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TMAF 2023

Theresan Military-Academic Forum

The Theresan Military Academic Forum 2023 (TMAF 2023) is a scientific symposium that seeks to further the transfer of knowledge and develop the necessary skills, responsibility, and autonomy inherent to successful basic officer education. The TMAF includes a general orientation as well as a cyber specialisation, conceived to help military leaders coping with future challenges.

For the TMAF 2023, the main theme is “Cognitive Warfare”. We believe that scientific-based knowledge is vital to increase operational readiness. Cognitive warfare is no exception in this regard. In cognitive warfare, the human mind is the battlefield, and the aim is to change not only what people think but how they think and act. Waged successfully, cognitive warfare shapes and influences individual and group beliefs and behaviours to favour an aggressor’s objectives.¹ Whereas information warfare seeks to control pure information in all forms, cognitive warfare seeks to control how individuals and people react to the presented information.² Therefore, achieving and preserving cognitive superiority is critical to military leaders.

Options for participation:

A maximum of three persons per institution may participate as follows

Priority	Contribution	Administration
1	Lecture with publication	Free board & lodging
2	Lecture without publication	Free board
3	Participation	
4	Publication	

Submitted contributions will be subject to a double peer review. They will be published by our cooperation partner, “The Defence Horizon Journal” (online), as well as in “Armis et Litteris” (hardcopy). In addition, on the final day of the forum, we will host an in-depth discussion and summary in German. In parallel, a cultural excursion to our federal capital Vienna will be organised.

The TMAF focuses on the education of future generations of military officers. Therefore, we would like to integrate officer cadets & students in the symposium. Thus, we kindly invite participants to bring an officer cadet or student from the home institution and include her/him in the presentation, if possible. The organising team will assign the available slots on a first-come, first-served principle, considering the priorities listed above.

Please note that for participation with priority 1, regardless of the number of integrated speakers, accommodation and meals free of charge will be provided to only one (1) person/author.

1 “Countering cognitive warfare: awareness and resilience,” NATO Review - Countering cognitive warfare: awareness and resilience, May 20, 2021, www.nato.int/docu/review/articles/2021/05/20/countering-cognitive-warfare-awareness-and-resilience/index.html.
 2 Megan Burns, “Information Warfare: What and How?,” CS.CMU, Carnegie Mellon University, 1999, www.cs.cmu.edu/~burnsm/InfoWarfare.html.

In addition to thematic discussions, numerous side events will be offered to promote, deepen, and broaden (military) cultural exchanges; the nature of these exchanges will be decided depending on the pandemic situation, the weather and the interests of the participants.

Procedures for publication

Interested participants are cordially invited to apply with an abstract according to the following guidelines:

Phase	Deadline
Call for Papers (submission of abstract with up to 250 words; endnotes not included; CV; template format)	23 rd Apr 2023
Information to the author about acceptance of the article by the TMAF Scientific Committee	26 th May 2023
Submission of the article for publication (3000-5000 words endnotes not included; template format)	20 th Aug 2023
Review phase	21 st Aug - 20 th Oct 2023
Re-submission date for required modifications (if necessary)	20 th Oct 2023
Publication availability online (TDHJ)	5 th Nov 2023
Availability of the publication "Armis et Litteris"	31 st Mar 2024

For submitting abstracts (including a CV), please use the format template "TMAF Short Essay", which you can find on our website www.milak.at/en/tmaf2023 respectively www.emilyo.eu/node/878 and send them to tmaf@bmlv.gv.at. If a contribution is accepted, we request a picture of the author & speaker for designing the programme and the publications.

Quality management of publication entries

- all publication submissions are subject to a double peer review,
- in cooperation with "The Defence Horizon Journal (TDHJ)",
- under the auspices of the TMAF Scientific Committee and are published
- in TDHJ (ISSN: 2710-3722 online) respectively "Armis et Litteris" (ISBN: 978-3-9504893-8-5)

Provisional time-schedule

Monday, 6th Nov 2023: arrival and icebreaker

Tuesday, 7th Nov 2023: TMAF (presentation, discussion, reflection)

Wednesday, 8th Nov 2023: TMAF (presentation, discussion, reflection)

Thursday, 9th Nov 2023: TMAF (presentation, discussion, reflection)

On this day, the symposium's theme will be deepened with presentations and discussions exclusively in German. Interested speakers how know German are cordially invited to apply with an abstract.

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Friday, 10th Nov 2023: Departure

Location

The challenging topic and the unique atmosphere in the Kasematten in Wiener Neustadt make the TMAF a special event for participants interested in addressing the burning issues for selecting, training, and assessing military leaders.

Kasematten Wiener Neustadt

Bahngasse 27

2700 Wiener Neustadt

Administrative information

- Application

Registration for the TMAF 2023 has to be done via our homepage www.milak.at/en/tmaf2023, by 1st September 2023. We will inform you about the possibility of later registration via the link above.

Transport

- Plane:

Pick-up and transfer from/to Vienna Airport will be provided. Therefore, we kindly ask you to book flights - if possible - arriving on Monday, 6th Nov 2023, between 1100 and 1500 hrs at Vienna Airport. For departure, we request the use of flights on Friday, 10th Nov 2023, in the period from 1100 to 1500 hrs.

- Arrival by train:

Pick-up and transfer from/to Wiener Neustadt central railway station to your hotel will be provided. Therefore, we kindly ask you to book trains arriving between 1200 and 1600 hrs at Wiener Neustadt main railway station. Please use trains for the departure on Friday, 10th Nov 2023, departing from Wiener Neustadt main railway station between 1100 and 1500 hrs.

Accommodation and rates

Accommodation for the speakers will be at the Hotel Hilton Garden Inn in Wiener Neustadt (option 1), located directly next to the Kasematten.

In addition to the Hilton Garden Inn, the organisation team recommends the Hotel Zentral (0.6 km) and the Hotel Le Parc (1.7 km). Both hotels are located in the immediate vicinity of the Kasematten and the Theresan Military Academy and are easily and quickly accessible either by foot or with the offered shuttle service. Transfer to and from the TMAF will be provided exclusively to Hotel Le Parc. The following reduced prices can be guaranteed by booking via mail or phone by using the keyword „MilAk“ only.

The cost of accommodation is:

Hotel Hilton Garden Inn (www.hiltonhotels.de/oesterreich/hilton-garden-inn-wiener-neustadt): € 90,- for a single - or € 95,- for a double occupancy per night (breakfast: € 20,- per person)

Hotel Le Parc (www.leparc.at/das-hotel): € 70,- for a single - or € 80,- for a double occupancy per night (breakfast: € 20,- per person)

Hotel Zentral (www.hotelzentral.at) : € 63,- in a single room - or € 73,- for a double occupancy per night (breakfast: € 14,- per person)

Transport – exclusively – from/to the above-mentioned hotels to the venue will be provided.

Meals

The boarding costs are:

The daily rate is € 35,00 for all participants and includes lunch and dinner as well as drinks and snacks during the forum.

During the in-processing on the first day, the respective amount of money for all participating days will be requested in cash (paying via credit card is not possible).