

SOA Happy Hour 13 Jan 16

On 13 January 2016, the SHAPE Officers' Association (SOA) held its traditional New Year Happy Hour at the SHAPE Club to meet and exchange best wishes. Some forty people were in attendance.

Special guests for this reception included:

- LtGen Michel Yakovleff, Vice-COS SHAPE and President of the SHAPE Cavalry and Armour Officers' Association (SCAOA)
- BGen Jan Toft, Danish NMR and Vice-Dean of the NMRs
- Lt Kim Blok, Assistant to the Dutch NMR and President of the SHAPE Military History Society (SMHS).

In addition, a number of members of the SCAOA were in attendance.

At that reception, the SOA Executive Committee informed members and guests of its intent to continue in 2016 its efforts to improve the Association's visibility and attractiveness and to better reach out to the broader SHAPE community. It will also continue to develop relationships with associations with similar aims to seek synergies and cooperate with them on mutually beneficial and reinforcing activities. The overview of SOA activities for 2016 was also presented.

On that occasion, the outstanding contribution of Mrs Christiane Hermant, outgoing Assistant Treasurer was recognized and a certificate of appreciation signed by General Shaud, SOA President, was presented to her.

This Happy Hour allowed participants to meet old friends and socialize with members from other associations in a very pleasant and much enjoyable atmosphere. Time went by too quickly ...