

## **FUTURE FORCES Exhibition & Conference 2014 - PRAGUE**

The **FUTURE FORCES Exhibition & Conference 2014 (FF14)** is a follow-on event of the **Future Soldier** exhibition project that has been successful for many years. Held for the eleventh time in 2014, it will host the largest-ever meeting of international experts, in particular those on the “21<sup>st</sup> century soldier” projects, protection against weapons of mass destruction, international logistics or use of autonomous systems. Four special workshops, a conference on cyber threats, discussions on the latest trends and current needs, a number of experts and prominent guests from the whole world, all of the above in one place – this will be the **FUTURE FORCES 2014** event.

The **FUTURE FORCES Exhibition & Conference 2014** will greet its guests, experts, exhibitors and visitors between **October 15 and 17, 2014**, at the **PVA EXPO PRAHA** Exhibition Grounds. The event will comprise a special accompanying programme consisting of four workshops, seminars, live demonstrations; the **FUTURE CRISES International Conference**, focusing on cyber security issues, will constitute an autonomous part of the programme. The exhibition-cum-conference will be attended by top-level military and political representatives, experts, scientists, representatives of national armament directorates and international acquisition agencies from more than 80 countries of the world.

The principal topics on the agenda of FF14 are as follows:

- **Future Soldier** – protection, equipment, armament, communication and training of soldiers and special forces. The presentation of needs and requirements of various armies, new equipment and systems of the 21<sup>st</sup> century soldier will take place during the **Open NATO Future Soldier Workshop**, which will be attended by members of expert groups and representatives of industry from the whole world. The content of the workshop is based on the latest research and substantial support of the academic community (Czech Technical University, Technical University Liberec, University of Defence). The workshop's coverage will be fairly broad and include Dismounted Soldier Systems, Lessons Learned, Weapon Systems, Optics and Sensors, Adaptive Camouflage, Soldier Readiness, Protection and R&D/Industry.
- **CBRN** – in cooperation with the Military Research Institute in Brno, NATO JCBRN Defence COE, University of Defence, international specialists (NATO JCBRND-CDG group) and companies dealing in the field, the Future Forces 2014 event offers an **Open NATO CBRN Workshop**. Its main topics include Security Policy Aspects in CBRND, CBRND Capabilities, CBRN Protection – National Concepts, and Research & Development/Industry.
- **Logistics** – one of the events taking place during the Future Forces 2014 Exhibition & Conference will be a unique meeting of the **Multinational Logistics Coordination Centre (MLCC)** and a meeting of top-ranking logisticians from more than 25 countries. Specialists in logistics will discuss conclusions of and lessons learned during the recent largest-ever logistic exercise in NATO's history and future challenges of logistic operations during the **Capable Logistician Workshop**. The **workshop** will focus on international logistic operations and their various aspects – national and international views on future development of logistics and related technologies, Functional Partnership for Fuel Handling, MILENG/LOG Partnership for Water Production and Distribution, Partnership for Deployable Ammunition Storage, Maintenance and Recovery, Smart Energy (SE), Movement and Transportation, Electric Power Production, Material Handling, JLSG (Joint Logistics Support Group), Helicopter