

Registration opens for SMi's 9th Annual Social Media in the Defence and Military Sector Conference

SMi reports: Registration is now open for the Social Media in the Defence and Military Sector conference, taking place in London this November

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM, June 3, 2019 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Social Media has become a crucial tool for the Armed Forces in the 21st century and can be used as a platform to reach out to a global audience for information and recruitment purposes, and as a strategic communication tool for opinion forming and psychological operations.

With this in mind, SMi Group are pleased to announce the <u>9th annual</u> Social Media in the Defence and Military Sector conference, taking place on the 20th-21st November 2019 in London. The two-day meeting will provide the ideal platform to discuss social media strategies, platforms and tools used in the armed forces' day-today activities from branding and recruitment to frontline operations, intelligence, and cyber warfare.

New highlights for the 2019 event include:

• Irisis Communications and Live Operations

- •Briefing from the International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- •DS Special Operations Forces approach with a focus on psycho-social and cultural landscapes

•IIwo Interactive workshops on: 'Audience Engagement through Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR)' & 'Digital Transformation in Government Communications'

The newly released brochure with the full agenda and speaker line-up is available to download online at <u>www.militarysocialmedia.com/ein</u>

Delegates will have the opportunity to engage with a dynamic audience of military officers, government officials, industry experts and social media platform specialists on crucial topics such as recruitment, cyber-security, audience engagement, crisis response tactics, combating



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fake news and more.

Featured 2019 speakers

CHAIRMEN:

Day 1: Major Laurence Roche, Press Officer, British Army

Major Laurence Roche is a British Army press officer serving at NATO's Allied Rapid Reaction Corps

Day 2: Pat O'Connor, Managing Director, VRAI

Pat O'Connor, Managing Director, has 20 years' in leadership and strategy in the Irish Defence Forces in high threat environments and a track record in innovative communication technology. Pat holds Masters from both UCD Smurfit Business School and Dublin City University. Pat has an award winning track record in innovative communication campaigns including a Siler Lion from the Cannes Festival for gender focused recruitment campaigns.

EXPERT MILITARY AND INDUSTRY SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

1.Iolonel Paul Haverstick, Acting Director, Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), Defense Media Activity, US DoD

2. Iommander Ward De Grieve, Strategic Communications Advisor, Belgian Navy 3. Iaptain (Navy) Erik Lagersten, Former Director Communication and Public Affairs, Headquarters, Swedish Armed Forces

4. Dieutenant Colonel Arnel P. David, U.S. Special Assistant to the Chief of the General Staff (British Army), Strategic Analysis Branch, US Army

5.Iommissioner Dirk Von Holleben, Press and Information Staff - Bundeswehr Social Media, German MoD

6.Dr Aleksandra Nesic, Professor - Countering Violent Extremism, Joint Special Operations University, USSOCOM, US Army

7.Matthew Clarke, Head of Digital Strategy, Directorate of Defence Communications, UK MoD 8.Eucy Ellis, Senior Communications Advisor, Chief of the Defence Staff's Office, Canadian MoD

9. Iolin Anstie, Director Defence Social Media Hub, Australian DoD*

10.Alex Schillemore, Head of Digital, Royal Navy

11. Bredrik Johnsen, Senior Communications, Norwegian National Security Authority

12.Damberto Martinello, Digital Communications Manager, Leonardo

13.Dr Luca Lamorte, Social Media Officer, Media and Communications Division, International Organization for Migration

14.Ric Cole, Director (Military), i3 Gen

15. Iisman Murati, Director, Pangaea Wire

*Subject to final confirmation

There is a £300 early bird discount on bookings expiring on the 28th June. Places can be reserved at <u>www.militarysocialmedia.com/ein</u>

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