



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*

28 February - 4 March 2011, 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 on the OPCW activities in the fields 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 the 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 inform 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 the 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
Monday, 28 February 2011		
17.00-18.00	Final Coordination Meeting <i>The purpose of this meeting is to provide the final organizational coordination among the executive academic Seminar personnel. This primarily includes a final exchange of information.</i>	RACVIAC Briefing Room
19.00 - 21.30	Dinner	Club Barbara RACVIAC

Tuesday, 1 March 2011

09.00 - 09.45	<p>Workshop Opening - Welcome Address Speakers: Director of RACVIAC Opening remark by the OPCW representative</p> <p><i>Subsequently, each seminar participant will shortly introduce her / himself to the audience, highlighting personal experiences in Chemical Weapons Convention issues and their respective expectations regarding the Seminar.</i></p>	Seminar room 310
09.45 - 10.30	<p><i>The history of chemical disarmament and the steps that led to the signing of the CWC and the establishment of the OPCW. The structure of the organization and its activities.</i> Speaker: (OPCW, APB)</p>	Seminar room 310
10.30 - 10.45	Questions and Answers	
10.45 - 11.15	Group Photograph, Coffee Break	
11.15 - 11.50	<p><i>Short overview of provisions of the CWC related to assistance and protection against CW.</i> Speaker: (OPCW, APB) <i>This presentation will provide a review of the implementation of Article X, CWC, in the last year, including major achievements and challenges. Implementation challenges – interactive discussion among the participants</i></p>	Seminar room 310
11.50 - 12.00	Questions and Answers	
12.00 - 12.30	<p><i>National protection programmes, submissions under paragraph 4 of Article X, CWC</i> Speaker: (OPCW, APB)</p> <p><i>For the purposes of increasing the transparency of national programmes related to protective purposes, each State Party shall provide annually information on its protective programme. The templates for paragraph 4 submissions will be presented.</i></p>	Seminar room 310
12.30 - 12.40	Questions and Answers	
12.40 - 14.00	Lunch	RACVIAC Restaurant
14.00 - 14.45	<p><i>State Parties' assistance and protection obligations: Voluntary Fund, Bilateral Agreements, Unilateral Offers</i> Speaker: (OPCW, APB)</p> <p><i>Each State Party undertakes to provide assistance to the Organization and to this end opts for one or more of the following measures: contributing to the voluntary fund, concluding a bilateral agreement with the Organization or declaring the kind of assistance it might provide in response to an appeal by the Organization. The template for paragraph 7 submissions and for Bilateral Agreements will be discussed.</i></p>	Seminar room 310
14.45 - 15.00	Questions and Answers	
15:00 - 15.30	Coffee Break	
15.30 - 16.30	<p><i>Overview of chemical agents and toxic chemicals. Analysis of present threats.</i> Speaker: (OPCW, INS)</p> <p><i>Brief overview of the main types of chemical warfare agents and toxic industrial chemicals. Analysis of modern threats related to the possible use of warfare agents and toxic industrial chemicals as chemical weapons.</i></p>	Seminar room 310
16.30 - 17.00	Analysis of modern challenges – interactive discussion among the participants	

19.00 - 22.00	Welcome Dinner hosted by the Director of RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation, Ambassador Nikola TODORČEVSKI .	Restaurant outside RACVIAC
Wednesday, 2 March 2011		
09.00 – 09.45	TS preparedness for assistance and protection Speaker: (OPCW, APB) <i>The OPCW concept and developments in preparedness for Delivery of Assistance (DA) operations in the case of use or threat of use of chemical weapons and toxic industrial chemicals. Qualified Experts. Assistance Coordination and Assessment Team (ACAT).</i>	Seminar room 310
09.45 – 10.00	Questions and Answers	
10.00 - 10.20	Databank for Assistance and Protection Speaker: (OPCW, APB) <i>The presentation will analyse the role of the Databank: to provide access to the information related to the State Parties offered under Article X; to enhance reliability and improve accuracy of information; to provide a means of fast retrieval of information for the production of assistance packages and reports.</i>	Seminar room 310
10:20 – 10.30	Questions and Answers	
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break	
11:00-11:45	Investigation of Alleged Use (IAU) (OPCW, INS)	Seminar room 310
11.45 – 12.00	Questions and Answers	
12.00 - 12.30	The OPCW third delivery of assistance exercise ASSISTEX 3, Tunisia Speaker: (OPCW, APB) <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>	Seminar room 310
12.30 - 12.40	Questions and Answers	
12.40 - 14.00	Lunch	RACVIAC Restaurant
14.00 - 14.30	ASSISTEX 3, Tunisia Movie demonstration (OPCW, APB) <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>	Seminar room 310
14.30 - 14.45	Questions and Answers	
14.45 - 15.00	Coffee Break	
15.00 - 17.30	National presentations on practical issues regarding the assets/capabilities that each country may provide; information on national programmes submissions by the countries; assistance and protection activities; OPCW inspection reception: experience and related challenges in case of emergency response to threats involving chemical weapons (up to 10min/participant). <i>Each national representative will deliver a ten-minute presentation on the national point of view on the abovementioned issues.</i>	Seminar room 310
19.00 - 20.00	Dinner	RACVIAC Restaurant

Thursday, 3 March 2011		
09.00 – 10.00	<p>OPCW verification procedures Speaker: (OPCW, INS)</p> <p><i>OPCW inspections: aims, facilities, procedures, national support</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - routine inspections (Article IV, V, VI); - IAU; - challenge inspections. 	Seminar room 310
10:00-10:30	OPCW Inspections – interactive discussion among the participants	
10.30 - 11.30	Coffee Break	
11.20 - 12.40	<p>Inspection activities and procedures (routine/IAU/CI)</p> <p>Table-top exercise: (OPCW, INS, APB)</p>	Seminar room 310
12.40 - 14.00	Lunch	RACVIAC Restaurant
14.00 - 14.45	Inspection activities and procedures (routine/IAU/CI)	
14.45 – 15.00	Table-top exercise: (OPCW, INS, APB)	
15:00 - 16:45	<p>Evaluation of the Seminar and the conclusions on the direction of future cooperation between RACVIAC and the OPCW</p> <p>Moderators: The OPCW representative and Lieutenant Colonel Konstantinos Alexopoulos.</p> <p><i>All the participants and lecturers are expected to contribute substantially to the seminar conclusions, which will be an essential part of the seminar report to be compiled by the Course Director. The seminar report, indicating the way ahead, will be made available to all participants within a few days after the seminar through RACVIAC's website and shall serve to all as a means of communication on the subject matter.</i></p>	
16.45 – 17.30	Closing Remarks and the Certificates of Participation	
19.00 - 20.00	Dinner	RACVIAC Restaurant
Friday, 4 March 2011		
	Departure of participants	