

Future Soldier Programme Leaders, industry and military experts from 13 nations to meet at SETAF 2015 in Oslo

SMi's Soldier Equipment and Technology Advancement Forum 2015 will be taking place on the 15th and 16th of April 2015 in Oslo, Norway

OSLO, ENGLAND, NORWAY, March 13, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- With over 20 years of experience organising high level defence meetings, SMi is delighted to present <u>SETAF 2015</u>, providing the perfect location and audience to discuss the latest achievements in redefining soldier equipment strategies for complex operational environments.

Soldier Equipment and Technology Advancement Forum (SETAF), taking place in Oslo, Norway, on the 15th-16th of April 2015, brings a new and innovative way to interact with industry and military experts through a meeting dedicated to focused discussion groups.

Official website: <u>www.setaf.org/EIN</u>

Never before 21 leading experts committed their time to an alternative <u>event</u> where the very proposition itself is no PowerPoint presentations. Instead SETAF offers focused discussions from technical experts all designed to help you return to your <u>programme</u> better equipped to advance your dismounted infantryman's future capability.

Confirmed attending organisations include: Oakley Defense, FMV Sweden, Pramacom, Teleplan Globe, SAVOX Communications, NFM Group, Prox Dynamics, Bren-Tronics, IRIDIUM and many more. SETAF 2015 is proud to be sponsored by Denchi Power and Photonis Technologies.

Colonel Richard Hansen, Former Programme Manager, Soldier Warrior, PEO Soldier, US Army had to say about SETAF 2015...

"I am excited about the prospect of SETAF as we intend to offer and generate a more informal set



of focused discussions, in lieu of the typical PowerPoint presentations. The event offers a fresh and unique way to bring together our international soldier community to share similar progress and successes as well as challenges and obstacles from which we can all learn and benefit."

Group Leaders and Speakers 2015 include: Brigadier Asle Johan Kjeldsberg, Former Quartermaster General/ Head of Defence Procurement, Norwegian Defence Staff; Rune Lausand, Chief Scientist, FFI, NORMANS, NORWAY; Lieutenant Colonel Peter Cowell (ARMY), Soldier Training and Special Programmes (STSP), DE&S, UK MoD; Lieutenant Colonel Pawel Sweklej, Project Manager, Soldier System TYTAN, General Command of the Polish Armed Forces; Lieutenant Colonel Tiberius Tomoiaga, Military Equipment and Technological Research Agency -METRA, Romania; Major Rune Nesland-Steinor, Project Manager Weapons, Optics and Electronic Warfare Land Systems Division, Norwegian Defence Logistic Organisation; Maj Enric Bouffard, Lead Requirements Officer, Soldier Clothing, Protection And Equipment, Canadian Army; Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Christopher Woodburn, Infantry Weapons and Optics, Maneuver Branch, Fires and Maneuver Integration Division, United States Marine Corps; Major General Anukul Chandra (Retd), Former Additional Director General Equipment Management, Indian Army HQ; Ross Jones, Programme Leader, Dismounted Soldier Systems Programme & Delivery Directorate, DSTL; Darren Browning, NATO LCG DSS / Power Group Chairman, DSTL, UK; Derek Riezebos, Project Director-VOSS-E-Lighter Programme-Netherlands MoD; Steven Savage, Research Director, Division of Sensors & EW Systems, FOI, Swedish Defence Research Agency; Ed Andrukaitis, Project Manager, Advanced Electrical Power Sources, Defence R&D Canada, Department of National Defence; Dr. Adelbert Bronkhorst, Principal Scientist, TNO Netherlands; Col Richard Hansen (Retd), Former Programme Manager, Soldier Warrior, PEO Soldier, US Army (chairman of the SETAF Steering committee); Gert Nutzel, Chief Scientist, Photonis Technologies; John Foley, Technical Director, FIST, THALES UK; Mr Olaf Aul, Chief Technical Leader, IdZ -ES, Rheinmetall Defence Electronics, Germany; Patrick Curlier, Vice President, Optronics and Defence Division (FELIN), Sagem Defense and Securite, France.

Event programme also includes the pre-conference Winter Warfare Soldier Equipment Briefings Day and post-conference SETAF Programme Acquisition and Integrated Masterclass

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