

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) 24<sup>th</sup> IAPTC Annual Conference

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#### Agenda Item 1: President's Summary of Conference

Minister Plenipotentiary Ashraf Swelam, President of the IAPTC, presented the main outcomes and conclusions of the 24<sup>th</sup> IAPTC Annual Conference, highlighting the importance of enhancing 'basic' military training for peacekeepers, the need to focus on better coordination between mission components in peacekeeping trainings, and the importance of increasing women's participation in peacekeeping. The mainstreaming of pedagogical aspects throughout the conference discussions has contributed to establishing a better understanding of the different tools and methodologies for improved trainings and the need to invest in changing mindsets/behavior of peacekeepers.

The President elaborated that this year's conference provided a unique opportunity for advancing innovative approaches to capacity building and peacekeeping training, as evidenced by the Knowledge Café – organized for the first time in IAPTC Annual Conferences – and the various break-out discussions. In addition, and while maintaining an integrated approach (police/military/civilian) to the discussions, the conference contributed to placing renewed focus on the important role of the police component in peacekeeping. In this regard, the President particularly appreciated the organization of a UNPOL workshop on the sideline of the 24<sup>th</sup> IAPTC Annual Conference and encouraged such practice for future IAPTC conferences in order to maximize the benefit of this annual gathering. The President also welcomed the active engagement of regional associations and their contribution to the session on lessons learned from recent joint training exercises, which highlighted the importance of advancing collective effort in peacekeeping trainings.

Minister Plenipotentiary Ashraf Swelam thanked the New Zealand Defense Force for their generous hospitality and excellent organization of the 24<sup>th</sup> IAPTC Annual Conference. The executive committee chairs were also commended for their continuous support towards achieving the conference's objectives.

# **Agenda Item 2: Secretariat Report**

The Secretariat reported on the work that has been done over the past year and shared its views about the future IAPTC engagements. In 2018, the Secretariat has led and contributed to the following developments:

- Launched a new website and will continue to develop its content
- Developed in collaboration with EC members a template for "Host Proposals" to professionalize and guide the process of planning IAPTC Annual Conferences.

Furthermore, the Secretariat has proposed the following new initiatives:

Rebranding the IAPTC in celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary



 Increasing the visibility of the IAPTC on social media (Twitter and Facebook) to reach a wider audience and facilitate better interaction with IAPTC members

## Agenda Item 3: Consolidation & Development Committee (CDC)

The Chair of the CDC, Mr. Jonas Alberoth, informed IAPTC members of recent activities carried out by the committee in support of the 24<sup>th</sup> IAPTC Annual Conference. These include:

- maintaining contact with the host, president and EC members between conferences;
- updating guidance papers available on the IAPTC website;
- contributing to the AGM agenda;
- promoting the IAPTC in conferences and workshops taking place in Europe and the Americas;
- contributing to the development of the conference agenda and work-plan of the 2018 conference;
- facilitating consultations with IAPTC members that have expressed interest in engaging in the Executive Committee or hosting the IAPTC Annual Conferences.
- facilitating engagements between incoming and outgoing executive committee members to ensure continuity

#### **Agenda Item 4: Views from Members**

The President of the IAPTC opened the floor for members to provide feedback and share their views/suggestions on the way forward.

The following points were received from members: -

- (a) A representative from POTI congratulated the host for the excellent organization of the 24<sup>th</sup> IAPTC Annual Conference. He particularly welcomed the introduction of new concepts and session formats to this year's Annual Conference, including the Knowledge Café and the Ideas Bazaar over lunch, which allowed more time for participants to discuss and interact. He also requested the EC to share the list of participants ahead of the Annual Conference with all participants.
- (b) Farooque Choudhury recommended having an Awards Ceremony at the IAPTC Annual Conference to encourage positive competition among peacekeeping training centers. He mentioned that the Annual Conference would be a good opportunity to announce the Best Training Center of the Year.
- (c) One participant suggested to focus on sharing experiences, case studies, and incidents from the field in future IAPTC Annual Conferences to highlight some of the emerging



threats and challenges at the operational level. This would contribute to aligning training materials with the changing environments on the ground.

(d) Another participant emphasized the need to keep the IAPTC community abreast with recent developments at the policy level and emerging challenges in peacekeeping environments at the mission level. In this regard, he recommended enhancing the IAPTC capacity in research and knowledge dissemination.

# Agenda Item 5: Theme Proposal 2019

The President asked members to forward their suggestions on the theme for the 25<sup>th</sup> IAPTC Annual Conference by end of January 2019. The following ideas and proposed themes were raised by IAPTC members:

- Assessment of Trainings vis-à-vis personnel performance on the ground;
- Operational Readiness: Focusing Training on field performance;
- Optimizing Trainings and enhancing collaboration: joint trainings and mission-specific trainings;

These suggestions will be discussed during the Executive Committee Meeting to be held in February 2019 in Lima, Peru.

#### Agenda Item 6: Host 2020

In accordance with IAPTC's geographic rotation policy, the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association will be hosted in Europe in 2020. Organizations wishing to host the 26<sup>th</sup> IAPTC Annual Conference in 2020 are encouraged to send a formal proposal to the IAPTC Secretariat (<a href="mailto:info@iaptc.org">info@iaptc.org</a>; <a href="mailto:esraa.saied@cairopeacekeeping.org">esraa.saied@cairopeacekeeping.org</a>)

## Agenda Item 7: Host 2021

In accordance with IAPTC's geographic rotation policy, the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association will be hosted in Africa in 2021. Organizations wishing to host the 27<sup>th</sup> IAPTC Annual Conference in 2020 are encouraged to send a formal proposal to the IAPTC Secretariat (info@iaptc.org; esraa.saied@cairopeacekeeping.org)

#### Agenda Item 8: 2019/2020 Executive Committee

The President projected the list of Executive Committee for 2019/2020:

- 1. IAPTC President: **Col. Helen Cooper** New Zealand Defense Force
- 2. Host: Lt.Gen (Rtd) Hernan Felipe Flores Ayala Vice Minister of Defense Policy, MINDEF Peru



- 3. Host Designate: **TBA** (representative from Europe)
- 4. Past President: Minister Plenipotentiary Ashraf Swelam Director General, CCCPA Egypt
- 5. <u>Military Chair</u>: **Col. Mustafizur Rahman** BIPSOT Bangladesh
- 6. <u>Police Chair:</u> **Brig. Gen. Giovanni Pietro Barbano** Director, CoESPU Italy
- 7. Civilian Chair: Mr. Gustavo de Carvalho Senior Researcher, ISS South Africa
- 8. Pedagogical Chair: Ms. Illana Lancaster Senior Program Officer, USIP USA
- 9. Chair of CDC: Mr. Jonas Alberoth Deputy Director General, FBA Sweden
- 10. Honorary Member: Mr. David Lightburn Canada
- 11. UN Representative: Mr. Mark Pedersen Chief of ITS UNDPKO/DFS
- 12. The Secretariat: Ms. Esraa Saied Program Officer, CCCPA Egypt

# Agenda Item 9: Host 2019 Welcome Speech

**Col. Jaime Aleman Cisneros** from Peru, delivered a "host country brief." He provided administrative details regarding the upcoming conference and the planning and preparation leading up to the 25<sup>th</sup> IAPTC Annual Conference. A welcome video was also presented, highlighting Peru's beautiful sights and activities that await participants next year.

#### Agenda Item 10: Any Other Business

The President asked IAPTC members if they wish to discuss any other business – no points were raised. The AGM concluded with closing remarks from the president, where he expressed his honor and gratitude serving in the position. The presidency of the IAPTC was then handed over to New Zealand Defense Force.