



IT²EC 2020 UPDATE: 15.06.20

As a consequence of the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic Clarion Events' International Training Technology Exhibition and Conference (IT²EC) scheduled for September at ExCeL London will no longer take place in 2020. This is principally due to the continuing prohibitions and advisories against international travel put into effect by governments around the world and the introduction of COVID-19 government regulations and public health directives. The next edition of IT²EC will be staged 25-27 May 2021 at Fibes, Seville, Spain.

As Europe's primary event for the military training and simulation sector, IT²EC is truly global in its make-up, with more than 100 speakers, 80% of exhibitors and two-thirds of visitors based outside the host nation. With such an international audience, the restrictions - which in the UK include a 14-day quarantine - present extremely significant challenges for majority of the IT²EC audience in planning their attendance at this year's event.

The decision has been made following consultation with key event stakeholders, including the National Training and Simulation Association (NTSA) not to stage IT²EC in 2020.

Efforts are now focused on bringing the international training and simulation community back together at IT²EC 2021. Next year's event is scheduled to take place on 25-27 May in Seville, the first time Spain has hosted the event with IT²EC set to return to London in 2022.

Tracy Bebbington, Event Director, IT²EC, Clarion Events Defence and Security said:

"While the decision not to hold IT²EC this year is disappointing for us as organisers and for the community we serve, it is a result of factors beyond our control.

Clarion Events is one of the largest exhibition organisers in the world and holds the safety of all event attendees as its highest priority. As such the company is looking ahead to how physical distancing measures can be incorporated into the planning of all our events in the future and is contributing to broader government and event industry initiatives to support this".

Explaining why Seville has been chosen to host IT²EC in 2021, **Rear Adm. (retd.) Simon Williams, Chairman, Clarion Events Defence and Security** said:

"With its well-established defence industry and strong trading links to Latin America, Asia, and Europe, Spain is an exciting new venture for IT²EC. Seville is home to one of the country's major military training centres, while Airbus Defence and Space also has its International Training facility in the city.

This is where nations using the A400M, A330 MRTT, C-235, and C-295 aircraft can fly the Full Flight Simulator of their respective aircraft. This list includes users from the UK, France, Spain, Germany, Turkey, Luxembourg, Belgium, Malaysia, Australia, UAE, Singapore, and NATO, who all see Seville as a hub for training. This easily-reached location will give our exhibitors access to military customers from a range of new global markets".

In the meantime, IT²EC has introduced several digital initiatives to support customers, including an ongoing webinar series and unrestricted access to historic conference materials.

[Further details of these UK border measures](#) are available on the [GOV.UK website](#)

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