

2008 – The Sixteenth Connections Conference

Dates – 11-13 March 2008

Location – International Plaza Resort & Spa
10100 International Drive South
Orlando, FL 32821, USA

Participation – Attendance varied as participants switched between the two conferences:
Element with highest attendance: Keynote Panel - 170
Element with lowest attendance: Working Group Meetings - 30
See below Agenda for estimates by event.

Innovation – Connections funded by Air Force Research Laboratory Plans Directorate and held in conjunction with the Defense Modeling & Simulation Conference.

Agenda

Monday, 11 March

1200 – 1315 *Tutorial: Wargaming 101*, Matt Caffrey, Col USAF (ret.), AF Research Lab
1330 – 1500 *Tutorial: History of Wargaming*, Matt Caffrey, AF Research Lab

Wednesday, 12 March

0800 – 0930 *Army All Hands*
1000 – 1130 *Connections – Overview of Current Military Needs*

- Chair
 - Michael Crane, Air Force Academy
- Speakers
 - Dr. Paul West, US Military Academy
 - Dr. Steven Downes-Martin, Naval War College
 - Mr. Matt Caffrey, AF Research Lab

1130 – 1330 *Game Phase*, Garry “Mo” Morgan, Lt Col USAF (ret), Squadron Officers College
1330 – 1500 *Air Force All Hands (Program provided by Connections)*
1530 – 1700 *Connections – Military Wargame Innovations 2007*

- Chair
 - “Hank” Brightman, Naval War College
- Speakers
 - Mr. Jon Compton, Modern Conflict Studies Group
 - Mr. Joseph Miranda, Modern Studies Conflict Group
 - Mr. Mike Markowitz, Center for Naval Analyses

Thursday, 13 March

0800 – 0930 *Acquisition for Services Update All Hands*
1000 – 1130 *Connections All Hands – Keynote & panel – Toward a Wargame Transformation*

- Chair
 - Matt Caffrey, Col USAF (ret), Air Force Research Laboratory

- Speakers
 - Col John Warden USAF (ret.) CEO Venturist
 - Dr Peter Perla, CNA, Author, The Art of Wargaming
 - Keith Seaman, SES, SAF/XCD
 - Lt Col Peter Garretson, AF/A8XC

1230 – 1330 *Lunch speaker – Military Developments in 2007*, John Gresham, author

1330 – 1500 *Connections – Commercial Wargame Innovations 2007*

- Chair
 - Jason Robar, CEO AristoDigital
- Speakers
 - Jenn McNamara, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Breakaway Ltd
 - Alasdair MacPherson, Director of Business Development, Microsoft

1530 – 1700 *Connections – Working Groups*

- Innovation Co-Chairs
 - Hank Brightman, Naval War College
 - Walter Cheek, Breakaway Ltd
- Professional Society Co-Chairs
 - Dr. Stephen Downs-Martin, Naval War College
 - Dr. Sharon Ghamari-Tabrizi, author
- Connections 09 Co-Chairs
 - CDR Shaun Hollenbaugh, Naval War College
 - Michael Garrambone, General Dynamics

Friday, 14 March

0830 – 1030 *Working Groups Out Brief & Connections “Hot Wash”*

Participation Estimates by Event

Monday, 11 March

John Macke, AMC

NTSA

1200-1500 – Tutorials

170

132

Wednesday, 12 March

1000 – 1130 Overview of Current Military Needs

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1330 – 1500 Air Force All Hands (Program provided by Connections)

100*

1530 – 1700 Military Wargame Innovations 2007

60-70*

Thursday, 13 March

1000 – 1130 Connections All Hands – Keynote Panel

170

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1230 – 1330 Lunch speaker – Military Developments in 2007

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1330 – 1500 Commercial Wargame Innovations 2007

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1530 – 1700 Working Groups Meet

25-30*

Friday, 14 March

0830 – 1030 Working Groups Out Brief

30-40*

* Estimate, not a head count

** Plus approximately 40 who stood in the hall to listen