

EMPA Congress 2009

October 6th - 10th, 2009 - Vienna, Austria

General Information

Accommodation

70 double rooms are reserved for the accommodation of the participants in the four star+ hotel "Savoyen" in the City of Vienna.

Deadline for your booking is July 30th, 2009.

The price of Euro 173,-- for the double room includes breakfast and all taxes. All rooms are equipped with free Internet access. We will have our separate own breakfast room.

For those who travel by their own car the hotel offers a garage.

Find the detailed hotel information as well as the booking form attached to this EMPAnews.

Dress code

At the first evening the Minister of Defence will address the participants of the 30th EMPA Congress. On the occasion of this reception military will wear coat and tie, civilians black tie and female equivalent.

As the programme in the following days leads us to several places outside Vienna military will wear service dress and civilians casual.

Registration

Please register for the congress NLT July 30th, 2009 by the attached E-mail form. To make sure the form works properly please load it down to your computer and return it by a separate E-mail.

Programme

We have set up a members programme as well as a partners programme. Both programmes share some parts in particular the evening events. Details will be given on the following pages.

For those who like to add the weekend in Vienna we provide an optional programme on Saturday, October 10th, 2009 on the participants own expense.

Please register for the optional programme NLT July 30th, 2009 by the attached E-mail form. To make sure the form works properly please load it down to your computer and return it by a separate E-mail.

General Meeting

The General Meeting of the EMPA 2009 will take place within the framework of the Congress on Wednesday, October 7th, 2009 at the Austrian National Defence Academy in Vienna.

The invitations by the President will be sent to your postal address.

Please give me your additional wishes for the programme of the General Meeting via E-mail NLT April 30th, 2009.

EMPA-Award 2009

The EMPA-Award 2009 shall be handed over during the General Meeting. Please send in your entries NLT June 30th, 2009 to the Secretary General. Find the call for papers and the statutes below.

EDITORIAL



Dear members of EMPA,
As the Austrian CHOD has approved the programme for the EMPA Congress 2009 in Vienna I am glad to invite you to this event in my home country. The Austrian Armed Forces intensively supported the Presidency in providing a challenging programme. We tried to set up a particular "Austrian" programme that leads from our tradition and history to our most modern equipment and techniques. Besides this inside view into the Austrian Armed Forces we will have enough time for interesting meetings and discussions. Find all information necessary in this EMPAnews as well as in the attachments. For further questions do not hesitate to contact me, the Secretary General or the Austrian POC, BrigGen Heller. Looking forward to meet you in Vienna
Yours

J. Schreiner



The Programme

Tuesday, October 6th, 2009 - General Programme

- 0800-1600 Congress office/check in
- 1700 Bus tour to the AAF Military Museum
 1730 EMPA family photo
 1745 Marching in of the Guards
 Guards Band in concert
 1830 Move into the AAF Military Museum
 1900 Sounding the bugle of honour
 Reception by the Minister of Defence
 Official opening of the 30th EMPA Congress
 2030 Guided Tour in the AAF Military Museum
 2130 Return to the Hotel (2200)

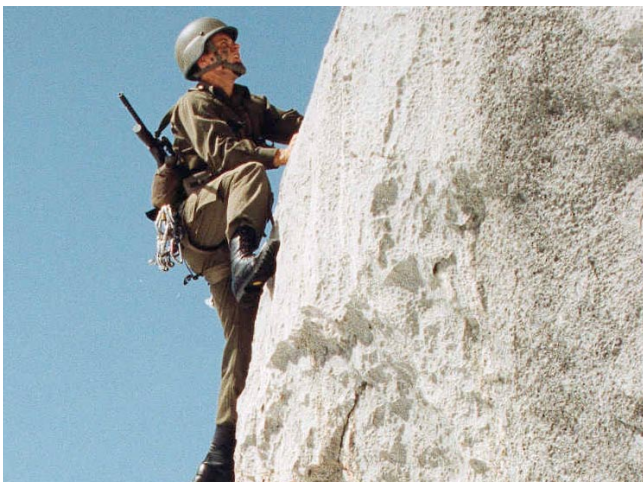
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Wednesday, October 7th, 2009 - Members Programme

- 0845 Bus tour to the
 Austrian National Defence Academy
 0930 Welcome by the Commandant
 EMPA General Meeting 2009
 (Programme according to the invitation)
- 1245 Lunch
- 1330 Bus tour to the Alpine Training Facility
 1500 Presentation of AAF Alpine Training
- 1700 Bus tour to AAF Seminar Centre Reichenau
 1800 Reception by the Chief of Defence
 2030 Return to the Hotel (2200)

Dress code: Military: service dress; Civilians: casual



Wednesday, October 7th, 2009 - Partners Programme

- 0900 Bus tour to the abbeys of
 Mayerling and Heiligenkreuz
 Guided tours in Mayerling (Tragedy of
 Crown Prince Rudolf) and
 Heiligenkreuz (chant of the monks)
 1240 Bus tour to the Theresian Military Academy
- 1330 Buffet
- 1410 Guided tour in St. George's Cathedral
 1445 Bus tour to Reichenau railway station
 1539 Visit to the UNESCO Cultural Heritage
 "Semmering-Railway" by train
 1700 Bus tour to AAF Seminar Centre Reichenau
 1800 Reception by the Chief of Defence
 2030 Return to the Hotel (2200)

Dress code: Military: service dress; Civilians: casual



Thursday, October 8th, 2009 - Members Programme

0800 Bus tour to AAF
Air Force Base Langenlebarn
0930 Presentation and display of the
Eurofighter “Typhoon”
Presentation of the S70 “Black Hawk”

Lunch

1230 Welcome by the Commandant of the
AAF Aviation School
Briefing on the tasks of the school
1300 Briefing by the Commandant of the Austrian
Armed Forces
1410 Bus tour to the capital of Lower Austria,
St. Pölten
1530 Briefing by the Provincial Commandant of
Lower Austria and his civilian colleague on
CIMIC in natural disasters
1800 Reception by the Provincial Commandant of
Lower Austria and his civilian colleague
2030 Return to the Hotel (2130)

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1315-1700 Visit to the UNESCO Cultural Heritage
“Wachau”
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1800 Reception by the Provincial Commandant of
Lower Austria and his civilian colleague
2030 Return to the Hotel (2130)

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Friday, October 9th, 2009 - Members Programme

- 0800 Bus tour to the Training Facility "Tritolwerk"
- 0900-1600 Special Day "Modern Threat Scenarios" including RNBC, Special Forces, Military Dogs and the SCHIEBEL "Camcopter" on display
- 1615 Bus tour to Gumpoldskirchen
- 1645 Farewell-evening
- 2000 Return to the Hotel (2100)

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Friday, October 9th, 2009 - Partners Programme

- 0830-1100 Bus tour into the Center of Vienna
Guided tour
- 1100 Bus tour to the AAF Logistics School
- 1145 Presentation of the AAF experimental kitchen
- Lunch
- 1315 Bus tour to the Schönbrunn Palace
- 1415 Guided tour in Schönbrunn Palace
- 1545 Bus tour to Gumpoldskirchen
- 1645 Farewell-evening
- 2000 Return to the Hotel (2100)

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Saturday, October 10th, 2009 - Optional Programme

Option 1

0930 Guided City walk in the centre of Vienna
(app. 3 hrs.)

Option 2

0930 Bus tour to the region of Burgenland
(full day)

The optional programme is at the participants own expense.

Dress code: casual



See you in Vienna!

EMPA - Award Call for Articles

“EMPA - Award for the best article of the year published in a member paper”.

The establishment of the EMPA - Award for the best article of the year is based on the idea of activating and evaluating European military journalists work.

Applicants may be EMPA-members as well as journalists writing for an EMPA member paper on the proposal of an EMPA-member.

The year of review starts on July 1st and ends on June 30th every year.

Applicants are invited to send in a copy of the printed article as well as a translation of the article into the English language to the Secretary General not later than June 30th, 2009.

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The articles are reviewed by the EMPA board. The winner will be invited to and the award presented at the general meeting of the Association.

The EMPA - Award comprises:

- a letter of appreciation,
- a trophy,
- publication of the article in the *EMPAnews* and on the EMPAhomepage.



is a newsletter published by the board of the European Military Press Association. It provides information for the members of the association in order to pursue the objectives of EMPA:

- establish contact among its members and
- offer opportunities for an exchange of information.

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EMPA - Award Statutes

In its meeting on January 17th, 2008 in Vienna, Austria the EMPA board agreed upon a proposal of the 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Līga Lakuča, to establish an

“EMPA - Award for the best article of the year published in a member paper”.

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The establishment of the EMPA - Award for the best article of the year is based on the idea of activating and evaluating European military journalists work. It will be a good opportunity for military journalists to show their skills as well as the results of their work to the whole European military media community.

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EMPA-Congresses

We are still in search of organizers for the congresses in 2010, 2011 (very likely in Switzerland) and 2012. Volunteers please report to the Secretary General.

Treasurers notice

Do not forget to pay your annual membership fee to:

Sparkasse Köln-Bonn, D-53101 Bonn.
Account 36.202.000, in favour of
EMPA/Bocklet/Gudit - BLZ 370 501 98
SWIFT-BIC:COLSDE33.
IBAN: DE15 3705 0198 0036 2020 00

EMPA-Who is Who?

All members are invited to carefully check their particulars and report alterations to the Secretary General. Deadline for alterations or amendments will be by end of July in order to enable Erling to publish the next issue just in time before the Vienna Congress.

EMPA-Tour 2009

The next EMPA Journalist's Tour in spring 2009 is being prepared and will most likely be hosted by the German Navy in late June 2009.

Since the idea to visit the maritime component of Operations "Enduring Freedom" and ATALANTA could not be realized, our German friends are working on an alternative programme leading to the evaluation exercise for a frigate off Plymouth, UK.

A four days programme is being planned including arrival and departure, briefings on the evaluation programme and one day at sea aboard a German frigate. Perhaps it will also be possible to visit a German submarine.

Further details will be given as soon as possible via a special edition of EMPAnews and the EMPA-homepage. Presumptive participants are invited to submit their interest to the Secretary General or to the President.

130 Years of Military Press in Serbia

From "Ratnik" to "Odbrana"

This year, Serbia celebrates 130 years of military press, from the first page of „Ratnik „ (Warrior) established on January 24th, 1879 to today's "Odbrana" (Defence), which has been published from October 1st, 2005.

Between these two the following magazines were published: "Vojska" 1903-1907, "Srpska vojska" 1908-1913, "Ratni dnevnik" 1914-1918, "Vojnički glasnik" 1919-1941, "Bilten Vrhovnog štaba" 1941-1944, "Front" and "Narodna armija" 1945-1992, and "Vojska" 1992-2005, then replaced by "Odbrana".

also existed at that time, as well as in the European centres from Petrograd to Paris, headed by the artillery lieutenant Jovan Dragasević, professor of military history and geography and with knowledge of three major world languages.

Military newspapers in Serbia were published even during the most difficult years of war. Thus, in 1914, "Ratni dnevnik" was established, first in the Serbian cities of Valjevo and Kragujevac, and since 1916 in Thessaloniki, where the Serbian army withdrew with great casualties, through Albania



In addition to these major publications there was a large number of military professional and specialized journals, as well as private-owned publications dedicated to military issues.

The first official military newspaper in Serbia was "Ratnik" whose first issue was published on January 24th, 1879. It was established pursuant to the decision by the Minister of War, the General Staff officer, Lieutenant Colonel Jovan Misković, who wrote in the editorial of the first issue that "the army without its newsletter is like a man without speech."

In the editorial board of "Ratnik" there were young officers, educated at the Military Academy in Serbia, which

and Corfu, and was preparing for the liberation of the country.

In World War II "Bilten Vrhovnog štaba" of Tito's army was published, and after the war "Narodna armija" and "Front" were published until 1992, when they were replaced by "Vojska".

The jubilee of the military press in Serbia will be celebrated with a series of events throughout the year, and the organizer of the celebration is the Printing Centre "Odbrana" which issues the current military magazine "Odbrana", with a circulation of 15,000 copies, twice a month.

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