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Dear AFCEANs,

Fresh from a night aboard the SILJA SERENADE, the ferry that will be the platform for TechNet Europe 2007 (TNE 07), I thought it timely to bring you up to speed with what your European office has been doing. I am extremely fortunate in getting terrific support from the Stockholm, Helsinki and Tallinn Chapters for this (ad)venture and the planning is coming along nicely. And just to emphasise the size of the 'ferry', with its 900 cabins, 1000 metres of exhibition space and auditorium for 300 (that doubles as a nightclub in the evening) – one of the Moscow State Circus trapeze acts was performing high above the shopping mall that runs along the indoor promenade deck down the centre of the ship on 7 deck. So think about sponsorship, exhibiting and attending. Pia (psementilli@afcea.org) is ready to take your order now!

You may have noticed my reference to the Tallinn Chapter. Estonia now figures on the AFCEA map and I am enormously grateful to Mr Tõnu Naestema, the Chapter President, for his hard work in making the transition from sub-Chapter to Chapter in less than 12 months. I am planning to hold an event in Riga, Latvia, in May next year on the subject of 'Identity Management' to lay the groundwork for a new Chapter there and then just have to work on a Chapter in Lithuania to incorporate all the new NATO nations in the AFCEA fold!

On the topic of students I am very excited by the opportunity that has arisen thanks to the efforts of the Warsaw, Rome, Lisbon, Czech and Athens Chapters for giving me their support to set up and run a student event in Brussels in April 2008. The details of these events are still being worked out but for those of you who wish to know more then please contact us on europa@afcea.org and we will let you know the latest news.

Of course in the short term there is our SHAPE event on 30 May and this really does promise to be bigger and better than ever before. Have a look at our website (www.afceaeurope.org) for the programme for the day – and be amazed! Then think about signing up to attend: in fact, don't just think about it – do it! The SHAPE event will be a precursor to a two-day Professional Development Europe (PDE) course on 31 May and 1 June; again the details are on the website.

Apart from TNE 07 we have started planning TNE 08 and I am very grateful to Petr Jirasek for his ready acceptance of my proposal to hold it in Prague. I have discussed a theme with the members of the European Advisory Committee (EAC) and now have a working title of

'Distance Defeated – Remoteness Ignored' (with special thanks to Eberhard Müller-von der Bank for his contribution.)

I attended the hugely successful UK TechWest event at Shrivenham earlier this month and wish to acknowledge the Chapter President, Colonel John Doody's, outstanding work putting on such a great event – I am taking lessons from him! With events next month in Brno, Czech Republic and Lisbon, Portugal, (the latter AFCEA's first AFCEA Intel event outside of the Washington Beltway – thank you Carlos!) you can see that the European activities are thriving. (And the latest news is that we shall be running Allied Command Transformation's Industry Briefing Day in Warsaw in late September.) I could not do this without superb back-up from my office but, above all, I could not do it without the superb back-up from you the membership. I look forward to saying thank you to lots of you, personally, as the year unfolds.

Yours sincerely,

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CHAPTER EVENTS

AFCEA Portugal

May-8-9, 2007, Instituto de Estudos Superiores Militares, Pedrouços - Lisbon, Portugal

VIII International Atlantic Symposium on C4I

"Intelligence in the Global Age"

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AFCEA Bonn e.V.

May 9 and 10, 2007

Annual Exposition in the City Hall of Bonn-Bad Godesberg

Mobile Revolution: Technologies, Data, Services

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September 12-14, 2007

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AFCEA Polish Chapter

November 7-8, 2007

SECON 2007

Electronic and Telecommunications Conference of Students and Young Scientists

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