



EDITORIAL

Mr Sigitas Dzekunskas has been Chairman of the NAMS Board of Directors since 1st January 2010. He is Lithuanian and currently also holds the position of Director of Resources and Programmes Department in the Lithuanian Ministry of National Defence. Born in June 1974 he has been mainly involved in the fields of defence procurement, resource management, project implementation and financial control. His career has seen him representing Lithuanian interests in NATO HQ Brussels.

On the wall in my office are a number of photographs. Each one shows the proud face of a former Chairman of the NAMS Board of Directors. You may recall some of them.

Just taking the last twenty years, we have seen: Nicolas de Chezelles of France, Wolfgang Döring of Germany, Dimitrios Katelouzou from Greece; we had an Italian, Raffaele Cariglia, a Hungarian, György Kapusy and my immediate predecessor, Mrs Inga Puikēvica-Puikēvskā from my neighbouring Latvia. They have come from various backgrounds and brought considerable experience to bear. I have not known any of them personally, but I feel a sense of duty with their eyes upon me. In their time in this post they worked hard for the cause of the Alliance. Like me, they had a fondness for NAMS and its people and were keen to see the Agency flourish.

In writing this article I have the same sense that the Agency also has your benevolent eyes on it. That you, too, have contributed a great deal. And that many of the success stories of NAMS today had you as the original authors. I also have no doubts that you have warm wishes for the continuing success of this Agency and like to keep up to date. So, let me just say a few words on the biggest issue of the moment, namely, Agency Reform.

You will be aware that we are in the middle of big changes. Not just for this Agency of course, but in all parts

of NATO. What, in fine detail, the reforms will mean for NAMS is still unknown. Ministers have yet to take final decisions. But what we do know currently is the following:

- We have 14 Agencies with a combined business volume of some 10,385 M€ in 2010 employing about 6,230 staff - of which just over 3,200 are international civilians.

- At the Lisbon Summit on 20 November 2010, Heads of State and Government approved the consolidation and rationalization of the functions and programmes of NATO Agencies into three new agencies: one for Procurement, one for Support and one for Communication and Information. There will also be a new Office of Shared Services responsible for sharing support services across Agencies and NATO HQ.

- That the current governance structures (including Boards and Committees) will change.

- That a hugely ambitious timetable envisages that by June 2012 all functions and resources will be transferred to new Agencies.

For NAMS and NAMS these are interesting times. At the time of writing, draft implementation plans and business cases are being prepared for Ministerial decisions. NAMS is destined to be the major element of the Support Agency and there is much confidence that the high reputation and abilities of



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the Agency will ensure it is likely to benefit more than lose out in the process.

We cannot, of course, prejudge any decisions. There will be reorganization and staffing consequences. But NAMS is in a good position now because of much of the work you did during your time here. I therefore close with a call for you to remain active and interested and to keep up your strong links and valuable contributions to this Agency – whatever shape it may take in the future. I am happy that you, too, are looking out for us.

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NEW NATO HEADQUARTERS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN BRUSSELS

The laying of the first stone by the Secretary General accompanied by the Belgian Prime Minister took place in December 2010. The new NATO Headquarters should be completed in June 2015 after 57 months of construction work. With a surface area of 251,000 m², it will be located on the site of the former 'Caserne Albert', not far from the current Atlantic Alliance Headquarters on Boulevard Léopold III.

This is the largest construction project in Brussels since that of the European Commission buildings in the nineteen fifties.



Designed by one of the largest architectural firms in the world (the American firm SOM) and the Belgian firm ASSAR, this new building is formed by a gigantic plaza around which are arranged, like waves, a series of annexed buildings. This enormous site will cost in excess of 500 million euros.

NEW WEB PAGES FOR MEMBERS OF OUR ASSOCIATION

Some weeks ago our committee created new web pages on our site, www.noba-adan.net, which are reserved exclusively for you. For the time being you will find English and French versions of "de Buet" (the replacement for Lucana News) as well as information on the life of the Agency and of festive and other events organised by the Agency's clubs and associations.

Soon you will be able to see information reserved only for members of our Association and you will be able to post your comments and contributions.

To access these pages simply follow these steps:

- 1 Send an E-mail to "old boys" (E-mail address oldboys@noba-adan.net) in order to obtain the « **User name** » and « **Password**. »
- 2 With these two elements go to the web-site www.noba-adan.net and to the "info" tab.
- 3 Enter the *user name* and *password* provided ... And you will be connected to these new web pages ...

Good reading.

The committee is very grateful to our web master, Fred Groenendijk, for this successful and welcome development.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

We would be very grateful if you could send us your e-mail address so that we may quickly update the file. Thank you for your collaboration.

EXTRACTS FROM THE STAFF ASSOCIATION BULLETIN: DE BUET N°3

The Agency reform is still under discussion and fosters its share of anxiety and uncertainty at NAMSA. Three new agencies are foreseen to replace all existing agencies... but for the moment we have no firm information to communicate.

We hope that for our next edition of the bulletin we will see more clearly and that NAMSA's identity, which we hold dear, will remain.

Mr Christopher Rose, General staff officer in the British Army left his function to join NAMSA. Since December 2010 he is the new Director of resources. He replaces Mr Carl Hewitt, who has retired to the United Kingdom.

Arrivals - Departures

We are happy to welcome the following new members:

Monsieur Ditsch Bernard, Monsieur Rippel Henrich, Madame Guyot Claudine, Monsieur Rausch Alain, Monsieur Jost Fernand, Madame Goffinet Annette.

We are happy to have them with us and we welcome them.

DECEASE:

We have learned that during the year 2011 our comrades
Mr Isham Guney
Mr Droske Heinz,
Mr Crepin Jean,
Mr Guern Jean-François,
Mrs Houin Monique
departed from this life.



Mr Isham Guney died at his home in Mamer on April 6th 2011. A delegation from your committee paid its respects at his funeral at the

Mamer cemetery. Isham was born in Istanbul on March 28th 1925. He married Yildiz in July 1950; they have two sons, Irfan and Izzet. Having qualified as an engineer in the United States Isham worked on the construction of the aerodrome at Esenboga (Ankara).

He was recruited to the NATO Services Center Châteauroux on 10th November 1958 at grade A4. After assignments in Neuilly and at the NATO Nike Training Center in El Paso, he came to NAMSA's Headquarters in Luxembourg and finally to the LR programme. He retired on 31st March 1990.

Isham was not only an excellent servant of his country, of NATO and of NAMSA, but also a friend.

We send our warm and most sincere condolences to his wife Yildi and to Irfan and Izzet.

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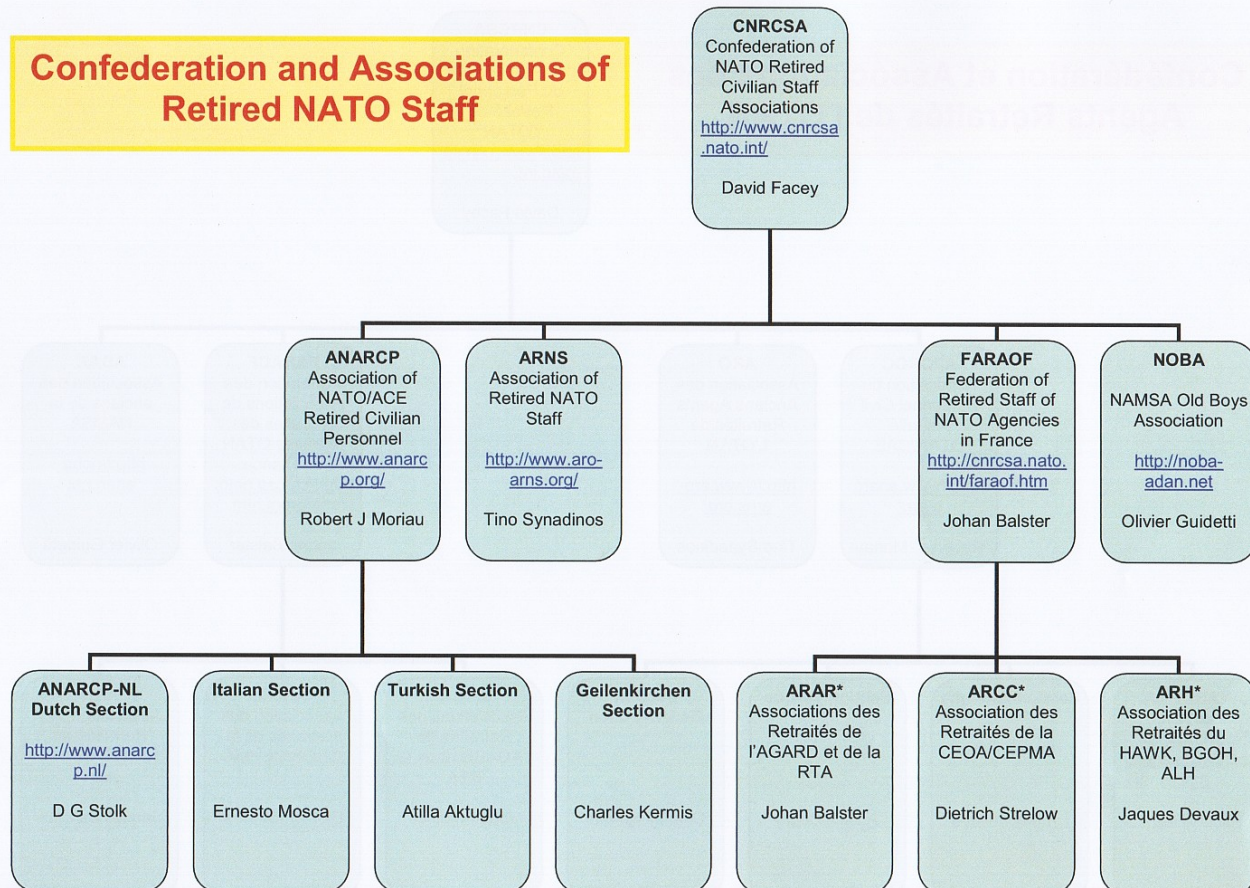
Fortunately the Echo exists because with the disappearance of Lucana News we had no news of the Agency... that is now fixed.

Thanks to all the team for their work and thanks to Marc Heiderscheid for the great trips he organised during many years spent at NAMSA.

Raymond Fragnet.

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* No English version