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The Military School of Languages is now a mature body, that is able to answer the needs of the Spanish Armed Forces in what refers to the field of languages, of course, within the dimensions of a reasonable framework. The school has developed standard courses and has evolved into a reliable agency for evaluation. There is still a long way to go for the EMID, but the challenges are faced with professionalism and efficiency, though the EMID maintains a humble attitude and a permanent eagerness to learn.

The languages being taught in the EMID are: Spanish, Arabic, German, Russian, English, French Portuguese, Italian, and others (when required).

The number of students who complete the various long duration (one year or more), medium duration (six months), or short duration (from one month to two months) courses during the period June 2005- June 2006 will be as follows:

General Courses: These are courses designed for the global teaching of the languages trying to facilitate, mainly, the transfer from SLP level 2 to SLP level 3:

- Intermediate English course: 300 students
- English Language Organizational courses for Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced levels: 96 students.
- Elementary, Intermediate, and Advanced French: 36 students.
- Intermediate and Advanced German: 24 students.
- Elementary, Intermediate, and Advanced Portuguese: 36 students.
- Elementary, Intermediate, and Advanced Italian: 36 students.
- Medium duration Spanish course: 31 students.
- Long duration Russian course: 10 students.
- Long duration Arabic course: 10 students.
- Long duration German course: 10 students.

Specific job-related courses:

- Specific for communication English course for key personnel: 56 students.
- Working groups for training in language evaluation: 8 students.

Projects and Development of New Teaching Materials:

- The Military School of Languages continues to be engaged in the development of helpful and efficient distance-learning courses for the English and Spanish languages.
- Research in progress: The EMID is now consolidating a thorough Reference System for the Language Environment, that includes all the documents, procedures, working tables, and specifications for the teaching, learning, producing and editing, controlling and evaluating areas. The objective is to have a reference library useful for the personnel engaged in all the aspects of the activities related to language development. To that end we have been focused on the two following areas:
  - Recognizing and interiorizing the specifications of the STANAG 6001 and its interpretation, concluding in the creation of specific operational documents for the evaluation itself.
  - Identifying, developing and consolidating a valid model for the process of learning a foreign language, so that the STANAG 6001 descriptions, teaching procedures, real timing and strategies, according to the needs, are integrated.

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