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The ninth International Symposium on NATO Codification was held in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg from 17 to 20 September 2001. Nearly 400 delegates from 45 countries, including eight PASOLS member nations, attended.

The meeting was held in the Hemicycle of the European Congress Centre on Kirchberg. The auditorium was ideally suited to the task and the connecting areas were large enough to accommodate 38 exhibitor stands. The meeting was officially opened by the General Manager of the NATO Maintenance and Supply Agency (NAMSA), Peter Markey and by the Chairman of the NATO Group of National Directors on Codification (AC/135), John Clark.

Our hosts from the Co-operative Logistics Programme (LZ) of NAMSA had the daunting task of planning and preparing for the symposium, easily the biggest event in the codification calendar. Work for the NAMSA LZ organising staff started in early 2000. Various teams were set up to take care of all those mundane but vital elements required for a suc-

cessful meeting. Responsibility for overall coordination of events, the programme and liaison with AC/135 fell to Denis Lampron, who was instrumental in the early nineties in setting up PACS.

The symposium is unique in that it brings together, from around the world, a large number of codification experts along with customers and stakeholders of the NCS (logisticians, engineers, IT experts, manufacturers and suppliers).

Attendees were treated to a large number of interesting and informative presentations on the latest developments in the NCS. The programme topics were grouped into the following themes:

- The challenges of the new Millennium;
- New NATO concepts to meet the challenges of the new millennium;
- The NCS, keeping pace with logistics developments;
- Practical experiences;

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