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Chemical Weapons Convention Seminar
co-organized with
Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)

- Dates** 16 - 20 February 2009
- Venue** RACVIAC-Rakitje, Stari hrast 53, 10437 Bestovje, Croatia
- Background** The seminar is based on the provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention. It has been organized annually in cooperation with OPCW since 2004. The topics are different each year. Recent seminars have proved to be very successful by participants' assessments. They have also unanimously suggested continuing organizing similar seminars in the immediate future. This seminar is going to be a continuation of the fruitful cooperation between RACVIAC and OPCW in promoting regional stability, transparency and trust.
- Purpose & Objectives** The purpose of this seminar is to discuss relevant issues related to CWC. Seminar objectives are:
- To clarify any uncertainties in the submissions of the Member States to the OPCW obligated by the Convention;
 - To provide an update on issues relating to industrial (Article VI) declarations under the CWC including a review of Verification Information System (VIS);
 - To execute training in preparation / completion of electronic declarations using the Electronic Declaration tool for National Authorities (EDNA).
- Participants** Approximately 30-40 participants, two from each of the following countries: Albania, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey and Ukraine, both senior and junior military and civilian recommendation makers, dealing with CWC issues and responsible for escorting inspections from the Secretariat of OPCW. The content of this seminar will be of particular interest to members of National Authorities dealing with declarations. The speakers will represent OPCW.
- Methodology** The duration of the seminar is 4 days. It will include presentations, discussions and tabletop exercises. The seminar will provide a valuable environment and atmosphere to encourage focused discussions.
At the end of the seminar the participants will receive an official certificate of their participation and a CD with presentations and other useful information about the discussed topics. The seminar working language will be English (STANAG 3332).
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* Turkey recognizes the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name