

CALL FOR PAPERS

INDUSTRY PAPERS AT DIMDEX 2008: DOHA INTERNATIONAL MARITIME DEFENCE EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE 2008

Doha, Qatar. 17-19 March 2008

The Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies' Qatar office issues this Call for Papers to companies in the international defence industry wishing to present a paper at the Doha International Maritime Defence Exhibition (DIMDEX) Conference, to be held in Doha, Qatar.

DIMDEX is the sister show to the highly successful IMDEX Asia series (held in Singapore), and is the first dedicated maritime defence exhibition to serve the Middle East and North African (MENA) region. The DIMDEX Maritime Defence Conference - produced by RUSI(Qatar), organized by Qatar MCE Development Institute (QMDI) and hosted by the Qatari Emiri Naval Forces - is designed to support DIMDEX 2008. The Exhibition will run from 17-19 March 2008, with the conference taking place on the second and third days.

Background

The challenges which navies face in supporting future national defence and security policies are, to an extent, typified by challenges in the MENA region. The political climate in the MENA region, the proliferation of WMD technology, and the rise of maritime terrorism, piracy and illegal trafficking, has made maritime security an issue of increasing importance – especially in a region with many countries dependent on access to the sea for national prosperity and security. It is predicted that around 350 naval ships will be procured in the next 10 years by states in the MENA region.

The conference will provide a forum for discussing the region's strategic challenges, defence and security concepts, prospects for regional political and military co-operation, and how affordable technological solutions can support key concepts and offset the strategic challenges. The conference will open with senior representation from the Qatari Government and Navy, and the programme will include addresses from chiefs of navies, senior officials, and leading defence and security analysts.

Call for Papers

The conference organizers are seeking papers from industry for the parallel, or track, sessions of the conference on the following subjects:

- Networked Operations
- Surveillance
- The Underwater Environment and Maritime Security Operations (MSO)
- Ship Design and Signature Management
- Combat Systems
- Sonar Systems in Littoral Operations
- Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN)

- Weapons
- Mine Countermeasures
- Training
- Electronic Counter Measures
- Unmanned Vehicles

The conference provides the opportunity for industry to highlight emerging technologies and to demonstrate expertise in critical technology areas. Contributions should set the subject of the presentation in the broader context of the major themes of the conference, thereby showing thought leadership on key conceptual issues.

Submission of Abstracts and Further Information

The organizers invite companies to submit abstracts of no more than 500 words in length. Each abstract must be accompanied by a biography or *curriculum vitae* for the proposed speaker. In submitting abstracts, companies may propose more than one paper. The organizers may select more than one paper for the conference from any one company. Successful applicants will not be required to pay the registration fee for the conference.

Successful abstracts will exhibit a basis of logical analysis and clarity in style. Successful applicants will be required to submit a full paper of up to 3,000 words. The word limit is set thus as speakers will be required to talk for between 15 and 20 minutes, depending on the number of speakers selected for each parallel session.

Submissions must conform to the following guidelines:

- Abstracts must not exceed 500 words in length.
- Final papers must not exceed 3,000 words in length.
- Abstracts and final papers must be written in English, which will be the working language of the conference, and must be type-written and double spaced.
- Papers must be original works not published elsewhere.
- As the conference organizers intend to publish the conference proceedings, papers must be approved and cleared for publication (either by the company concerned and/or by any relevant Government or other organization) on final submission.
- Given the intention to publish the proceedings, the conference committee requests that abstracts and papers focus on text, rather than be dominated by graphics and charts such as Powerpoint.

Submission of Abstracts/Final Papers Should be Made To:

Dr. Lee Willett by:

- 1) **Email** – dr.leewillett@rusi.org (preferred method), or
- 2) **Fax** - +44 (0) 20 7747 2647 (attn: Dr Lee Willett), or
- 3) **Post** – To Lee Willett, Head, Maritime Studies Programme, RUSI, Whitehall, London SW1A 2ET, UK

Abstracts, plus a biography or *curriculum vitae* and full contact details for the author/speaker, must be received (not postmarked) by **Friday 9 November 2007**.

Acceptance or otherwise will be notified in writing by email no later than **Friday 16 November 2007**. Final papers must be submitted no later than **Thursday 31 January 2008**.

Please note: the organizers' decision will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

Summary of Key Deadlines

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| 1) Submission of abstracts: | Friday 9 November 2007. |
| 2) Notification of acceptance: | Friday 16 November 2007. |
| 3) Submission of final paper: | Thursday 31st January 2008. |

For any further information, please contact

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