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Report from the International Conference *Distance Learning, Simulation and Communication (DLSC 2017)* in Brno, the Czech Republic, 31 May – 2 June 2017

The *Distance Learning, Simulation and Communication (DLSC)* conference has been a part of an official accompanying programme of the International Exhibition of Defence and Security Technologies and Special Information Systems at the BVV Trade Fairs since 2009. The event is biennial. DLSC 2009, DLSC 2011, DLSC 2013, and DLSC 2015 proceedings are accessible at the DLSC conference website (<http://dlsc.unob.cz>). They have been indexed at the Web of Science database (<https://apps.webofknowledge.com/>). The electronic versions of all DLSC conference printed proceedings can be downloaded, and their use is free of charge.

The DLSC 2017 conference objectives were experience and information exchange in the fields of:

- the current status and prospects of distance learning and e-learning in the preparation of military professionals and other target groups;
- the usage of computer modelling and simulation, especially (but not only) in the command and control process; and
- language education of military professionals and other target groups, as well as current and future communication systems, their development and usage.

The event was organised by: the University of Defence (Kounicova 65, 662 10 Brno), the Centre of Simulation and Training Technologies (Kounicova 44, 662 10 Brno), BVV Trade Fairs (Výstaviště 1, 647 00 Brno), and the Union of Czech Mathematicians and Physicists, Brno branch (Janáčkovo nám. 654/2A, 602 00 Brno).

The main parts of the DLSC 2017 conference programme were as follows:

- Wednesday, 31 May
 - Ice-breaking evening of the DLSC 2017 participants at the University of Defence Club.

- Thursday, 1 June
 - Keynote lecture “Virtual reality and its role in education” by Lubica Stuchlíková from the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava;
 - 4 blocks of presentations; and
 - networking evening at the Starobrno brewery.
- Friday, 2 June
 - 2 blocks of presentations and
 - time for visiting the IDET 2017 exhibition.

The DLSC 2017 conference participants have received two publications. The first one is *Distance Learning, Simulation and Communication 2017 CD Proceedings*, which contains 47 accepted conference papers prepared by the authors from Austria, the Czech Republic, Poland, Russia, the Slovak Republic, and Ukraine. The second one is *Distance Learning, Simulation and Communication 2017 Proceedings (Selected papers)*, a printed version containing 30 selected papers from the total number of 47 accepted conference papers. The selection was done due to the reviewers’ recommendation. Altogether 30 reviewers from 10 countries participated in the DLSC 2017 reviewing process. The printed conference proceedings were sent for evaluation with the aim of their inclusion into the Thomson Reuters Web of Science database.



Figure 1. Lubica Stuchlíková (the Slovak Republic) presenting the DLSC 2017 keynote lecture “Virtual reality and its role in education.” Photo by Miroslav Hrubý.



Figure 2. Anna Ślósarz (Poland) presenting her paper “Subject and prospects for the study on distance learning (DLSC 2009–2015, Brno)” in the block headed by Eugenia Smyrnova-Trybulska (Poland). Photo by Miroslav Hrubý.



Figure 3. The final photo of a part of DLSC 2017 conference participants in front of the conference room – Congress Centre, room B, BVV Trade Fairs, Brno, the Czech Republic.