replace aging, large and expensive warships with cost-effective OPVs
 - Maintain numbers required for simple patrol duties and provide core maritime defence
- **WITH SO MANY COMBAT AND WEAPONS SYSTEMS AVAILABLE ON THE MARKET, WHICH IS THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE SOLUTION MATCHES YOUR REQUIREMENTS?**
 - Assess the best combat and weapons systems for OPVs
 - Benefits and drawbacks of trinomial approach (vessel, boat, and helicopter) and evaluate competing sensors
 - Evaluate OPV-oriented CMS systems
 - Examine weapon requirements of modern OPVs

- **THE TRADITIONAL OPV PATROL ROLE HAS NEVER REQUIRED SUBSTANTIAL COMBAT CAPABILITIES – HAS THIS CHANGED OR SHOULD WE STILL THINK OF OPVS AS LAW ENFORCEMENT VESSELS**

- Do OPVs need main caliber guns or smaller caliber weapons stations?
- The role non-lethal weapons play in assisting in performing certain mission sets



[Rear Admiral Massimo Annati \(Retd.\), Chairman of the European Working Group on Non-Lethal Weapons, Italian Navy](#)

16.30 AFTERNOON COFFEE AND NETWORKING

YOUR WORKSHOP LEADER:

Rear Admiral (r) Massimo ANNATI has been involved in the field of Non-Lethal Weapons since 1999. He currently holds the position of elected Chairman of the European Working Group – Non Lethal Weapons.

During his career he served onboard a number of warships of both the Italian and US navies (the latter within the Personnel Exchange Program).

He was also involved in international cooperation, working first in the staff of the National Armament Director and then in the Navy Procurement Agency.

His final active duty assignment was as Director of the Milan-based Joint C4I Agency.

MAIN CONFERENCE DAY ONE

Wednesday, 30th September 2015

08.30 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

08.55 CHAIRMAN'S OPENING ADDRESS

09:00 OVERVIEW AND WELCOME FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
Paola Imperiale Minister Plenipotentiary, Coordinator of Maritime Themes, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

09.30 SHIPYARD PANEL DISCUSSION: DESIGNING FOR BETTER THROUGH-LIFE COST AND ENHANCING OPV CAPABILITY THROUGH DESIGNS AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENTS

PANEL

This panel discussion is designed to bring together many shipyards to discuss the future of the market, trends in design and ways to enhance OPV capability that are currently under development.

- **SEA-KEEPING AND MANOEUVRING**
 - Advances brought by computer modelling and changes to hull design brought about through modelling
 - The trade offs between different construction materials and the characteristics they bring
 - What are the future developments in this area?
- **FUTURE MISSION REQUIREMENTS**
 - What are the global trends in mission sets? How does this affect future designs?
 - Implications for speed requirements, cost benefit analysis of the 'need for speed'
- **MODULARITY AND MULTI-MISSION OPVS / OSVS**
 - To what extent can modularity deliver a one-size-fits-all OPV that can cater to a nation's full set of OPV missions?
 - Helicopters, UAVs and Interceptors: getting the right on-board capabilities to deliver a cost-effective outcome
- **PLATFORM PROTECTION CAPABILITY**
 - Pros and cons of equipping OPVs with counter-measures
 - Cost and maneuverability implications of up-armoring
- **TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO EMERGING MARKETS**
 - Challenges of operating in certain markets, implications for ship capabilities
 - Benefits of building the local industrial skill base

Open to contributions from shipyards large and small.
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10.00 INNOVATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF OPVS TO MEET THE MISSIONS OF THE NAVY OF MEXICO

- **MEXICAN NAVY SHIPBUILDING: CONSTRUCTING 60 VESSELS BETWEEN 2014-2018**
 - Interceptor boats; Embarcada, Clase Acuario Clase Polaris I Clase Acuariob, Clase Polaris II
 - Coastal Surveillance OPVs; Clase Cabo, Clase Punta, Clase Azteca, Clase Democrata, Clase Tenichtitlan
 - Ocean Surveillance OPVs; Clase Valle, Clase Uribe, Clase Holzinger, Clase Sierra, Clase Durango, Clase Oaxaca
- **ASSESSMENT OF FUTURE MISSION TYPES FOR THE MEXICAN NAVY**
- **FUTURE SHIPBUILDING PROJECTS AND DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDING 20+ OPVS FOR PEMEX**

 **Admiral José A. Sierra Rodríguez, Director General of Naval Construction Mexican Secretariat of the Navy**

10.30 MORNING COFFEE AND NETWORKING

11:00 KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: MOROCCAN OPV FLEET PLANS AND CONTRIBUTION TO MEDITERRANEAN SECURITY

 **Rear Admiral Mohammed Laghmani, Commander-in-Chief, Royal Moroccan Navy**

11:30 UNDERSTANDING YOUR MISSIONS IN ORDER TO OPTIMIZE FUTURE OPV HULL FORMS


Optimising an OPV's hull form enables the OPV to achieve the best possible performance for a given set of criteria and mission requirements – understanding YOUR mission requirements is essential to the design of an optimal performance OPV

- **OPV HULL FORM PARAMETERS**
 - Balance performance requirements: speed, capacity, seakeeping, maneuverability, performance and stability
- **SPEED, LENGTH AND COST**
 - Defined by mission sets
 - Length of hull limits crew capacity
 - Length affects price; slenderness affects speed; ratios affect seakeeping
- **OPV SEAKEEPING PERFORMANCE**
 - Critical for conducting operations
 - Essential for safe helicopter actions
- **WHAT ARE THE MISSION REQUIREMENTS OF YOUR NAVIES AND COAST GUARDS?**

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12:00 KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: FORCES GOAL 2030: TRANSFORMING INTO A THREE-DIMENSIONAL DETERRENT FORCE

- **CURRENT STATE AND FUTURE PLANS**
 - Review of the current assets
 - The navy will become a three-dimensional deterrent force with operations in air, surface and under-water
 - Goal to have 11 new naval vessels by 2016

- **PLAN TO UPGRADE AND ENLARGE THE SURFACE COMBAT CAPABILITY**
 - 2 Type 056 corvettes on order from China.
 - Plans for replacing Fast Attack Craft (Missile) fleet by 2021
 - Plan to make at least six Durjoy-class LPCs and at least two Type 056 corvettes
- **PLAN TO SET UP A NEW BASE AT RABANABAD**
 **Commodore Golam Sadeq, Commandant, Bangladesh Naval Academy, Bangladesh Navy**

12.30 NETWORKING LUNCH

14.00 OPV OPERATIONS OF THE SRI LANKAN NAVY

- **SRI LANKA'S GEOSTRATEGIC SITUATION**
 - An overview of Sri Lanka's maritime domain - SLOC; EEZ; Search & Rescue Region; Continental Margin outer limit of the claim; Regional maritime security cooperation
 - **OPV FLEET OVERVIEW AND MODERNIZATION**
 - SLNS Sayura, SLNS Sagara, SLNS Samudura; Bay class patrol boats, and construction of 3 new OPVs underway
 - Future modernisation and upgrade plans
 - **FORCE STRUCTURE TO EXERCISE SEA CONTROL**
 - Deploying assets effectively and efficiently
 - **USE OF BAY-CLASS PATROL BOATS TO COMBAT PEOPLE SMUGGLING**
 - The migration and smuggling situation off the coasts of Sri Lanka and the requirement for the Bay Class Vessels; SLNS Oshadi and Omay
-  **Rear Admiral Dimuthu Cyril Gunawardena, Commander North Central Naval Area, Sri Lankan Navy**

14:30 CURRENT NAVAL FLEET AND PROJECT BIRO UPDATE


- **MISSION OVERVIEW AND BACKGROUND TO CAPABILITY REQUIREMENTS**
 - Insight into the missions of the SA Navy and the current state of the fleet
- **OPERATIONS AND EXERCISES**
 - Operation Copper, anti-piracy deployment in the Mozambique Channel, challenges of logistic support and sustainment for continuous operations
 - Interoperability and training: Outcomes from Exercise Good Hope VI
- **PROJECT BIRO**
 - Covers the acquisition of three OPVs and three IPVs
 - Current state of the project and timelines and milestones through to first deliveries in 2018




Place reserved for: **South African Navy**

15.00 AFTERNOON COFFEE AND NETWORKING

15.30 INTEROPERABILITY, MAINTAINABILITY AND AVAILABILITY: THE FACTORS FOR A SUCCESSFUL AND PERFORMING OPV FLEET

- **INTEROPERABILITY: DRIVERS FOR OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS**
 - Key drivers in OPV operational effectiveness
 - Developments for enhanced interoperability: from spear tip to unmanned vehicle hub
 - **SUSTAINABILITY: KEY ENABLING FACTORS FOR AN EFFICIENT AND SUSTAINABLE FLEET**
 - FOS Strategy as the basis for a sustainable fleet
 - System commonality and class scale effect
 - Shore-based support customisation
 - Logistics: getting it right from start
 - Key strategic options for a sustainable OPV fleet
 - **AVAILABILITY: MITIGATING RISK THROUGH LIFE**
 - System procurement cost vs. through life cost
 - High reliability vs. COTS rotatable equipment
 - Manning policies as an availability enhancer
-  **Commander António Mateus, Director, Business Development and Project Management, Arsenal do Alfeite, S.A.**

16:00 THE OPV MISSIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE MALAGASY NAVY

- **GEOSTRATEGIC LOCATION AND REGIONAL CONTEXT**
 - Geographic situation
 - Main maritime activities in the region: transportation, fishery, oil exploration,
 - Regional organization and cooperation: IOC, SADC, DCOC
 - **MARITIME THREATS TO MADAGASCAR DOMAIN**
 - Piracy, Terrorism, Drug smuggling
 - Illegal fishing, illicit resources trafficking
 - Environmental, natural disaster
 - **CURRENT RESPONSES FROM THE MALAGASY MARITIME FORCES**
 - The Malagasy Navy: missions, resources
 - The other maritime services: APMF, Fishery authority, Gendarmerie, Custom.
 - A few maritime patrol experiences
 - **NATIONAL CONSTRAINTS**
 - Vast maritime zones to control
 - Weak political will : national maritime security strategy issues
 - Very limited resources
 - **THINKING OF A NEW NAVAL FORCES STRUCTURE**
 - Building up a national maritime security strategy: realistic and sustainable
 - Acquiring smart and multipurpose small patrol vessels: cost/capability trade off (maintenance, seaworthiness, consumption, autonomy)
 - Modern communication equipment for information gathering and sharing
-  **Captain Jacquy Honoré, Deputy Commander, Antsiranana Naval Base, Malagasy Navy**

16.30 CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING ADDRESS

18.30 GALA DINNER IN HISTORIC ROME


MAIN CONFERENCE DAY TWO

Thursday, 1st October 2015


08.30 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

08.55 CHAIRMAN'S OPENING ADDRESS

09:00 FUTURE SHIPS DESIGNS & COMBAT SYSTEMS

 Rear Admiral Antonio Natale, Head of VII Dept., Ships Design & Combat System, Italian Navy General Staff

09:30 KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: NIGERIAN NAVY FUTURE PLANS AND THE PROMOTION OF MARITIME SECURITY IN THE GULF OF GUINEA

 Vice Admiral UO Jibrin, Chief of Staff, Nigerian Navy

10.00 INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTION FOR AUSTAL

Austal is a global defence prime contractor. The company designs, constructs and maintains revolutionary platforms such as the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) and the Joint High Speed Vessel (JHSV) for the United States Navy, as well as an extensive range of patrol and auxiliary vessels for defence forces and government agencies globally. Austal also designs, installs, integrates and maintains sophisticated communications, radar and command and control systems.

Tim Speer, Technical Manager, Defence, AUSTAL



10.30 ENSURING AUSTRALIA'S BORDERS AND MARITIME INTERESTS REMAIN SECURE

 Place reserved for: Royal Australian Navy

11.00 MORNING COFFEE AND NETWORKING

11:30 KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: CHALLENGES NEARBY AND GLOBAL OPV OPERATIONS

• THE CURRENT FLEET AND ASSETS

- Broad overview of the surface fleet
- The OPVs and their role within the force

• THE LOCAL THREAT SITUATION

- Japan has the seventh largest Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) in the world
- Protecting the territorial waters and EEZ
- Geo-political context in the neighbourhood

• GLOBAL MISSION TO PROMOTE MARITIME SECURITY

- Counter-piracy mission and the importance of maritime trade and security of SLOCs
- Participation in exercises: RIMPAC 14
- Collaboration with other navies

• FUTURE PLANS

 Vice Admiral Kazuki YAMASHITA, President, JMSDF Staff College, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

12:00 HELICOPTER OPERATIONS ENHANCE OPV EFFICIENCY AND CAPABILITY

• BENEFITS OF HELICOPTER CAPABILITY

- A helicopter, with its sensor suite, extends the surveillance range of a surface vessel up to twelve times
- Enables fewer vessels to cover a larger area
- Provides additional means to board vessels of interest and rescue/evacuate people when sea conditions preclude the use of RHIBs
- Ease of resupply of offshore bases and increase the duration of patrols
- How to best find an affordable and viable solution to this requirement

• PERMANENTLY EMBARK OR TEMPORARILY?

- Temporary embarked allows use of a helicopter for specific operations including maritime counter-terrorism and distant operations within and around the EEZ
- An embarked helicopter is required for efficient resupply tasks if it is not possible to unload people and supplies by RHIB

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12:30 MARITIME SECURITY ON THE COCAINE CORRIDOR OFF THE WEST COAST OF AFRICA

• OVERVIEW OF THE CURRENT SECURITY SITUATION

- Initiatives to fight against illicit trafficking at sea
- The proliferation of asymmetric attacks
- Cocaine trafficking corridor/Hub from Latin America to Europe
- Risk of collusion between drug traffickers, arms traffickers and terrorist groups

• MAJOR CHALLENGES FACING THE NAVAL FORCES

- Control of small boats: more than 19,000 canoes used for artisanal fisheries in Senegal that can be used for transporting drugs
- Depletion of fish resources makes fishermen vulnerable/ attracted to organised crime

• SOLUTIONS BEING PURSUED

- Strengthen the monitoring of river-sea sector, particularly in Senegal and Casamance rivers
- Navy restructuring and interministerial responsibilities
- Acquire suitable ships, easy to maintain with MDA capabilities, AIS receivers, and integrated cameras
- Installation of coastal radar surveillance system

• REGIONAL COOPERATION AND THE POOLING AND SHARING OF RESOURCES

 Commander Ibrahima Diaw, Commanding of Naval Operations, Senegalese Navy

13:00 EXPANDING OFFSHORE CAPABILITIES IN THE ARMED FORCES OF MALTA

• CAPABILITY HISTORY

- First OPV Capability – 3 ex-GDR Kondor Class Minesweepers, 1992-2002
- Renewal of offshore capability 2002-2005. Commissioning of 3 vessels to provide offshore capabilities

• FUTURE PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS

- Requirement setting for procurement of an additional OPV
- Current situation threat/risk assessment in Mediterranean

Place reserved for: Armed Forces of Malta

13.30 NETWORKING LUNCH

14.30 KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: DEFEATING THREATS TO OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS IN THE GULF OF GUINEA

• THREAT ASSESSMENT

- Piracy & armed robbery at sea
- Hijacking of vessels & growing illegal oil trade networks
- Insurgency & other asymmetric threats
- Maritime boundary uncertainties
- Fisheries-oil & gas security nexus

• CAPACITY OF GoG NAVIES AND COAST GUARDS

- Equip Navies and Coast Guards
- Develop Special Forces
- Task and scenario training for protection of key areas

• GHANA NAVY CONTRIBUTION TO MARITIME SECURITY AND FUTURE PLANS

- Surface assets and equipment of Ghana Navy
- Maritime surveillance and information coordination and exchange
- Regional maritime security cooperation, codes of conduct and bilateral agreements



Rear Admiral Geoffrey M Biekro, Chief of Naval Staff, Ghana Navy

15.00 PANEL DISCUSSION: MARITIME SECURITY IN THE GULF OF GUINEA


Piracy in the Gulf of Guinea affects a number of West African Nations and due to the growing nature of the problem has become an area of international concern. The economic impact of increasing piracy in West Africa has an impact on the global economy

THIS SESSION WILL:

- Assess progress since the Heads of State and Government Summit on Gulf of Guinea Maritime Safety, Security Summit (Yaoundé, June 2013)
- Detail the work and role of regional security organisation; in particular ECOWAS and ECCAS
- Examine further progress in the realm of regional cooperation and international coordination of GoG maritime security



 Vice Admiral UO Jibrin, Chief of Staff, Nigerian Navy

 Rear Admiral Geoffrey M Biekro, Chief of Naval Staff, Ghana Navy

 Commander Ibrahima Diaw, Commanding of Naval Operational, Senegalese Navy

Place reserved for: International Maritime Organization

16.00 COFFEE AND NETWORKING BREAK

16:30 CMF: SUSTAINING A 30 NATION PARTNERSHIP AND CONDUCTING EFFECTIVE OPERATIONS

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Captain W.J. Nault, USN, Chief of Staff, Combined Maritime Forces

17:00 NMIOTC: TRAINING FOR MARITIME SECURITY

• OVERVIEW OF NMIOTC

- Maritime NATO Education & Training Facility (NETF)
- International Military Organization (NAC)
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• INTERDICTION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Illicit Trafficking at Sea; Human Trafficking; Drug Trafficking; Arms' Smuggling; Smuggling; WMD Proliferation
- CONOPS, Doctrine & TTPS

• INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- The importance of 'need to share' over a 'need to know' mentality
- CEBOSS System



Commander Corrado Campana ITA(N) Director of Training Support NATO MIOTC

17.30 CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING ADDRESS

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