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## 12<sup>th</sup> NMIOTC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2021

The 12<sup>th</sup> NMIOTC Annual Conference took place on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 at NMIOTC premises, titled "*Opportunities and Threats from Innovative and Disruptive Technologies: Shaping the Future of Security in the Maritime Domain*". It was attended by 131 participants from 27 Allied and Partner Nations, International Organizations, the international academic community and representatives from the shipping and IT industry.

Deputy Chief of the Hellenic National Defence General Staff, Vice Admiral Ioannis Drimousis opened the Conference with the Host Nation welcome address. Among the keynote speakers were, the Commander of the Bulgarian Navy, Rear Admiral Kiril Mihaylov, the Chief of the Romanian Naval Forces, Rear Admiral Mihai Panait and the Commander of Bahrain Coast Guard, Major General Alaa Abdulla Seyadee.

This year due to the current COVID-19 pandemic situation in addition to the physical conference, a virtual conference has been delivered simultaneously.

The aim of the conference was to discuss issues and share perceptions of the international community on how technological innovations will shape Maritime Security, considering the full range of disruptive technology implications in the Maritime Domain.



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