

As we are getting closer to June and to the dates for **NMIOTC's 15**<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary Annual Conference** we would like to announce that selection of speakers has been completed.

We are proud to anticipate the participation of the following prominent Key note speakers:

- Vice Admiral Mike UTLEY GBR (N), Commander of NATO's Allied Maritime Command (MARCOM);
- Rear Admiral (UH) Placido TORRESI ITA (N), NATO Supreme Allied Command Transformation's Deputy Chief of Staff for Joint Force Development;
- Professor Alison WESTON, Deputy to the Director in the SDP Directorate and Head of Division for Maritime Security, European Union External Action Service.

Furthermore, the following valuable organizations, among others, will contribute to the conference with speakers and distinguished representatives:

- Allied Maritime Command (MARCOM)
- Allied Command for Transformation Joint Force Development (ACT JFD)
- NATO Rapid Deployable Corps Greece
- NATO Integrated Air and Missile Defence Centre of Excellence
- NATO Defence Education Enhancement Programme
- Hellenic National Defence General Staff
- Hellenic Navy General Staff Plans and Policy Directorate
- Italian Navy General Staff Plans and Policy Directorate
- Athens Multinational Sealift Coordination Centre
- European Union Military Staff Concepts and Capabilities Directorate
- European Defence Agency Maritime Domain Unit
- EUNAVFOR Operation ASPIDES
- EUNAVFOR Operation ATALANTA
- EUNAVFOR Operation IRINI
- HORIZON, European Union UnderSec Project
- Geneva Centre for Security Policy
- International Ship Recycling Association
- Polish Naval Academy
- Athens University of Economics
- Gent University

- Stellenbosch University
- University of Aegean
- World Maritime University
- Diaplous Land Services
- Maritime Analysis and Operations Centre (Narcotics)
- Foreign Affairs Institute

The Conference will take place at NMIOTC premises, in Souda Bay, Crete, Greece, from 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2024 – from 08:30 to 16:30 (EEST). The detailed schedule, speakers list and the tentative Agenda of the conference will be soon available in NMIOTC website, together with the upcoming "Joining Instructions":

https://nmiotc.nato.int/transformation/conferences/annual-conference/

The 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary official reception will be held at SAPEL Hall (<a href="https://www.sapel.gr/en/">https://www.sapel.gr/en/</a>) on the evening of the 4<sup>th</sup> of June

Speakers and participants are requested to register to the event using directly the link <a href="https://nmiotc.classter.com/Actions/Registration">https://nmiotc.classter.com/Actions/Registration</a>. A signup confirmation message will be received to the email provided during the sign up process, along with the respective credentials. Login to <a href="https://nmiotc.classter.com">https://nmiotc.classter.com</a> and register to the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference by using the "Application Management" function at the top left corner of the portal main page. Registration status can be verified within the portal.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the splendid island of Crete!!!