



# **Telling Truth to Power**

## ***The Past, Present and Future of Military Intelligence***

**18-19 September 2014, Naval Establishment Amsterdam, Netherlands**

**Organized by the Netherlands Intelligence Studies Association (NISA)  
and the Defence Intelligence and Security Service (DISS)**

### **Conference chairman:**

**Bob de Graaff**, historian, co-founder of NISA, professor of Intelligence and Security Studies at the University of Utrecht and the Netherlands Defence Academy and author of many books and other publications on intelligence, security and terrorism.

## **Thursday, 18 September**

**09:15 Welcome**

### **09:30 Keynote: “The challenges of adapting Military Intelligence to an emerging new World”**

**André Ranson**, held various important military positions in France. He was commander of the Joint Special Operations Command (2000-2001) and Director of Military Intelligence (2001-2005) of France. Lt-General (ret.) Ranson is board member of the International Intelligence History Association (IIHA) and he is in charge of Intelligence studies at the Joint Defense College in Paris.

## **“The World at War, 1914-1945”**

### **10:40 “Spy Nest: Intelligence Operations in the Netherlands, 1914-1918”**

**Edwin Ruis**, independent historian and author of non-fiction books on espionage and modern military history.

### **11:35 “Neutrality and Intelligence: Espionage in the Netherlands, 1914-1940”**

**Wim Klinkert**, professor of military history at the University of Amsterdam and author of books about the Netherlands during WW I.

### **13:25 “FORTITUDE in Context: British Military Deception in two World Wars”**

**Nicholas Rankin**, prize-winning producer of the BBC World Service and author of *Churchill’s Wizards*, the story of British intelligence and deception in the two World Wars.

## **“The Year of Living Dangerously: 1962”**

### **15:15 “BLUE MOON: Aerial Reconnaissance during the Cuban Missile Crisis”**

**Michael Dobbs**, former visiting professor at the University of Michigan and Princeton University, former reporter with the Washington Post and the author of the "Cold War trilogy" about crucial moments of the Cold War.

### **16:10 “Operation DJAJAWIDJAJA: Active Soviet Military Involvement in the West Irian (Dutch New Guinea) Crisis”**

**David Easter**, philosopher and historian, lecturer in War Studies Online at King’s College London.

### **17:05 “The Pulse of Danger: The Failure of Intelligence in the Sino-Indian Conflict”**

**Prem Mahadevan**, senior researcher with the Global Security Team at the Center for Security Studies (CSS) in Zurich, consultant for political and security risk assessments.

**18:00 Concluding remarks**



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### **Friday, 19 September**

**09:30 “Connecting the days”**

Summary of day-1 by Conference chairman **Bob de Graaff**

### **“Intelligence in War and (Peace)keeping”**

**10:10 “Intelligence in Peace Support Operations: A Dutch Perspective”**

**Pieter Cobelens**, retired Major-General and former Director of the Defence Intelligence and Security Service (DISS).

**11:05 “Intelligence Fusion Centers in the War on Terror”**

**Adam Cobb**, adjunct Professor at the National Intelligence University in Washington DC and professor at the U.S. Naval War College at Newport, R.I.

**12:00 “Peacekeeping Intelligence: Inside the Joint Mission Analysis Center, UNIFIL”**

**Renaud Theunens**, Chief of the Joint Mission Analysis Centre (JMAC) in the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), former Intelligence Analyst at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and expert witness in multiple trials.

### **“Military Intelligence: Perennials and (New) Paradigms”**

**13:50 “The Future of Military Intelligence”**

**Richard Aldrich**, Professor of International Security at the University of Warwick and currently serving as Director of the Institute of Advanced Study, author of *GCHQ*.

**14:45 “Postmodern Intelligence: Strategic Warning and Crisis Management”**

**Kwa Chong Guan**, senior Fellow at the S Rajaratnam School of International Studies at the Nanyang Technological University.

**15:40 “Information, Intelligence and the New Wars”**

**Martin van Creveld**, lectures at many famous universities and strategic institutes in the Western world, author of seminal works like *the Culture of War*.

**16:30 Panel discussion**, chaired by Bob de Graaff

Including RADM Pieter Bindt, Director of the Defence Intelligence and Security Service (DISS)

**17:00 Conference concluding remarks**