



Keynote

„The relevance of distance education in developing country environments and the potential for military communities“

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Developing countries are faced with inadequate communications infrastructure enjoyed in developed countries. Consequently, the socio-economic activities are inefficiently managed so that overall, development in these countries lags several folds. In a globalised community, the military from the developed countries is now being deployed for assignments in these “backward” countries. The military community once deployed also ends up in the same backward environment. Meanwhile, the military and their families must both keep abreast with the efficiency of the home country and adapt to local environment of operation.

In this keynote presentation, it is demonstrated that eLearning is a very good tool for the military and their families for, not only attaining education at a distance, but also adapting to local conditions. It is also a tool for the military community to improve public relations in their areas of presence as the same tool can be used by the host communities to attain education and other services. The communities will feel they are part of the military establishment in the area and thus cooperate in the security objectives. The families of the military personnel will have a “perfect” environment for concentrating on their educational pursuit, as they will have very few other things to do.