

**May 22 - May 25, 2023**

Royal Military Academy, Brussels, Belgium

## 11<sup>th</sup> European Symposium on Non-Lethal Weapons

### Presentation

Contributions to the Symposium can be made as oral presentations (presentation time 25 minutes including discussion) or poster presentations.

### Abstract

Please **submit your abstract** through the EWG website <https://www.non-lethal-weapons.org> and mention your preference for an **oral presentation or a poster**.

The papers will be published in the Symposium Proceedings, which will be distributed to the participants at the beginning of the event. Guidelines on how to prepare the text will be available on the website.

<https://www.non-lethal-weapons.org>

### Journal

This year, for the second time, the symposium has built a privileged link with the Springer scientific journal "Human Factors and Mechanical Engineering for Defense and Safety". This journal is a platform for research on mechanical engineering and human factors in defense and military applications (<https://link.springer.com/journal/41314>).

If you think that your article falls within the aforementioned scope, please consider trying to publish in this scientific journal in order to enhance your article visibility and referencing.



### Deadlines

Closing date for abstracts  
**Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 2022**

Notification to authors  
**Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 2022**

Deadline for submission of full papers  
**Mar 03<sup>rd</sup> 2023**

Peer review comments sent to authors  
**Mar 24<sup>th</sup> - Apr 7<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Deadline for submission final version of paper (article)  
**May 20<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Symposium starts  
**May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023**

### Accommodation

The hotels offer in Brussels is large. The Symposium will take place in the premises of the **Royal Military Academy, Hobbema Street 8, 1000 Brussels**.

### Conference language

English

### Announcement

In 2023, after a worldwide pandemic and a completely unexpected situation, the 11<sup>th</sup> biennial Symposium is being organised by the European Working Group on Non-Lethal Weapons (EWG-NLW) for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in Brussels, Belgium.

It is the longest running and currently the only event where subject matter experts can come together and discuss the complex topics surrounding the development and deployment of Non-Lethal Weapons in both law enforcement and defence environments.

Over the past 20 years the Symposium has established itself as the main hub for networking and sharing the latest information in this important and often contentious area of work.

This year, we would like to introduce an emerging topic to the portfolio of existing ones. **Countering small UAVs** has become paramount in our societies and we deeply believe that low-collateral damage solutions, while probably being the preferred ones, are very closely related to the EWG and Symposium scopes. This is why **this topic will be introduced and prioritised** during the next symposium.

Once again, we would like to reiterate that with the Symposium, we intend

- To promote research and development of Non-Lethal technologies to meet current and future operational requirements.
- To encourage the European defence and security industry to become more innovative and more competitive in designing, developing and validating new Non-Lethal technologies.

- To learn from international operational expertise of Non-Lethal technology, development and deployment.

With that in mind we invite you to submit abstracts to the committee from the following areas of expertise:

Scientific and technical  
Operational  
Legal  
Medical  
Human effects  
Policy making  
Human rights

The above topics are only a guide, and the organisers are willing to consider abstracts on all aspects of this wide subject area.

Brussels is home to the European Union, NATO and EDA and offers excellent transport connections within Europe and beyond. We look forward to receiving your submissions and meeting you in person in this centrally located venue. Please see the conference website for detailed submission instructions.

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### Seminar

Besides the symposium, an additional seminar session about ballistics, medical & operational aspects of non-lethal weapons and **counter-UAV technologies** will be organised on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Detailed program will be provided with the symposium schedule.

### Booths

Booths will be available for professional and industrial partners. Detailed information can be asked through the conference email address.

### Conference & exhibition management

E-mail: [conference@non-lethal-weapons.org](mailto:conference@non-lethal-weapons.org)  
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European symposium on NLW in 2019

