



## SYMPOSIUM ON MINE ACTION

*in cooperation with  
the Federal Republic of Germany*

*co-organized with  
the Government Office for Mine Action of the Republic of Croatia and  
the Croatian Mine Action Centre (CROMAC)*

**Dates** 27 - 30 April 2015

**Venue** Biograd na Moru, HR

**Background** During the course of the last several years RACVIAC conducted a Workshop on the Implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions and the Ottawa Convention Seminar. With this Symposium, on the other hand, RACVIAC is seizing the opportunity to once again merge a Workshop on the Implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions and the Ottawa Convention Seminar into one Symposium, which will be financially supported by the Federal Republic of Germany.

This RACVIAC Symposium is going to be conducted as a continuation and part of the International Symposium and the Equipment Exhibition “Mine Action” series, and will be the 12<sup>th</sup> Symposium in this series, dealing with the topic of cluster munitions in particular.

**Purpose & Objectives** The purpose of this Symposium is to provide a forum for discussions on security issues in the context of the Humanitarian Disarmament Treaties while focusing on technologies, both those currently available as well as the new and upcoming ones.  
The Symposium will provide an opportunity for all those involved or interested in mine action to broaden their contacts with interested parties from both the private and public sector, on both the national and the international level, by sharing their experiences and problems - both technological and managerial.

**Participants** Up to 20 RACVIAC participants, representing relevant ministries, agencies and organizations are expected to attend. Lecturers will include experts willing to share their expertise and experiences as well as international organizations from both the governmental and the non-governmental sector.

**Methodology** The event will take place in the form of a Symposium. It will give national and international experts, representatives of governmental and non-governmental organizations an opportunity to share their experiences and jointly address challenges concerning mine action.

Members are kindly informed that RACVIAC encourages all lectures to submit written essays on their area of expertise to be referred to during their presentation during the RACVIAC activity. Most prominent and up-to-date essays will then be published in the “RACVIAC Compendium – Assortment of RACVIAC Prominent Lecturers’ Insights” that will be issued at least once a year, preferably at the beginning of the year for the previous year but with an option and aim to become semi-annual if input and interest of the targeted audience is satisfactory.

Understanding the additional effort and time needed to be put into the writing of this essay, RACVIAC will stimulate it with an amount of 100 euros per essay.

The essays should comprise at least 1500 words and should be submitted electronically and in a hard copy version to RACVIAC before the actual lecture or presentation is given. The author of the submitted essay should give his/her written permission to RACVIAC to publish the essay in the "RACVIAC Compendium", waiving future claims or compensations towards RACVIAC.

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