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## INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE: LXIII CICA – XVII SECURITY FORUM KRAKÓW

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On 26-27 May 2022, the sixty-third edition of the international CICA conference and the seventeenth edition of the SECURITY FORUM 2022 conference was held at the Aparthotel Vanilla hotel in Kraków. The official inauguration of the conference took place at 10:30 a.m., and the proceedings of the first day ended at 6:45 p.m. On the second day the proceedings began at 9:30 a.m. and ended at 3:30 p.m.

The conference was inaugurated by Professor **J. Martin Ramirez**, president of CICA International and Director of the Nebrija-Santander Chair on Risk and Conflict Management and the Rector of the University of Public and Individual Security “Apeiron” in Kraków, Associate Professor **Juliusz Piwowarski**, PhD. After hearing the anthem of Ukraine, Professor **Ramirez** emphasized the key role of Poland in the present conflict. “In just a few weeks, Poland became the main link between the West and Ukraine, the backbone of the Western effort in the important and risky task of defending Ukraine, which was fighting back against Russia’s brutal invasion,” emphasized **Ramirez**. Professor **Piwowarski** pointed out the need to take into account the current conflict in Ukraine in order to improve international security in Europe

The conference focused on international security. Particular emphasis was placed on the issues related to the current Ukrainian-Russian conflict. The speech of Professor **Vasyl Zaplatynsky**, an eyewitness to the hostilities, was particularly important.

Another equally important issue was that of refugees and migration caused

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by war and economic factors. The multifaceted approach to this topic, taking into account the different perspectives of conference participants from different regions of Europe and Asia, allowed us for a comprehensive analysis of the issue. The speeches of Ambassador **Ali Asghar Soltanieh** from Iran and **Murat Soysal** from Turkey, that prompted us to look at the to look at the problem of migration from the perspective of people from a cultural background associated with Islam, who are sometimes identified with refugees from migration waves to Europe, deserved particular attention.

Issues discussed also included, but were not limited to, cybercrime, terrorism, strategies for protecting the nation's most important people, ethical issues related to police officer work, as well as a number of related areas of research interest. The conference gathered scientists from ten countries.

Security Forum in Krakow was held for seventeenth time. At the same time, it was the sixty third scientific conference organized by international scientific society CICA which deals with aggression studies (both in its personal and structural scale). LXIII CICA – XVII Security Forum was taken at the difficult time of war in Eastern Europe. We are witnesses to variable socio-political reality and we reasonably hope that the crisis will be solved. CICA – Security Forum problematic aspects included security from the perspective of individual security subject as well as institutions and collective security subjects in the context of proposed topics presented below. The main thematic areas of the conference were: Europe's chances, challenges, risks and threats during the changing socio-political reality; security and defence policy in EU and NATO activities; international alliances and conflicts; migration crisis; national and international aspects of state security; personal security; security culture: personal and group aspects of negative cooperation; conflict and aggression – personal and collective dimensions of negative cooperation.