



CENTRE FOR SECURITY COOPERATION

ORGANIZATION FOR THE PROHIBITION OF
CHEMICAL WEAPONS

CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION SEMINAR

*Co-organized with
The Organization For The Prohibition Of Chemical Weapons*

21 - 23 February 2012, RACVIAC, Rakitje, Stari hrast 53, 10437 Bestovje, Croatia.

AGENDA

The purpose of this seminar is to discuss relevant issues related to the CWC.

Seminar objectives are:

- To provide an overview of the CWC and the OPCW: their current status, tasks, activities and challenges;
- To update the participants on the OPCW activities in the field of assistance and protection against chemical weapons and toxic industrial chemicals in accordance with Article X of the CWC;
- To inform about the OPCW concept and developments in preparedness for Investigation of Alleged Use and Delivery of Assistance operations in case of use or threat of use of chemical weapons and toxic industrial chemicals;
- To emphasize the importance of capacity building in the field of protection against a possible use of chemical weapons and toxic industrial chemicals, through projects on national and regional levels;
- To provide information about the assistance offered by the countries in the region under Article X of the CWC, as well as about their preparedness, reaction time, and provision of logistic support;
- To analyse the statistics of submission of annual information on national protection programmes in accordance with paragraph 4, Article X of the CWC by the countries of the sub-region; problems and developments in this area;
- To present information on the third OPCW delivery of assistance exercise ASSISTEX 3, held in Tunisia in October 2010: information about the event and analysis of lessons learned;
- To provide an update on issues related to the OPCW verification activities;
- To present information on the OPCW Technical Secretariat inspections: aims, procedures and challenges;
- To execute training with table exercises on routine inspection procedures; to clarify differences between regular inspection procedures, delivery of assistance operations and investigation of alleged use.

Time	Event	Location
19.00 - 21.30	Dinner	RACVIAC Restaurant
Tuesday, 21 February 2012		
09.00 - 09.30	Workshop Opening - Welcome Address Speakers: Opening address by Director of RACVIAC, H.E Ambassador Nikola TODORČEVSKI Opening remark by the OPCW Chief representative – Mr Alex STUDENIKIN, Senior Assistance and Protection Officer, Assistance and Protection Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division (OPCW) <i>Subsequently, seminar participants will shortly introduce themselves to the audience, highlighting personal experience in Chemical Weapons Convention issues and their respective expectations regarding the Seminar.</i>	Seminar room 310

09.30 - 10.15	<i>The CWC Article X. A short overview of provisions of the CWC related to assistance and protection against CW.</i> Speaker: Ms Megan THOMAS, Project Officer, Assistance and Protection Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division (OPCW) (OPCW)	Seminar room 310
10.15 - 10.30	<i>This presentation will provide an overview of the CWC, Article X in particular, including major achievements and challenges. Implementation challenges – interactive discussion among participants.</i> Questions-Answers	
10.30 - 11.00	Group Photograph, Coffee Break	
11.00 - 11.30	<i>"The recent events - activities of Australia Group and the effort in harmonizing export controls on Chemical Weapons".</i> Speaker – H.E Ms Beverly MERCER, Ambassador, Australian Embassy to the Republic of Croatia	Seminar room 310
11.30 - 12.15	<i>Evaluation and impact of the OPCW capacity building training courses</i> Speaker: Mr Alex STUDENIKIN, Senior Assistance and Protection Officer, Assistance and Protection Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division (OPCW)	
12:15-12.45	<i>Group discussions on the OPCW capacity-building approach</i> <i>Presentation of the group discussions output</i>	
12.45 - 14.00	Lunch	RACVIAC Restaurant
14.00-14.45	<i>CWC Assistance and Protection Centres and regional networking concept</i> Speaker: Mr Alex STUDENIKIN, Senior Assistance and Protection Officer, Assistance and Protection Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division (OPCW)	Seminar room 310
14.45-15.00	<i>Group discussions on the Assistance and Protection Centres and regional projects - Opportunities for different stakeholders</i>	
15.00-15.30	Coffee Break	
15.30 - 16.30	<i>TS preparedness for assistance and protection.</i> Speaker: Mr. Daniel FEAKES, Senior Policy Officer, Verification Division (OPCW)	Seminar room 310
16.30 - 16.45	<i>The OPCW concept and developments in preparedness for Delivery of Assistance (DA) operations in case of use or threat of use of chemical weapons.</i> Questions and Answers for all the afternoon session	
19.30 - 22.00	Welcome Dinner hosted by the Director of RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation. H.E Ambassador Nikola TODORČEVSKI.	Kaptolska Klet, the Centre of Zagreb
Wednesday, 22 February 2012		

09.00 – 10.00	<p>The OPCW third delivery of assistance exercise ASSISTEX 3, Tunisia Movie screening Speaker: Ms Megan THOMAS, Project Officer, Assistance and Protection Branch, International Cooperation and Assistance Division (OPCW)</p> <p><i>The OPCW third delivery of assistance exercise ASSISTEX 3 was held in October 2010 in Tunis, Tunisia. Participants, scenario, field exercise and lessons learnt.</i></p>	Seminar room 310
10.00 – 10.15	Questions and Answers	
10.15 – 10.30	Coffee Break	
10:30-11:00	<p>Challenge Inspection Exercise, film. <i>This exercise took place during 2011</i></p> <p>Questions and Answers</p>	
11:00-11:15		
11:15- 12.30	<p>National presentations on practical issues regarding the assets/capabilities that each country may provide; information on national programme submissions by the countries; assistance and protection activities; the OPCW inspection reception: experience and related challenges in case of emergency response to threats involving chemical weapons (up to 10min/participant).</p> <p><i>Each national representative will deliver a ten-minute presentation outlining the national point of view on the abovementioned issues</i></p>	Seminar room 310
12.30 - 14.00	Lunch	RACVIAC Restaurant
14.00 - 14.45	National Presentations Continued (if required)	Seminar room 310
14.45 - 15.00	Coffee Break	
15.00 - 16.00	<p>Evaluation of the Seminar and conclusions regarding the direction of future cooperation between RACVIAC and the OPCW.</p> <p>Moderators: The OPCW representatives and Lieutenant Colonel Konstantinos ALEXOPOULOS.</p> <p><i>All the participants and lecturers are expected to contribute substantially to the seminar conclusions, which will represent the essential part of the seminar report, to be compiled by the Course Director.</i></p> <p>The seminar report, indicating the way ahead, will be made available to all through RACVIAC's website several days after the seminar. It shall serve to all as a means of communication on the subject matter.</p> <p>Closing Remarks / Certificates of Participation</p>	Seminar room 310
19.00 - 20.00	Dinner	RACVIAC Restaurant
Thursday, 23 February 2012		
	Departure of participants	