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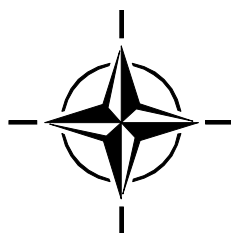
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- AVT Applied Vehicle Technology Panel
- HFM Human Factors and Medicine Panel
- IST Information Systems Technology Panel
- NMSG NATO Modelling and Simulation Group
- SAS System Analysis and Studies Panel
- SCI Systems Concepts and Integration Panel
- SET Sensors and Electronics Technology Panel

These bodies are made up of national representatives as well as generally recognised 'world class' scientists. They also provide a communication link to military users and other NATO bodies. RTO's scientific and technological work is carried out by Technical Teams, created for specific activities and with a specific duration. Such Technical Teams can organise workshops, symposia, field trials, lecture series and training courses. An important function of these Technical Teams is to ensure the continuity of the expert networks.

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Executive Summary

The importance of Modelling and Simulation (M&S) and its impact on training, experimentation and analysis in NATO and nations is well-known and continues to grow. The Committee this year decided against a single Symposium Theme and chose instead to seek papers across a number of topically key themes that many nations are currently engaged in and would merit further discussion.

All of the above-mentioned themes continue to benefit from advances in low-cost, high power computers, graphics from the commercial and telecommunications markets, and developments in the military environment to enable better interoperability and reuse between simulations and the integration of Command & Control systems.

During this two-day conference, 21 papers were presented in seven sessions. The sessions grouped NATO and national contributions into categories of common topics covering all of the aspects included in the main topics for this conference. Due to interest and to the distribution of papers received, two sessions were needed to accommodate all selected papers on Human Behaviour Representation and Defence Against Terrorism.

This year, a fairly large number of nations contributed to the programme, 11 nations were presenting including presentations from current NMSG Technical Activities MSG-048 and MSG-088 and also ACT. It is worth mentioning the inclusion of Ukraine contributing for the first time to an NMSG event.

This year, an homogeneous blend representing the three pillars covering participants from Government, Industry and Academia was achieved.

The Keynote Address from Admiral Canova (ACT) created the required climate of participation and interest that remained though the whole conference. It was clear from the presentations that Interoperability issues regarding simulations, Open Standards, M&S and C2 systems, new technologies incorporated though readily available COT/GOT products remain as top priority topics for Nations and NATO bodies and as such, can be proposed as future topics for the annual NMSG conference.

In summary, the keynotes and papers presented during the conference give a good overview of current capabilities and ongoing efforts of NATO, its Nations and its partners and how M&S can help, decrease cost and increase efficiency in all those areas where additional R&D is needed. M&S does not yet meet all defence challenges, but the foundation is solid and open gaps are starting to be addressed.

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Synthèse

L'importance de la modélisation et de la simulation (M&S) et leur impact sur la formation, l'expérimentation et l'analyse au sein de l'OTAN et des nations est bien connue et continue à se développer. Le Comité s'est prononcé cette année contre un symposium à thème unique et a choisi à la place de chercher des contributions parmi un certain nombre de thèmes clés sur lesquels beaucoup de nations sont actuellement engagées et qui mériteraient davantage de discussion.

Tous les thèmes mentionnés ci-dessus continuent à tirer bénéfice des avancées en matière d'ordinateurs de forte puissance à faible coût, des documents graphiques présents sur les marchés commerciaux et de télécommunications, ainsi que des développements de l'environnement militaire afin de leur permettre une meilleure interopérabilité et leur réutilisation entre la simulation et l'intégration dans les systèmes d'information et de commandement.

Pendant cette conférence de deux jours, 21 contributions ont été présentées au cours de 7 sessions. Les sessions ont regroupé des contributions de l'OTAN et des contributions nationales par catégories de sujets communs couvrant tous les aspects des principaux domaines de cette conférence. En raison de l'intérêt et de la répartition des contributions reçues, deux sessions ont été nécessaires pour traiter les documents sélectionnés concernant la Représentation du comportement humain et la Défense contre le terrorisme.

Cette année, un assez grand nombre de nations ont contribué au programme, 11 nations ont assuré les présentations comprenant les présentations des activités techniques en MSG-048 et MSG-088 et d'ACT. Il convient de mentionner la participation de l'Ukraine qui contribuait pour la première fois à un événement NMSG.

Cette année un mélange homogène de participants représentant les trois piliers – gouvernement, industrie et milieu universitaire – a pu être réalisé.

L'exposé d'ouverture de l'amiral Canova (ACT) a créé le climat de participation et d'intérêt voulu, climat qui s'est maintenu pendant toute la durée de la conférence. Il était clair à l'issue des présentations que les problèmes d'interopérabilité concernant les simulations, les normes ouvertes, les systèmes M&S et C2, les nouvelles technologies incorporées alors que les produits de COT/GOT sont déjà disponibles, restent les sujets prioritaires pour les nations et les organes de l'OTAN et, comme tels, peuvent être proposés en tant que futurs sujets pour la conférence annuelle de NMSG.

En résumé, les éléments essentiels et les contributions présentées pendant la conférence donnent une bonne vue d'ensemble des capacités actuelles et des travaux continus de l'OTAN, de ses nations et de ses partenaires et de la façon dont la M&S peut aider, diminuer les coûts et augmenter l'efficacité dans tous les secteurs où une R&D additionnelle est nécessaire. La M&S ne relève pas encore tous les défis de la défense, mais les fondations sont solides et les fossés encore ouverts commencent à être comblés.