



## MEDIA ADVISORY

### SAUC-E 2012 Media Day

13 July 2012, 2 PM

**CMRE (formerly NURC), viale San Bartolomeo 400, La Spezia (Italy)**

From 6 to 13 July École Polytechnique, École de Technologie Supérieure (ETS) du Québec, ENSTA Bretagne with two teams, ESIEA Paris with two teams, Heriot-Watt University, University of Bremen, University of Cambridge, University of Florence, University of Genoa, University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria - AVORA, University of Luebeck with two teams, University of West England, will participate in the 2012 SAUC-Europe (Student Autonomous Underwater Vehicle Challenge – Europe [www.sauc-europe.com](http://www.sauc-europe.com)) edition at STO-CMRE (Science and Technology Organization – Centre for Maritime Research and Experimentation, formerly NURC), hosting it for the third time.

For eight days student teams will compete at CMRE waterfront using autonomous underwater vehicles (AUVs) that they have designed and built. During the week, they will attend lectures on cutting-edge underwater technologies tested or monitored by NATO. They will have also the opportunity to use new collaborative online tools aimed at strengthening scientific knowledge and engineering competences in the spirit of Smart Defence.

*Journalists will have the possibility to attend the final runs of the competition, interview the participants and meet CMRE representatives. Please note that the final scores and prizes might not be released before 5 PM.*

If you are interested in attending this media event at CMRE, or for more information about it, please contact the CMRE Public Affairs Office at +39 0187 527 370 or at [pao@cmre.nato.int](mailto:pao@cmre.nato.int). Due to security reasons, journalists are asked to sign up by 9 July at 11 AM (local time).  
*Meeting point: Porta Ferrovia, viale San Bartolomeo 400, La Spezia (Italy), 1.30 PM.*

**About CMRE.** Formerly NATO Undersea Research Centre (NURC), the STO-CMRE (Science and Technology Organization – Centre for Maritime Research and Experimentation) is located in La Spezia, Italy. The Centre focuses on research, innovation and technology in areas such as defence of maritime forces and installations against terrorism and piracy, secure networks, development of the common operational picture, the maritime component of expeditionary operations, mine countermeasures systems, non lethal protection for ports and harbours, anti-submarine warfare and marine mammal risk mitigation. CMRE operates two ships, NRV *Alliance*, a 93-meter 3,180-ton open-ocean research vessel, and CRV *Leonardo*, a smaller ship designed for coastal operations. In addition to its laboratories the Centre is equipped with a fleet of autonomous underwater and surface vehicles and a world-class inventory of seagoing sensors.

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