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2003 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2003 annual meeting of the IAPTC will be held during the period 19-24 October 2003 at the Baden-Württemberg Police Academy in Wertheim, Germany.

The 2003 conference theme is “Enhancing the Effectiveness of Peace Operations through Education and Training”. Three sub-themes include “Creating Common Ground”, “Building Partnerships”, and “Evaluating Success”.

The program outline is as follows:

Saturday 18 October and Sunday 19 October - Arrivals

Sunday 19 October - IAPTC Executive Committee Meeting (a.m.) and the 2003 Annual General Meeting (p.m.)

Monday 20 October - Keynote speaker and consideration of first sub-theme

Tuesday 21 October - Consideration of second and third sub-themes and plenary discussion

Wednesday 22 October - Visit to German UN training centre at Hammelburg; briefings on the Centre; IAPTC sub-committee meetings (civilian, military and police)

Thursday 22 October - Reports from IAPTC sub-committees; briefings by UN, EU and Challenges project (and possibly others); concluding session on main theme; preliminary planning for 2004

Friday 24 October Departures

Attendance at the annual meeting of the IAPTC is not restricted and does not require any kind of formal membership in the organization. The only prerequisite is that attendees pay their own way to the conference site and the necessary administrative (accommodation and meal) costs during the meetings. Traditionally the hosting organization seeks to keep these administrative costs to a minimum. The 2003 annual meeting is therefore open to representatives from all peace operations education, training and research institutions – civilian, military and police – as well as to officials from organizations with an interest in the education/training theme, and interested individuals wishing to contribute to the annual discussions.

Peace Operations Education and Training institutions are encouraged to bring up to 70 packages of information on their centre and its program, for exchange with others on the margins of the annual meeting. CD format is also appropriate. A separate room will be established to promote the programs and capabilities of IAPTC member institutions.
Additional information regarding participation and administrative arrangements may be obtained from the conference hosts at IAPTC2003 @AKADPOL.BWL.DE

2002 ANNUAL CONFERENCE (To be completed tomorrow!)

The 2002 annual meeting of the IAPTC was held at the Argentinian Peacekeeping Training Centre, CAECOPAZ, during the period...2002. The broad theme for the meetings was Civil-Military-Police Cooperation (CIMIC) – Training Implications. The meeting was attended by some ...organizations and institutions, as well as .......

MEMBERSHIP

During the meeting of the IAPTC executive committee in March 2003 the group considered the issue of “IAPTC membership”. Currently there is a detailed membership application form and a list of past participants in annual meetings.

Attendance at the eight annual meetings to date (period 1995-2002) has however varied significantly, in the main due to the main theme of each conference. The 2002 conference, for example, focused on Civil-Military Cooperation (CIMIC) training and therefore attracted, in addition to several training centres dealing with this issue, many CIMIC experts from various organizations and military headquarters around the world. In addition to a changing annual attendance, many past participants were individuals representing governments or institutions, with little or no interest in membership but rather the subject of the moment.

The Executive Committee will, as a result of discussions this year, propose to the 2003 annual meeting that the secretariat continue to maintain a data base of attendance over the years, that all peace operations education and training institutions are automatically considered as members of the IAPTC, and that there be no formal IAPTC membership; i.e. no established list of organizations and individuals. Those who participate in the annual meeting will be considered to comprise the current IAPTC membership and will therefore participate in the members’ session at the annual meeting to consider IAPTC management and development issues.

Following (attached with second tier bullet?) is a list of organizations and institutions that have participated in IAPTC meeting to date. (I will finalize this list tomorrow)

SPRING 2003 IAPTC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The IAPTC Executive Committee met at the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, Canada 18-20 March 2003. The main purpose of the session was to prepare for this year’s annual meeting, which will be held during the period 19-24 October 2003
at the Baden-Wurttemberg Police Academy in Wertheim, Germany.

The IAPTC Executive Committee is chaired by the current president (Commandant, CAECOPAZ, Argentina for 2003) and includes the past president, the chairpersons of the military, civilian and police sub-committees, the host of the current year’s annual meeting, a representative of the secretariat and the United Nations Training and Evaluation Service.

The committee agreed and developed the 2003 conference theme – “Enhancing the Effectiveness of Peace Operations through Education and Training”. The more detailed program for the conference week can be found elsewhere on this site however the Executive Committee agreed to pursue three sub-themes during the meetings. The first, “Creating Common Ground”, is intended to look at common objectives and standards in peace operations education and training, and consider the subject of capacity building. The second, “Building Partnerships”, will look at regional partnerships, functional (military, civilian, police) partnerships, the national coordination of peace operations education and training, and multidisciplinary training including exercises. The third sub-theme, “Evaluating Success” is intended to begin a discussion on evaluation – the issue of the relevance and success of education and training during field operations.

During the meeting several other topics were addressed including the issue of “IAPTC membership”. Attendance at the eight annual meetings to date (period 1995-2002) has varied, in the main due to the main theme of each conference. The 2002 conference, for example, focused on Civil-Military Cooperation (CIMIC) training and therefore attracted, in addition to several training centres dealing with this issue, many CIMIC experts from various organizations and military headquarters around the world. The Executive Committee will, as a result of discussions this year, propose to the 2003 annual meeting that the secretariat continue to maintain a data base of attendance over the years, that all peace operations education and training institutions are automatically considered as members of the IAPTC, and that there be no formal IAPTC membership; i.e. no established list of organizations and individuals. Those who participate in the annual meeting will be considered to comprise the current IAPTC membership and will therefore participate in the members’ session at the annual meeting to consider IAPTC management and development issues.

The meeting also discussed the IAPTC’s relations with the UN - how the annual meetings can better support UN education and training objectives, as well as the contribution that the UN can make to the annual meetings.
REPORT ON THE SPRING MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THE KOFI ANNAN INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING TRAINING CENTRE
11-12 MARCH 2004

Introduction

1. The Executive Committee of the International Association (IAPTC) held its Spring meeting 2004 at the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC) during the period 11-12 March 2004. KAIPTC offered to host the meeting in order that committee members could view the Centre’s facilities firsthand, meet with the staff who will be supporting the IAPTC’s 2004 Annual Conference at KAIPTC in October 2004, and thus facilitate planning for the Annual Conference.

2. Participation in the event included:

- Presidency
  - Col Gunther Friesleben, Police Academy Baden Wurttemberg, Germany
  - Chief Inspector Peter Heepen
  - Chief Inspector Michael Kraft
- Host (and incoming Presidency):
  - BGen Charles Mankatah, KAIPTC
  - Col John Kane
  - Colnd Phil Harris
- Past Presidency – LCol Carlos Socin – Argentinian Peacekeeping Centre
- Chair Civilian Committee – Dr Winrich Kuhne – Centre for International Peace Operations (ZIP) Germany
- Chair Police Committee – Commissioner Lars Egerstad
- UN Representative – Capt(N) Carolyn Brand, UN DPKO, New York
- Host 2005 Conference – Lt Col Raja Bhattachargee, Centre for UN Peacekeeping, India
- Secretariat – Mr David Lightburn – Pearson Peacekeeping Centre, Canada
- Past President and Special Advisor – Mr Cedric de Coning, ACCORD, South Africa

Not able to participate

- Chair Military Committee - Lt Col Ibrahim bin Nasron, Malaysian Peacekeeping Training Centre
- Past President and Special Advisor – Dr Albrecht Schnabel

Overall Program Structure
3. The structure of the past year’s highly successful meeting in Wertheim, Germany was generally agreed as a good format. Essentially the conference program now includes some 4 and 1/3 days: 2 & 1/3 day seminar, 1 day for functional committee meetings; 1/3 day for information exchange and updates; and 1/3 day for annual general Meeting and Closing activities.

Annual Seminar

4. The principle task for the meeting was to agree a theme for the annual seminar and to develop a program. The following seminar principles were tabled as a basis and guide to assist with this work:

- An education and training focus,
- Education and training in the broadest understanding of peace operations (the Brahimi panel model),
- Of general interest to all professional disciplines,
- Informal and structured, and promote an exchange of views; not a forum for official government positions or policies (IAPTC commits institutions only – not governments),
- Build on previous seminar/work, to the extent practicable,
- Take into account UN requirements and the UN’s current education and training focus,
- To extent possible, take into account requirements of other international and regional organizations,
- Particular relevance for host institution and country (i.e. for 2004 ‘capacity building’ is an issue/sub-theme)
- Promote awareness by military of civilian and police dimensions, requirements and capabilities in peace operations, and
- Promote understanding by civilian and police of military roles and capabilities in peace operations.

5. The theme was agreed to be “Training for Peace Operations: Are we meeting the need?” Essentially the seminar will have 4 parts: first, an update on education and training, and other relevant, activities to assist in establishing the context for the seminar; second, identifying training successes and shortfalls based on the experiences of former senior peace operations officials; third, reflecting on current training and education practices with a view to identifying the gaps between need and practice; and fourth, discussions in both multifunctional and functional groups to address the gaps.

Meeting of Functional Committees

6. It was reaffirmed that, in keeping with normal practice, the functional committees would aim to accomplish two things during their day-long sessions – the first, an exchange of information on key activities at their centres and other items of particular
interest to the group at large and, second, to look at the issue of "gaps between needs and practice" from a purely functional perspective.

**Annual General Meeting 2004**

7. The only issue tabled for consideration at the Annual General Meeting was the recurring matter of funding for Centres wishing but unable to participate. IAPTC participants currently cover all costs associated with their own participation however it is acknowledged that others may wish to participate but are financially unable to do so. In the past a few members have been able to assist others through sponsoring a limited participation. This issue will be considered further by the Executive Committee prior to the 2004 Annual General Meeting.

**Annual Conference 2005**

8. The Centre for UN peacekeeping training in New Delhi, India, has offered to host the 11th annual IAPTC conference during the period 24-28 October 2005. The broad theme was agreed as "Training for Peace: Cooperation and Coordination".
THE 10TH ANNUAL IAPTC CONFERENCE

The 10th annual conference of the International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres (IAPTC) will take place at the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC) in Accra, Ghana from Sunday 24 October to Friday 29 October.

As in past years attendance at the IAPTC conference is not restricted and does not require any kind of formal membership. The 2004 annual meeting is open to representatives from all peace related training, education, and research institutions – civilian, military and police – as well as to officials from organizations with an education and training theme, and interested individuals wishing to contribute to the annual discussions.

Previous annual conferences have taken place in Argentina, Canada, Germany, Italy, Japan, Malta, Norway and South Africa.

The working language for the conference will be English.

The main theme of this year’s conference is “Training for Peace Operations: are we meeting the need?” During the conference experienced peace operations practitioners who have served in senior military, police and civilian appointments in complex peace operations will offer their experiences, views and analysis of how they believe that existing training assisted or failed to prepare individuals, groups and organizations for modern peace operations.

Given the African venue, it is also intended to explore the challenges, difficulties and best practices in capacity building. In addition, the conference will examine capacity building from the particular perspectives of the military, civilian and police communities.

Current and emerging developments in peace operations education and training will be presented by, amongst others, the UN, UNITAR, OSCE, EU, AU, ECOWAS, the
Swedish-led Challenges project and the UN’s High-level panel on Threats, Challenges and Change. As in previous years, the conference will provide time for specialized discussions within specific functional groups of centres and interested individuals – police, military and civilian.

The cost of attending the core days of the conference (25-28 October) will be US $399, which will cover travel within Ghana, 4 days accommodation and food, and non-sponsored social events. There will be additional optional activities before and after the Conference and additional detail can be obtained from the conference organizers. Please contact iaptec2004@kaiptc.org or by mail to:

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IAPTC Coordinator
KAIPTC
PMB CT 210
Accra, Ghana
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Package A – 6 nights Sat – Fri  Ghana Experience
INVITATION
TO THE 10TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
PEACEKEEPING TRAINING CENTRES
25-28 October 2004
in Accra, Ghana

Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres (IAPTC) and the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC) have the honour to invite you to the 10th Annual Conference. The conference will take place in Accra, Ghana from Monday 25 October to Thursday 28 October (although those that are able to come a day earlier and leave a day after can enjoy additional Ghanaian cultural activities arranged by the organisers).

The IAPTC was established in 1995, as a voluntary association of individuals, education centres, institutions and other establishments involved in peace related activities through training, education or research. Attendance at the IAPTC conference is not restricted and does not require any kind of formal membership. The 2004 annual meeting is therefore open to representatives from all peace related training, education, and research institutions – civilian, military and police – as well as to officials from organizations with an education and training theme, and interested individuals wishing to contribute to the annual discussions.

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The international community will then explain current education and training trends, practices and programmes (with contributions from training centres, donors, international organizations and regional organizations).

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Delegates will be accommodated at the Labadi Beach and La Palm hotels.

The cost of attending the conference will be $399, which will cover travel within Ghana, accommodation, food and non-sponsored social events, and use of the internet at the Centre. The optional activities before and after the Conference (see attached outline programme and registration form) will cost an additional $100 for each day.
If you wish to attend please fill in the registration form and return it by e-Mail to:
iaptc2004@kaiptc.org

or by mail to:
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IAPTC Coordinator
KAIPTC
PMB CT 210
Accra
Ghana

or by Fax to:
++ 233 21 718201

Registration forms should reach KAIPTC no later than Friday 17 September 2004.

I very much look forward to welcoming you as a participant at IAPTC Conference and I wish you a pleasant journey.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us by e-mail, mail, fax or by telephone.
(++) 233 21 718200 Ext 1100)

Best regards,

CH MANKATAH
Brigadier General
Commandant
KAIPTC
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PEACEKEEPING TRAINING CENTRES

2004 IAPTC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

25-28 OCTOBER 2004

ACCRA, GHANA

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION

1. The Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Centre (KAIPTC) is located on the main Accra to Tema coastal road. The Centre is bounded to the west by Ghana Armed Forces Command and Staff College (GAFCSC); to the east by Teshie, a suburb of Accra; and to the south by the Accra to Tema coastal road. (See map below)

VISAS

2. An entry visa is required for nationals from all countries other than those in ECOWAS. In extremis, and with prior notice, a visa can be arranged on arrival but this may involve a fine and confiscation of your passport for the duration of the visit. Also, many airlines do not allow passengers to board flights without a valid visa for their destination.
ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

3. Every effort will be made to meet you on arrival at Kotoka International Airport. Any changes to your flight details/arrival times submitted in your Registration form should be notified to the Coordinator in good time. If for some reason flights are delayed and no IAPTC representative is present immediately on clearing immigration, then once you have cleared customs you should report to the IAPTC desk situated near the arrivals terminal exit where transport to your hotel will be arranged.

TIME

4. Time in Ghana is Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)

LANGUAGE

5. The language for the Conference will be English, the official language of Ghana.

ACCOMMODATION

6. Participants will be accommodated in Accra’s two 5 Star hotels, The Labadi Beach Hotel and the La Palm Royal Hotel, situated next door to each other less than 6 kms away from the KAIPTC. (See map above)

MEALS

7. Breakfast is included in the hotel arrangements. During the Conference, lunch will be provided at the GAFCSC mess or at a local restaurant or hotel. Coffee and tea will be provided at the Centre. In the evening the three social events will include food.

TRAVEL

8. KAIPTC will provide transport to and from the airport, hotels, the Centre, organised social events and outings. For private journeys, inexpensive, if somewhat rudimentary, taxis are available throughout Accra. If the roadworthiness of the vehicle appears suspect the wise thing to do is hail the next cab; there are lots of them.

GHANA AT A GLANCE

9. Flag:

Area: 238,537 sq km
Population: 17.7 million
Capital: Accra
Head of State: H E John Agyekum Kufuor
Natural Resources: Gold, Diamonds, Manganese, Bauxite, Cocoa, Timber, Fish
Religion: Christian 63%, Muslim 16%, Indigenous Beliefs 21%
Languages: English (official), Akan-Twi, Akan-Fanti, Ewe, Ga, Dagbani
Telephone Codes: Ghana ++233  Accra 21
WEATHER

10. October is in Ghana’s second wet season (Sep-Nov). However, unlike the earlier wet season (Mar-Jul) where the majority of rain falls in the South, in October the South West monsoons are strongest in the North. Participants can expect dry, hot, sunny weather with the occasional showers (usually at night). Fair weather clothing is therefore appropriate but ladies may wish to bring a cardigan or a shawl as the air-conditioning at the Centre and in the hotels can sometimes be a little too effective. Temperatures can reach as high as 30°C in Accra during October and sun protection in the form of a hat and sunscreen lotion is recommended.

CURRENCY

11. The local currency is the Cedi, which can be obtained from your hotel or from a number of local foreign exchange outlets.

The exchange rates at going to press (late June) were:

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PAYING FOR THINGS

12. Although cheques and credit cards are used, Ghana is essentially a cash economy and traders expect to be paid in Cedi or US dollars. Some ATM machines exist but they are hard to find even in the better hotels.

COMMUNICATION

13. Both hotels have a business centre, and local and international telephone calls can be made from your room. At the KAIPTC, participants have free access to the Internet. There are also public telephones available for private calls, for which phone cards can be purchased at the Centre.

COSTS

14. The cost of attending the conference will be $399, which will cover travel within Ghana, accommodation, food and non-sponsored social events, and the use of the internet at the Centre. The optional activities before and after the Conference (see attached outline programme and registration form) will cost an additional $100 for each day. The organisers would be grateful if participants could pay in US dollars.

MEDICAL

15. Medical Facilities. The local Kpeshie Medical Centre, which has a resident doctor and operates 24-hours per day, provides KAIPTC with first aid and routine medical care. More serious medical cases will be referred by the Kpeshie Medical Centre to 37 Military Hospital for which medical costs will have to be borne by the patient.

16. Water. It is recommended that bottled water be used for drinking and cleaning teeth. Also, ice in drinks should be avoided in all but the best hotels and restaurants.
17. **Malaria.** Ghana is in a malarial region. It is recommended that malaria prophylactics are used.

18. **Insect Bites.** It is recommended that insect/mosquito repellant should be used when outdoors at night. After-bite salve is also worth packing.

**ELECTRICITY**

19. The electricity supply in Ghana is 220 volts, 50 Hz for which the plugs are usually the British 3-pin type, although a few are 2-pin as illustrated.

**DRESS**

21. Dress for the Conference is smart casual, but participants should bring a suit or national dress for the Conference photograph on the opening day and for the more formal social events.

**EXERCISE**

22. Both hotels have a gymnasium so participants may wish to bring sports clothing. There are few sidewalks in Ghana and where they exist the surface is often uneven, joggers need to take care.

**SECURITY**

23. Ghana is a benign environment where the residents feel secure. However, as with all large cities, there have been instances of petty crime therefore sensible precautions should be taken.
# Registration Form

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**2004 Conference**  
**25-28 October 2004**

**Final Date for Submission - 17 September 2004**

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**Optional Outings:**

- **Saturday 23 October**  
  - Akosombo  
  - Volta Lake Boat Trip  
  - US$ 100  
  - Return Coach trip to Akosomo.  
  - View Akosombo hydroelectric dam.  
  - Boat trip on Lake Volta including a visit to a remote island. BBQ lunch onboard.  
  - Ghanaian “highlife” live band.  
  - PLEASE TICK APPROPRIATE BOX  
  - YES | NO

- **Friday 29 October**  
  - St George’s Castle  
  - Kakum National Park  
  - Hans Boatel  
  - US$ 100  
  - Return Coach trip to Cape Coast.  
  - Elmina Slave Castle. UNESCO world heritage site. Excellent museum and guided tour.  
  - Tree-top canopy walkway above the rainforest. Unique in Africa.  
  - Lunch at a restaurant built over a crocodile infested pond  
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THE 10TH ANNUAL IAPTC CONFERENCE

The 10th annual conference of the International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres (IAPTC) will take place at the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC) in Accra, Ghana from Sunday 24 October to Friday 29 October.

As in past years attendance at the IAPTC conference is not restricted and does not require any kind of formal membership. The 2004 annual meeting is open to representatives from all peace related training, education, and research institutions – civilian, military and police – as well as to officials from organizations with an education and training theme, and interested individuals wishing to contribute to the annual discussions.

Previous annual conferences have taken place in Argentina, Canada, Germany, Italy, Japan, Malta, Norway and South Africa.

The working language for the conference will be English.

The main theme of this year’s conference is “Training for Peace Operations; are we meeting the need?” During the conference experienced peace operations practitioners who have served in senior military, police and civilian appointments in complex peace operations will offer their experiences, views and analysis of how they believe that existing training assisted or failed to prepare individuals, groups and organizations for modern peace operations.

Given the African venue, it is also intended to explore the challenges, difficulties and best practices in capacity building. In addition, the conference will examine capacity building from the particular perspectives of the military, civilian and police communities.

Current and emerging developments in peace operations education and training will be presented by, amongst others, the UN, UNITAR, OSCE, EU, AU, ECOWAS, the Swedish-led Challenges project and the UN’s High-level panel on Threats, Challenges
and Change. As in previous years, the conference will provide time for specialized
discussions within specific functional groups of centres and interested individuals –
police, military and civilian. Participating institutions are also encouraged to bring some
70 to 100 copies of promotional material and annual programs for distribution to other
participants.

The cost of attending the core days of the conference (25-28 October) will be US $399,
which will cover travel within Ghana, 4 days accommodation and food, and non-
sponsored social events. There will be additional optional activities before and after the
Conference and additional detail is available under the “IAPTC 2004 General
Information”, “IAPTC 2004 Programme” and “IAPTC 2004 Invitation” parts of this site,
or can be obtained from the conference organizers. Please contact iaptc2004@kaiptc.org
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