

# The visit of the Slovenian delegation

by LTC SLV A Marijen IVANUSA

On the 28 January 2009 the delegation of the Slovenian Armed Forces General Staff, led by Director of Staff from General Staff of the Slovenian Armed Forces BG Branimir Furlan visited HQ NRDC-ITA.

The armed forces of the Republic of Slovenia and the Republic of Italy have been cooperating in various military professional fields for many years, both on bilateral basis and as NATO members. That cooperation has been resulting from the successful contribution of the HQ NRDC-ITA to the process of affiliation of part of the Slovenian Armed Forces (SAF) to the NRDC-ITA force structure.

In light of this, the Slovenian General Staff had organized a study tour to Italy and visited CAOC 5 in Poggio Renatico, HQ NRDC-ITA in Solbiate Olona and 1<sup>st</sup> Mantova DIV HQ in Vittorio Veneto. The aim of this study tour was, as part of international mili-

tary education and training, to give the officers of the General Staff the opportunity to become acquainted with and enhance their knowledge of the structure and tasks of the Italian Armed Forces and NATO forces operating in and out of the territory of Italy. HQ NRDC-ITA, as the NATO HQ responsible to carry on important tasks is of the greatest interest for SAF, especially of the forthcoming affiliation process through that the Republic of Slovenia is going to affiliate Light Infantry Battle Group into NRDC-ITA.

During the visit, DACOS G3 OPS provided an Overview briefing on NRDC-ITA, following the syndicates' work on OPS&TRG, LOG and CIS/IM issues. According to the conclusions made by COM NRDC-ITA Lt Gen Gian Marco Chiarini and BG Branimir Furlan, the visit was useful and successful for both NRDC-ITA and SAF side.

