



# PROGRAMME

## TRANS-BORDER CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT: RESPONDING TO MAJOR ACTS OF CBRN TERRORISM IN EUROPE

Monday 18 – Wednesday 20 June 2007

### 855th WILTON PARK CONFERENCE

with support US Defense Threat Reduction Agency

*Aim:* To bring together experts to explore strategies for assembling multi-national responses to acts of CBRN terrorism in Europe, the consequences of which extend footprints across national borders. Experts will be brought together representing governments, emergency responders, civil defence, military, local authorities, the civilian and private sector and academia.

*Questions to be addressed:* How prepared is Europe for a chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear attack against one or more European targets? What are the threats/liabilities of an attack? What would be the likely impacts in terms of casualties, health impact and wider economic consequences? In the event of even a moderate CBRN attack in one European country how will co-operation in response across Europe be orchestrated? How can mutual aid between countries be further developed to support both the response and recovery phases? What are the barriers to effective integration of an emergency response across Europe? What role for the European Commission within its member states, or in relation to EU's neighbours? What role for NATO? What lessons on macro-scale coordination can be derived from the response to recent terrorist incidents, natural disasters and industrial accidents? Does CBRN terrorism pose different challenges to CBRN accidents? Are separate response plans needed for consequence managers?

### MONDAY 18 JUNE

1230 Buffet lunch available

1400 Introduction to the Conference  
**Robin HART**  
Senior Programme Director, Wilton Park

#### **INTRODUCTIONS; ASSESSING THE LEVELS OF PREPAREDNESS IN EUROPE AND UNDERSTANDING THE THREATS**

1415-1530 1 **SCOPING THE THREAT: WHAT SHOULD EUROPE BE PLANNING FOR?**  
*What is the likely threat of an attack using a chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear device in Europe? Who are the likely actors and what is their intent, capability, and likelihood of using such materials? What are possible and likely scenarios? Which of the CBRN weapons are more or less likely to be used by a terrorist group or individual? What are the broader impacts likely to be (economic, infrastructure etc)? How should European countries scope their response – low impact and high probability or high impact but low probability? Does CBRN terrorism pose many different challenges to accidents involving CBRN materials? How can the information about any threat be appropriately disseminated to authorities charged with planning to respond? How can the public best be warned without being alarmed?*  
**Paul CORNISH**  
Head, International Security Programme, Chatham House; Author "Assessing the threat of terrorist use of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear weapons in the United Kingdom", London  
*Assessing the risk of use of CBRN weapons: a view from the International Committee of the Red Cross*  
**Robin COUPLAND**  
Advisor on armed violence and the effects of weapons, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Geneva

- 1530 Photograph and tea
- 1615-1745 2 **HOW READY IS EUROPE FOR A CBRN ATTACK? WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, AND AT WHAT LEVEL, TO IMPROVE PREPAREDNESS?**  
*How well prepared are European countries for a CBRN attack? What scenarios have been planned for? What more needs to be done to ensure cross-border support is available if needed? What more can or should be done at a European level to support a cross-border response through mutual aid etc?*  
**Pia BUCELLA**  
 Director for Communication, Legal Affairs and Civil Protection, Environment Directorate General, European Commission, Brussels  
**Dick STOWE**  
 National Co-ordinator for CBRN Policing, Association of Chief Police Officers (Terrorism and Allied Matters), London  
**Christian SOMMADE**  
 Executive Director, French High Committee for Civil Defence, Paris
- 1800-1900 3 **WHAT HAS EUROPE LEARNT ABOUT ITS ABILITY TO RESPOND ACROSS ITS BORDERS FROM RECENT RESPONSES AND EXERCISES?**  
*What are the strengths and weaknesses in preparedness across Europe's borders? What are the lessons from cross-border co-operation such as in tackling forest fires in southern Europe? What are the gaps in response looking at Europe as a whole? How can these be improved and by whom? What has been learnt through peer reviews about Europe's capabilities?*  
**Guido BERTOLASO**  
 Head, Department of Civil Protection, Rome
- 1900 Reception
- 1930 Dinner

## TUESDAY 19 JUNE

### MEETING THE CHALLENGES IN PROVIDING THE FIRST RESPONSE AND CROSS BORDER SUPPORT

- 0900-0930 4 **OVERVIEW: CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT IN AN ERA OF NEW THREATS**  
**Alane ANDREOZZI**  
 Deputy, Consequence Management, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Washington
- 0930-1045 5 **DIRECTING THE FIRST RESPONSE TO A CBRN ATTACK IN EUROPE: MANAGING COMPETING HUMANITARIAN, HEALTH, SECURITY AND INVESTIGATIVE PRIORITIES**  
*How will national responders manage the competing priorities which they face in the immediate aftermath of a disaster? How will the emergency responders interact with intelligence and CBRN experts? How can an effective response be managed so that a small incident does not become a major catastrophe? What are the 'choke' points in delivering a response? At what stage will they call for external help and what might be needed?*  
**Nick GENT**  
 Centre for Emergency Preparedness and Response, Health Protection Agency, Porton Down, Salisbury
- 1045-1115 Coffee
- 1115-1245 6 **SHARING RESOURCES ACROSS EUROPE: HOW CAN THIS BE IMPROVED?**  
*How can the pooling of financial, technical and logistical resources be best achieved across Europe? How can requirements be matched if national responders have different responsibilities and skills? How is the Community Mechanism for Civil Protection working in practice? How would it work for a CBRN attack?*  
**Barbara KUCNEROWICZ-POLAK**  
 Adviser, Head of Polish Fire Service; Chief of National Civil Protection, Warsaw
- 1245 Lunch

1430-1445	7	<p><b>SETTING THE STAGE: THE EFFECTS OF A TERRORIST USE OF AN IMPROVED NUCLEAR WEAPON ON A EUROPEAN CITY</b>  <b>Emery CHASE</b>  Vice President, Science Applications International Corporation, Washington</p> <p><b>Kyle OLSON</b>  President, The Olson Group, Ltd., Washington</p>
1445-1545	8	<p><b>DIRECTING THE FIRST RESPONSE TO A CBRN ATTACK IN EUROPE: INCORPORATING OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE INTO A NATIONAL RESPONSE</b>  <i>What role can external actors play in a CBRN attack within a European country? What expertise and assistance can they offer? How is this best co-ordinated into a national response? How could they assist in an incident that involved more than one country?</i></p> <p><b>Carsten FAUSBOLL</b>  Head, Civil Emergency Planning, Operations Division, North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, Brussels</p> <p><b>Warren STERN</b>  Head, Incident and Emergency Centre, Department of Nuclear Safety and Security, International Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna</p>
1545-1615		Tea
1615-1730	9	<p><b>DEALING WITH FATALITIES AND VICTIMS: WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES FOR GOVERNMENT, THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND CIVILIAN ORGANISATIONS IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF A CBRN ATTACK?</b>  <i>This session will explore the roles of different sections in providing a humanitarian response to the victims and their families of a CBRN attack. What are the challenges each faces in offering support? How can this be co-ordinated at a time of crisis? What are the needs of the victims and how can these best be met?</i></p> <p><b>Panel discussion:</b>  <b>Moya WOOD-HEATH</b>  Civil Protection/Emergency Planning Advisor, British Red Cross, London</p> <p><b>Pamela DIX</b>  Executive Director, Disaster Action, Woking</p> <p><b>Alan PUXLEY</b>  Crisis Communications Support Director, Kenyon International Emergency Services, Bracknell</p>
1735-1915	10	<b>CROSS-BORDER CONSEQUENCES</b>
1735-1815		<i>Plenary presentations followed by</i>
1815-1915		<i>discussion in smaller groups</i>
		<p><b>Thinking the unthinkable: what if a European capital city became incapacitated by a CBRN attack? How would the EU support one of its member states?</b>  <b>Chair: Mark RHINARD</b>, Senior Researcher, Utrikespolitiska Institutet; Co-Project Leader, Swedish National Defence College, Stockholm</p> <p><b>Medical preparations for a deliberate biological or chemical attack: will ‘Avian Flu’ preparations help? (including lessons learned from the ‘White Powder incidents’)</b>  <b>Chair: Penny BEVAN</b>, Director, Emergency Preparedness, Department of Health, London</p> <p><b>‘Intelligence-led’ counter CBRN operations: who takes responsibility for what?</b>  <b>Chair: Malcolm BAKER</b>, Head of Protective Security and Organisational Learning, SO15 Counter Terrorism Command, Metropolitan Police, London</p> <p><b>Scaling up: How can plans for a relatively modest scenario be scaled up to cope with a much worse situation?</b>  <b>Chair: Keith WESTON</b>, Deputy Director, Resilience Centre, UK Defence Academy, Cranfield University, Shrivenham</p>
1930		Reception
2000		Conference Dinner

## WEDNESDAY 20 JUNE

- 0900-1015      11    **REALTIME CRISES: NEW REALTIME TENSIONS**  
*The new realities of handling information in a major crisis*  
**Nik GOWING**  
Main Presenter, BBC World Television, London
- 1015-1045      **FEEDBACK FROM DISCUSSION GROUPS**
- 1045-1115      Coffee
- 1115-1215      12    **IMPROVING CO-ORDINATION ACROSS EUROPE**  
*What more can be done to improve co-ordination across Europe? How can co-operation between different countries be strengthened? How might the co-operation differ between those countries affected and those able to provide a response? How can co-operation be improved between response and other agencies across European borders?*  
**Jorge BENTO DA SILVA**  
Counsellor for Justice and Home Affairs, Permanent Representation of Portugal to the European Union, Brussels  
**Milan HRON**  
Head, Foreign Co-operation Division, General Directorate of Czech Fire and Rescue, Ministry of Interior, Prague  
**Péter TORDA**  
Counsellor, JHA Department, Hungarian Ministry of Justice and Law Enforcement, Budapest
- 1215-1300      13    **CONCLUDING SESSION: INTEGRATING THE CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT ACROSS EUROPE**  
Chair: **Michael ELMQUIST**  
Senior Adviser, Operations Division, Danish Emergency Management Agency, Copenhagen
- 1300              Lunch
- 1400              Participants depart after lunch