

## PENINSULAR WAR AND BATTLE OF ALBUERA 200<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY STUDY EVENING



On 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011, a Peninsular War Evening was held for NATO Defence Attachés, and associated military officers, at the NATO Senior Military Liaison Office (SMLO) to the African Union in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The main aim was to raise awareness of the Peninsular War and to commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Albuera. The evening programme included an overview of the Peninsular War, details of the Key Military Leaders and a brief summary of Napoleonic Military Tactics before focussing on a tabletop study of the Battle of Albuera itself. The evening finished with a discussion on how the lessons apply to current conflict areas before a fitting bagpipe lament in memory of those fallen during the Battle.

SMLO is a small NATO mission made up of 5 officers and one SNCO from NATO Joint Force Command Lisbon, Portugal. Its role is to provide support and mentoring to the Peace Support Operations Division of the African Union. Though positions rotate around NATO Nations, it is currently manned by personnel from France, UK, Portugal and Greece.



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