

KBO Conference 2013 in Sibiu/Romania

From 13th to 15th June, 2013 the international Knowledge-Based Organization (KBO) Conference 2013 took place at the "Nicolae Balcescu" Land Forces Academy in Sibiu. This annual event provides an ideal opportunity for academic teaching staff, research specialists and practitioners to come together, disseminate knowledge and exchange ideas on a wide range of topics relevant to the military domain.

The flag-raising ceremony marked the official opening and also served the purpose of providing a perfect setting for the award of the "Nicolae Balcescu" Prize. As the proud



Col Wiedner handing over the prize to Cadet Simona-Andreea CIOBANU.

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recipient, Cadet Simona-Andreea CIOBANU, distinguished herself as an excellent ambassador for her parental academy during her stay at the Austrian Theresan Military Academy, Col(GS) Karl-Heinz Wiedner, was asked to do the honours, under the watchful eyes of the Commandant, BG Prof. Eng. Ghita BARSAN, PhD.

The young lady that had become known for her a beautiful, dutiful smile, submitted her thesis a week earlier to the Austrian supervisor Col Dr. Gell as did her colleagues

- Bianca-Diana BULGAR,
- Nicoleta-Loredana CIULEI,
- Cornelia-Doina TOADER,
- Rareş-Mihai DAVID, and
- Stefan-Ioan FARMATU.

The ceremony was finished off by a march-by of the Corps of Cadets, who were singing at the top of their voices, giving a shining example of their impressively high morale.

Thereafter the international community assembled in the plenary for the Rector's welcome address and opening message. The fact that Col(GS) Wiedner, was invited to sit on the board was just another proof for the high esteem the Austrians are held in by the host organisation, in particular by the Department of Military and Management Sciences of the Faculty of Military Management.



The distinguished members of the Board with Austrian participation.
(Picture by NB LFA)

After five presentations with subsequent Q&A period the academic community split up in six sections further focussing on

- Military and Managerial Sciences,
- Economic Sciences,
- Behavioural and Social Sciences,
- Administrative and Juridical Sciences,
- Technical Sciences and Military Technology, and
- Foreign Languages.



Col Pauschenwein raising the issue of national vs European defence efforts.
(Picture by NB LFA)

After a hard day's work of academic discourse the scientific community was treated to an official dinner at the Military Club, where, to the tunes of the military brass band, the networking soon was in full swing.

At the sidelines of the conference an ambitious "AustRomanian" project was embarked on, a quadruple-lingual dictionary of military terms.

Both hosts and guests wholeheartedly agreed to further widen and deepen our mutually beneficial cooperation for the sake of an ever wider and deeper European identity.

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