



NRDC-ITA as a Center of Excellence for NATO

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According to the recent events it seems that this is a growing phenomenon...

Since the New Year, a number of officers from HQ NRDC-ITA have been called upon to visit Italian Defence institutes across the country in order to provide insights and lessons on the NATO environment.

G5 Plans and Policy have been intrinsically involved in this process with its representatives briefing on topics as diverse as the NRDC-ITA structure, the new NATO Response Force (NRF) Concept and the Effect Based Approach to Operations (EBAO).

Of particular note in February 2010, ACOS G5 Col Maurizio Riccò briefed the multi-national Junior Staff Officer Course on the EBAO at the Application School in Turin., LTC Sergio Tamai subsequently briefed on the NRDC-ITA and NRF to the same audience.

Furthermore, Col Riccò and Maj Giuseppe Rocco followed up the success of the Turin briefs, with a trip to the Joint Staff Officer Course Rome in March 2010 at the 'Centro Alti Studi per la Difesa' where he delivered another session on the EBAO.

It is testament to the whole HQ that when the Italian Army shows interest in NATO's evolution, HQ NRDC-ITA experiences an increased level of interest in its work. The NRDC is at the forefront of developing NATO doctrine and as such is becoming the conduit for information to and from the Italian Field Forces and many of the multi-national staff colleges around the country and beyond .

Exercise ARCADE Support

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Between the 16 and 18 March, CSS Div was very fortunate to have the opportunity to host a visit from CSS Division, HQ ARRC. Brigadier John Bevan, DCOS CSS and forty six personnel from across his Division came to HQ NRDC-ITA to learn from our own ISAF experiences in order to allow the ARRC to prepare and train for their own ISAF deployment to the Interim Joint Headquarters in January 2011. For the ARRC, 2010 includes their deployment from Germany to UK so time will be short and a well constructed training programme will be essential. Despite the fact that the vast majority of HQ NRDC-ITA ISAF deployees have now moved on, we managed to find individuals from each functional area to provide a grass routes view of delivering CSS in ISAF. As pay-back, the ARRC provided us with their experiences on preparing for NRF 13. Our mutual experiences provoked a great deal of useful discussion and a truly educative time was had by all. Of course the visit also provided the opportunity for some cultural visits and 'team bonding', it was very fortunate the team visited during a period in March when the sun was shining! All that remains to be done is to arrange the return visit to HQ ARRC later in 2010, who by then will be based in Gloucestershire in the United Kingdom, so we can learn from the ARRC's experience in preparation for our 2013 deployment.

