

Euro-Atlantic Integration: an Instrument for Stability

On March 1st-5th 2004, the Ivan Franko University of Lviv and NATO Information and Documentation Centre co-hosted the conference **NATO Winter Academy, Euro-Atlantic Integration: an Instrument for Stability** in Lviv(Lvov) the cultural capital of Ukraine. The beautiful city with his oldies buildings, museums and churches, the Opera House and the medieval and wonderfull University was a excellent place for holding this winter event.

The participants were university professors, political and military analists from Ukraine, Ambassador B. Tarasyuk, the Foreign Affairs Minister of Ukraine Mr. Kostiantyn Hryshchenko, Poland 's Ambassador, high representants of Georgia, Turkey, Romania, Russia, USA, students from all neighboring countries and the Ukraina's Universities. NATO high representants like Mr. Jean Fournet, Jamie Shea, Patrick Hardouin, John Colston from NATO headquarters were also presents in video-conferences.

The communiques of the conference were divided within five sections, one for each day:

- About Security: The Genesis of Conflict's, The development of national security policies and the role of States.
- Post-Prague NATO: NATO from the 1990's to Instambul and into the future, NATO adjusting to the new challenges.
- Selected Euro-Atlantic Issues and Partnerships: The future role for a reorganized NATO in international politics, its cooperation with other multilateral institutions, including the United Nations, the European Union and the OSCE, **international** peacekeeping operations, Regional Security Vectors: Black Sea, GUUAM, **Central** Asia, Deterrence and Resolution Conflict.
- About Ukraine: Ukraine and Security: from neutrality to integration, **Military and** security sector reform in Ukraine, the role of NATO as a partner, Defining the sharted democratic values of NATO States.
- Regional Security Vectors: Asymetrical Threats to Security, Europe, USA and the future of NATO.

Verry interesting was the analys of Prof. Paul M.E.Volten, of the University of Groningen on *Different approaches to developing National security policy*: "... The name of the game in international relations in Europe has fundamentally changed; so has the organisation of security between East ans the West. Cold War has been taken out our vocabulary; so has the strategy of a MAD bipolarity. By now infamous promise of President Bush made in the euphoric days after fall of the Berlin Wall, about a new world order is, however, still an enigma. Europe is in a process of change, but where will this lead us? The security arrangements have fundamentally changed and the prospect of all-European co-operation and even integration is present, at least perceived as such. Indeed, we may even succed in shaping, what Karl Deutch has called, and an *international security community*. He defined it as *a group of people which has become integrated*. The European Union and NATO are examples of organizations in which non of the member states have any doubt about the absense of the use or threat of military force in the relations between them."

*Interesting was also Victor Hvozd's material on State export control and Ukraine's deficiencies in controlling arms and drugs traffic. An young professor from Lvov University presented a theory about *Just war*, dangerous from the romanian point of view, that is why we understood to conteratac'it.*

Interesting is also Conference Reading materials, a book which contain exposes about security and NATO, many of them that were not presented at the event. However, a bad poit is that interesting materials about Ukraine's political situation were written in ucrainian language, a language used only in the western part of Ukraine, and therefore inaccessible.

Romania was represented in Lviv by **Mr. Ionut Alexe** on behalf of Centre for Euro-Atlantic Studies of University of Bucharest and by Mr. Claudiu Arghir, Second Secretary of the Embassy of Romania in Ukraine.