

Captain (Navy) Iuri Alexandru COVALEOV
Acting Deputy Chief for ISR,
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Born on May 9th 1971, in Tulcea, Captain (N) Iuri COVALEOV graduated “*Mircea cel Bătrân*” Naval Academy in 1994, and started his military career as Chief of communication on board Fast Patrol Boat Missile and chief of communication at the 150th Fast Patrol Boat Missile Squadron/Naval Missiles 22nd Brigade (in 1994-1998), followed by a position as combat unit commander. Further on he was posted Chief of the Public Relations Department and Spokesperson for the Navy Staff, position held in 2002-2004.

He went on with his military career serving in various positions, at the same time completing a series of military educational programs abroad, such as: a Master Degree in Military Sciences and Intelligence (with a specialty in Security and Defence), at the King’s College London, University of London (in 2007) and an Advanced Command and Staff Course (ACSC 10), also in the United Kingdom (in 2007). In 2011, he completed a PhD in Military Sciences and Intelligence, at the National Defence University “*Carol I*” of Bucharest.

In the meantime, after holding the position of Chief of Cabinet for the Chief of the General Staff (in 2007-2008), he started working within the Romanian Military Intelligence Directorate (ROU MID), in 2008, as OF-5.

He was Deputy Defence, Military, Air and Naval Attaché of Romania to the Russian Federation (2009 - 2013) and Defence, Military, Air and Naval Attaché of Romania in Ukraine (2013 - 2018). Following these mandates, he went on with his military career serving as a Strategic HUMINT director within the ROU MID (2018 - 2020). As of August 2020, he undertook the responsibilities as Acting Deputy Chief of the MID for ISR. In the meantime, in 2019, Captain (N) Iuri Alexandru COVALEOV underwent the Leadership Postgraduate Course – Current Aspects of National Security, at the National Defence College, the National Defence University “*Carol I*”, Bucharest.

Due to his extensive experience gained in the diplomatic environment, he has succeeded to improve his skills in social interactions and communication. Captain (N) Iuri COVALEOV is also proficient in English and Russian, holds basic knowledge of French and special interests in sports, hiking, bike riding, traveling and reading. He is married and father of one daughter.