

**NATO SCIENCE FOR PEACE AND SECURITY (SPS) PROGRAMME:  
“G5014 - Holographic and Impulse Subsurface Radar for Landmine and IED Detection”**



**The NATO Sciences for Peace and Security (SPS) Information Day in Kyiv on 26 and 27 May 2016 at the NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF UKRAINE**

The SPS Programme continues to enhance its public diplomacy efforts in order to promote its activities and to raise its visibility. Next to the SPS website ([www.nato.int/science](http://www.nato.int/science)), social media channels such as Twitter (@NATO\_SPS) are actively used to update SPS stakeholders and the wider public on its current activities. The Programme also directly engages SPS project directors in public diplomacy efforts by involving them in SPS Information Days and offering them the opportunity to publish the results of their research in the NATO Science Series under IOS Press and Springer.

In particular The SPS Information Day in Kyiv on 26 and 27 May 2016 was an event that involved both NATO and Ukraine country with NATO SPS partners of all the projects.

SPS information day was held at the Ukrainian Academy of Science in Kiev on Friday, 27 May 2016. For our project G5014 “Holographic and Impulse Subsurface Radar for Landmine and IED Detection” several team members from all countries participated the meeting:

- **IT** Andrea Bulletti, Pierluigi Falorni
- **UA** Gennadiy Pochanin, Oleksandr Pochanin, Liudmyla Varyanitza-Roshchupkina, Vadym Ruban
- **USA** Nina Simic

The aim of the meeting was to support and get the best from SPS Information Day, share valuable information among the team members and agree on critical decisions about the project.

The meeting was organized in two days. The first day was devoted to a briefing explaining how

the next day should work, positioning of posters and some important information about a recent agreement between banking system and Ukrainian government. Our presentation was selected for TV interview at the presence of NATO and Ukrainian authorities.

The main event of the second day was the interview. All was preliminarily prepared, also with the help of NATO TV operators, to get the best from the interview. Chosen speaker, Gennady Pochanin and Nina Simic, was perfect in their respective role and the interview was a success. One important point is that our project is highly correlated with State Emergency Service, a NATO program for the Ukraine already in the list of our possible end users.

NATO authorities present at the event were:

Ambassador Sorin Ducaru, Assistant Secretary General for Emerging Security Challenges, Dr Deniz Beten, Senior Advisor to the SPS Programme, Dr Eyup Kuntay Turmus, SPS Advisor.

Ukrainian authorities present at the event were:

Dr Maxim Strikha, Deputy Minister of Science and Education of Ukraine, Prof. Anatoliy Zagorodniy, Vice-President of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Dr Olga Bogomolets, Chairman of the Committee of the Ukrainian Parliament on Healthcare.

Ukrainian and NATO Authorities and Ukrainian media showed their highest interest in our Humanitarian demining project.



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*A photograph of the Ukrainian media interviewing our international team. In the photograph some team members of our project are shown: Gennadiy Pochanin, Nina Simic, Vadym Ruban, Andrea Bulletti and Pierluigi Falorni.*