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## **“NATO and the Challenges of Global Security”**

**NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer and former Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy Dr. Jack Dyer (J.D.) Crouch II, to address NATO symposium.** NATO's new Secretary General will make his Washington debut address at the 2004 National Defense University (NDU) European Symposium on January 28-29, 2004. Former Assistant Secretary of Defense J.D. Crouch II will also join many distinguished U.S. and international security and foreign policy experts for this symposium on European security issues. The symposium will be held in Eisenhower Hall and Marshall Hall at the university's Fort McNair campus in Washington.

As NATO member governments prepare for the June 2004 Istanbul Summit, their armed forces are heavily engaged in a range of stability and peace support operations from the Balkans to Iraq, and simultaneously being asked to enhance their capabilities to respond to future global threats and challenges. To shed light on these challenges and other issues on the Istanbul Summit agenda, symposium panelists will assess NATO's military operations over the past decade and the implications of this record for future Alliance activities outside the transatlantic region. This conference will explore the range of views on both sides of the Atlantic concerning NATO's suitability and capabilities to address a broad range of global security problems. It will also consider other critical issues, including transformation of Allied military forces, NATO-EU relations, and the future of the Partnership for Peace and NATO's cooperation with Russia and Ukraine, and other partners.

Symposium participants, historically numbering 250-300, include policymakers, experts, journalists, members of the diplomatic community, and faculty and students from the National Defense University and other civilian and military colleges and universities. The conference agenda includes the following panels:

- Assessing NATO Operations in the Balkans

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- Assessing NATO Operations in Afghanistan
- Assessing NATO's Evolving Role in Iraq
- Developing and Deploying NATO's Forces for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- NATO Cooperation with the European Union
- The Future of NATO's Relations with other Partners
- Istanbul and Beyond: Assessing NATO's Future

NDU is the nation's premier center for joint professional military education. The University is an accredited graduate-level institution that provides an educational and research environment to prepare future leaders of the armed forces and other civilian agencies for high-level policy, command, and staff responsibilities. NDU organizes four major symposia each year focusing on regional or functional security issues in these broad categories: European, Asia-Pacific, joint operations, and an issue of topical import. These symposia draw a diverse audience of scholars, practitioners, media, and the attentive public from the U.S. and abroad and are a major element of NDU's outreach activities. Proceedings of symposia are disseminated on the Web and in published form.

The Secretary General's luncheon address will be on the record. Other symposium proceedings will be conducted in accordance with NDU's non-attribution policy, available for review on the NDU website, with the agenda and registration form.

For more information on the symposium please contact the NDU Conference Directorate at (202) 685-3857 or at [ndu\\_conferences@ndu.edu](mailto:ndu_conferences@ndu.edu) or consult NDU's website at [http://www.ndu.edu/inss/symposia/Conference\\_main.htm#European\\_Symposium](http://www.ndu.edu/inss/symposia/Conference_main.htm#European_Symposium).

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