

Editorial

International Conference on Military and Security Studies (ICMSS-2015)

Dear Readers of JMIS,

On March 10th and 11th, the International Conference on Military and Security Studies (ICMSS-2015) launched in Turkish War Colleges Command, Istanbul. The conference drew officers, academics, entrepreneurs from defense industry, strategists, decision makers and innovators from across 18 countries. The event was fully subscribed almost as soon as it was announced. With this Conference, ICMSS 2015 organizers hoped to contribute to the main theme of conference: Adapting the Army for Future Security Challenges (Fig.1).

Members of the ICMSS 2015 conference committee wish to express their appreciation to all keynote speakers, presenters and symposium chairs for their contribution to the conference. The expertise and dedication of the conference volunteers, and others, was also instrumental in ensuring the success of the 1st International Conference on Military and Security Studies.

Four different workshops *Knowledge Management & Information Systems, Knowledge Development, Decision Making & Artificial Intelligence and Leadership & Mission Command* were held during ICMSS 2015. Decision Making and Artificial Intelligence was one of the workshops among others (WS-3). I would like to give some information about this particular workshop. First of all, goals of this workshop were given below.

- To share information about the content of the workshop.
- To check this against participants' expectations so they can decide if the workshop is right for them and/or you can make adaptations if you feel able.
- To help people get to know each other so they can get more out of the workshop.

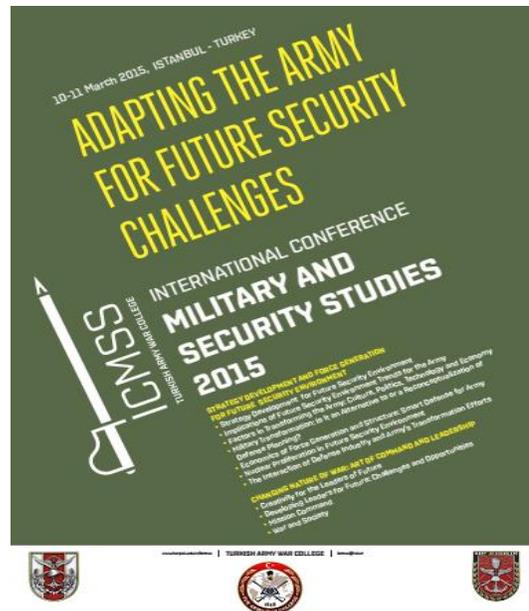


Fig.1. Poster of ICMSS 2015

The idea for this workshop at ICMSS-2015 was to create a framework for the field of military decision making. This framework consisted out of the following essential questions:

- How can different scientific approaches in the field of decision making be validated

for military purposes? On which level can they be validated and what are the limits of those scientific approaches?

- What are the consequences of military decision making process? What do we expect from it?
- How various artificial intelligence applications can be adopted for military decision process?
- What are the key indicators for different decision making processes?

In order to get into deeper discussion, some short presentations were presented. On one hand, we planned to get oral information about existing methods and tools that support the (military or nonmilitary) decision making process. For the understanding of the characterization, consequences and complexity of decision making processes, we also programmed to get on the other hand some case studies from the other Army War Colleges or National Defense Universities (See Fig.2).



Fig.2. WS-3 participants.

Together with WS-3 participants, we had an intensive discussion on applying decision making methods for the case-study military decision making processes. As WS-3 participants, we tried to understand chances and limits of existing decision making methods as well as the challenges for further activities on the

decision making situation with the help of artificial intelligence.

Finally, Turkish War Colleges Command-Army War College was pleased to host ICMSS 2015. We thank all participants for their hard work and commitment and the true spirit of cooperation. It is they who have made the Conference a success (Fig.3). We owe the success of the conference to their support and efforts.



Fig.3. ICMSS 2015 Committee

The outcome is truly a remarkable achievement which will not only influence the other conferences about military and security, but also bring other Army War Colleges or National Defense Universities for a closer cooperation.

Sincerely,

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