

## INSS Symposium – NATO: Bucharest and Beyond

The National Defense University's Institute for National Strategic Studies hosted the 2008 European Symposium at Fort Lesley J. McNair on February 20, 2008. The Symposium, "NATO: Bucharest and Beyond," which attracted 345 registrants, included a keynote speech by **General John Craddock**, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, via VTC from Afghanistan. The symposium focused on identifying and exploring key issues facing NATO today: the pursuit of complex stabilization operations; threats posed by proliferation of ballistic missile capabilities; the U.S. commitment to NATO; and the possible movement towards a new Strategic Concept for the Alliance.



NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer (center) and Supreme Allied Commander Europe, General John Craddock (right) – Feb 2008 ISAF (NATO)



Lt Gen Patrick de Rousiers, French Air Force, MG Patrick O'Reilly, U.S Missile Defense Agency and Ms. Elaine Bunn, INSS (left to right) discuss key strategic and technical issues regarding NATO's role in missile defense. (NDU)

Other featured speakers included **Admiral Gregory Johnson**, USN (Ret), former Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe; **Ambassador Eberhard Pohl**, Deputy Political Director, German Federal Foreign Office; **Lieutenant General Patrick de Rousiers**, French Air Force, Commander of Air Defense and Air Operations; **Major General Patrick O'Reilly**, Deputy Director of the Missile Defense Agency; **Major General Ton van Loon**, Royal Netherlands Army, Chief of Staff, Allied Land Component Command, NATO; **Major General Heinrich Brauss**, German Army, Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Policy Planning, NATO; and **Mr. Kristian Fischer**, Deputy Permanent Secretary of State for Defense, Denmark.

A summary of the symposium proceedings will be available soon on the INSS website along with presentations that have been cleared by individual speakers.

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