Unmanned Maritime Systems 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May 2018 London, UK

SMi is delighted to announce the return of Unmanned Maritime Systems conference taking place in London on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

SMi has recognised that there is a continuing need to consider how unmanned platforms will be integrated into the fleets of the future. Integrating new 'information warfare' techniques with a new generation of unmanned & autonomous systems, navies are optimising their strategic position by utilising these platforms for ISR (Intelligence, surveillance and Reconnaissance), mine clearance and delivering lethal capability.

Unmanned Maritime Systems conference 2018 will build on the momentum generated from last year's conference and the Royal Navy's exercise *Unmanned Warrior*. As autonomous systems – ranging from aerial drones to underwater submarines – continue to be developed as a solution to the operational requirements of maritime forces, unmanned systems are employed to tackle problems such as mine clearance – without any threat to frontline human personnel.

## **Top Highlights**

- 1. Join programme managers, thought leaders and senior officers at Europe's only conference solely focused on naval unmanned and autonomous platforms and systems
- 2. Hear comprehensive updates from a plethora of organisations from the host nation in the wake of the successful Unmanned Warrior 2016 exercise. These valuable briefings include but are not limited to Dr Phillip Smith, Senior Scientist, Platform Systems Division, DSTL; a leading figure within MAST (Maritime Autonomy Surface Testbed) and driver of the autonomous revolution within the UK & Rear Admiral Keith Blount, ACNS, Aviation, Amphibious Capability and Carriers, Royal Navy the senior flag officer responsible for the operation of the navies unmanned aerial assets who will provide a valuable end-user perspective on the utilisation of these platforms.
- 3. Develop your international network and enhance your understanding of key programmes from around the world with informative briefings from the German Navy, Belgian Navy, Swedish Defence Material Organisation (FMV), EUNAVFOR Somalia, NATO MCM Centre of Excellence, ONR Global, Naval Surface Warfare Division, US Navy and more.
- 4. Gain access to key industrial partners within a dedicated solutions zone where cutting edge technology and unmanned and autonomous solutions from vendors such as Leonardo will be showcased.

## **Top Speakers and Experts**

- Rear Admiral Keith Blount, Assistant Chief of the Naval Staff Aviation, Amphibious Capability and Carriers, Royal Navy
- Rear Admiral Alfonso Pérez de Nanclares, Deputy Operation Commander European Union Naval Force Somalia, Spanish Navy
- Rear Admiral Tim Lowe, National Hydrographer, UK Hydrographic Office
- Captain Kevin Quarderer, Commanding Officer, ONR Global

- Commander Jamie Sayer, Unmanned Air Systems Mini Class TAA, Royal Navy
- Commander Stefan Rings, SME Naval Mine Warfare, German Navy
- Commander Yvo Jaenen, Deputy Commander MCM and Operational Commander North Sea Unmanned Communication Trials, Belgian Navy
- Commander Jochen Beyer, Concept Development, NATO MCM Centre of Excellence
- Lieutenant (N) Magnus Lind, Project Manager, New Lightweight Torpedo System, FMV
- Dr Phillip Smith, Senior Scientist, Platform Systems Division, DSTL
- Mr Reid McAllister, Director, Integrated Maritime Mobility Systems at Naval Surface Warfare Division, Carderock Division, US Navy

And more!

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