Dear colleagues and friends, esteemed scientists and mine action experts,

The Government Office for Mine Action, Croatian Mine Action Centre and Croatian Mine Action Centre - Centre for Testing, Development and Training have the pleasure to invite you to the 15th International Symposium Mine Action 2018, which is to be held in the town of Slano near Dubrovnik, from 9th to 12th April 2018.

We are proud of the fact that this will be our 15th Symposium! We would like to emphasize that this would not have been possible without your sincere interest, support and contribution in oral presentations and demonstrations of equipment for detection and demining. More than 2000 participants from 67 countries have attended the Symposium in previous years so we will take the opportunity to express our gratitude to our long-term attendees. We hope you will participate and celebrate with us our jubilee. This year, the Symposium will be held on a new location, in Dubrovnik-Neretva county, since, in addition to the news and achievements in mine action, we would like to show you a new region of the Republic of Croatia, as well as the city of Dubrovnik, with a special tour organized as part of the Symposium and a boat cruise around the Dubrovnik archipelago, foreseen on the 12th April, the final day of the Symposium.

As in previous years, we intend to provide an overview of the latest scientific and practical achievements, to identify challenges and offer sustainable solutions in mine action. The Symposium will provide an opportunity for sharing experiences, considering solutions of technical and managerial challenges and will offer an insight into latest technologies, equipment and available methods, while manufacturers will be able to exhibit and present their equipment and make new business deals.

The field day will highlight the latest technologies and new developments in the field of robotic systems. As in previous years, we will demonstrate the work of demining machines with new tools.

We are looking forward to your participation!

**TOPICS:**

- Global mine action experiences (contamination with mines and ERWs)
- New technologies in mine action
- Mine victims assistance
- The Ottawa Treaty – a world without mines by 2025
- Terrorism and ERW
- IEDs – experiences and methods of approach
- Natural disasters / crisis situations and mine action (explosions of ammunition depots, fires, floods)
DUE DATES:

1st March 2018 – for registering papers and submitting abstracts
5th March 2018 – for notification of authors regarding the acceptance of the papers
10th March 2018 – for submitting final papers
25th March 2018 – for accommodation booking
1st April 2018 – for registering for equipment exhibition

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE:

Croatian and English will be the official languages of the Symposium, interpretation will be provided.

REGISTRATION FEE:

Participants - 250 EUR (Payment before 1st February 2018)
Participants - 300 EUR (Payment after 1st February 2018)
Equipment exhibitors and sponsors are exempt from paying the registration fee for two representatives.

Presenters: first authors 100 EUR, co-authors 300 EUR
Accompanying persons – 100 EUR
Students are exempt from payment.

VENUE

The Symposium will be held at the Admiral Grand Hotel in Slano, near Dubrovnik (http://www.hoteladmiral-slano.com). The following prices have been negotiated for the participants: half board in 1/1 room – 78 EUR, in 2/1 room - 106 EUR per room. The nearest airport is Dubrovnik airport.

APPLICATION FORM

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15th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

MINE ACTION 2018
9th – 12th April 2018, Slano

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The participants are asked to book accommodation by 25th March 2018 via the following email address: sales@hoteladmiral-slano.com, with the following subject line: HCR Symposium.

VISAS:

Visa requirements overview will be available at the website of the Government Office for Mine Action: www.mine.gov.hr
Please note: If you are arriving by car or bus, you will be crossing the border with Bosnia and Herzegovina and you might require a visa for this country as well, i.e. a multiple entry visa if you are returning the same way.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

All additional information about the 15th International Symposium “Mine Action 2018” may be found at the following websites: www.ctro.hr, www.hcr.hr and www.mine.gov.hr

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