

## Interim Preparatory Meeting of the International Conference of Experts SECDEF 19

On 11.09.2019, at the Military Technical Academy "Ferdinand I" (ATM), it took place the Intermediate Session for the Preparation of the SECDEF International Conference of Experts 19, which will be held on 7-9 September 2019. Participants: representatives from the Romanian Reserve Officers Association (AORR) – Lt.Gen. (r) Virgil Bălăceanu, Lt.Gen. (r) Dan Plăviţu, Brig.Gen. (r) Mihail Țăpârlea, Col. (r) Crăişor-Constantin Ioniţă, Mr. Liviu Coşereanu -, one representative from PATROMIL – Maj.. (r) Marian Ivănescu - and representatives from the Military Technical Academy "Ferdinand I" - Cder Cristian-Emil Moldoveanu and Maj. Raluca Dima.

The meeting started with the presentation of the current status of the conference, with a special emphasis on: establishing participants, activity that has COB 30 September 2019; the meeting of the Romanian-Polish Joint Technical Committee, which will be conducted at the same time with the Conference; financing of accommodation, lunch; offical dinners and printing the participation maps; the less clear aspects regarding the defense industry and the military equipment exhibition.

The composition of the Organizing Committee was finalized, as follows:

- President Brig.Gen. (r) Mihail TĂPÂRLEA, PhD;
- Members: Brig.Gen. (r) Iulică BURTICIOIU, Col. (r) Dan GOGESCU, Mr. Liviu COȘEREANU, Maj. (r) Marian IVĂNESCU, Cder Cristian-Emil Moldoveanu, PhD and Maj. Raluca Dima;
- Secretary Col. (r) Crăișor-Constantin IONITĂ, PhD.

AORR representatives proposed to increase the number of invitees, by including the national research agencies in the field of defense industry (ACTM, INCAS, COMOTTI, IP) and the Bucharest Polytechnical University. It was also agreed to send invitation letters for the opening ceremony of this academic event to the Minister of National Defense, the Defense Staff, the Defense Information General Directorate, the Armed Forces Servicies and the ANCMRR.

Principles of the event programme was also discussed and agreed. During this event, it was decided to organize a visit to the Laser Project of Măgurele, and the ATM representatives requested to edit the materials on the participation maps, which would be ready for printing by 15 October 2019.

The Main Session for the Preparation of the Conference will be held on 4 October 2019, also at the ATM, at an hour which should be determined later. By that date, the list of conference participants, both on the academic side and on the defense industry and the organisation of the military technique exhibition, should be finalised.