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### Conference Agenda

#### **8:00 – 8:30 am REGISTRATION**

#### **8:30 am INTRODUCTIONS**

Janusz Bugajski, CSIS

David Scruggs, CSIS

Dragos Seuleanu, Foundation for Democracy, Culture, and Liberty

Liviu Muresan, President, EURISC Foundation

#### **8:45 – 9:00 am OPENING REMARKS**

General Constantin Dezeratu, National Security Advisor to President Basescu

#### **9:00 – 10:15 am PANEL 1: INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CHALLENGES TO NATO'S FUTURE**

*Moderator: Dragos Seuleanu, FDCL*

NATO's Future Size and Scope – **Dr. Stefanie Babst, NATO Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Public Diplomacy**

Security Issues: Missile Defense, Cyber terrorism, organized crime – **Jeffrey Simon, NDU**

EU-NATO Coordination – **Ioan Mircea Pascu, Member of European Parliament and Former Defense Minister**

Cross Border Cooperation – **Aida Catana, Consultant, European Funds**

#### **10:15 – 11:45 am PANEL 2: KEY SECURITY QUESTIONS AND BUSINESS IMPLICATIONS**

*Moderator: William Siefken, CSIS*

Security Issues and CEE Operating Realities – **Scott Harris, President, Lockheed Martin Europe**

Business' Role in Security Alliance Missions - **General Sergiu Medar, Former Head of Military Intelligence and Security Advisor to the President**

The Role of the Private Sector in State Security – **Aurelian Ionescu, IBM office, Romania**

Politics and Economics of Contractors in NATO Operations – **Robert Bell, Senior Vice President, SAIC Europe**

11:45 am – 12:15 pm LUNCH

12:15 – 12:45 pm KEYNOTE ADDRESS

**Stanislaw Komorowski, Undersecretary of State at the Polish Ministry of Defense**

12:45 – 2:00 pm PANEL 3: RUSSIAN INFLUENCE ON NATO MEMBERS

*Moderator: Janusz Bugajski, CSIS*

NATO-Russia and EU-Russia Relations – **Mircea Geoana, Member of Romanian Parliament and Former Foreign Minister**

Kremlin Energy Policy – **Vladimir Socor, Jamestown Foundation**

Russian Energy Strategy - Political Effects over Europe– **Ognyan Minchev, IRIS**

2:00 – 3:15 pm PANEL 4: THE EVOLVING DEFENSE INDUSTRY IN EUROPE

*Moderator: David Scruggs, CSIS*

Industry Consolidation – Current Patterns & The Next Wave - **Andrew James, University of Manchester - Manchester Business School**

Limits and Opportunities of Governmental Coordination – **Nick Witney, Senior Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations**

European Defense Industry Collaboration – New Vectors: **Aurel Cazacu, Director General for Defense Industry, Romanian Ministry of Economy**

Innovation and R&D: **Anton Anton, State Secretary and President of National Agency for Scientific Research**

## Speaker Biographies

### Anton Anton

By the decision of the Prime Minister of Romania, Anton Anton was appointed Secretary of State for Science and Technology in the Ministry of Education and Research in January 2005. In August 2005, he was appointed president of the newly established National Authority for Scientific Research. Anton Anton is also a Professor at the University of Civil Engineering in Bucharest. As a professional in urban engineering, his fields of scientific expertise include Ferro hydrodynamics, experimental hydraulics, and hydraulic machineries. Mr. Anton Anton has been a member of the National Liberal Party (PNL) since 1996.

### Stefanie Babst

Dr. Stefanie Babst is NATO Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Public Diplomacy (Communication Coordination). Prior to this post she was responsible for strategic communication policies and programmes towards 26 NATO Member countries in the Public Diplomacy Division from 2001 to 2006. From 1998 to 2001 Dr. Babst was German Information Officer in the Office of Information & Press, International Staff, NATO/Brussels and from 1993 to 1998 was lecturer of Russian and East European Studies at the Federal Armed Forces Command & General Staff College/Hamburg (1993-1998).

She holds an M.A. in Political Science, International Law and Russian Studies, from Christian-Albrechts-University/Kiel and received her Ph.D. in Political Science from Christian-Albrechts-University/Kiel and Harvard University.

Dr. Babst is a member of the Board of the International Institute for Social Sciences, University of Jena, an Honorary Board Member of "ZIFKRAS" and is a member of WIIS (Women in International Security Studies). She has received numerous fellowships and has served as a guest lecturer at several universities and institutes in the United States and across Europe. She is the author of numerous articles on international security policy aspects of the Russian transformation process.

### Robert Bell

Robert Bell is Senior Vice President at the Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC). He joined SAIC in March 2004. As Account Manager for NATO-EUCOM, he coordinates the activities of SAIC Business Units conducting business with NATO and the U.S. European Command.

As NATO Assistant Secretary General for Defense Investment from 1999-2003, Bell chaired NATO's Conference of National Armaments Directors (CNAD) and its C3 Board (NC3B) and directed NATO International Staff activities in the areas of common funding, resource coordination, airspace management and air defense.

From 1993-1999, Bell worked at the White House National Security Council (NSC) as a Special Assistant to President Clinton for National Security Affairs and as the NSC Senior Director for Defense Policy and Arms Control. In 1997, Bell was also assigned responsibilities as the NSC Counselor.

From 1981-1993, Bell served on the Senate Committees on Foreign Relations and Armed Services, working for Senators Percy and Nunn, respectively. His career also includes six years at the Congressional Research Service (CRS), including a one year assignment in Brussels, where he served as staff director of the Military Committee of the North Atlantic Assembly. From 1969 until 1975, he served as an Air Force officer in the air traffic control and communications field.

Robert Bell holds a Master of Arts degree (1970) in International Security Studies from Tufts University, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Medford, Massachusetts. Bell's Bachelor of Science degree (1969) in International Affairs is from the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. His professional affiliations include the Council on Foreign Relations, the Air Force Association, and the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

### Janusz Bugajski

Janusz Bugajski is director of the CSIS New European Democracies Project and senior fellow with the CSIS Europe Program. He previously served as a senior research analyst for Radio Free Europe in Munich and as a consultant on Central-East European affairs for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the U.S. Department of Defense, the International Republican Institute, the Free Trade Union Institute (of the AFL-CIO), the International Research and Exchange Board, and BBC television in London.

Bugajski's recent publications include *Atlantic Bridges: America's New European Allies*, with Ilona Teleki, (Rowman & Littlefield, 2007); *Kosova Rising: From Occupation to Independence* (Koha, 2006); and *Cold Peace: Russia's New Imperialism* (Praeger, 2004). He has published articles in numerous journals and newspapers in the United States and Europe. In 1994, he was selected for inclusion by Gale Research in *Contemporary Authors*, and, in 1998, he received the Distinguished Public Service Award from the U.S. Department of State, USAID, U.S. Information Agency, and the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency in recognition of his contribution to international affairs. He chairs the South Central Europe Area Studies program for U.S. Foreign Service Officers at the Foreign Service Institute and has testified before various congressional committees, including the Helsinki Commission, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and the House Defense Appropriations Committee. Bugajski holds an M. Phil. in social anthropology from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

### Aida Catana

Aida Catana is senior fellow to the Foundation for Democracy, Culture and Liberty (Romania) and she has established a consultancy company called European Project Consulting, focused on regional development and projects financed by European Funds.

Aida Catana's areas of expertise are governance, public policies, ethnic politics, and regional cooperation. She is the former Coordinator of the Representative Office in Brussels of National Union of County Councils of Romania. Catana has an extensive experience in public administration, cross border cooperation and institutional development, participating as a speaker or trainer in international events linked to European funds, inter-regional cooperation and environment.

She was beneficial to residential courses in The Netherlands on water management at local level and in United Kingdom on regional development and EU structural funds. She had an important contribution to the Romania-Bulgarian cross border cooperation projects as a member of the working group for programming period 2004-2006 and also as a project manager for different project developed by local authorities along the Danube. She was involved as project manager or member of the Steering Committee in international project developed by local and regional authorities from Austria, The Netherlands, Belgium, United Kingdom, Italy, and Bulgaria in the fields as water management, regional development, institutional capacity at local and regional level, human resources. She was member of the Task Force on regionalization, 2003 in Romania.

She is the coordinator of the first extensive book dedicated to the Romanian absorption of European funds "The elaboration of the EU projects by SME's". She has a diploma in History - University of Bucharest, and one in European Public Affairs – National Institute of Administration. She also holds a Master – European Public Area - National School for Political Sciences and Public Administration.

### Aurel Cazacu

Aurel Cazacu has served as the General Director of the General Directorate for Special Issues and Emergency Situations (GDSIES) within the Ministry of Economy and Finance, since February 2005. GDSIES deals with planning defense industry policies and defense industry programs, as well as coordinating with international organizations like NATO and the EU.

As active officer in the Ministry of Defense, he held important positions at the Air General Staff, between 1984 and 1988. Between 1988 and 2001, Cazacu was held an executive position in the Foreign Trade Department. He was also General Director of ROMTEHNICA in charge of managing

foreign military acquisitions and MoD commercial activities. Cazacu also served as chairman of the Administrators Board of the National Company ROMARM, the import-export holding of the Ministry of Economy and Commerce.

Cazacu holds a Masters Degree in National Strategic Security from the National University of Defense/The National Defense College. He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Aeronautic College and from Technical Military Academy/Mechanics Faculty.

#### **General (ret). Constantin Degeratu**

General Degeratu is Advisor to the President of Romania on the issues of Security and Defense. He is also professor of security studies at Christian University, Bucharest and associated professor of security studies at the University of Bucharest. Formerly, General Degeratu served as the General Defense Staff Chief of the Romanian Armed Forces (1997-2000) and was Professor of Central European Security Studies at "George C. Marshall" European Center for Security Studies, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany (2001-2004). He has an extensive military career, including positions as the Chief of the General Defense Staff of the Romanian Armed Forces (1997- 2000) and Secretary General at the Ministry of National Defense, Romania (2000-2001). General Degeratu holds a doctoral degree in military science (1996) from the National Defense University in Bucharest. He has completed academic courses at the Royal College of Defense Studies in the United Kingdom (1995), the Romanian National Defense College in Bucharest (1994), and the NATO Defense College in Rome (1993). He received his B.S. degree from the Faculty of Law (1983), University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania. He is a member of the Academy of the Scientists, Bucharest, Romania; an Associated Senior Research Fellow, EURISC Foundation, Bucharest and Institute for Strategic Studies, Iasi/Bucharest, Romania; and is Honorary President of the Romania Reserve Officers Association. General Degeratu has authored numerous scholarly and policy publications. His most recent book is *"Preventing Strategic Surprise"* (Editura ANI, Bucharest, 2007).

#### **Mircea Dan Geoana**

Mircea Dan Geoana is a member of the Romanian Senate, the upper chamber of the Parliament. He is the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, and member of the European Integration Committee, a joint committee of the members of the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies. In addition, Geoana is the Chairman of the Romanian Social-Democrat Party (PSD). He was elected to that position in April 2005, during the National Congress of PSD. In 2005 he was also the personal representative of OSCE Chairman in office for Georgia.

Prior to that, Mircea Geoana served four years as Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania (December 2000 – December 2004). In this capacity, throughout the first year he also served as OSCE Chairman-in-Office (2001). Between 1996 and 2000, Geoana was the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Romania to the United States.

Prior to his posting in Washington, D.C., Mircea Geoana was Director General for Europe, North America, Asia, Latin America, Middle East and Africa (1995) and Director General for Asia, Latin America, Middle East and Africa (1994) for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania. He also served as Spokesman for the Romanian Foreign Ministry (1993 – 1995).

Additionally, Mircea Geoana has served as professor at the National School for Political and Administration Sciences and the "Nicolae Titulescu" University in Bucharest. He has lectured on foreign policy, transitional economies, and globalization at major American universities and think-tanks. In December 2005, Mircea Geoana published his first book "Romanian foreign policy in the beginning of the XXIth century - The road to Europe and transatlantic world". He has also authored numerous articles on Transatlantic issues and he was a NATO fellow on democratic institutions in 1994.

Mircea Geoana holds degrees from the Polytechnic Institute and the Law School of the University of Bucharest. He graduated in 1992 from the "Ecole Nationale d'Administration" in Paris, France. In 1999 he participated in the World Bank Group Executive Development Program at the Harvard

Business School. Geoana also holds a PhD in world economy from the Economic Studies Academy of Bucharest.

Mircea Geoana is a founding member of the Harvard Club in Romania and Moldova, founding member of the Association of Former Students of E.N.A. (Ecole Nationale d'Administration) and Honorary Chairman of George C. Marshall Association – Romania. Also he is Chairman of International Council of IRSI (Romanian Institute for the International Studies), and member of the Board of Aspen Italia Institute. Mircea Geoana was decorated Commander of the National Order “The Star of Romania” in December 2000 and awarded the Legion d’Honneur in 2002. He is fluent in English, French and Spanish.

#### **Scott A. Harris**

Scott A. Harris is President, Continental Europe, for Lockheed Martin Global Inc., based in Brussels, Belgium. He oversees the business development activities and serves as the corporate representative for Lockheed Martin throughout Europe. Prior to assuming this position in July 2002, he served as Vice President, Plans and Analysis, at Lockheed Martin’s corporate headquarters in Bethesda, Maryland.

Dr. Harris joined Lockheed Martin in 1997 from the U.S. Department of Defense, where he served as Special Assistant to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense. Prior to joining the Department of Defense, he was a Senior Analyst in national security affairs and Associate Director of the Washington office of RAND. He has also served on Capitol Hill as the National Security Advisor to Senate Majority Leaders Robert C. Byrd and George J. Mitchell.

#### **BG (ret.) Aurelian Ionescu**

Aurelian Ionescu, BG (Ret) heads the IBM Romania office. He has 22 years of experience in the IT sector, including performance evaluation, monitoring, change management, and optimization of national, NATO, and U.S. strategies and policies on IT&C area and IT support for crisis management and civil and military emergency planning. He has worked on many international IT projects focused on cooperation within NATO, the U.S. Department of Defense, and Southeast Europe. Formerly, he served as the Co-chair of the IT Working Group within the Partnership for Peace Consortium of Defence Academies from 1999 to 2004. He was the Senior Technical Expert for the “Automated Information Logistics System” project at the Romanian Ministry of Defence from 2001 to 2005. His received his education from the Romanian National Defence College (2003); U.S. National Defence University, Information Resources Management College (CIO training) in Washington, D.C., (1999); Competitive Management Program (1999); and the Military Technical Academy, Computer Science Department, Bucharest (1985).

#### **Andrew James**

Andrew James is a Senior Lecturer at Manchester Business School, UK where he teaches corporate technology strategy, innovation management and science and technology policy, as well as business strategy. In the defense and security field, he has held a number of international advisory positions including membership of the European Union Institute for Security Studies Independent Expert Working Group on the European Commission's Green Paper on Defense Procurement and he was External Expert on defense matters and Rapporteur to the European Union Research Advisory Board. In 2004, he directed a NATO Advanced Research Workshop on Science and Technology Policies for the Anti-Terrorism Era and between 2005-07 he coordinated an international study Re-evaluating the Role of Defense R&D in the Innovation System. Andrew is currently leading a study for the European Defense Agency on how to measure the strengths and weaknesses of the defense technological and industrial base in Europe. He is the editor of a forthcoming book *The Dynamics of Innovation in the Defense Sector: Economics, Technology and the New Security Environment* due to published later this year.

**Stanisław Komorowski**

Stanisław Komorowski is currently the Undersecretary of State for Defense Policy at the Ministry of National Defense of the Republic of Poland. He graduated from the University of Warsaw and holds a Ph.D. in Physics. Between 1978 and 1990 he was a member of the research staff at the Institute for Physical Chemistry at the Polish Academy of Science. He was also a Research Fellow at Utah University, USA. In 1991 he became Head of the Human Resources Bureau at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as the Deputy Director of the Department of Europe, which he headed from 1992. Between 1994 and 1997 he was the Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to The Hague and from 1999 to 2004 to London. Stanisław Komorowski also served as the Director of the Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. In 2004-2005 he was the Director of the Department of Asia and Pacific Region in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; from 2005 to 2006 he held the position of the Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 2006-2007 he was posted to the Department of Asia and Pacific Region.

**General Sergiu Medar**

General Sergiu Medar is a National Security Advisor to the President of Romania. Formerly he was the head of the Directorate for Intelligence and Military Representation at the Romanian Ministry of National Defense.

**Ognyan Minchev**

Ognyan Minchev is a Senior Policy Fellow and Head of the European Council on Foreign Relations - Sofia since September 2007. Dr. Minchev is founder and executive director of the independent Institute for Regional and International Studies (IRIS) since 1997. He is a political scientist, teaching at the Department of Political Science at the University of Sofia "St. Kliment Ohridski", where he served as a chair. Dr. Minchev is Doctor of Sociological Science (Habilitation Doctor of Science), including Ph.D. from the University of Sofia and has been a Fulbright fellow in International Relations at the University of California - Los Angeles.

His main areas of interest are: post-communist transition, regional security in Central and Eastern Europe, the Balkans and the Black Sea region, transatlantic relations, issues of corruption and organized crime.

Dr. Minchev's recent publications include "Reconfiguring the Serb Political Situation after the Independence of Kosovo", "Shall We Invite Macedonia Into NATO: Approaches to the Future Strategic Balance of the Balkans", "Europe and the Western Balkans: The Day after Kosovo's Independence", "Major Interests and Strategies for the Black Sea Region", "Towards a European Commonwealth of Nations: A Strategic Response to the EU "Enlargement Fatigue"", "Bulgaria for NATO 2004".

**Liviu Muresan**

Liviu Muresan is the founder and the Executive President of the EURISC Foundation - European Institute for Risk, Security and Communication Management (1995). He studied at the Defence College NATO GFO (Rome), the Institut des Hautes Etudes de Defense Nationale (Paris), and at the Center for Civil-Military Relations (Monterey). He held several positions in the governmental structures: Senior Adviser to the Prime Minister, Senior Adviser to the Romanian Government, Senior Adviser to the Interior Minister, High Representative of the Romanian Government of the Anti-Corruption Initiative of the Pact of Stability (SPAI) and of the Combating Organized Crime Initiative (SPOC).

He was Director of the Romanian Agency for setting up the regional SECI Center for Combating Transborder Organized Crime, and as the Deputy Director of the National Defence College he was the first civilian appointed in command position in the Romanian Army (1993-1994).

He was a member of the Romania Parliament, leader of the Majority (1990-1991) and the Deputy Chief of the Romanian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. He is

Executive President of the Euro-Atlantic Council Romania – Casa NATO, EURODEFENCE Romania and Association des Anciens Auditeurs de l'IHEDN (Paris).

He is an Associate Professor with the Academy of Economic Studies, Bucharest - where he got his Ph.D. in Economics (1978) - he published numerous articles and publications on the issues of international security, instability management, international public relations and he was a note speaker and the chair of sessions in international conferences held in over 30 countries.

Since 2007, he has been a member of European Security Research and Innovation Forum (ESRIF), contributing to the development of a “Joint Security Research Agenda” (European Commission). He received the National Order “Star of Romania” – Class Officer (2000).

### **Ioan Mircea Pascu**

Ioan Mircea Pascu is a member of the Socialist Group in the European Parliament (EP). He is also the Vice Chairman of the EP Committee Parliament and a member of the EP Committee on Transport and Tourism, the EP Subcommittee on Security and Defense, and the delegation for relations with the United States. Pascu holds a degree in Commerce and Foreign Trade from the Academy of Economic Studies, Bucharest (1971) and a Doctorate in Political Science from the Institute of Political Science (1980). Pascu was a Research fellow at the International Relations Department of the Institute of Political Science, Bucharest from 1971-1986, where his research focused on international security issues. Between 1986 and 1989 he was a lecturer and International Relations Chair at the Academy of Political and Social Studies, Bucharest. From 1989-1991 he was member of the Foreign Policy Committee of the Council of the National Salvation Front, Bucharest. He was also a member of the Provisional Council of National Unity (1990). Later, he was Head of Foreign Policy Unit for the Romanian Presidential Administration's Political Analysis Department (1990-1992). Other positions held include: Professor of International Relations, National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Dean of the International Relations Faculty, National School of Political and Administrative Studies (1990-1996), and Chair of International Relations, National School of Political and Administrative Studies (since 2004).

### **David Scruggs**

David Scruggs is a Senior Associate in the International Security Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. He is also a Managing Partner at Renaissance Strategic Advisors, a strategy and financial consulting firm, in Washington D.C. Prior to CSIS, Scruggs was the Director of Washington D.C. operations for JSA Partners where he advised Global 500 companies on market and competitive strategies at the division, group and corporate levels. He was the senior advisor for all investment due-diligence projects during his tenure at JSA. He also worked closely with the Department of Defense's Office of the Secretary of Defense. Before joining JSA, he was a manager with A.T. Kearney's Global Aerospace and Telecommunications Practices (1994-1999) based in Boston and Washington D.C. While at A.T. Kearney, Mr. Scruggs managed over two dozen consulting assignments in the U.S. and Europe covering supply-chain improvement, strategic positioning, market assessment, technical and investment due-diligence. Positions prior to A.T. Kearney include: Vice President of Security Pacific Realty Ventures (1990-1992), Vice President of Security Pacific National Bank (1986-1990) and Assistant Vice President of Lloyd's Bank California (1982-1986).

Scruggs is a recognized expert on defense industry and trade issues. He speaks at industry and policy conferences in the U.S. and Europe. He has also been quoted in the major trade and general press on various defense industry topics.

Scruggs holds a MA degree in International Law & Diplomacy from the Fletcher School, Tufts University and BA degrees in Economics and History from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

### **Dragos Seuleanu**

Dragos Seuleanu is President of the Foundation for Democracy, Culture and Liberty (Romania) and

President of Ecomomix News – Center for Information Technology, Romania. In 2007 October he was elected member in the board of Eurochambers (The Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry) and in November 2007 he was elected member in the Board of the Romanian – American Chamber of Commerce (based in New York City - USA).

Seuleanu is the Former President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania. Prior to that he had a long career with the Romanian Radio Broadcasting Corporation (RoR) where he worked as CEO, Secretary General, Human Resources Director, and Deputy Director for Programming. During his time at RoR, from January 1990 till June 2005, he was also active as radio journalist on ethnic politics, good governance, business, IT&C and regional security. He covered the conventions of the Republican Party and Democratic Party for the U.S. elections in 2000 and 2004. He was elected member of the Board of Administration of the European Broadcasting Union. Dragos Seuleanu is member of the International Press Institute (based in Vienna), and founding member of the Transparency International Romania. Since 1996 he is founding member of the Romanian Association of the Public Relations Professionals.

He has a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and graduated from the Executive MBA of the University of Washington (Seattle) and the Academy of Economic Studies (Bucharest, Romania). In 2000, he was elected Honorary Member of the Academy of Scientists (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Forum of the Information Society (Romanian Academy) and he enrolled in the PhD program of the Academy of Economic Studies.

In January 1995 The Delegation of the European Commission in Romania awarded him the prize *The Young European for 1994*. Dragos Seuleanu was also honored by the Romanian President with The Medal “Faithful Service” in rank of Cavalier.

#### **William Siefken**

William H. Siefken is a senior associate with both the New European Democracies Project and the Defense Industrial Initiatives Group at CSIS. Prior to his retirement in 2007, he was director for Central/Eastern Europe and Eurasia, Corporate International Business Development, Lockheed Martin Corporation. Before his career in private industry, he served in the Foreign Service for 28 years with the U.S. Department of State, where he was assigned to the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs (deputy director for EUCOM and CENTCOM during Desert Shield/Desert Storm), Bureau of African Affairs (desk officer for multiple Central African countries), and Bureau of Intelligence and Research (special assistant to the director of the bureau and European regional security affairs analyst). He was also assigned twice to the Pentagon (Office of the Secretary of Defense and Office of the Undersecretary of the Air Force for International Affairs) and to posts in Canada, Europe, Asia, and Africa. Mr. Siefken holds a B.A. in international studies from the University of Texas and did post-graduate work at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, Switzerland. He also served in the U.S. Air Force.

#### **Jeffrey Simon**

Dr. Jeffrey Simon is a Senior Research Fellow in the Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University. Previously he was Chief, National Military Strategy Branch at the Strategic Studies Institute, U.S. Army War College. He has taught at Georgetown University, and has held research positions at System Planning Corporation and the RAND Corporation. Dr. Simon's publications include numerous articles and thirteen books, the most recent being *NATO Enlargement: Opinions and Options* (National Defense University Press, 1995), *NATO Enlargement and Central Europe: A Study In Civil-Military Relations* (National Defense University Press, 1996), *Hungary and NATO: Problems in Civil-Military Relations* (Roman & Littlefield, 2003), *NATO and the Czech and Slovak Republics: A Comparative Study in Civil-Military Relations* (Roman & Littlefield, 2004), and *Poland and NATO: A Study in Civil-Military Relations* (Roman & Littlefield, 2004). Dr. Simon holds a Ph.D from the University of Washington and a M.A. from the University of Chicago and has been awarded the Knight Cross of the Order of Merit with Star by the Republic of Poland.

**Vladimir Socor**

Vladimir Socor is a Senior Fellow of the Jamestown Foundation in Washington and its flagship publication, Eurasia Daily Monitor (since 1995), where he writes a daily analytical article. An internationally recognized expert on the former Soviet-ruled countries, he covers Russian and Western policies in Eurasia, focusing on regional security issues, secessionist conflicts, energy policies, and NATO-related developments. Mr. Socor is a frequent speaker at U.S. and European policy conferences and think-tank institutions and a guest lecturer at the NATO Defense College and at Harvard University's National Security-Black Sea Security Program. He is also a frequent contributor to edited volumes. Mr. Socor was previously an analyst with the Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty Research Institute. He is a U.S. citizen based in Munich, Germany.

**Nick Witney**

Until the fall of 2007, Nick Witney was the first Chief Executive of the European Defense Agency in Brussels. He is now a defense consultant and he works primarily with the Paris office of the European Council on Foreign Relations, a new pan-European think-tank committed to promoting a more integrated and effective European foreign policy.

Witney was chosen by Javier Solana in January 2004 to lead the project team charged with developing the concept and blue-print for the Agency. In July 2004 the European Council approved the team's proposals and Witney was appointed to establish and run the EDA for its first 3 years. For his achievements in developing the EDA concept, he was nominated as one of 50 "Europeans of the Year" by the European Voice.

Witney's previous career, after reading Classics at Corpus Christi College, Oxford, was spent in British Government service, first with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and later with the Ministry of Defense (MOD). As a diplomat he learned Arabic in Lebanon and Jordan, served in Baghdad, and spent 4 years as Private Secretary to the British Ambassador in Washington.

With the MOD, his career covered a wide range of responsibilities: planning and finance; defense exports (the Al Yamamah program with Saudi Arabia); nuclear policy; the defense estate (he ran the privatization of the MOD's married quarters housing stock); the new Labor Government's 1998 Strategic Defense Review; the forward Equipment Program; and defense industrial policy. During a 1990s sabbatical with RAND, Santa Monica, he published on British and European nuclear policies. His last job before Brussels was as the MOD's Director-General of International Security Policy, responsible for NATO and EU policy as well as missile defense.