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HUMAN FACTORS & MEDICINE (HFM) PANEL

CALL FOR PAPERS

HFM-275 Symposium on

Military Suicide Prevention



To be held in

Riga, Latvia

3-5 April 2017

The Symposium is OPEN to Partnership for Peace (PfP), Mediterranean Dialogue (MD) and Selected Contact Nations

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSTRACTS:

Deadline: 30 September 2016

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NATO's Science and Technology Organization (STO)

The NATO Science and Technology Organization (STO) is defined as the selective and rigorous generation and application of state-of-the-art, validated knowledge for defence and security purposes. S&T activities embrace scientific research, technology development, transition, application and field-testing, experimentation and a range of related scientific activities that include systems engineering, operational research and analysis, synthesis, integration and validation of knowledge derived through the scientific method.

NATO's S&T is addressed using the following business models:

- The Collaborative business model where NATO provides a forum where NATO Nations and partner Nations elect to use their national resources to define, conduct and promote cooperative research and information exchange;
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The purpose of the NATO STO is to help position the Nations' and NATO's S&T investments as a strategic enabler of the knowledge and technology advantage for the defence and security posture of NATO Nations and partner Nations, by:

- Conducting and promoting S&T activities that augment and leverage the capabilities and programmes of the Alliance, the NATO Nations and the partner Nations, in support of NATO's objectives;
- Providing support to the activities conducted by the NATO Nations and NATO;
- Organizing and conducting scientific research and technology development and deliver innovative and field tested S&T solutions to address the defence and security needs of NATO Nations and partner Nations.

The Human Factors and Medicine Panel (HFM) is part of the Science & Technology Organization, Collaboration and Support Office (STO-CSO): Consult our STO/CSO website at <http://www.sto.nato.int>

The HFM Panel covers the fields of two complementary domains, which are represented in the two 'Area Committees':

A) The **Health, Medicine and Protection (HMP) Area** provides the scientific basis for establishing an operationally fit and healthy force, restoring health, minimizing disease and injury, optimizing human protection, sustainability and survivability. This encompasses research in the field of military medicine, physiology, psychology and human protection technology. Areas of interest include, among others, medical diagnosis, prevention, treatment and evacuation. HMP also focuses on enhancing human protection research on physiological and physical influences, e.g. of cold, heat, air pressure, noise, vibration, ionizing and non-ionizing radiation, acceleration, motion, biological and chemical effects on the human body, and developing appropriate countermeasures.

B) The **Human Systems and Behavior (HSB) Area** provides the scientific basis and explores new technology for optimizing the performance of individuals, teams and organizations and their interaction with socio-technical systems to achieve highly effective mission performance. This encompasses research in the fields of human factors, human systems integration as well as cognitive, psycho-social, organizational and cultural aspects in military action. Contributions on Human Systems Integration cover complexity, total life-cycle affordability, human error and fatigue management, intelligent agents, human cognitive and physical resources management, anthropometry, human-machine interfaces, communication and teamwork, performance assessment, enhancement and aiding, training and function allocation in (semi)automated systems. Contributions on individual and team readiness cover values and ethics, leadership, multi-national operations, human enhancement and coping with mental, cognitive and physical demands on the individual. Contributions on organizational effectiveness encompass human resource management, training, interoperability, shared decision-making, synchronized situational awareness, resilience, understanding terrorism, psychological operations and coping with new demands on military organizations.

Military Suicide Prevention

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Military Suicide Prevention

THEME

I. BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION -- Relevance to NATO

The Exploratory Team (ET-103) and Research Task Group (RTG-218) were established in 2009 and 2011 respectively to provide an opportunity for international dialogue on the topic of *military suicide* across various NATO and Partner for Peace (PfP) nations. Prior to the formation of these groups, there had been no systematic effort across nations to collaboratively examine the public health problem of military suicide and to identify best practices for suicide prevention among Armed Forces and Veterans. The soon to be released 2015 NATO RTG-218 Technical Report provides findings based on a questionnaire completed by representatives of 17 nations on military suicide and prevention endeavours. A series of White Papers have been prepared on topics pertaining to military suicide prevention and a website platform is currently under development at Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in the United States to widely disseminate international literature and content on military suicide. Briefly stated, to date, these NATO groups have accomplished the following objectives: (1) examined surveillance efforts on military suicide across several NATO and PfP nations; (2) advanced understanding of current military suicide prevention gaps as well as best practices; and (3) disseminated information on military suicide prevention based on collaboration and sharing of knowledge across participating nations. However, a sustained effort in addressing the public health problem of military suicide is necessary and additional progress must be made.

II. OBJECTIVES:

The primary objective of this symposium is to bring together leading NATO academic and clinical experts in Suicide Prevention to consolidate what we know about the personal challenges that lead to suicidal tendencies and how the HFM can inform both the NATO COMEDS and National military NATO leadership about the best evidence informed practices in mental health in order to prevent suicide and suicidal leanings.

III. TOPICS TO BE COVERED:

- Military Leadership and Suicide Prevention
- Perceived Challenges and Organizational Obstacles Pertaining to Military Suicide Prevention
- Effective Decision Making and Military Suicide Prevention
- Risk and Protective Factors for Military Suicide and Suicide-Related Behaviors
- Deployment and Re-Adjustment Related Stressors Associated with Suicide and Suicide-Related Behaviors
- Common Errors and Potential Impact on Unit, Morale, and Mission Readiness
- Interpersonal Factors, Suicide, and Suicide-Related Behaviors
- Current Military Intervention Efforts Targeted at Suicide and Suicide-Related Behaviors
- Evidence-Based Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention Efforts
- Suicide and Suicide-Related Behaviors Among Veterans
- Decision Aids and Resources for Military Leadership for Addressing Suicide-Related Events
- Recommendations and Best Practices in Military Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention
- Psychological Fitness, Professional Burnout, and Suicide Prevention among Leaders

Format

- Two Keynote speakers
- Paper presentations and Panel discussion sessions
- Technical Evaluation Report (TER)

Symposium products

- Symposium Meeting Proceedings (Published on STO website)
- Individual Papers
- TER Report

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL AUTHORS

1. Introduction

The three-day Symposium will be held in Riga, Latvia, from 3 to 5 April 2017. It is supported by the Human Factors and Medicine Panel (HFM) of the Science & Technology Organization, Collaboration and Support Office (STO-CSO). All sessions of the HFM Symposium will be unclassified with unlimited distribution. Attendance at the HFM Symposium is by enrolment only. The Symposium audience will include experts from NATO, PfP and MD countries, as well as selected Contact Nations.

Authors are invited to submit papers for this Symposium. Papers and presentations **will be delivered in English only**. The Programme Committee will select papers, based on submitted abstracts that are considered suitable for presentation at the Symposium. We advocate evidence-based approaches, as well as fundamental or innovative papers, that contribute to the augmentation and solidification of the comprehensive approach.

It is expected that about 20 to 25 papers will be selected for oral presentations at the Symposium.

Proposed abstracts should be sent to the Programme Committee Chairs and Members

(marjan.holloway@usuhs.edu and dphcs-dcmhpor-psych-dca@mod.uk) **AND to the CSO/HFM Panel Office** (marie.linnet@cs0.nato.int) **or** (frank.wessels@cs0.nato.int) **no later than 30 September 2016** (see Abstract instructions in the next pages).

Beginning of November 2016 all authors will be notified by the Programme Committee Chair whether or not their paper is selected. The time allowed for each speaker is normally 20 minutes, including 5 minutes for discussion. Equipment will be available for Power Point presentations. Details of the timing will be given in the Programme Announcement, which will be distributed by the CSO/HFM Panel Office to all.

End November 2016 the Programme Announcement will be displayed at the STO website (www.sto.nato.int) including enrolment details. By that time, authors of selected papers will also receive from the CSO/HFM Panel Office, Instructions for Authors, which will provide further details, as such as template to prepare your manuscript, template for clearance and detailed instructions for the presentation and transmission of short biographies. Instructions will be sent in May 2016 by CSO/HFM Panel Office.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

According to the Instructions, PAPERS will be expected by end of January 2017: Authors not submitting a full scientific paper will not be allowed to present at the meeting site (Maximum 25 pages including pictures and tables). Therefore, Authors of selected papers **MUST provide a full scientific paper**, which will be published in an **official STO publication as Meeting Proceedings**. Also note that the written papers will be evaluated for their use by the Technical Evaluator, preceding the symposium and for that reason, must be delivered in time according to the instructions you will receive. This action is an important part of the Symposium activities as all manuscripts will be made available at the STO web site for all symposium attendees one week prior to the event (password protected).

Many publishers do not consider Proceedings articles to be pre-published. The intention is to develop the papers that qualify into a published book or special journal issue following the symposium.

Authors of papers selected for presentation at NATO/STO/CSO Symposia are not financially supported by this organization. Therefore, before sending your abstract, you must ensure that you will be financially supported by your Organization/Nation for your travel to the meeting site.

2. Abstracts.

Symposium abstracts should contain the following information:

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- A. LENGTH - 200 to 500 words
- B. CONTENT - State for which objective (paragraph II above) and topic (paragraph III above) your paper is intended
- Introduction/relevance to the Symposium
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- Observations obtained
- Conclusions
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It is the responsibility of the author to ensure that his/her abstract receives any necessary clearance before it is forwarded, and sufficient time should be allowed for this.

The 30 September 2016 date is important and must be met in order to ensure consideration.

Thank you for your contributions, which are highly appreciated by all the NATO community. Human Factors & Medicine Panel Assistant (marie.linet@cs0.nato.int)

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