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Please submit an abstract not exceeding 300 words together with the exact title and name(s) of the author(s). Authors are requested to supply up to five keywords below the abstract, and to send the abstract to the national member and to the Chairman of the Symposium.

The papers will be published in the Symposium Proceedings, which will appear at the beginning of the event. Guidelines on how to prepare the text will be sent to the authors.

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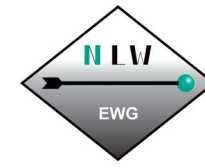
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Announcement and Call for Papers

NLWs* have been available for use over the last two decades. Media and academic discussions have often focused on the dangers and problems associated with these technologies, but it is also important to consider the benefits. Part of the objective of this conference will be to identify tangible benefits and outcomes from the use of NLWs.

The NLW Symposium, first held ten years ago, is a welcome opportunity to take stock of significant developments in this period in the NLW community, draw conclusions and develop requirements and ideas in order to advance NLW technology and encourage its use by the military and police.

With regard to military scenarios, the last few years have seen a shift in the use of NLWs from police operations like crowd riot control to military missions such as the protection of fixed military installations and mobile military equipment, or of the operations themselves. In practice this means, for example, camp or convoy protection or control of check points.

Current non-lethal weapons have been developed to work at ranges typical for crowd riot control situations; the new operational challenges indicate a need for non-lethal capabilities with much longer ranges. Besides this, accuracy and effectiveness at such distances pose a significant challenge.

The availability of NLWs has increased, resulting in greater choice but also a need to carry more equipment to exploit this capability. The current challenge is to continue offering these options – or even to improve and expand them – and provide scalable effects within one weapon. Emerging trends in development include adaptive NLWs, platforms, handheld weapons and munitions.

There are still situations in which NLWs are inadequate to fill the capability gap, for example in preventing suspected suicide bomber attacks.

The Symposium includes topics on current and advanced technologies, operational and tactical aspects, required capabilities, legal and public acceptance, effects on target as well as the evaluation of effects. The listed topics should only be considered as guiding principles.

NATO and EDA activities since the last Symposium have focused intensively on the use of NLWs in the battlefield. Papers on discussions from these groups are also welcome.

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* There are a number of terms that are used to describe NLWs, for example less lethal weapons, non lethal capabilities. We will use the term NLW to describe all of these various descriptions.