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13th NMIOTC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022

The 13th NMIOTC Annual Conference titled: “Countering Terrorism Threats in Maritime Domain: How effective Interdiction strengthens Alliance’s Deterrence and Defence Objectives” took place from 7th to 8th June of 2022 at the NMIOTC premises. It was attended by one hundred twenty (120) participants from twenty four (24) Allied and Partner Nations, International Organizations, the academic community and representatives from the shipping and defence industry.

Deputy Chief of the Hellenic National Defence General Staff, Vice Admiral Ioannis Drimousis commenced the Conference with the Host Nation opening remarks. The Conference’s Keynote speakers were, Vice Admiral Keith BLOUNT, Royal Navy, Commander of NATO’s Allied Maritime Command (MARCOM), Rear Admiral Mihai PANAIT, Chief of the Romanian Naval Forces, Brigadier General Bart LAURENT, Director of the Operations of the European Union Military Staff (EUMS) and Dr. Wendin D. SMITH, PhD. Director of NATO’s Arms Control, Disarmament, and WMD Nonproliferation Centre (ACDC).

Among the participants of the conference, Lieutenant General Stylianos BURLOS, Director of NATO HQ C3 Staff, Rear Admiral (UH) Kiril MIHAYLOV Commander of the Bulgarian Navy, Rear Admiral Stefano TURCHETTO Operation Commander EUNAVFOR MED Operation “IRINI”, Rear Admiral (LH) Krzysztof ZDONEK Deputy Inspector of the Polish Navy and Rear Admiral Polychronis KOULOURIS Deputy Chief of Hellenic Fleet, participated as prominent attendees.

The aim of the conference was to provide opportunities for discussions, exchanging thoughts and profound analysis among the international community of Interest, on the issue of Maritime Terrorism and how the Interdiction as a powerful tool leveraged by the decision makers could counter the terrorist threats in maritime environment.





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