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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Brigadier general João António Campos Rocha

Director of CIS, EMGFA, Portugal

Brigadier general electrotechnical engineer João António Campos Rocha was born in Albufeira, Portugal, in February 1965. He belongs to the Air Force and became the Director of Communications and Information Systems of the General Staff of the Armed Forces since January of 2019.



REAR-ADMIRAL MÁRIO DO CARMO DURÃO

POR N (Ret.), President, AFCEA Portugal Chapter

Rear-Admiral Mário Durão, graduated from Naval Academy in June 1971 and from Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, USA, as Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering in June 1977. Between 1984 and 1994, was appointed Professor of Thermodynamics and Fluid Mechanics at the Naval Academy. From 1994 to 2005, assumed top management functions in the ICT areas in the Navy and the MoD, being CIO and Deputy Secretary General. He retired in December 2013. Since October 2014 he has been president of AFCEA Portugal.



KC CHOI

B2B Global Lead, Samsung Electronics, USA

Executive Vice President, Head of Global Mobile B2B/B2G Team, Mobile Communications Business, Samsung Electronics Co.,Ltd (Nov, 2019~present). 35 years working at several of America's iconic technology companies such as IBM, NCR, HP and Dell and CTO for United Healthcare. B.A. in Economics and Electrical Engineering from UC Irvine, Guest lecturer at Loyola Marymount University and Stanford University.



MGen Jorge Côte-Real Andrade

Deputy Director of National Defence Resources Directorate, Ministry of Defence, Portugal

MGen Jorge Côte-Real is Deputy Director of the Portuguese Defence Resources Directorate (MoD) and Deputy National Armament Director. He is National R&T Director for the EDA and Principal Board Member for the NATO Science and Technology Organization. He holds a PhD in Systems Engineering (Artificial Intelligence) and a Master in Military Sciences. His main areas of research are AI Decision Support, Strategic Planning, and Innovation. He was Deputy Director of the Military University Institute, Director of its Research Centre, Director of the MSc in Military Sciences and responsible for its Strategic Planning domain. He served at the Planning and Policy Division of SHAPE, namely on NATO-EU relations.

Main areas of research: AI Decision Support; Strategic Planning; Innovation.



LtGen Dennis Crall

USA MC, J6 Joint Chief of Staff, USA

Lieutenant General Crall currently serves as the Director for Command, Control, Communications, and Computers / Cyber and Chief Information Officer, Joint Staff J6. Joint assignments include: Deputy Principal Cyber Advisor / Senior Military Advisor for Cyber Policy; Chief, Joint Cyberspace Center, US Central Command (CENTCOM); Executive Officer to the Deputy Commander, CENTCOM; Division Chief, Information Operations, CENTCOM; Division Chief, Developments and Concepts, CENTCOM; Branch Chief, Strategic Plans, Information Operations, US Special Operations Command (SOCOM); Joint Liaison Officer to the 7th Air Force, 607th Air Support Operations Group in Osan, Korea.



Major Vitor Custódio

Director of Communications and Information Systems (DCSI), Mobile CIS Portuguese Armed Forces

Major Vitor Custódio started his career at the Portuguese Military Academy between 1997-2004. After his graduation was assigned as a SME in the CIS Project Team, studying, and developing CIS capabilities. During his career he served as CIS Officer in the PRT Multirole Engineer Unit deployed in Lebanon, as G6 and J6 in Madeira Islands Operational Command (2009-2011) and as Commander of the PRT Mechanized Brigade Signals Coy. In 2018, Maj Vitor Custódio was assigned to the Army CIS Project Management Office in the Portuguese Army CIS Directorate.



Dr. Christoph Erdmann

Founder and Managing Director, Secusmart BlackBerry, Germany

Dr. Christoph Erdmann is the founder and managing director of Secusmart GmbH. Since 2014, he has also been Senior Vice President at BlackBerry and is responsible for the secure communication division within the parent company.



Dr. Daniel FIOTT

Security and Defence Editor, EU Institute for Security Studies

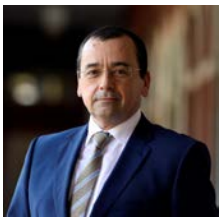
Dr Daniel Fiott is Security and Defence Editor at the EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS). At the EUISS, Daniel analyses EU security and defence policy and defence innovation. Before joining the EUISS, Daniel held research positions with the Research Foundation – Flanders, the Institute for European Studies at the Free University of Brussels and the College of Europe. He teaches European security at the Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy at the Free University of Brussels and the Brussels School of International Studies at the University of Kent.



BG Armin Fleischmann

Cyber and Information Domain Command, Head of the Planning Department, Bundeswehr, Germany

BG Armin Fleischmann joined the Air Force/ Bundeswehr (Bw) in 1983. In 2005 – 2007, he served as Expert for CIS concepts, plans & procurement for the Bw in the basic department of the MOD IT-Staff/ M II/ IT 1 in Bonn. From 2012 to 2013 he was Branch Chief C4I GAF & IT-Sec & Cyber Chief Officer GAF, GAF Command in Berlin. From 2017 to present day, he is Director Plans and Policy Directorate at Cyber & Information Domain.



RADM António Gameiro Marques

Director-General, National Security Authority (GNS), Portugal

Rear Admiral António Gameiro Marques joined the Naval Academy in 1976 and completed a degree in Naval Military Sciences in 1981. Between 1991 and 1998, he was responsible for the training and international certification of those frigates in Royal Navy's Flag Office Sea Training (FOST) in the UK. From the 1st of September 2016 he is the DG of the National Security Authority, which includes the National Cybersecurity Center in its structure.



Cedric George

Director, AWS Department of Defense Strategic Business Development, USA

Over 32 years of executive experience in all aspects of logistics operations, strategic planning, program management and information technology while leading large complex organizations ranging in size from 500 to over 180,000 culminating as the Air Force Director of Logistics at the Pentagon. Background includes 4 years of international assignments and logistics consensus building in Europe and Asia/Pacific. An experienced leader, manager, team builder, adaptive problem solver, communicator and coach with a record of success in complex and demanding environments.



Mr. João Gomes Cravinho

Minister of National Defence, Portugal

João Titternigton Gomes Cravinho was born in Lisbon in June 1964. Between March 2005 and June 2011, João Gomes Cravinho was Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, in the XVII and XVIII Constitutional Governments. He has served as a research associate at the National Defence Institute, the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, the European Commission and the World Bank. He was rapporteur for the Judicial Sector, World Bank Mission in East Timor, 1999. In the same year, he was the coordinator and member of an international observer mission to the popular consultation in Timor-Leste. Between 2001 and 2002 he presided over the Portuguese Institute for Development Assistance. He was appointed as Minister of Defence of Portugal's XXI Government on October 15th, 2018, and retained in the same post after elections for the XXII Government in October 26th, 2019.



Gurvais Grigg

Global Public Sector CTO, Chainalysis, USA

Gurvais C. Grigg is a recognized technology executive with 26 years of public and private sector investigative and financial experience working to connect government and industry partners to the cryptocurrency industry. Grigg, Global Public Sector Chief Technology Officer for Chainalysis, responsible for connecting global governments with the cryptocurrency industry to create a more reliable, fair, and open market for the world to transact.



BGEN Michael Gschossmann

General Manager NATO AEW&C, Programme Management Agency (NAPMA)

BrigGen Michael Gschossmann joined the German Air Force in July 1979 as an Officer Candidate. Having completed Basic Training he passed Officer Training at the German Air Force Academy at Fuerstenfeldbruck. He was assigned to the German Ministry of Defense in Bonn as Desk Officer and subsequently as Military Assistant to ACOS Politico Military Affairs. Later on he was selected as General Manager for the NATO AWACS Programme Management Agency (NAPMA) based in Brunssum, The Netherlands.



Dr Garry Hargreaves

Director of the NCI Academy

Dr Garry Hargreaves was appointed Director of the NATO Communications and Information (NCI) Academy on 1 August 2020. He ensures the Academy provides high quality education and training content to NATO and oversees its continuous improvement.



Dr. Uwe Jasnoch

VP Business Development, Hexagon Geospatial, Germany

Dr. Uwe Jasnoch joined Hexagon in 2007, serving as the global Vice President for Business Development as well as Director Pre-Sales for APAC at the Geospatial Division. Prior to this position, he was serving as EMEA Industry Leader for Government, Transportation and Defense, and Sales Manager Government and Defense for DACH at Hexagon.



Brigadier General Martin Konertz

Director Capability, Armament and Technology, European Defence Agency

Brigadier General Martin Konertz joined the German Federal Armed Forces (Bundeswehr) in 1976 as an officer candidate. In August 2004, Martin Konertz was appointed as Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff at the Strategic Reconnaissance Command in Rheinbach where he stayed until November 2008, before being promoted to Deputy Defence Adviser at the Permanent Delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany to NATO in Brussels. From August 2011 until his appointment at the European Defence Agency, he served as Branch Chief Multinational Defence Planning at the German MoD in Bonn.



Steven Lee

Senior Solutions Leader, McKinsey & Company

Steven Lee is a trusted advisor to US Federal Government and academia, providing expertise in applications of analytics to large-scale challenges across multiple domains, as well as guidance on data strategies, ethics, decision intelligence, and AI policy. With research interests in the complex dynamics of information dispersal, he is dedicated to ensuring that the right data reaches the right decision-maker at the right time.



Commodore João Marreiros

Head of Research and Development Centre, Military University Institute (IUM), Portugal

Commodore João Paulo Ramalho Marreiros specialized in Hydrography in 1991/92 and served on board the frigates and hydrographic ships. As a hydrographer he was in charge of the 2nd Hydrographic Brigade, for the Hydrographic Equipments, Systems and Methods Department at Hydrographic Division of the Navy Hydrographic, Commander of the Hydrographic Ship N.R.P. “D. Carlos I” and Director of the School of Hydrography. Since October 2018 he served at the Military University Institute where he is currently in charge Research and Development Centre and for the scientific Coordination of the Doctoral Program in Military Sciences.



Hunter Moore

Principal Researcher, Sr. Data Scientist - Dept. of Defense Joint Artificial Intelligence Center

Hunter Moore is the Principal Researcher of Rotunda Solutions, Inc., and oversees analytics strategies and the launching of new analytics lines of effort at the Department of Defense Joint Artificial Intelligence Center (JAIC). In addition to his work at the JAIC, he has served as a researcher for projects for the Defense Innovation Board (DIB), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer (DoD CIO), and commercial corporations. His professional experience includes experience as a professor, engineer, scientist, and consultant.



Francisco Nobre

Business Development Executive, Esri Inc

Francisco is an experienced consultant and project manager in GIS (Geographical Information Systems) with more than 25 years of experience using GIS tools from several providers to different markets (Energy & Utilities, Telecoms, Government, Defense & Homeland Security to refer to the most important ones). He has dedicated the last 7 years to the National Security area.



Jeffrey Phelan

CTO, Rubrik Public Sector, USA

Jeffrey Phelan is Public Sector CTO for Rubrik where his main responsibilities are assisting organizations across the DoD, Intel Community, Federal Civilian, and State & Local governments with their Digital Transformation efforts, Cloud Migration, Data Management, and Infrastructure Automation requirements.



Brigadier General Frank Pieper

Chief Digital Officer, German Army

In 1983, Bgen. Pieper joined the Bundeswehr, Army Air Defence Artillery Service. From 2000 to 2001 he was appointed Military Assistant to Chief Staff, 1st German/Netherlands Corps. Two years later he became Commander Armored Army Airdefence Bataillon 300, Fuldata. From 2011 to 2013 he served as Leader Operational Planning & Command branch, Bundeswehr Command and Staff College. Bgen. Pieper became Chief Digital Officer Army at the German Army Headquarters in 2019.



Raúl Pinto

Hardware Engineer, EID, Portugal

Raúl Pinto is an Hardware Engineer, with a graduation in Electrical and Computer Engineering and a post-graduation in Cybersecurity, working at EID for fifteen years in the Naval Communications field.



BG Vasil Sabinski

Director CIS&CD, EEASEUMS

Brigadier General Vasil Sabinski began his military career in the General Staff Signal Brigade of the Bulgarian Armed Forces in 1988. He subsequently commanded at company, battalion and brigade level. Following a 4 year period working in the EU Military Staff CIS Directorate in Brussels, he returned to Bulgaria in 2014 as the Commander of the Stationary CIS of the Bulgarian Ministry of Defence and Armed Forces. Promoted to General rank in August 2017, he returned to the EU Military Staff to assume the position of Director CIS.



Johann Schmid

Director, Community of Interest on Strategy and Defence, European Centre of Excellence, Finland

Johann Schmid is the Director COI Strategy and Defence (COI S&D) at the European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats (Hybrid CoE) in Helsinki Finland. The Centre serves as a hub of expertise supporting participating states, EU and NATO to enhance their understanding, preparedness and civil-military capabilities to counter hybrid threats. As an officer in the German armed forces Dr. Schmid has been working in various fields within the organization. This includes different missions within the combat troops of the army, assignments to NATO and academia.



BGEN Sara L. Sharkey

Head Application Services & DevOps, DEFENCE DIGITAL, MoD UK

Commissioned in the British Army in 1991 Brig Sharkey has served on operations in Bosnia and Iraq. Her most recent roles have focussed in the cloud and applications domain seeking to drive digital transformation and adoption of new technologies.



John Sherman

Acting Chief Information Officer, Department of Defense, USA

Mr. John Sherman is a career member of the Senior Intelligence Service, serving as the Acting Department of Defense Chief Information Officer (DoD CIO) since January 2021. In this capacity, Mr. Sherman serves as the primary advisor to the Secretary of Defense for Information Management / Information Technology (IT) and Information Assurance, as well as non-intelligence space systems; critical satellite communications, navigation, and timing programs; spectrum; and telecommunications.



Admiral António Silva Ribeiro

Chief of Defence, Portuguese Armed Forces

Admiral António Silva Ribeiro was appointed as Chief of General Staff of the Portuguese Armed Forces in 2018. Previously, as flag officer he served as Chief of the Naval Staff and National Maritime Authority, Maritime Authority General Director and Maritime Police Commander, Superintendent of Material, General Director of the Hydrographic Institute, the Deputy Vice-Chief of then Naval Staff, Secretary of the Admiralty Council and Member of the Consultative Commission on Search and Rescue.



Major General Erich Staudacher, DEU AF (ret.)

General Manager, AFCEA Europe

Major General (ret.) Erich Staudacher joined the German Armed Forces in 1974. Since then, he has served in a variety of senior leadership positions for the German Armed Forces. In 2016, he retired after 42 years of military service and took the position as Vice President EMEA and General Manager Europe of AFCEA International.



Col Jaak Tarien

Director, NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCDCOE), Estonia

Colonel Jaak Tarien is the Director of the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCDCOE) based in Estonia since September 2018. CCDCOE is a NATO-accredited cyber defence hub focusing on research, training and exercises. The international military organisation is a community of currently 25 nations providing a 360-degree look at cyber defence, with expertise in the areas of technology, strategy, operations and law.



Leendert van Bochoven

Global Lead for National Security and NATO, The Netherlands

Leendert van Bochoven is an executive member of the global leadership team for IBM's Public Sector. He is the global segment leader for Defence and Intelligence. He is also leading IBM's engagement with NATO and European Defence Agency. Before that, he has served in different national and European positions and has been responsible for the solutions approach for Network Centric Operations as part of the IBM Defence team since 2003.



Art Wunder

Director, DoD Mission Solutions, AT&T Business - Public Sector

Art Wunder joined the AT&T team in April 2020 and is the Director of Department of Defense Mission Solutions. Currently he is the lead for the Advanced Battle Management System/Joint All-Domain Command and Control where his focus is delivering connectivity solutions and expeditionary communications capabilities across the Air Force.



David Zaharchuk

Research Director, IBM Institute for Business Value, USA

Dave Zaharchuk is Research Director in IBM's Institute for Business Value (the business think tank of IBM). In this role, Dave is responsible for leading the development of thought leadership research on a variety of business technology topics and issues facing both the public and private sectors. Recent research has focused on the opportunities and implications of artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies on organizations; the impact of the global pandemic on individuals and organizations; and global investment location trends of private sector investments and the impact on economies around the globe.