

Hear from Defence Analyst, House of Commons at Unmanned Aerial Systems 2015

SMi's 15th Annual Conference on Unmanned Aerial Systems will be taking place on 19th - 20th November 2015 in London, UK.

LONDON, ENGLAND, UNITED KINGDOM, July 14, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- David Cameron announced this week that he will pledge 2% of the national income for the next 5 years towards Britain's defense sector. Most notably, he expressed that with this new strategy there should be more investment into unmanned aerial systems such as drones in the interest of national security (Sky News, 2015).

Building on this, SMi is pleased to be hosting its 15th Annual Unmanned Aerial Systems <u>Conference</u> taking place on 19th - 20th November 2015 in London. Hear from leading experts in the field including Air Force Leaders from Denmark, EDA, NATO, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and the United States.



Speaking at this year's conference will be Louisa Brooke-Holland, Defence Analyst from the House of Commons. Her timely presentation will focus on the current and future uses of UAV's by the British Armed Forces. She will also analyse the trends and discuss the current issues in the field.

This two-day <u>event</u> will aim to explore the most highly relevant and niche developments within the field of UAS's and UAV's in relation to the military. The conference also provides a platform for the industry to discuss the legislative, physical and technological challenges in implementing UAV's and will assess the advancements in the commercial sector and how they can be applied to optimise Military operations.

Key Benefits of Attending:

- Examine the integration of UAVs into protected national and international air space
- Discuss the influence of commercial tech developments and give a critical analysis of the ramifications of these on the military
- Evaluate the importance of scale and the impact of small and nano-sized UAVs on training and operations
- Debate the use of autonomous UAVs in ISR, combat support and law enforcement
- Explore the measures being taken to counter UAS strikes

Expert Speaker Line-Up Includes:

• Squadron Leader (ret'd) Keven Gambold, CEO, Unmanned Experts

• Colonel Robert Kiebler, Commander, 49th Wing, Holloman AFB, United States Air Force

- Colonel Enrique Martinez, Chief of the Acquisition Programs Section, Spanish Air Force
- Colonel Birger Mejlholm, Commander, Danish Army Intelligence Centre, Danish Army
- Captain Nicklas Fredriksson, Squadron Commander 2iC, TUAV, Swedish Armed Forces
- Intendant Carlos Henrique Madureira Ribeiro, Head of Operations, Portuguese Police Force

• Jean-Youri Marty, Deputy Director, Capability, Armament & Technology Directorate, European Defence Agency

• Tom Buckner, RPAS & Airworthiness Staff Officer, NATO HQ

• Dr Stephen Prior, Reader in Unmanned Air Vehicles, Aeronautics, Astronautics & Computational Engineering, University Of Southampton

• George Gonsalves, Unmanned Aircraft Systems and Aviation Analyst, HQ TRADOC, United States Army *subject to final confirmation

• Lieutenant Colonel Matthew Dooley, Chief Unmanned Ground Systems/Lethality Branch, HQ TRADOC, United States Army

- Denis Koehl, Senior Advisor to the Executive Director, SESAR Joint Undertaking
- Louisa Brooke-Holland, Defence Analyst, House of Commons
- Andre Clot, Centre Director, Eurousc
- Alain Lumbroso, Economist, International Transport Forum, OECD

In addition to the conference, the event will feature an interactive half-day pre-conference workshop entitled Counter-UAS: The Next Arms Race? Hosted by Squadron Leader (Ret'd) Keven Gambold, CEO, Unmanned Experts.

For those who want to register for this event there is currently an early bird saving of £300 until July 17th.

For more information on the event, please visit <u>www.uasconference.com</u> or contact Frederick Agboletey on +44 020 7827 1070 | fagboletey@smi-online.co.uk

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