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Dear AFCEANs,

I trust that over the next couple of weeks you will be returning to your desks refreshed and invigorated whatever the European weather may have thrown at you. The Brits continued to be either too hot, too cold, too dry or too wet but seemed to manage to cope, even if they were stuck in an airline queue at Heathrow, Gatwick or some other national airport whilst ridding themselves of items that had become illegal to hand- carry overnight. I can only hope that travel restrictions will not deter you from travelling to whichever of the several events we have lined up for you in October. The full details are at www.afceaeurope.org but in summary:

- Allied Command Transformation's Industry Day 06 is being held in Paris on 3 October. This is the third one that we have administered and for the first time ACT has organised a website with portal access to discuss three topics that will be the subject of workshops during the event. This is an innovative approach that should be supported and I invite you all, whether attending or not, to visit the website to join in the discussions.
- The NATO HQ C3 Staff event in Sofia, Bulgaria, on 18 October will be followed by TechNet Europe in the same venue, the Kempinski Hotel, on 19 and 20 October. I greatly look forward to seeing both old and new faces at these two events and can assure you that we and the NATO HQ C3 staff have worked hard to provide even more options for you to enjoy – not least, two one-day Professional Development Europe (PDE) courses – as well as some terrific speakers to provide full symposia programmes.

Planning is already well underway for next year and I can promise an equally satisfying range of AFCEA activities being run from this office as well as local Chapter events. Do remember to keep your websites up to date so that those with an interest in attending your event will be looking at the latest news.

And thinking of Chapters, I thought it might be instructive to give you a snapshot of European membership figures in the table below. My congratulations to all those who have worked so hard at recruiting new individual and corporate members: these statistics reflect most creditably upon your efforts. Special congratulations for those with 30 or more corporates. And if your Chapter is not named here perhaps you might like to redouble your efforts to make this top 10 listing!

1.	Rome	Individuals: 541	Corporates: 63
2.	Stockholm	Individuals: 539	Corporates: 18
3.	London	Individuals: 442	Corporates: 43
4.	Bonn	Individuals: 303	Corporates: 17
5.	Kaiserslautern	Individuals: 302	Corporates: 1
6.	UK Southern	Individuals: 231	Corporates: 8
7.	Hellenic	Individuals: 170	Corporates: 5
8.	Portugal	Individuals: 156	Corporates: 30
9.	Polish	Individuals: 124	Corporates: 10
10.	Munich	Individuals: 121	Corporates: 7

I have requested a receipt for this newsletter to feel reassured that it is worthwhile providing updates in this form rather than individual messages – and of course I would welcome any feedback that you might wish to give.

I look forward to seeing as many of the European Leadership as can make it to Bulgaria. It is a fascinating country and the local Chapters in Varna and Sofia are working to ensure a warm welcome to you all at TechNet Europe and the NATO HQ C3 event.

Yours sincerely,
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CHAPTER EVENT

18-19 September 2006, Gdynia, Poland Military Communications and Information Systems Conference "CIS Technology Supporting Military Transformation"

Organised jointly by NC3A, the Military University of Technology, The Military Communications Institute, the Maritime R&D Centre and the AFCEA Polish Chapter. Under the auspices of the MOD, Republic of Poland and the NATO Assistant Secretary General for Defense Investment.

For further information on this event, go to <http://www.wil.waw.pl/MCC2006/index.htm>

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