

ASSOCIATION NEWS

AFCEA Offers Courses Throughout Europe

New professional development curriculum has European focus.

The AFCEA Educational Foundation Board of Directors, working with U.K.-based companies Consultancy Solutions Limited (CSL) and Adfingo Limited, is establishing a professional development program for Europe. The program is called Professional Development Europe (PDE) and will address the need for a professional development curriculum with a European focus presented throughout Europe.

In the United States, the AFCEA Professional Development Center offers a high-quality program of courses in the command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance disciplines, taught mainly at AFCEA International Headquarters in Fairfax, Virginia. However, in Europe, where there are now approximately 37 chapters and sub-branches in 19 countries, members find it difficult to take advantage of courses offered exclusively in the United States.

The new initiative is a demand-led program based on wide consultation. A questionnaire at www.consulting-uk.com/afcea.htm is now available to help course designers meet student needs. Six pilot courses have been arranged for summer and fall 2004: PRINCE2 Project Management Foundation (with exam), An Overview of

Project Management Best Practice, Managing Information Security, Principles of Defense Procurement, Advanced Digital Signal Processing for Communications and Software Defined Radio. Training sites will be at locations throughout Europe. Courses will be in English with translation support available as necessary.

These courses will be centrally controlled and managed by CSL for AFCEA Europe Headquarters. However, Professional Development Europe will have an inclusive approach to training delivery and will not be limited to working with CSL and Adfingo. A full curriculum will be under development during the next two years and is expected to be in place by June 2006.

For more information, visit www.consulting-uk.com/afcea.htm.



At the AFCEA SHAPE Symposium in Belgium in May, UK West Chapter Treasurer Hugh Elford (l), managing director of Consultancy Solutions Limited, and Richard Naden, business development manager at Thales Defence Electronics Systems Limited, discuss new professional development courses available through AFCEA Professional Development Europe.

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