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NATO MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE
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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR PILOT COURSE 23000 “WEAPONS INTELLIGENCE TEAM (WIT) SUPPLEMENT IN THE MARITIME ENVIRONMENT” (11-15 May 2020)**

DATE: 23 Jan 2020

REFERENCES: A. NMIOTC Program of Work (NPOW) 2020
B. ACT/JFD/HCEIT/TT+1534/Dated 18 Jun 19

1. WIT is an established capability within NATO, with training courses delivered regularly at venues throughout the alliance under the auspices of the C-IED Centre of Excellence. The current capability, however, is centered around the land operating environment, with lessons learned and technical solutions derived primarily for this domain. It has however, been identified that while the current NATO WIT training course fulfills a generic requirement, complex areas of operation require specific attention in order to establish the capability to operate in challenging environments. These environments include the maritime area of operations. The NMIOTC Course will endeavor to facilitate a common knowledge and skill level commensurate with the challenges and limitations faced in mounting Maritime-WIT (M-WIT) operations.
2. Taking into account the NPOW 2020, NMIOTC is pleased to invite NATO and 7NNN partner nations to participate in this event, which will take place at the Centre's premises in Souda Bay, Chania, Greece, from 11 to 15 May 2020.
3. The aim of the Course is to educate and train NATO Nation and 7NNN WIT personnel in NATO Tactics, Techniques and Procedures to conduct Level 1 – Field Exploitation tasks on board vessels and other maritime infrastructure, as well as in the Underwater Environment, in support of C-IED operations.
4. The target audience is WIT-qualified Military and Law Enforcement Personnel (or those qualified with national/multinational 1st Level Technical Exploitation / Field Collection skills) involved in Technical Exploitation / Forensic investigation in their respective Units or Organizations.
5. The Course will be conducted in English. Translation to/from other languages will not be provided. The following proficiency standards in English are required to attend: Listening- Good (2), Speaking- Fair (2), Reading- Good (2), Writing- Fair (2) (STANAG 6001).

6. The Course is marked as “NATO Restricted / Releasable to: 7NNN partner nations”. NMIOTC applies security arrangements and regulations according to NATO standards.

7. The Curriculum will include the following topics:

- a. Introduction to NATO Counter - Improvised Explosive Device in the Maritime Environment (CME).
- b. Maritime IED Threat Update.
- c. NATO Weapons Intelligence Team (WIT) Process.
- d. Maritime WIT Procedures and Scene Investigation (Maritime scene approach. Team and supporting agency roles and responsibilities).
- e. Maritime WIT Procedures and Scene Investigation (Search and exploitation in the maritime environment Evidence priorities. Assessment).
- f. Case History USS Cole.
- g. Evidence and Evidence Collection.
- h. Underwater Explosions (Underwater Explosion Effects).
- i. Maritime Search 1. (Vessel Search methods – surface, Hazardous and High Threat areas).
- j. Maritime Search 2. (Underwater Search Theory. Evidence Dispersal Underwater).
- k. Practical syndicate exercise (at surface).
- l. Maritime WIT Task Planning.
- m. Underwater Exploitation Exercise Demonstration Task.
- n. Practical Underwater Exploitation Exercise.

NOTE: A detailed agenda will be included in the Joining Instructions which will be released in due course. Training modules are subject to change.

7. In order to pass the Course and acquire the relevant certificate, participants must attend at least 85% of the modules of the Course. Assessment of trainee performance will be accomplished during the practical training. Trainees will demonstrate skills during practical drills and scenarios and will be assessed by NMIOTC Instructors.

8. There will be no administrative cost (tuition fees) for this Pilot course.

9. The Course will start on **Monday, 11 May and will end on Friday, 15 May 2020**, training schedule will run from 08:30 to 15:00.

10. For organizational purposes, candidates are kindly requested to register **no later than (NLT) Friday 10 Apr 2020**. Registration should be made on NMIOTC’s official web site www.nmiotc.nato.int. Due to the high demand for this training, prospective attendees are requested to refrain from travel arrangements until participation is confirmed by NMIOTC. All effort will be made to ensure a diverse representation of participating nations. Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided at Enclosure 1.

11. Event details can be found on the NMIOTC official web site www.nmiotc.nato.int, in the Education and Training Opportunities Catalogue (ETOC) at <https://e-itep.act.nato.int/Guest/ETOCindex.aspx>.

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1. Administrative Instructions

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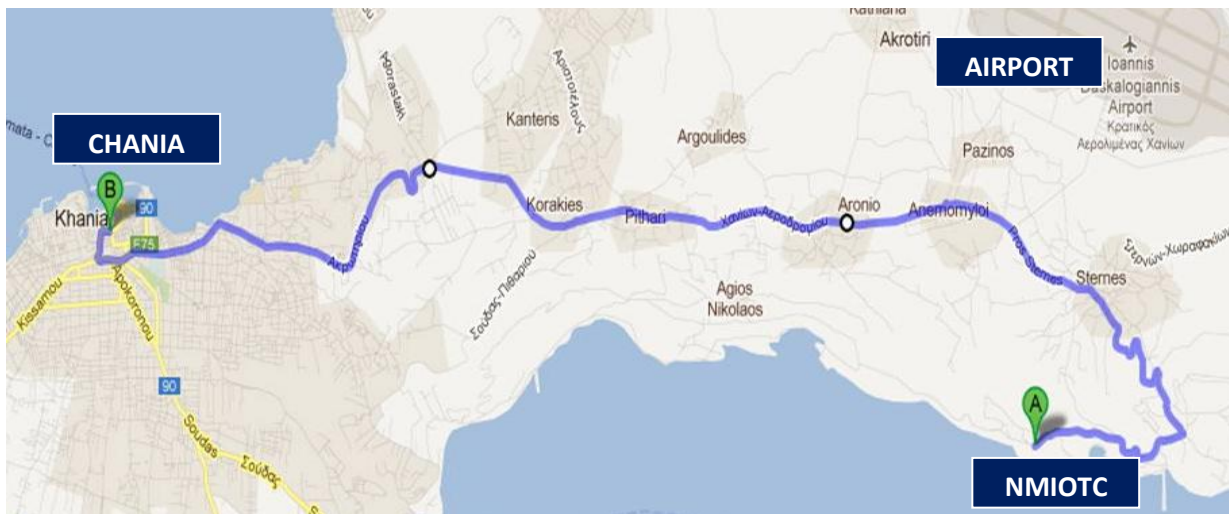
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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Location: NMIOTC is located on the Akrotiri peninsula near the city of Chania in the north-western part of Crete. The destination airport is Chania International Airport (“Ioannis Daskalogiannis” Airport) (airport code: CHQ). Distance from the city of Chania to NMIOTC is 20 km and from the airport to NMIOTC is 9 km. The following map provides orientation and general driving directions from the city of Chania to NMIOTC.



2. Registration:

a. You are kindly requested to submit your Personnel Administration Form (PAF) through NMIOTC official web site <http://nmiotc.nato.int/join-us/trainee-joining-form/> within the given deadlines. Applications submitted after the specified deadlines may not be accepted. All applicants will receive an instant confirmation message. However the final confirmation will be provided after the process and acceptance of the application. It is advised not to proceed to travel arrangements before the final confirmation.

3. Visa Requirement: Participants or their national authorities are responsible for visa arrangements. Participants are advised to contact the proper diplomatic agencies for up to date information, well in advance. It is the individual’s responsibility to apply for and obtain their visa and to have the proper travel and medical documentation. Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs website (www.mfa.gr) provides relevant visa information requirements. NMIOTC will provide a Visa Support Letter, if requested.

4. Dress Code: Participants are strongly recommended to wear Daily Service/ Battle Dress Uniforms or National Equivalent for the whole training as well as for the Graduation Ceremony.

5. Meals: A small canteen is available within the NMIOTC main building that will provide snacks for a nominal cost. Participants who would like to have lunch while at NMIOTC must make their own arrangements as NMIOTC does not provide this service.

6. Accommodation: Participants are responsible to arrange their own accommodation as there is no accommodation facilities on the Centre's premises. NMIOTC can provide guidance / assistance, if requested. Hotels near Chania city center are highly recommended for transportation purposes. The following list of recommended hotels in Chania offer special prices (for participants who book directly with each hotel by e-mail using the code "**NMIOTC Guest**") and including breakfast and internet connection:

AKALI 4* hotel www.akali-hotel.gr.

E-mail: info@akali-hotel.gr Tel: (+30) 28210 92872.

KYDON 4* hotel www.kydon-hotel.com (promotional code "NMIOTC 19")

E-mail: info@kydon-hotel.gr Tel.: (+30) 28210 52280.

SAMARIA 4* hotel www.samariahhotel.gr (promotional code "NMIOTC 19")

E-mail: reservations@samariahhotel.gr Tel.: (+30) 28210 38600.

ARKADI 3* hotel www.arkadi-hotel.gr

E-mail: info@arkadi-hotel.gr Tel: (+30) 28210 90181.

HALEPA hotel 3* hotel (www.halepa.com),

E-mail: hotel@halepa.com, Tel. +302821028440

PORTO VENEZIANO 3* hotel www.portoveneziano.gr.

E-mail: hotel@portoveneziano.gr Tel: +30 28210 27100.

ROYAL SUN 3* hotel www.royalsunhotel.com.

E-mail: hotelroyalsun@gmail.com Tel: (+30) 28210 46363.

7. Arrival and Departure: Participants should plan to fly to Chania International airport (airport code: CHQ) and are responsible for their own transportation from / to the Airport during arrival / departure. Public transportation from Chania Airport to the city center is available as follows:

By bus: The bus stop is located outside the terminal and the ticket cost is 2,50 €. For further information and detailed timetables, visit the following link: https://www.e-ktel.com/images/pdfs/easter/AIRPORT_FROM_02-05-2019.pdf

By taxi from the airport directly to Chania city center, 24/7, approx. 25,00€

Additionally, there are several rental car agencies at the airport. Rental car agencies that have offered special prices for NMIOTC guests are as follows:

Gelasakis Car Rental: E-mail: cars@stc.gr, www.rentacar-chania.gr, tel.+30 28210 89065.

Spa Tours & Cars Enterprises: E-mail info@spatours.gr, www.spatours.gr, tel. +30 28210 57444.

8. Transportation: Transportation will be provided on a daily basis from Chania city centre pick-up points (Akali, Samaria, Kydon and Royal Sun at Acrotiriou st.) to NMIOTC during the course.

10. Medical service: Trainees are required to have a valid health insurance according to their respective national standards. Trainees from the EU Member States are required to possess a valid European Health Insurance Card. NMIOTC ensures first aid during training, providing emergency transportation to the Naval Hospital of Crete when needed. The Naval Hospital of Crete will provide diagnosis, first aid and treatment and when necessary, the military doctors may arrange with the Prefectural Hospital of Chania for further diagnosis or specialist treatment if required. NMIOTC is not covering trainees' expenses for additional medical treatments and the settlement of medical bills is a patient/national responsibility.

11. Security: NMIOTC adheres to NATO security standards. There is a strict access control procedure for entrance into the Marathi main gate and NMIOTC main building. You will be required to provide your passport or your national identification during in-processing and whenever you enter the premises. The overall security classification of presentations/discussions is up to "NATO RESTRICTED/RELEASABLE TO 7NNN". Therefore, all participants will be required to show the respective Security Clearance Certificate during the in-Processing.