

Also this Year, AURA Lent its Support to the NCS College

The Czech University of Defence and the AC/135 jointly organised the 2nd NATO Codification System (NCS) College in Brno, Czech Republic, on 25 August to 1 September, 2014. The purpose of this event is to train, in biennial cycles, managers and logisticians in administration of codification processes as well as codifiers in execution of specific codification activities. The NCS College is primarily designed for codification personnel of nations participating in the NATO Codification System (currently 67 nations) and those waiting for admission into this community. This year's Course for Managers & Logisticians (25 to 29 August) and Course for Codifiers (1 to 19 September) was attended by students representing 12 nations from all over the world.

Course for Managers and Logisticians

The Course for Managers & Logisticians of this year's NCS College was concluded by Col Vladan Holcner, the Dean of Military Leadership Faculty and academic guarantor of the NCS College. He ceremonially handed over the certificates on 29 August, 2014. Fourteen civilian and military students from the Czech Republic, Finland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Slovakia and NSPA obtained or improved their knowledge necessary for management and execution of codification processes in compliance with the NATO Codification System. The quality of lectures was ensured by top tutors - AC/135 Chairman Col Marek Dalkowski, representatives of NSPA, DLA LIS (USA), University of Defence and AURA that offered its organisational and software support to the 2nd International NCS College like in 2012. The students presented implementation of NCS into their respective national environments, the role of NSPA in codification processes was explained by its representative and course student, Miss Emilie Albert.

Course for Codifiers

The closing ceremony of the 2nd International NCS College took place in the Academic Council Hall of the University of Defence on 19 September. This course was attended by twelve codifiers from Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Ireland, Latvia, Malaysia and Norway. The lecturers from the Univer-



sity of Defence, Czech MoD, DLA LIS (USA), CZE and AUT NCBs and AURA trained the students especially in specific codification activities such as identification and classification of material items, their description and international codification data exchange. The codifiers visited the Technical Services Material Centre in Štěpánov and the Rear Services Material Centre in Brno which made them acquainted with the practical storage management within the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic based on implementation of the NATO Codification System. The final lectures and training, given by AURA experts, focused on future trends in codification and how the codification might be exploited by industrial entities. While in Prague, the students met with Mr. Martin Dvořák, the Defence Standardisation, Codification and Government Quality Assurance Authority Director, who presented the structure and main tasks of the Authority, and with Mr. Libor Mrozinski, the CZE National Codification Bureau Chief, who explained the Czech military codification system.

AURA and NCS College 2014

It was the AURA that, like in 2012, supported significantly also this event. It provided the NCS College 2014 organisers - University of Defence and AC/135 - with universal back-up, ICT assistance and software support for codification training via its MC

CATALOGUE. The AURA lecturers were praised for their practical exercises using the above software, presentation of material and services codification in the future, role of eOTD, implementation of codification processes into the public administration and streamlining of codification data exchange between manufacturer/supplier and central codification entities, mainly within the defence department. What awakened an interest was the lecture given by Mr. Roman Kapinus concerning the Information System of Logistics delivered to the Czech armed forces by the AURA.

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This year's NCS College received recognition, even before its conclusion, from the AC/135 Chairman, Col Marek Dalkowski, who praised its overall organisation and the role it is playing in training of managers and logisticians in management of codification processes. A similar recognition came from the AUT NCB representative, Mr. Peter Gross, who was in charge of the international codification data exchange training. What made the NCS College 2014 organisers especially happy was a highly positive assessment of the students themselves who expressed the will to participate in the next NCS College or to recommend the NCS College 2016 to their colleagues.

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