Intelligence in the Mediterranean and the Balkans

2013 Annual Conference
International Intelligence History Association (IIHA)
and the Research Institute for European and American Studies (RIEAS)

21-23 June, 2013 The Titania Hotel, Athens, Greece

Friday, 21 June 2013

12:30-13:30 Registration

13:30-14:00 Welcome and Greetings Shlomo Shpiro, Chairman of the IIHA John M. Nomikos, Director of RIEAS

14:00-16:00 Panel I - Early History to World War I

Chair: Ioannis Anastasakis, Hellenic Airforce (ret.)

- Rose Mary Sheldon, Virginia Military Institute, USA Ambush in Greek Warfare
- Eirini Christinaki, Athens, Greece "Divine" Intelligence in Byzantium: The Metaphysical Information and its Interpretation within the Extracts of Histories ("Epitome Historian") of Ioannis Zonaras
- Tilman Luedke, Arnold Bergstraesser Institute, Germany A difficult Alliance: German Intelligence, the Ottoman Home Front and beyond, 1914-1918
- Yigal Sheffy, Tel Aviv University, Israel Intelligence and Peace Negotiations: the British-Ottoman Experience in WWI

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-18:30 Panel II - World War II

Chair: Wolfgang Krieger, Marburg University

- Diego Navarro Bonilla, University Carlos III, Madrid, Spain Not only Mare Nostrum: By Sea, Land and Sky: Italian Intelligence Operations during the Spanish Civil War 1936-1939
- Erwin Schmidl, Insbruck University, Austria The Life and Work of a German Agent in Istanbul based on the recollections of Dr. Wilhelm Hamburger (Hendricks)
- Valentin Filip, Bucharest, Romania Intelligence Transformation in the Past - The Case of Romania's Special Intelligence Service during World War II
- Maria Robson, University of Calgary, Canada Signals in the Sea: The Value of Ultra Intelligence in the Mediterranean during World War II

19:00-21:00 Conference Dinner and Keynote Speech Award Ceremony of the Minas Nomikos Award for Security Research Excellence

Saturday, 22 June 2013

9:00-10:30 Panel III - World War II (cont.)

Chair: Anna Daun, University of Cologne

- Katrin Paehler, Illinois State University, USA Nazi Foreign Intelligence, Italy, and Gender: Reevaluating Hildegard Beetz' Role in the Ciano Affair
- Daniela Wellnitz, Johannes-Gutenberg-University, Mainz, Germany Silence is Golden The Servizio Informazioni Militare and the Culture of Intelligence during Italian Fascism
- Nickolaos Mavromates, RIEAS, Greece The role of Greek Diaspora in intelligence operation during WW II - The case if Helias Dondulakis

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-12:45 Panel IV - The Cold War

Chair: Yu Cin Cheng, Charles University Prague

- Thomas Wegener Friis, University of Southern Denmark East German Intelligence against Greece and Cyprus
- Wesley Johnson, Athens The Odyssey of Ali Hassan Salameh from Black September terrorist to CIA collaborator

- Egemen Bezci and Ali Balci, University of Istanbul, Turkey An Intelligence-Cum Enemy?: The Depiction of the Soviets in Turkish Intelligence Reports in the 1950s
- Helmuth Müller-Engbergs, University of Southern Denmark East German State Security and Albania

12:45-14:00 Lunch break (individual arrangements)

14:00-15:30 Panel V - Intelligence in the Mediterranean

Chair: Gerhard Schmid, Germany

- Peter Gill, University of Liverpool, UK Transition from authoritarian/conflict intelligence agencies to democratic control and oversight: the problem of parallel organisations
- Julian Richards, University of Buckingham, UK Terrorism in North Africa: Intelligence perspectives past and present
- John Galatas, Hellenic Army (ret.) 'Olympic Intelligence: CBRN Preparations for the Athens Olympic Games'
- Chikara Hashimoto, University of Aberystwyth, UK International Intelligence Cooperation under 'The Unknown alliance': intelligence liaison, counter-subversion and the question of the Kurds under Central Treaty Organisation

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:30 Panel VI - Intelligence in the Balkans

Chair: Anna Abelmann, Bochum University

- Gordon Akrap, University of Zagreb, Croatia Southeast Europe Intelligence and Security Services battlefield?
- Dejan Miletic, Center for Globalization Studies (CGS), Serbia Back to the future of the Serbian Intelligence Community
- Ioannis Konstantopoulos, University of Piraeus, Greece Intelligence and Democracy: The Case of Romania
- Darja Koturovic, University of Sheffield, UK Regional security challenges in South East Europe: coping with criminal networks in Serbia

17:30-18:45 Panel VII - Intelligence Histories - Writing History and Learning from History

Chair: Michael Herman, Nuffield College Oxford, United Kingdom

 Michael Wala, Bochum University, Germany - "The Official History Project of the German Security Service BfV"

- Wolfgang Krieger, Marburg University, Germany "The Official History Project of the German Intelligence Service BND"
- Shlomo Shpiro, Bar-Ilan University, Israel "Israeli Intelligence Operational Lessons from Historical Analysis and the Preservation of Service Heritage"
- John M. Nomikos, RIEAS, Greece "The History of the Greek Intelligence Service (NIS-EYP)"

19:00-20:00 IIHA 2013 Members Annual Meeting (IIHA members only)

20:00 Conference Dinner

Sunday, 23 June 2013

09:00-10:45 Panel VIII - 40 Years after the October 1973 Yom Kippur War

Chair: Michael Wala, Bochum University

- Efraim Lapid, IDF (ret.), Israel Israeli Intelligence between Victory and Surprise 1967-1973
- Glen Segall, IINS, Israel Intelligence Lessons from the 1973 Yom Kippur War
- Adi Frimark, Bar-llan University, Israel Israeli Intelligence and the POWs and MIAs of the 1973 Yom Kippur War
- Hayim Iserovich, Maariv, Israel *British Intelligence and Libyan Support to the IRA 1973-1987*

10:45-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-13:00 Panel IX - Between Arab Spring and European Debt Crisis: Contemporary Intelligence and Security Issues in the Region

Chair: Grigoris Balakos (ret.), Hellenic Police

- Alexander Bligh, Ariel University, Israel Encountering regional terror though an "honest broker" in light of the new political realities in the Middle East
- Antonia Dimou, Center for Strategic Studies, Jordan Jordan and the Security Challenges of the Arab Spring
- Andrew Liaropoulos, Univesity of Piraeus, Greece *Intelligence in the age of Social Media: The implications of the Arab Spring for the Intelligence Community*
- Vlatko Cvrtila and Anita Peresin, University of Zagreb, Croatia Croatian Democratization and Intelligence Reforms

13:00-14:00 Lunch break (individual arrangements)

14:00-16:00 Panel X - Future Challenges for Intelligence in the Mediterranean and the Balkans

Chair: Andre Ranson, French Armed Forces (ret.)

- Michael Herman, Nuffield College Oxford, UK Parallels between Government Intelligence and Statistics
- Yu Cin Cheng, Charles University Prague, Czech Republic Intelligence co-operation framework: Turkey's access to The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SOC)
- Ron Schleifer, Ariel University, Israel Intelligence for PSYOP (psychological operations)- The Mediterranean Cultural Context
- Thalia Tzanetti, RIEAS, Greece When Intelligence Meets Civil Society Online
- Tamir Libel, University College Dublin, Ireland Looking for Meaning: Lessons from Mossad's failed adaption to the post-Cold War era, 1991-2011

16:00-16:15 *Closing words*: John M. Nomikos and Shlomo Shpiro End of conference

General Information

Accommodation

Participants arrange their own accommodation and travel. We have negotiated a reduced room rate at the Titania Hotel for conference participants, for single or double rooms, with or without lunch. A room booking form is attached separately. We recommend that you book your room as soon as possible since rooms will be assigned on a 'first come first served' basis.

Registration and Participation Fee

Registration for the conference is to be done by email to the IIHA Executive Director at exec_director@intelligence-history.org or a abelmann@yahoo.com. The conference participation fee is €80 for IIHA members, €50 for students (members and non-members) and €120 for non-members. This includes dinners on Friday and Saturday evenings as well as coffee breaks, but does not include accommodation or travel. Please note that for security reasons participants must register in advance for the conference until 14 June 2013.

The participation fee is to be paid in cash at the conference registration desk at the Titania Hotel conference center at the start of the conference. Please note that we have no facilities for processing credit card payments, please make sure you have the right amount in cash in Euros for your participation fee.

Name Badges

For security reasons please make sure to display your participant name badge (tag) at all times. Access to the conference or the official meals will not be permitted without a name badge. You will receive your name badge at registration after payment of the participation fee.

Meals

Conference dinners are by invitation only to conference speakers and registered conference participants. To enable informal networking and socializing, Saturday and Sunday lunches will not be served as part of the conference, participants are free to make their own arrangements at the Titania Hotel restaurants or the numerous restaurants nearby at the city center and Syntagma Square.

How to arrive from Athens International Airport to the Titania Hotel?

1. By Metro (map: http://www.ametro.gr/page/default.asp?id=48&la=2)

Take the Blue Line (Line 3 - direction 'Egaleo') and get off at Syntagma station. From Syntagma station you can (a) either take the Red Metro Line (Line 2 - direction 'Anthoupoli') and get off at Panepistimiou station (Exit: National Library) and from Panepistimiou station, walk to Titania Hotel or (b) walk from Syntagma Square to Titania Hotel.

2. By Bus (map: http://www.oasa.gr/pdf/en/maps/keypoint/kentro-athina-2008.pdf) From the Airport take Bus Line X95 'Syntagma – Athens Airport Express' (Orange Line). From Syntagma Square you can either take the Metro or walk to Titania Hotel. You can also take a bus (most of them are passing by in front of the hotel, while some stop right in front of the hotel).

3. By Taxi

Flat fare: 35 Euros.

4. By Car (36 KM, 35-40 minutes)

Via Attiki Odos, route 6/E94, 31,6 klm, 35 min Via Mesogeion Avenue, 20,8 klm, 34 min Via Route 64, 26 klm, 34 min