

From the Director



Germans were flocking to Oktoberfest in Munich the last couple weeks to celebrate and do quality checks on the local adult beverages. Well, not all Germans! Ms Miriam Riemer has just arrived at DAU to join our family as an exchange faculty member for one year under the Administrative and Professional Exchange Program (APEP) agreement between the U.S. and Germany. Ms Riemer will be a part of our faculty group, and balance a set of duties that are designed to provide equitable value for us at DAU - and for her/hers managers back in Germany. She is initially doing a number of familiarization tasks to help her learn the U.S. Defense Acquisition System and she will ultimately be involved with the DAU across our institution where she can be of most benefit for DAU. Of course there is also figuring out where to live, rent furniture, how to get around, buy a car.....excuse me what is a "DMV?" We are fortunate to have her with us and look forward to the year ahead. Ms Riemer is not the first exchange faculty member from Germany. Miriam is the fourth German professional to spend an exchange year with us in the last 10 years and the reoccurrence says a lot about how both sides of the Atlantic see the value of these programs. We hope many of you will get the chance to meet and work with her! "Willkommen Miriam!"

Foundational Learning

Course	Dates	Location
ACQ 120/130	Continuous	On-line
ACQ 230	December 5-9, 2016	Huntsville, AL
ACQ 340	January 9-13, 2017	Huntsville, AL

ACQ 230	March 13-17, 2017	Kettering, OH
ACQ 230	April 24-28, 2017	Warner-Robins, GA
ACQ 340	May 15-19, 2017	California, MD
ACQ 230	June 5-9, 2017	California, MD

Indian Naval (IN) Officer Now in PMT 401. Captain Sandeep Kumar is in PMT 401 as the 2nd IN officer taking DSMC Executives courses. His attendance is part of PEO Carriers engagement with India under the OSD/AT&L Defense Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI). (Beckham)

Curriculum Development

ACQ 380 International Acquisition Management. The faculty/SME pilot will be held November 14-18 at Fort Belvoir with 22 participants. We appreciate the support from AT&L(IC), DSCA, DTSA, DISCS, DPAP, the Services, and the DAU regions in making personnel available to participate in this pilot. Pending a successful faculty/SME pilot, plans are to schedule a student pilot offering for early next year. (Mallory)

BBP 3.0 Task 1. DSMC-I briefed the PM FIPT on September 27 on opportunities to insert international acquisition and exportability (IA&E) training in the PM curriculum. The coordinated AT&L(IC) and DAU recommendations were to add a short IA&E familiarization module to ACQ 202; and incorporate IA&E aspects into existing ACQ 203 practical exercises without increasing the course length. Based on the discussion at the meeting, we expect the minutes to reflect agreement with these recommendations. (Meeuwissen and Mallory)

BBP 3.0 Task 2. DSMC-I is working closely with DISCS (formerly DISAM) on the formulation of new acquisition-related learning objectives to enhance Security Cooperation Officer (SCO) training. These recommendations are intended for consideration in the Security Cooperation Management Overseas (SCM-O) course. Additionally DSMC-I is in communication with AT&L(LMR) on the inclusion of recommended logistics training objectives. (Russell)

Workflow Learning

DAU International Acquisition Website Update. DSMC-I's five new ACQ 380 (Int'l Acquisition Management) Job Support Tools (JSTs) which we recently posted on the Acquisition Community Connection (ACC) Int'l Community of Practice (ICOP) website have already been downloaded over 250 times. These workflow learning JSTs are designed to help DoD Component IPO staff and Program Management Office/Integrated Product Team (PMO/IPT) members perform day-to-day IA&E efforts that support their programs' objectives. (Kenlon)

Performance Learning and Mission Assistance

International Acquisition Seminar (IAS) 2016. During the week of September 26-30, DSMC-I co-hosted the subject biennial seminar with the German Federal Academy of Education and Training in the Bundeswehr in Mannheim, Germany. USEUCOM personnel representing U.S. Embassy's SCOs and U.S. Army's R&D Command joined their European colleagues to share acquisition insights. Presentations by European speakers and DSMC-I personnel centered on international acquisition initiatives, exportability planning, cooperative opportunities, and industry/government PM perspectives. (Meeuwissen and Tripp)

DoD-Finnish Ministry of Defense (MoD) Declaration of Principles (DoP) Meeting. Professor Greg Beckham provided a presentation at the DoP Meeting September 28 covering the DAU mission, approach to training the U.S. Defense Acquisition Workforce, and potential training collaboration

between DAU and Finland. The Finnish delegation expressed interest in the possibility of taking existing DAU courses applicable to their acquisition system. (Beckham)

Foreign Visits

Japanese Acquisition and Logistics Agency (ATLA). Two representatives from the ATLA visited DAU on September 1 to discuss possible participation in the International Defense Educational and Acquisition Arrangement (IDEAA). Their goal is to further development of their acquisition corps through seminar participation. (Marolt)

Korean Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA). Members of the DAPA staff visited DAU September 1 to gain insight on how DoD develops and oversees program cost estimates. DSMC provided the visitors a DAU mission briefing and a presentation on the office of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation (CAPE) role. These presentations led to a discussion of possible DAPA attendance in DAU's Business-Financial Management cost estimating courses. (Marolt)