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SUBJECT: 7<sup>th</sup> NMIOTC CONFERENCE ON CYBER SECURITY IN  
MARITIME DOMAIN – CALLING LETTER

DATE: 09 May 2023

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1. **Introduction:** NMIOTC has the pleasure to announce its 7<sup>th</sup> NMIOTC Conference on Cyber Security in Maritime Domain, which will take place on its premises, Souda Bay Crete, Greece, from Wednesday **27<sup>th</sup>** and Thursday **28<sup>th</sup>** of **September 2023**.

2. **Aim:** The conference aims to promote collaborative scientific, industrial, naval, maritime, and academic inter-workings among a wide variety of stakeholders regarding Cyber Security and Cyber Defense Operations in the Maritime Domain. Such stakeholders are individual researchers, practitioners, Navy staff, members of existing associations, academia, shipping companies, standardization bodies, including government departments, international organizations, and agencies, public and private sector in general. Upon completion, we envisage tackling Cyber Security issues in the Maritime Domain in a holistic, comprehensive, and effective way and also of increasing awareness and expanding the individual perception of the Maritime community.

3. The main objectives of the Conference are to:

- Present and analyze the impact of emerging cyber challenges in Maritime Operations and current Cyber Defence Strategies/Policies;
- Review and update on future Maritime Cyber Security technologies and industrial products;
- Provide insights on Assessment and Certification of Maritime Security;
- Inform on NATO-EU Cyber Security Collaboration and Initiatives;
- Highlight ways and means to secure Maritime Value and Supply Chains, Infrastructures & Services;
- Promote Innovative Research in Maritime Cyber Security and Cyber Defence.

4. A list of indicative, but not limited to potential subjects, is as follows:

- Cyberspace in Maritime Environment and its characteristics;
- The nature of current and future cyber-attack in Maritime Operations;
- Planning for Cyberspace Military Defensive Operations in Maritime Environment;
- New attacks and new defense strategies;

- Secure AI/5G/Big Data Analytics/Machine Learning technologies;
- Security in autonomous ships and vessels;
- Security in industrial maritime components (e.g. SCADA systems, navigation systems, PLCs, etc);
- Cyber Security Aspects at the maritime field;
- NATO – EU Information exchange on cybersecurity in Maritime Environment;
- Cyberspace threats/incidents or events within Maritime Environment;
- Cyberspace Situational Awareness within Maritime Environment;
- Cyber capabilities, forces, and weapons in maritime operations;
- Cross border Cyber Security Information sharing and analysis;
- Innovative solutions for dynamic Cyber Risk Assessment and Forecasting;
- Cyber Defense and Cyber Security technologies;
- Maritime Cyber Security practical training and certification;
- Maritime cyber ranges and simulations;
- Code Auditing for maritime Information and Communications Technology (ICT) products;
- Artificial Intelligence and Maritime Cyber Security;
- Incident handling methodologies and technologies;
- Maritime supply chain cyber-attacks and propagation ;
- Forecasting cyber threats, attacks, and impacts;
- NATO – EU Cyberspace Environment implementation roadmap;
- Geopolitical implications due to Cyberspace;
- Cyber Security of Maritime Logistics;
- Merchant Navy – Implications of the EU security and privacy legislation;
- International Law – Tallinn manual;
- Advanced Cyber Security, Cyber Defense technologies and tools.

5. **Call for papers.** Papers are invited on the topics of the conference. Interested speakers should submit an abstract of their paper or presentation by the **8<sup>th</sup> of July 2023**. A short Curriculum Vitae and a brief overview of the organization, institution or company that they represent is also required. Subsequent to the conference, selected papers may be considered for publication in the NMIOTC's Journal. Authors will be given the opportunity to update their papers before publication in the Journal. Abstract should be no longer than 250 words and clearly indicate the provisional title, the authors and a synthesis of the content of the paper. Final papers should not exceed 8 pages and 5000 words including figures and references. Provisional acceptance of papers will be made on the basis of the abstract and final acceptance will be given after consideration of the draft papers.

6. **Specific details:** First Announcement and Call for Papers 9 of May 2023  
 Submission of an abstract and a CV 8<sup>th</sup> of July 2023  
 Authors advised of acceptance by 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2023  
 Registration due date 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2023  
 Papers to be submitted by 14<sup>th</sup> of September 2023  
 Conference: 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> of September 2023

7. **Schedule:** The Conference will be held over two days, **from Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of September 2023**. Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of September

should be considered as travel days. A dedicated Spouses Program will be planned according to the level of participation (at least 5 participants). A provisional overview of the conference is as per Enclosure 1, while a final detailed Agenda will be issued in due course and will be regularly updated on the NMIOTC web page at :

<https://nmiotc.nato.int/transformation/conferences/cyber-security-conference/>

#### 8. **Participants-Speakers**

Participation is open to all relevant stakeholders and members of the Maritime Community. Speakers from military organizations, academia, and industry will present their views on the topic. We welcome the Community of Interest of officials and relevant civilian attendees coming from NATO, and NATO partner countries. The ideally diverse audience is expected to have representatives from Armed Forces, Law Enforcement, staff from Ministries (Foreign Affairs, Interior, Defence, etc) along with other relevant organizations involved or interested in maritime security including cyber. In this regard, please feel free to disseminate this invitation to persons that might be interested to attend/ participate.

#### 9. **Classification:**

The conference has no classification marking and all contents will be releasable to the public. **The conference will be held under the Chatham House Rules.**

10. **Attire:** The attire for the Conference will be summer service uniform or business casual (jacket & tie) for the military personnel and business casual for the civilians. The attire Ice-breaker reception will be smart casual (jacket no tie)

11. **Registration:** Participants are requested to sign up to our event portal in NMIOTC website <https://nmiotc.nato.int> or using directly the link <https://nmiotc.classter.com/Actions/Registration>. A signup confirmation message will be received to the email provided during the sign up process, along with the respective credentials. Login to <https://nmiotc.classter.com> and register to the 7<sup>th</sup> NMIOTC Conference on CyberSecurity in Marititme Domain by using the "Application Management" function at the top left corner of the portal main page. **Registration status can be verified within the portal.** If you encounter any problem during registration process, please contact [studentadmin@nmiotc.nato.int](mailto:studentadmin@nmiotc.nato.int) or NMIOTC PoCs, mentioned in paragraph 19. Registration should be submitted ***NLT Sunday 3 September 2023.***

12. **Lodging and Transportation:** Although attendees are responsible for the arrangement of their own accommodation and transportation from/to Chania International Airport, NMIOTC can provide assistance if requested. A list of recommended hotels can be found in Enclosure 2. Transportation to/from the NMIOTC premises and specified pick-up points in the city of Chania will be provided during the conference days. Detailed joining instructions will be issued in due course.

13. **Medical service:** First aid and emergency medical support is offered by NMIOTC paramedic and local Naval Hospital. However, for all other situations, medical expenses must be paid by the individuals or their insurance agencies. All participants are strongly advised to have appropriate medical insurance.

14. **Conference fee:** The Conference fee is **165€** for each attendee to cover Conference and administrative expenses. For selected speakers, the fee will be reduced to **70€**. An additional fee of **40€** for spouses will be required, should they

want to participate in the Ice-breaker/Spouses Program. This program will include sightseeing tour, shopping and leisure time in the wider area of Chania Prefecture. The possible methods of payment are reported in the following table:

<b>A. BEFORE THE EVENT</b>		
	<b>INFORMATION</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
1. By Bank Deposit	NATIONAL BANK OF GREECE, NMIOTC BANK ACCOUNT 494/540010-48 <b>SWIFT BIC:</b> ETHN GRAA <b>IBAN:</b> GR3801104940000049454001048	Bank deposits should be completed not later than two <b>(2) working days before the start date of the event</b> , bank charges are not covered by NMIOTC. The receipt should be sent by email to <a href="mailto:kleinakisd@nmiotc.nato.int">kleinakisd@nmiotc.nato.int</a> and cc <a href="mailto:papaderosd@nmiotc.nato.int">papaderosd@nmiotc.nato.int</a>
2. By Debit/Credit Card	Upon notification from the participant, the direct link for credit/debit card payment will be sent to the designated-by the participant-email address.	The participant should send an email to <a href="mailto:kleinakisd@nmiotc.nato.int">kleinakisd@nmiotc.nato.int</a> and cc <a href="mailto:papaderosd@nmiotc.nato.int">papaderosd@nmiotc.nato.int</a> for receiving the link for the credit/debit card payment
<b>B. ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE EVENT</b>		
	<b>INFORMATION</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
3. By Debit/Credit card	A valid credit/debit card should be presented on the first day of the event.	The fee is always paid in euros [the credit/debit card may provide the option to pay in another currency (other than euro) and therefore the 'euro' currency option must be chosen].
4. By Cash	-	The fee is always paid in euros.

15. **Social program:** NMIOTC will host an Ice-breaker reception on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of September.

16. **Spouses program:** The Spouses program will include participation in the Ice-breaker reception, as well as sightseeing tour, shopping and leisure time in the wider area of Chania Prefecture on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of September, during business hours. As an early indication for the potential participation in the Spouses program, those who intend to be accompanied by their spouse are kindly asked to mention it in the remarks field of the Individual Application Form.

17. **Visa Requirements:** Participants or their supervising authorities are responsible for visa arrangements for their personnel. It is advised that participants should contact their national embassies/consulates in Greece or the Greek Military Attachés at the Greek Embassies in their respective capitals for relevant information.

18. **Remarks:** More detailed and updated information will be always available at the website of the centre: <https://nmiotc.nato.int/transformation/conferences/cyber-security-conference/>

19. **Points of Contact:** For further information or clarifications please contact:

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20. Thanking you in advance for your support to the 7<sup>th</sup> NMIOTC Conference on Cyber Security in Maritime Domain, I look forward to an interesting and productive event, and to welcoming you to the picturesque and historical city of Chania.



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Commandant NMIOTC

ENCLOSURES :

1. 7<sup>th</sup> NMIOTC Cyber Security Conference (27-28 Sep 2023) Provisional Overall Agenda
2. List of Recommended Hotels in Chania

**7<sup>TH</sup> NMIOTC CYBER SECURITY CONFERENCE (27-28 SEP 2023)**  
**PROVISIONAL OVERALL AGENDA**

1. The conference detailed Agenda is under development.
2. Overall Agenda
  - a. Tue, 26 September 23: Travel Day
  - b. Wed, 27 September 23: In-processing  
Opening Session  
Cyber Security Conference Day 1  
Ice-Breaker Reception
  - c. Thu, 28 September 23: Cyber Security Conference Day 2  
Spouses Program
  - d. Fri, 29 September 23: Travel Day

### **LIST OF RECOMMENDED HOTELS IN CHANIA**

**Accommodation:** There are no accommodation facilities at NMIOTC. Therefore, participants are responsible to arrange their own accommodation. NMIOTC can provide guidance / assistance, if requested. Hotels near the Chania city centre are highly recommended for transportation purposes. A list of recommended Hotels around Chania city centre is as follows. Special prices have been negotiated for NMIOTC's guests and will apply to participants only for direct booking with each hotel and by using the promotional codes listed below:

- a. AKALI 4\* hotel [www.akali-hotel.gr](http://www.akali-hotel.gr), Promo. code: **"NMIOTC23"** via hotel's online booking platform.  
E-mail: [info@akali-hotel.gr](mailto:info@akali-hotel.gr), Tel: +30 28210 92872.
- b. KYDON 4\* hotel [www.kydon-hotel.com](http://www.kydon-hotel.com), Promo. code: **"NMIOTC23"** via hotel's online booking platform.  
E-mail: [info@kydon-hotel.gr](mailto:info@kydon-hotel.gr), Tel: +30 28210 52280.
- c. SAMARIA 4\* hotel [www.samariahhotel.gr](http://www.samariahhotel.gr), Promo. code: **"NMIOTC23"** via hotel's online booking platform.  
E-mail: [reservations@samariahhotel.gr](mailto:reservations@samariahhotel.gr), Tel: +30 28210 38600.
- d. ARKADI 3\* hotel [www.arkadi-hotel.gr](http://www.arkadi-hotel.gr), Promo. code: **"NMIOTC23"** via mailing to hotel's e-mail address.  
E-mail: [info@arkadi-hotel.gr](mailto:info@arkadi-hotel.gr), Tel: +30 28210 90181.
- e. KRITI 3\* hotel [www.kriti-hotel.gr](http://www.kriti-hotel.gr), Promo. code: **"NMIOTC23"** via mailing to hotel's e-mail address.  
E-mail: [info@kriti-hotel.gr](mailto:info@kriti-hotel.gr), Tel: +30 28210 51881.
- f. PORTO VENEZIANO 3\* hotel [www.portoveneziano.gr](http://www.portoveneziano.gr), Promo. code: **"NMIOTC23"** via mailing to hotel's e-mail address.  
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