



5000 NSC-45/Ser: NU 20

TO: See Distribution

SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER PILOT COURSE 29000 “DETECTION AND IDENTIFICATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (CBRN MATERIALS) IN MARITIME INTERDICTION”
25 – 29 May 2020**

DATE: 13 February 2020

REFERENCES: A. NMIOTC Program of Work (NPOW) 2020
B. NMIOTC 3000 NSC-45/Ser.: NU196, dated 03 December 2019 (NMIOTC CRB Report)

1. NMIOTC under the auspices and guidance of the Allied Command Transformation (ACT) will organize a pilot course focused on issues and challenges in conducting Maritime Interdiction Operations (MIO) to support capabilities building for Boarding Teams for detection and identification of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and their means of delivery. The course program is in support of enhancing national and regional capabilities and cooperation in maritime interdiction consistent with international law and WMD counter proliferation initiatives, such as the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) and other maritime related initiatives and frameworks. NMIOTC is pleased to invite NATO and Partners to participate in this event, which will take place in Marathi - Souda Bay, Chania - GREECE, from 25 to 29 May 2020.

2. The aim of the pilot course is to provide participants with an orientation, deeper understanding, and greater appreciation of operational and tactical challenges and issues of MIO with a focus on WMD proliferation and materials trafficking. The training will be escalated by a situational training exercise and a final practical exercise which will provide final training in the various characteristics of WMD in MIO considerations and capabilities, to include reach back modalities, while executing tactical interdiction scenarios.

3. The target audience is officers from OF-2 to OF-5 and Chief Petty Officers (CPO), as well as equivalent civilian governmental officials that are in any way involved in Maritime Interdiction as the enabler of Maritime Security, potentially related with Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD). Personnel from Law Enforcement Authorities, Custom services and other related agencies, are also strongly encouraged to participate.

4. The pilot course will be conducted in English. Translation into other languages will not be provided. The following proficiency standards in English are required to attend: Listening- Good (3), Speaking- Fair (2), Reading- Good (3), Writing- Fair (2).

5. The pilot course is "NATO Unclassified / Releasable to: PFP (except Russia), MD, ICI, PatG". NMIOTC applies security arrangements and regulations, according to NATO standards.

6. The curriculum of the pilot Course 29000 includes the following modules:

- a. Module 29010 – CBRN Protection, decontamination and the available equipment in MIO
- b. Module 29020 – CBRN CHEM in MIO
- c. Module 29030 – CBRN BIO in MIO
- d. Module 29040 – CBRN RAD/NUC in MIO
- e. Module 29025 – CBRN CHEM detection and identification in MIO practical training
- f. Module 29035 – CBRN BIO detection and identification in MIO practical training.
- g. Module 29045/1 – CBRN RAD detection and identification in MIO practical training.
- h. Module 29045/2 – CBRN NUC detection and identification in MIO practical training.
- i. Module 29050/1 – Final FTX Part 1
- j. Module 29050/2 – Final FTX Part 2.

NOTE: A detailed agenda will be included in the Joining Instructions letter which will be released in due course.

7. The attendees must attend at least 85% of the module classes of the pilot course. The achievement of POs / ELOs will be assessed through a theory test, during Syndicate Tasks (TTXs) and through a Final Tactical Exercise (FTX) upon conclusion of the course.

They will be awarded with the certification statement (one of the following) corresponding with their performance:

- a. The trainee has proven the knowledge and skills of operational and tactical dimensions of WMD in MIO by following NATO procedures.
- b. The trainee has proven the basic knowledge and skills of operational and tactical dimensions of WMD in MIO by following NATO procedures.
- c. The trainee has failed to prove the basic knowledge and skills of operational and tactical dimensions of WMD in MIO by following NATO procedures. In specific, the following training deficiencies were identified (followed by area of deficiency and listing of errors/mistakes which prevented achievement of scenario objectives).

8. As a pilot course, there is no tuition fee. Comprehensive instructions can be found in Enclosure 1.

9. The pilot course will start on **Monday, 25 May and will end on Friday, 29 May 2020**, with a daily training period from 08:30 to 14:30. Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided at Enclosure 1.

10. For organizational purposes, candidates are kindly requested to register **no later than (NLT) Monday 28 April 2020**. Registration should be made on NMIOTC's official web site www.nmiotc.nato.int.

11. Event details can be found on the NMIOTC official web site www.nmiotc.nato.int.

12. NMIOTC Points of Contact (POC):

Course Director:

Major Jan Wiederlechner CZE (A)

Phone : +3028210 85733, Fax : +302821085702

e-mail : wiederlechnerj@nmioct.nato.int

Assistant Course Director:

Lieutenant Teodosi Dimitrov, BGR (N)

Phone: +306943885080, Fax : +302821085702

e-mail: dimitrovt@nmioct.nato.int

Registration/Student Admin:

LT Konstantinos Papanastasis, GRC (N)

Phone: +302821085710, Fax : +302821085702

e-mail: papanastasisk@nmioct.nato.int, studentadmin@nmioct.nato.int



Stelios Kostalas
Commodore GRC (N)
Commandant NMIOTC

ENCLOSURES:

1. Administrative Instructions

Distribution List:
DISTRIBUTION

EXTERNAL:

ACTION:

SHAPE NMR – GRC (PLEASE PASS TO NATO NMRS)
HQ SACT NLR GRC (PLEASE PASS TO NATO NLRS)
HQ SACT PSE (PLEASE PASS TO PFP (EXCEPT RUSSIA), MD, ICI, PATG NMRS)
HNDGS/E4 (PLEASE PASS TO NATO AND PARTNER DEFENCE/NAVAL ATTACHES IN ATHENS)
HQ NATO HEL MILREP (PLEASE PASS TO NATO AND PARTNERS' MILREPS)

INFORMATION:

HQ SACT DCOS JFD
HQ SACT ACOS JETE
HQ SACT JFD EIT BRANCH HEAD
HQ SACT JETE EIT
HQ SACT MPD XO
HQ SACT RM DOST
HQ SACT MPD SENF DIRECTOR
HQ SACT MPD PPT
HQ SACT MPD SENF FINANCE OFFICER
SHAPE COS
SHAPE / J3
HQ JFC NAPLES
HQ JFC BS DESK OFFICERS
MARCOM DCOS OPS
MARCOM N7 T2
CSW COE

HNDGS/B2 (GRC MOD HNDGS COMM CEN PLEASE PASS TO HNDGS/B2)
HNDGS/D4
HNGS/B2
HELLENIC COASTGUARD HQ/TRAINING DIRECTORATE ()
HELLENIC POLICE HQs/TRAINING DIVISION

Internal:

Action:

DIR E&T

SAA

Information:

DCOM

COS

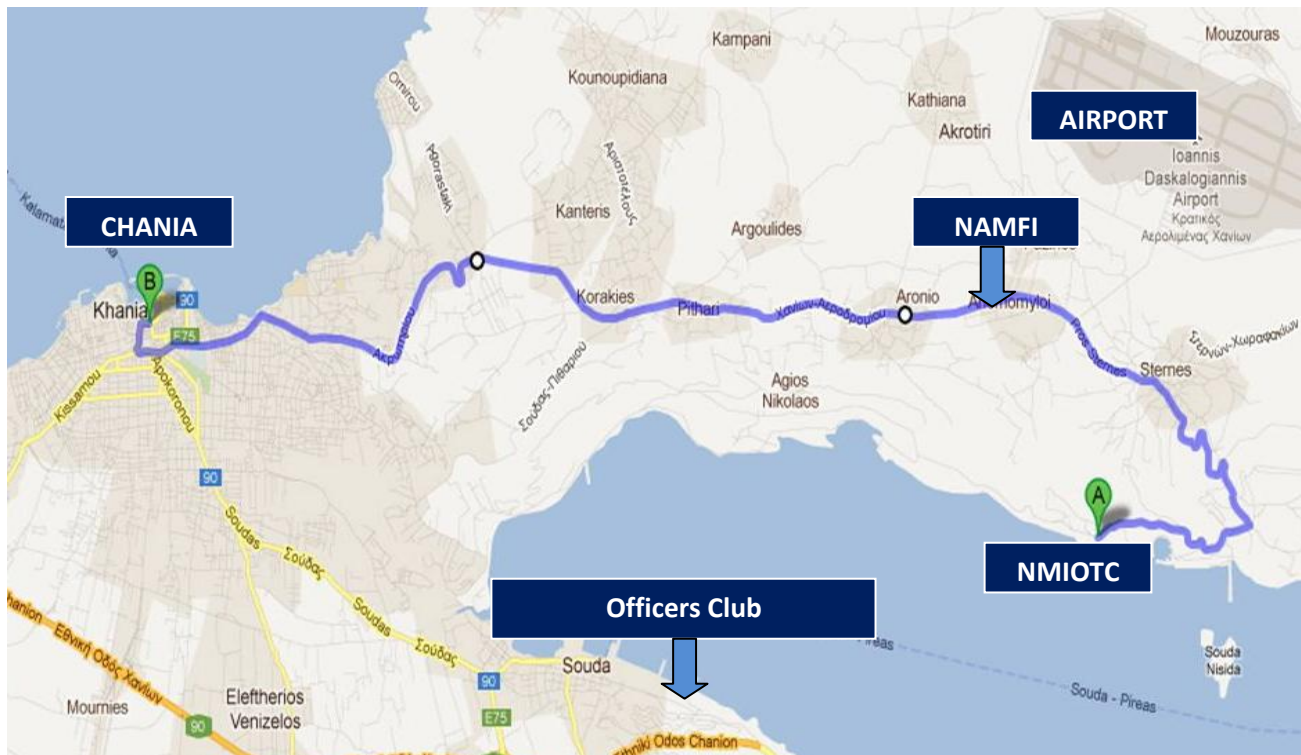
DIR S (FOR B&F)

DIR TS

DOSO

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Location:** NMIOTC is located in 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 code: CHQ). Distance from the city of Chania to NMIOTC is 20 km and from the airport to NMIOTC is 9 Km. Chania is a picturesque, unique medieval city bearing a rich and long history and culture. The following map provides orientation and 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 www.nmiotc.nato.int 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.

NMIOTC ADMIN officer LCDR Konstantinos Papanastasis GRC (N)

Phone: +30 28210 85710, NCN: 498-5710, Fax: +30 28210 85702

E-mail: papanastasisk@nmiotc.nato.int ; studentadmin@nmiotc.nato.int

3. **Visa Requirement:** Participants or their national authorities are responsible for visa arrangements. Participants are advised to contact well in advance, proper diplomatic agencies for up to date information. It is an individual's responsibility to apply and obtain their visa and to have the proper travel/medical documentation. Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs website (www.mfa.gr) provides relevant visa information requirements.
4. **Tuition Fee:** As a pilot course, there is no tuition fee. Daily transportation from Chania city centre to NMIOTC and vice versa during the course days will be provided.
5. **Dress Code:** Participants are strongly recommended to wear Battle Dress Uniforms for the whole theoretical and practical training, as well as for the Graduation Ceremony.
6. **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.
7. **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 20)

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

SAMARIA 4* hotel www.samariahhotel.gr (promotional code NMIOTC 20)

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.

NAMFI Military Barracks (www.namfi.gr)
E-mail: info@namfi.gr Tel: +30 2821026800 or +30 2821026805

8. **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:

a. 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://e-ktel.com/images/pdfs/AIRPORT_FROM_08-07-2019.pdf

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

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

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

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

9. **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.



5000 NSC-45/Ser.: NU 43

TO: See Distribution List

SUBJECT: **PILOT COURSE 29000 “DETECTION AND IDENTIFICATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (CBRN MATERIALS) IN MARITIME INTERDICTION” POSTPONEMENT (25 – 29 MAY 2020)**

DATE: 03 April 2020

REFERENCE: NMIOTC 5000 NSC-45/Ser.: NU20, dated 13 February 2020 (Invitation Letter)

1. Addressees are kindly notified that the NATO Maritime Interdiction Operational Training Centre (NMIOTC) ceased in-resident education and training activities effective Monday, 16 March 2020.

2. In-resident education and training is tentatively scheduled to resume as soon as the current COVID-19 pandemic allows so, in absolute coherence with standing World Health Organization guidelines and national policy/measures that have been taken to restrain the outbreak.

3. In this direction, NMIOTC is rescheduling the subject course for **30 Nov – 04 Dec 2020**. Participants and approving authorities are kindly requested to inform NMIOTC for their potential participation to the modified Course iteration as stated above.

4. NMIOTC intends to continue staff operations in the coming days, while remaining attentive and exercising strict protocols to ensure the health and safety of our international staff.

5. NMIOTC will continue to update customers and nations alike, based on the dynamic situation.

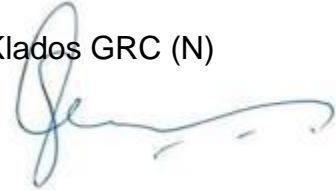
6. Points of Contact (POCs):

- a. Course Director: Maj Jan Wloderlechner CZE (A)
Phone: +30 28210 85730, Fax: +30 28210 85702

e-mail: wiederlechnerj@nmiotc.nato.int

b. Registration: Lt Cdr Konstantinos Papanastasis GRC (N)
Phone: +30 28210 85710, NCN: 498-5710, Fax: +30 28210 85702
E-mail: papanastasisk@nmiotc.nato.int

c. Budget and Finance Department: Lt Cdr Andreas Klados GRC (N)
Phone: +30 28210 85719
E-mail: kladosa@nmiotc.nato.int



Distribution List:

External:

Participants' PoCs

Information:

SHAPE NMR – GRC
HQ SACT JFD
HQ NATO HEL MILREP
HQ SACT NLR GRC
HNDGS/D4
HNGS/B2

Internal:

Action:

DIR E&T
B&F
SAA

Information:

DCOM
COS
DOSO
DIR TS
DIR S

Stelios Kostalas
Commodore GRC(N)
Commandant NMIOTC