



## The Security Sector EUROPE Team of EPES Mandala

**General Henny van der Graaf** was the Founder Director of SEESAC, *South East Europe Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of Small Arms & Light Weapons*, in Belgrade Henny also launched the UNDP's first voluntary weapon collection project in Albania, in Gramsch District. As a pioneer in what the UN calls 'Micro-disarmament' dealing with Small Arm and Light Weapons (SALW) General van der Graaf is the world's most famous micro-disarmament expert. He became a member of the UN Secretary General's Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters when he retired from the Royal Netherlands Army, and member of the Board of UNIDIR, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research in Geneva. General van der Graaf has been Advisor to the Stability Pact/NATO in Central Europe looking at the conversion of surplus European weapons and military bases. In the nineties he was a member of the UN small arms mission to West Africa ( Mali and adjacent countries), conducted DDR missions on behalf of the UN or the EU in Mali, Mindanao, Bangladesh and Cambodia respectively.

**General Stergios Papotis** retired recently from the Greek Air force with the rank of Lt General. He has a vast experience of issues concerning security sector reform and management especially at the European strategic level. His last posting was Director of RACVIAC *Regional Arms Control Verification and Implementation Assistant Center*, in Croatia. He has long experience of high level negotiations concerning NATO strategy, disarmament, strategic military, staff and peace training.

**Dennis Brennan** – is an Irish and American lawyer, diplomat and development manager joined General van der Graaf in SEESAC where he is legal advisor. A former senior diplomat in the US State Department, with thirty years experience in Asia and Africa, he ended his Foreign Service career as US Representative at the OECD/DAC. Specialized in strategic development issues, programme management and evaluation, Dennis has moved in recent years in conflict resolution and disarmament, becoming one of the world's leading authorities on peace building and small arms legislation.

**Adrian Wilkinson MBE** Adrian Wilkinson is widely regarded as one of the world's leading specialists on Operational Disarmament, Small Arms Control and Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD). Adrian was Director of SEESAC for 5 years, before which he was the Head of Technology and Standards at the GICHD for 3 years. Adrian was a member of the UN Group of Government Experts (GGE) on Small Arms and Light Weapons Disposal and the Advisor to the UN Office of Disarmament Affairs for the GGE on Conventional Ammunition. He has translated his wide operational experience into policy development through the development of international standards; (as Project Director for the International Mine Action Standards (IMAS), author of the International DDR Standards (IDDRS) on Disarmament and Small Arms Control and the author of



four modules of the International Small Arms Control Standards (ISACS)). He has written widely on Small Arms Control and Disarmament, including co-authoring the definitive work on the Techniques of Clandestine Arms Delivery. Adrian previously served for 20 years in the British Army, many as a Senior Ammunition Technical Officer (ATO), which included operational and counter-terrorist bomb disposal experience in Northern Ireland, Gulf 1991, Falkland Islands, Albania, Bosnia, West Bank / Gaza and North West Europe. He also established the UK Ammunition Demilitarization Facility. His education includes Master's Degrees in International Conflict Analysis (ICA) and Explosive Ordnance Engineering (EOE). He is now the Director of Explosive Capabilities Limited.

**Colonel Adrian Sprangemeijer** – formerly head of explosives for the Royal Dutch Army, Col Sprangemeijer is a world specialist in mine clearance, explosives and ammunition destruction, weapon collection and destruction. As Chief Technical Adviser to the Cambodian Government's Mine Action Centre, Adrian was familiar with the work of EU-ASAC and he later joined the team to advise on weapon and ammunition storage and take control of a weapon destruction.

**Colonel Alain Perigaud**, retired French infantry Lt Colonel, is an expert in small arms management and disarmament, weapon destruction, security sector reform, demobilisation and reintegration.

**Colonel Achim Bruedgam**, German Lt Colonel retired and former Councillor in East German diplomatic service. An expert in mines, munitions and security affairs, Col Bruedgam has wide experience in European and Middle Eastern military affairs and has recently been a Security Director for the UN in Afghanistan.

**Major Anton Ivanov** retired from the Bulgarian army and went to work for the United Nations as a weapons specialist for disarmament and demobilization in Afghanistan.

**Ambassador Pieter Verbeek** is a retired senior Dutch diplomat with huge experience of disarmament negotiations at the highest levels in Europe.

**Major Barendrecht, Boudewijn** is a retired Dutch intelligence officer with wide experience of arms control and illegal weapon issues in Europe and in various other parts of the world.



**Dr Zeki Ergas** was born in Turkey, has academic degrees in economics from the universities of Berkeley and Geneva, and writes extensively on development and human rights issues in English – his fifth language. He is an expert on issues of culture, development and prevention of conflicts. He has extensive knowledge of the Mediterranean Basin and the Near East. Since Yugoslavia fell apart, Zeki has been deepening his historical and sociological research on poverty, identity and violence.

**Javier Nart** is one of Spain's most famous lawyers, working in human rights, commercial and criminal law. In 1988 he directed a Spanish Commission of Enquiry on Human Rights in the occupied Palestinian territories. As a former journalist and war correspondent, Javier has worked in Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, Palestine, Yemen, Israel, Iran and Jordan, and he has relationships with political, social and humanitarian leaders all over the world including Africa, Asia, Middle East and Europe.

**Andria Wisler** is a professor of political science in USA and a graduate of the European Peace University. She has worked extensively in Central Europe – particularly in the Balkans - on democracy and peace building, and issues surrounding peace education and conflict transformation.

**Tanja Zlatkovic** is a Bosnian journalist and peace worker with a special interest in Eastern Europe, the UN, and questions related to genocide and history of the German migrations in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. She has studied in Germany and in USA and previously assisted with the administration of EPES Mandala in the head office.

## **Governance & Development EUROPE Team of EPES Mandala**

**Dr Michelle Elcoat Poulton**, moved from West Africa after the fall of the Berlin Wall to develop a range of new programmes for children across Eastern Europe and former Soviet countries. As Director of the CCF European office in Geneva, Switzerland, Michelle created a radical and innovative activities with new civil society organizations such as the Latvian and Lithuanian and Estonian Children's Funds, and dealing with the post-Chernobyl crisis that affected millions of children in Ukraine and Belarus. She also launched child development programmes in Albania, one of the first international NGOs to enter this difficult terrain.