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SUBJECT: **8th NMIOTC CONFERENCE ON CYBER SECURITY IN MARITIME DOMAIN – CALLING LETTER**

DATE: 16 April 2024

REFERENCE: 8th NMIOTC CONFERENCE ON CYBER SECURITY IN MARITIME DOMAIN – SAVE THE DATE LETTER

1.   **Introduction:** NMIOTC has the pleasure to announce its 8th NMIOTC Conference on Cyber Security in Maritime Domain, which will take place on its premises, Souda Bay Crete, Greece, from Wednesday **18th and** Thursday **19th of September 2024**.

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:
       a.   Present and analyze the impact of emerging cyber challenges in Maritime Operations and current Cyber Defence Strategies/Policies;
       b.   Review and update on future Maritime Cyber Security technologies and industrial products;
       c.   Provide insights on Assessment and Certification of Maritime Security;
       d.   Inform on NATO-EU Cyber Security Collaboration and Initiatives;
       e.   Highlight ways and means to secure Maritime Value and Supply Chains, Infrastructures & Services;
       f.   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 **30th of June 2024**. 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 16 of April 2024
                                 Submission of an abstract and a CV 30th of June 2024
                                 Authors advised of acceptance by 5th of July 2024
                                 Registration due date 2nd of September 2024
                                 Papers to be submitted by 9th of September 2024
                                 Conference: 18th-19th of September 2024

7.   **Schedule:** The Conference will be held over two days, **from Wednesday 18th to Thursday 19h of September 2024**. Tuesday 17th and Friday 20th of September should be considered as travel days. 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 8th NMIOTC Conference on CyberSecurity in Maritime 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 or NMIOTC PoCs, mentioned in paragraph 18. Registration should be submitted *NLT Monday 2nd September 2024*.

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 **150€** for each attendee to cover Conference and administrative expenses. For the speakers, the fee will be reduced to **70€**.

The possible methods of payment are reported in the following table:

A. BEFORE THE EVENT		
	INFORMATION	**REMARKS**
1. By Bank Deposit	NATIONAL BANK OF GREECE, NMIOTC BANK ACCOUNT 494/540010-48 **SWIFT BIC:** ETHN GRAA **IBAN:** GR3801104940000049454001048	Bank deposits should be completed not later than two **(2) working days before the start date of the event**, bank charges are not covered by NMIOTC. The receipt should be sent by email to kleinakisd@nmiotc.nato.int and cc masourakii@nmiotc.nato.int
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 kleinakisd@nmiotc.nato.int and cc masourakii@nmiotc.nato.int for receiving the link for the credit/debit card payment
B. ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE EVENT		
	INFORMATION	**REMARKS**
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 afternoon Wednesday 18th of September.

16. **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.

17. **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/

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

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19. Thanking you in advance for your support to the 8th 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. 7th NMIOTC Cyber Security Conference (18-19 Sep 2024) Provisional Overall Agenda
2. List of Recommended Hotels in Chania

8TH NMIOTC CYBER SECURITY CONFERENCE (18-19 SEP 2024)
PROVISIONAL OVERALL AGENDA

1.   The conference detailed Agenda is under development.

2.   Overall Agenda

      a.   Tue, 17 September 24:   Travel Day

      b.   Wed, 18 September 24:   In-processing

                                                   Opening Session

                                                   Cyber Security Conference Day 1

                                                     Ice-Breaker Reception

      c.   Thu, 19 September 24:   Cyber Security Conference Day 2

      d.   Fri, 20 September 24:   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, Promo. code: **"NMIOTC"** via hotel's online booking platform.
        E-mail: info@akali-hotel.gr, Tel: +30 28210 92872.

    b.   KYDON 4* hotel www.kydon-hotel.com, Promo. code: **"NMIOTC"** via hotel's online booking platform.
        E-mail: info@kydon-hotel.gr, Tel: +30 28210 52280.

    c.   SAMARIA 4* hotel www.samariahotel.gr, Promo. code: **"NMIOTC"** via hotel's online booking platform.
        E-mail: reservations@samariahotel.gr, Tel: +30 28210 38600.

    d.   ARKADI 3* hotel www.arkadi-hotel.gr, Promo. code: **"NMIOTC"** via mailing to hotel's e-mail address.
        E-mail: info@arkadi-hotel.gr, Tel: +30 28210 90181.

    e.   KRITI 3* hotel www.kriti-hotel.gr, Promo. code: **"NMIOTC"** via mailing to hotel's e-mail address.
        E-mail: info@kriti-hotel.gr, Tel: +30 28210 51881.

    f.   PORTO VENEZIANO 3* hotel www.portoveneziano.gr, Promo. code: **"NMIOTC"** via mailing to hotel's e-mail address.
        E-mail: hotel@portoveneziano.gr, Tel: +30 28210 27100.