IDLSoc NEWS

IDLSoc Email Changes

As you may be aware, all IDLSoc email addresses have now changed to the @idlsocweb.org suffix.

The list of relevant emails is now as follows:

Chairman - chair@idlsocweb.org
Vice Chair - vicechair@idlsocweb.org
General Secretary - general_secretary@idlsocweb.org
Treasurer - treasurer@idlsocweb.org
Head of Secretariat - headofsecretariat@idlsocweb.org
Technical Committee Chair - techchair@idlsocweb.org

General Enquiries - secretariat@idlsocweb.org
Events - events@idlsocweb.org
Editor - editor@idlsocweb.org

Please ensure you use the new addresses in all correspondence and we suggest any saved contacts/mailing lists are updated with the new addresses.

23rd NATO Tactical Data Links Symposium

The 23rd NATO Tactical Data Link Symposium (NTDLS) will take place on 23 - 26 March in Calpe, Spain. As previously, IDLSoc will have a presence at the event, with a planned General Committee meeting there, plus a discussion/meeting about IDLS2020.

Attendees include specialists, as well as novices, and the event is considered a valuable information multiplier for the TDL community.

Interested parties that would like to provide a presentation or lead a workshop should email the organisers using d1ss@hq.nato.int.

IDLSoc Quick Guides

The IDLSoc Quick Guides are a series of easily understood guides covering TDL key topics.

They cover subjects such as CESMO, JTIDS/MIDS, JREAP and UAVs and are available from the [IDLSoc Website](#).
IDLSoc 101 Class, Masterclasses and Training Day

We are pleased to announce the details of the IDLSoc Training day, the Masterclass and the new 101 class. These take place from the 22nd to the 26th of October 2020 in Herning, Denmark.

**101 Course**
22, 23, 26 October 2020

The new 3-day 101 Course will be aimed at individuals who are new to the Data Links world and are looking for an introduction to the field of TDLs.

**Introduction to Link 16**

This instructor led course is a delivery of basic level link 16 knowledge. It is designed with the operator in mind and relates to the technical capabilities and procedural actions an operator must consider when using Link 16.

**Training Day**
26 October 2020

Training Day will offer its usual high level of courses aimed at a wide range of attendees, from novices to experts.

**Tactical Data Links Testing**

This one day course will present an outline of testing activities that should be considered when undertaking TDL integration and enhancement testing.

**Masterclass**
22, 23, 26 October 2020

The 3-day Masterclasses offer individuals, who have some Data Links knowledge, the chance to have in depth training on a particular topic.

**MIDS-JTRS & MIDS LVT BU2 Introduction Training**

This course will cover the introduction and intermediate level training that focuses on the fundamental principles of the MIDS-JRTRS terminal and the MIDS LVT BU2.

**Link 22 - How to Undertake Efficient & Effective Planning**

This one day practical course invites the attendee to understand how to correctly capture, assess and calculate both individual and overall network information exchange requirements.

**Link 16 Network management**

This overview course will highlight the interoperable functions as related to overall Link 16 network management, from Information Exchange Requirement (IER) determination to managing data shared across link.

**Data Links as Key Factor for “Optimising Joint ISR & EW Operations” Interoperability & Effectiveness into an Evolving Geostrategic Envirement**

The purpose of this Masterclass is to introduce the attendees into an innovative “Concept of Operation on Armed Forces Assets DL requirements”, analysing an “Integrated Network - Centric C” Battle Management System under a Joint Organisational Structure”, in order to familiarise them with the new challenges and trends on Joint Networked ISR/EW Operations.

Further information can be found on the IDLS2020 website.

Booking for this training is, as yet, unavailable but we will keep you informed as soon as the booking systems is live.
IDLS2020 - Call for Presentations

The deadline for presentation abstracts for IDLS2020 is **9 March 2020**. If you wish to submit a presentation for consideration, please contact the IDLSoc Secretariat as soon as possible at events@idlsocweb.org.

An abstract of 300 to 1,000 words containing details of the subject you wish to address and the point(s) you wish to make must be submitted to IDLSoc Secretariat by the above date. A short list of candidates will be selected based on the content of the abstracts.

Potential presenters will then be asked to submit a draft presentation by 15 May 2020. The Technical Committee will be using these papers to select the conference presentations.

Everyone will be informed of the results of the selection process by 15 June 2019.

Full details of the process can be found on the IDLS2020 website.

Event Planning Day

We are having an event planning day on Monday 20th April 2020, which will include a site inspection of the MCH Kongrescenter. The exhibition floor plan will be finalised at this meeting.

Hotel rooms are available at the DGI Herning at a cost of 1,000DKK and can only be booked at that price by emailing events@idlsocweb.org by the **28 March 2020**.

Parking in Herning can be expensive, but there is a shuttle bus that will transfer you from Billund Airport to Herning. It is suggested that flights are booked to arrive at Billund as it is the airport nearest to Herning.

As with previous years it is free to attend this event, but you need to register by emailing events@idlsocweb.org

Sponsorship Spotlight

Sponsoring the Event Bag is a great way to get your name and logo in front of delegates during the Symposium.

The package includes two complimentary Symposium Delegate tickets, your Company sign displayed during the reception and your Corporate logo featuring in the Symposium handbook, on the event website and one flyer or promotional item to be included in the Delegate Welcome Pack.

The full list of benefits can be found on page 5 of the brochure along with the cost and the deadline for securing this opportunity.

The events team are happy to discuss the opportunities that may not be listed in the promotional opportunities document. Please contact the IDLSoc Secretariat via events@idlsocweb.org for more information.

Educational Content

Having listened to feedback from some members, the committee is looking to expand the educational sessions to cover topics that may fall outside of the usual TDL remit, such as Design Thinking, Assertiveness Training, etc...

If you would like to offer an alternative educational session then please get in contact with us.

The format of the Educational Stream will depend on the number of presenters who offer content for this stream.

The committee is still looking to offer the more traditional TDL topics in the Educational Stream. Previous Symposia have included TDL topics such as:

- Beginners Guide to Tactical Data Links
- Intro to Link 16
- Intro to JREAP
- Multi Link Gateways
- Advanced Link 16.

If you are interested in running an Educational Session, not restricted to the above suggestions or that may fall outside of the usual TDL remit, please submit a 200-350 word Abstract by 20 March 2020 to events@idlsocweb.org.
At the end of January, myself and colleague Lynn did a two-day site visit to Herning to begin the more detailed planning for IDLS2020.

We flew from Heathrow to Billund, which is the nearest airport in Denmark with a large variety of international flights including multiple daily flights from Frankfurt, Schiphol and Heathrow.

Those choosing to fly into Copenhagen will be looking at a 3hr drive or a similar time by train.

Although car parking is free in Herning, car hire in Denmark is not cheap and MHC Herning recommended that we contact Chris at GoShuttle, who offers daily transfers to and from Billund Airport. The car was waiting on arrival and we had a pleasant drive to Herning, with Chris sharing his top tips on Herning. We are in discussions with Chris about the possibility of setting up a booking system for delegates to book airport transfers for the event. Depending on the number of people booking, you may be collected by car, minibus or bus. More details and pricing will follow …

During our site visit, we stayed in the DGI hotel, which is the main event hotel and located adjacent to the venue. If you enjoy sport and exercise you will love the hotel! To get to your hotel room you have to walk past the gym equipment on one side, whilst on the other side you can view the exercise classrooms and the swimming pools.

The rooms at DGI are clean, smart and straightforward with a typical Scandinavian look and feel. Irons and Ironing boards are located in a cupboard on each floor. Every room has a safe and a kettle but no fridge.

Breakfast is typical Danish buffet style with a wide selection of food. Alarmingly, in both the hotel rooms and at breakfast they only served herbal tea. Luckily, I was travelling with a good supply of tea bags. For all the Brits reading this, the hotel and venue will have a good English Breakfast tea by the time IDLS2020 begins.

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Corporate NEWS

Ultra selected for continued Link 16 Alaska (LAK) program support.

Ultra was recently awarded a $30.750M ceiling Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract to continue supporting the secure, digital, jam-resistant advanced Link 16 network over the austere Alaskan air space. Spanning nearly 15 years, Ultra has supported the United States Air Force Lifecycle Management Center (AFLCMC) and the Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) Region’s (ANR) mission of full spectrum air sovereignty, air defense, and homeland security by installing, enhancing and maintaining critical communication suites at both the central and remote sites across the Alaska Area of Responsibility (AOR). Ultra’s proven tactical data link experience coupled with our industry leading remote cryptographic management systems will ensure LAK’s continued high state of readiness and will provide seamless command and control to assigned forces during Joint and Combined operations.

A key-enabler in the LAK program, Ultra is the manufacturer of the Remote Cryptographic Management System (RCMS) and Combined Device Management System (CDMS) allowing remote rekeying, environmental monitoring and control of cryptographic systems across vast distances to remote unmanned locations.

Corporate Membership

We are like to thank NCS and SAIC for renewing their Corporate Membership.

For more information about becoming a Corporate Member of IDLSoc please click here.
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