

### **2014 47th Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS)**

The 2014 47th Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS) will be held Jan. 6-9, 2014, at the Hilton Waikoloa in Waikoloa, Hawaii. Many conferences focus on a specific discipline or subject. Although specialization is important, HICSS has chosen to become one of the few general-purpose conferences addressing issues in the areas of computer science, computer engineering, and information systems. The fundamental purpose of this conference is to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas, research results, development activities, and applications. HICSS brings together highly qualified interdisciplinary professionals in an interactive environment. For more information on the conference, contact Sandra Laney at [tcsrequest@computer.org](mailto:tcsrequest@computer.org). Register at [http://www.ieee.org/conferences\\_events/conferences/conferencedetails/index.html?Conf\\_ID=32722](http://www.ieee.org/conferences_events/conferences/conferencedetails/index.html?Conf_ID=32722).

### **2014 15th IEEE International Symposium on High-Assurance Systems Engineering (HASE)**

The Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers International Symposium on High Assurance Systems Engineering (HASE) will be held Jan. 8-11, 2014, at the Newport Beachside Hotel and Resort in Miami Beach, Fla. The 2014 symposium is a forum on tools and techniques used to design and construct systems that, in addition to meeting their functional objectives, are safe and secure. Of central importance, is the strength of the evidence supporting the assurance case—the argument that a system satisfies its safety and security policies. Supporting evidence can be obtained from a number of sources including: testing, verification, design methodologies, simulation, and analysis tools. For more information, contact Victor Winter at 402-554-2003 or [vwinter@unomaha.edu](mailto:vwinter@unomaha.edu). Register online at [http://www.ieee.org/conferences\\_events/conferences/conferencedetails/index.html?Conf\\_ID=31971](http://www.ieee.org/conferences_events/conferences/conferencedetails/index.html?Conf_ID=31971).

### **U.S.-Austria Defense Industry Day**

The National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA), the Austrian Defense & Security Industry Group (ADIG), ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA, and the Austrian Defense Cooperation Attaché are jointly hosting the first “U.S.-Austria Defense Industry Day” at the Austrian Embassy in Washington, D.C., Jan. 21, 2014. Over the last few decades, U.S. and Austrian defense and security industries have established strong ties of cooperation based on mutual understanding. A strong commitment to investment, and joint research and development has led to the successful implementation of countless projects in the United States. Under the globalized economic environment and national budget restrictions, the exchange of know-how and technology is the key to meet future challenges. Representatives from the Austrian Ministry of De-

fence and U.S. Department of Defense, as well as experts and company representatives from both countries, will examine recent trends and provide an overview of industrial capabilities. As part of the event, the NDIA and ADIG will officially sign a Memorandum of Understanding to promote broader cooperation and exchange of information between both institutions for the benefit of their member companies. The industry day will be an ideal platform for industry and government officials to identify and discuss new areas of cooperation. For more information, contact Kari King at [kking@ndia.org](mailto:kking@ndia.org) or 703-247-2588. Register online at <http://www.ndia.org/meetings/4770/Pages/default.aspx>.

### **INCOSE 2014 International Workshop**

The International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE) International Workshop will be held Jan. 25-28, 2014, at the Torrance Marriott South Bay in Torrance, Calif. The INCOSE International Workshop is the event of the year for systems engineers to contribute to the state of the art. Unlike INCOSE’s annual International Symposium and other conferences, there are no paper, panel, or tutorial presentations. Instead, attendees spend 4 days working alongside fellow systems engineers who are there to make a difference. Systems engineers at all levels and from all backgrounds are encouraged to engage in working sessions, and contribute their knowledge and experience to take the discipline forward. For more information, call 310-316-3636. Register online at <http://www.cvent.com/events/incose-international-workshop-2014/event-summary-6a9d5c7fd-4f741a19cb3834ce60fb54d.aspx>.

### **2014 Annual Reliability and Maintainability Symposium (RAMS)**

The 2014 Annual Reliability and Maintainability Symposium (RAMS) will be held Jan. 27-30, 2014, at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colo. The theme for the 2014 event will be “Engineering Customer Trust.” The Annual RAMS is the premier event in the reliability, availability, and maintainability engineering disciplines. Combining tutorials, presentations, Continuing Education Units, certifications, and networking into one week-long program, the RAMS® delivers cutting edge information to all technical industries. This year’s event will include tutorials and original papers on reliability, maintainability, safety, risk management, and logistics. For more information, contact Tom Fagan at [tfa-gan@ieee.org](mailto:tfa-gan@ieee.org) or 484-678 1078. Register online at <http://rams.org/>.

### **2014 Live Fire Test & Evaluation Conference**

The 2014 Live Fire Test & Evaluation (LFT&E) Conference will be held Jan. 28-29, 2014, at Alion Science and Technology in Washington D.C. The theme for this year’s confer-

ence will be “Live Fire Testing—More Effective Weapons, More Survivable Platforms.” This conference will address the impact of global threats, including strategic, tactical (including ballistic, directed energy and other non-ballistic threats), and unconventional threats (Improvised Explosive Devices), and others) on the safety and survivability of our armed forces. It will explore new survivability techniques and approaches to integrate survivability concerns within the broad considerations of system design and employment. The conference will also address issues related to lethality of our weapons systems, from small caliber munitions to missile defense. Lethality will be discussed within the operational context of increased precision of delivery and the desire to limit collateral damage. Other topics, which also play a vital role in this process, will include modeling and simulation, experimental design, test ranges, instrumentation and environmental issues related to this type of testing. LFT&E policies, procedures, and best practices will also be addressed.

This year marks the 26th anniversary of the statutory requirement for LFT&E of acquisition programs under Title 10, United States Code (Section 2366). The statute, which became effective in FY1987, requires realistic survivability testing and realistic lethality testing for applicable systems. Since FY1995, Office of the Secretary of Defense oversight of LFT&E has been provided through the Office of the Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, which provides for an integrated assessment of operational effectiveness (including lethality, suitability, and survivability). **This conference will be held at the SECRET/U.S. ONLY classification.** A security clearance is required for admittance. For more information, contact Meredith Hawley at [mhawley@ndia.org](mailto:mhawley@ndia.org) or 703-247-9476. Register online at <http://www.ndia.org/meetings/4390/Pages/default.aspx>.

### **Combating Terrorism Technical Support Office (CTTSO) APBI**

The Combating Terrorism Technical Support Office (CTTSO) Advance Planning Briefing for Industry (APBI) will be held Jan. 30, 2014, at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. This APBI forecasts the requirements anticipated for funding in Fiscal Year 2015 and advertises using a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA). The CTTSO operates as a program office under the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict (SO/LIC). Its mission is to identify and develop capabilities to combat terrorism and irregular adversaries, and to deliver these capabilities to DoD components and interagency partners through rapid research and development, advanced studies and technical innovation, and provision of support to U.S. military operations. Work-

ing closely with more than 100 government agencies, state, and local government, law enforcement organizations, and national first responders, the CTTSO leverages technical expertise, operational objectives, and interagency sponsor funding. This multi-agency, multi-user approach to information sharing positions the CTTSO to gather front-line requirements that service multiple users—a distinct advantage in the combating terrorism community. For more information, contact Carly Hamm at [chamm@ndia.org](mailto:chamm@ndia.org) or 703-247-2570. Register online at <http://www.ndia.org/meetings/4090/Pages/default.aspx>.

### **25th Annual SO/LIC Symposium & Exhibition**

The 25th Annual Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict (SO/LIC) Symposium & Exhibition will be held Feb. 10-12, 2014, at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park in Washington, D.C. The theme for the 2014 symposium will be “Seamless SO/LIC: Government and International Partnerships, Supported by Industry, for Global Employment.” SO/LIC forces will continue their worldwide missions despite the drawdowns in the Middle East and budgetary constraints. The nation will need to support SO and LIC forces across vast distances, in inhospitable terrain, and with minimal U.S. support. Effective support of U.S. and partner-nation SO/LIC forces will require a network of government, industry, and international partners to leverage the capabilities of each and minimize cost. This 25th Anniversary NDIA SO/LIC Symposium will explore integrating worldwide partners into support for global SO/LIC employment. The National Defense Industrial Association’s SO/LIC Division is pleased to announce that Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Frank Kendall has been confirmed as the Annual Awards Banquet Guest Speaker. The R. Lynn Rylander Award, DeProspero Lifetime Achievement Award, and Superior Achievement Awards will be presented during the banquet, to be held on Feb. 10 in conjunction with the symposium. For more information, contact Meredith Hawley at [mhawley@ndia.org](mailto:mhawley@ndia.org) or 703-247-9476. Register online at <http://www.ndia.org/meetings/4880/Pages/default.aspx>.

### **2014 Munitions Executive Summit**

The 2014 Munitions Executive Summit will be held Feb. 25-27, 2014, at the Hyatt Morristown in Morristown, N.J. The theme for the 2014 summit will be “Maintaining a Responsive Munitions Enterprise...Persevering in an Uncertain Landscape.” The purpose of this year’s Munitions Executive Summit will be to address the challenges of maintaining a stable and relevant munitions enterprise amidst an unstable DoD budget outlook. Furthermore, this summit will explore the contemporary dynamics that affect both the current and future industrial manufacturing complex that services our warfighting capability. In addition to industry executives, this

summit will be attended by key government acquisition leaders, program managers, research and technology centers, and academia involved in the U.S. munitions enterprise. This summit is intended to create a thoughtful and meaningful discourse on the critical factors that will shape the future munitions landscape. It will bring together key practitioners within the ammunition and ordnance fields, to work on effective solutions, for the U.S. warfighter and our nation's allies. For further information, contact Tia Pitt at [tpitt@ndia.org](mailto:tpitt@ndia.org) or 703-247-9467. Register online at <http://www.ndia.org/meetings/4650/Pages/default.aspx>.