

Preface

Contingency Operations constitute military missions such as peacekeeping, humanitarian aid, peacemaking/enforcement, full scale offensive operations and relief operations other than war such as aid to civil powers in counterterrorism and in natural disasters. Increasingly, these operations will involve greater NATO participation in the post "Post-Cold-War" era. Significantly, NATO nations are turning to the application of science and technology, particularly computer resources, to address the unique problems associated with Contingency Operations. From a medical standpoint, there are many logistic, support and environmental factors which impede effective health and critical care medicine in Contingency Operations. This Symposium considered both the aeromedical problems encountered and the role of technological solutions as aids to resolving the issues in terms of:

- Sustained and Continuous Operations
 - Sleep loss and fatigue on performance
 - Pharmacological and non-pharmacological management
- Medical Management in Remote Locations
 - Logistics and evacuation
 - Technological aids and solutions
 - Managing trauma in the field
 - Controlling infectious diseases
- Medical Information
 - Information management
 - Use of deployment telemedicine
- Adaptation to Operational Conditions
 - Leadership and management issues including the handling of stress

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