

On June 27, 2011 the Chairman of AOR 'Atlantic', Maj. Gen. Stefan Dimitrov, PhD (Ret.) accompanied by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zlatogor Minchev, Managing Board member and Director 'IT & Cybersecurity' have been welcomed from the ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands - HE Mr. Karel van Kesteren.

At the meeting Gen. Dimitrov introduced Ambassador Kesteren to the objectives and activities of AOR 'Atlantic'. He emphasized on the active work of the Association in 2010 and the first half of 2011. The AOR 'Atlantic' efforts in organizing conferences, roundtables, research and discussions in the fields of: National Security Strategy of Bulgaria, NATO's New Strategic Concept and the definition of new security threats have been marked.

Gen. Dimitrov also informed the Ambassador about the last National Conference, jointly organized by AOR 'Atlantic' and the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Bulgaria on smart defence and methodological approaches and investment policy in defence. Ambassador Kesteren shared that the Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of the Netherlands has also reduced its budget and there is an ongoing discussion about the definition of new defence priorities. He also noted the interest of the Netherlands MoD about cybersecurity theme.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zlatogor Minchev informed Ambassador Kesteren of AOR 'Atlantic' efforts to this live direction associated with the formation of a unified and integrated national policy on cybersecurity in accordance with EU and NATO criteria. He also noted the unique partnership of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Kingdom of the Netherlands in a European network of Excellence in the field of cybersecurity.

Gen. Dimitrov proposed cooperation with joint events, projects and research in the security and defence area, and Ambassador Kesteren accepted the proposal with interest.