



PROGRAM

TRAINING MODULE FOR INTERNS

ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OF MASS CASUALTY INCIDENTS

4–6 March 2026

Day 1 (Wednesday, 4 March 2026)

Main Lecture Hall (Auditorium I), Rectorate Building, MU–Varna

- 09:30 – 09:40 **Prof. Dr. Dimitar Raykov, MD, PhD, DSc**
Rector MU–Varna
Welcome address and introduction to the training module
- 09:40 – 09:50 **Prof. Dr. Yoto Yotov, MD, PhD**
Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, MU–Varna
Opening of the module
- 09:50 – 10:30 **Prof. Dr. Krasimir Metodiev, MD, PhD, DSc**
President of IMAB
“Organization of response actions after a terrorist attack and natural disasters: collaboration among medical, police, military, and civilian institutions”
- 10:30 – 11:15 **Lt. Col. (Res.) Dr. Uri Ben Yaakov**
Chief Operations Officer & Senior Researcher, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), Reichman University, Israel
“Terrorism and crisis response strategies: the civilian army in crisis situations”
- 11:15 – 12:00 **Dr. Chen Kugel, MD**
Director of the National Center of Forensic Medicine, Israel
“Management of the dead in of mass casualty incidents – forensic medicine lessons from October 2023 war”
- 12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch break**
- 13:00 – 13:45 **Irina Novakova**
Head of the NATO Disaster Response Coordination Centre
“Current challenges in crisis management”

- 13:45 – 14:30 **Col. Orlin Nikolov**
Director of the NATO Centre for Research, Development and Improvement of Capabilities for Crisis Management and Disaster Response (CMDR CoE)
“Using modeling and simulations to support crisis management and achieve resilience”
- 14:30 – 15:00 **Coffee break**
- 15:00 – 16:00 **Dr. Raed Arafat, MD**
State Secretary; Head of the Department for Emergency Situations, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Romania
“Romania’s experience in medical evacuation”

Day 2 (Thursday, 5 March 2026)

Main Lecture Hall (Auditorium I), Rectorate Building, MU–Varna

- 10:00 – 11:00 **Eng. Desislava Dimitrova**
Head of Regional Emergency Call Centre 112 – Varna
“Role and place of Regional Centre 112 – Varna in the organization and management of mass casualty incidents”
- 11:00 – 12:00 **Dr. Monika Agatova, MD**
Director of the Centre for Emergency Medical Care – Varna
“Role and place of CEMC – Varna in the organization and management of mass casualty incidents”
- 12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch break**
- 13:00 – 14:00 **Senior Commissioner Stoyan Stoyanov**
Director of the Regional Directorate “Fire Safety and Civil Protection” – Varna
“Role and place of the Regional Directorate FSCP – Varna in the organization and management of mass casualty incidents”
- 14:00 – 15:00 **Dr. Petar Radushev, M.D.**
Chairman of the Regional Council of the Bulgarian Red Cross – Varna
“Role and place of the Bulgarian Red Cross in the organization and management of mass casualty incidents”

- 15:00 – 16:00 **Georgi Ivanov**
Head of the “Defense and Mobilization Preparedness” Department, Varna Municipality
Veselin Petrov
“Defense and Mobilization Preparedness” Department, Varna Municipality
“Importance of the critical infrastructure of the city of Varna in overcoming the consequences of mass casualty incidents”
- 16:00 – 16:45 **Col. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Milan Tzekov, MD, PhD**
Deputy Head of MBAL–Varna at the Military Medical Academy
“Medical response in mass casualty incidents”

Day 3 (Friday, 6 March 2026)

Main Lecture Hall (Auditorium I), Rectorate Building, MU–Varna

- 10:00 – 11:30 **Flotilla Admiral Vanyo Musinski**
Deputy Commander of the Navy
Capt. (Navy) Plamen Pavlov
Head of the “Interaction and Coordination” Sector, Navy Staff
“Organization of overcoming the consequences of incidents with vessels with mass casualties in the territorial sea of the Republic of Bulgaria using SAR Naval ships and helicopters”
- 11:30 – 12:15 **LCDR Assoc. Prof. Dr. Veselin Atanasov**
Department of Electronics, Nikola Vaptsarov Naval Academy – Varna
“Virtual scenarios in risk management”
- 12:15 – 13:00 **Lunch break**
- 13:00 – 13:45 **Dr. Yasen Georgiev, MD, PhD**
Department of Disaster Medicine and Maritime Medicine, MU–Varna
“Basic life support”
- 13:45 – 14:00 **Prof. Dr. Yoto Yotov , MD, PhD**
Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, MU–Varna
Closing remarks
- 14:00 Joint exercise of the Local Integrated Rescue System – Varna:
Evacuation of the Rectorate building due to a fire