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IDARM CONTINUES ENGAGEMENT WITH THE CZECH REPUBLIC DURING A TWO WEEK “PRINCIPLES OF DEFENSE ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT” COURSE IN PRAGUE

IDARM conducted a two-week “Principles of Defense Acquisition Management” course at the American Center in Prague, Czech Republic during 6-17 February. The course provided 21 military and civilian participants from the Czech Republic Ministry of Defense with an advanced examination of the methods associated with managing defense acquisition projects. Emphasis was placed on applying effective project management to armament projects and resource management throughout the planning, implementation, and operations and support phases. Accountability of the project manager and team members was emphasized throughout the course. Significant classroom time was devoted to application of these concepts to a real-world scenario through small group discussion exercises. The Czech Republic Ministry of Defense was represented by participants from the Armaments and Acquisition Division, the Industrial Cooperation and Organizations Management Division, The Division of Capabilities Development, Reconnaissance and Electronic Warfare Branch, The Special Forces Directorate, as well as currently serving commanders of units in the Czech Army. The course met a requirement to enhance the acquisition and project management and IDARM will continue this effort in the early summer to develop defense acquisition management curriculum for future courses.

IDARM CONDUCTS ANNUAL SPRING IN-RESIDENCE COURSES

Every March, IDARM conducts four weeks of in-residence courses at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. “Principles of Defense Acquisition Management” is conducted during the first two weeks and “Principles of Defense Procurement and Contracting” during the second two weeks. Each course provides graduate level education on fundamental concepts nations need to consider in managing defense acquisition and procurement processes, to include consideration of life cycle management, strategic decision making, and the myriad of intricacies related to contracting defense armaments and services.

IDARM welcomed 14 international students from 10 countries (Algeria, Brazil, Latvia, Lebanon, Mongolia, Nigeria, Poland, Serbia, Rwanda, and Somalia) for the Principles of Defense Acquisition Management course during 6-17 March. 7 international students from 6 countries (Algeria, Brazil, Latvia, Mongolia, Pakistan, and Poland) participated in the “Principles of Defense Procurement and Contracting” course during 20-31 March.

IDARM also conducted Field Study Program (FSP) activities with students to complement their rigorous two-week academic schedule with a hands-on experience of American life. Students were guided on a historical tour of the Monterey Peninsula, provided tickets to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and for the first time IDARM took students to Yosemite National Park. These activities sparked student interest on the importance of countries protecting their natural resources and the environment.

[Please click here to visit our website for more details on our in-residence course offerings.](#)



DEFENSE ACQUISITION PLANNING IN AMMAN, JORDAN

IDARM conducted a one week “Defense Acquisition Planning” course for 14 military officers from the Jordanian Armed Forces during 19-23 March. The five-day course is part of an ongoing overall defense acquisition program by IDARM in Jordan and focused on the components and characteristics of effective defense acquisition planning. Emphasis was placed on the role of capabilities-based planning in the defense acquisition decision-making process along with cost, budget, and funding considerations. Factors for effective risk management and decision-making in complex situations were also addressed. Participants also completed integrated group exercises designed to provide practical application and reinforcement of the key concepts and planning methods that were discussed throughout the week.



MANAGING COMPLEX DEFENSE PROJECTS IN SOFIA, BULGARIA

IDARM conducted a second event of a three-course series for the Bulgaria Armed Forces during 27-31 March. This course provided participants with an examination of defense acquisition and program management, with particular focus on the management of complex defense projects. Instructors discussed project management best practices and lessons learned during the planning, implementation and operations and support phases. Significant classroom time was devoted to the practical application of these concepts to real world scenarios through small group discussions and working group exercises. Background readings were provided to amplify topics discussed and serve as a resource for participants. IDARM will return to Bulgaria this year to conduct the third course. All three courses were designed to expose personnel to project management principles and stimulate discussions on how principles can be applied in their national context.