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SUBJECT: **15th ANNIVERSARY NMIOTC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024 – CALLING LETTER**

DATE: 09 February 2024

REFERENCE: 15th Anniversary NMIOTC Annual Conference 2024 – INITIAL CALLING NOTICE

1. **Introduction:** NMIOTC has the pleasure to announce its 15th Annual Conference, which will take place in its premises, Souda Bay, Crete, Greece, from **Tuesday 4th to Wednesday 5th of June 2024**.

2. The event will be organized on the occasion of the 15th Anniversary of the Annual Conferences series and the theme will be: ***“Risks and Challenges in a Dynamic Maritime Domain; Strategy Adaptations, Technology Innovations and the Operational Landscape of the Future”***, in the light of ongoing conflicts and emerging Maritime security challenges in the Middle East.

3. **Aim:** The upcoming 15th NMIOTC Annual Conference 2024 aims at providing opportunities for discussions and exchange of ideas, among the international community of interest, on emerging Risks and Challenges in the Maritime Domain that require strategic and technological adaptations. Security risks, environmental degradation, climate change, technological innovations, and economic competition are all key areas of concern that can affect the theatre of operations. To address these challenges, Nations must continue to foster international cooperation and develop new strategies to enhance their Maritime capabilities.

4. **Panels:** The structure of the conference will be based (tentatively) on six panels (the configuration and the content is currently under development, pending on the proposals/papers that will be selected):

i. Two Academic Panels:

P1. Regional perspectives, on Risks and Challenges (geopolitics, international relations) and

P2. Future theatre of Operations (Critical Infrastructure protection, Cyber Operations, Disruptive Technologies, Climate Change).

ii. P3. International Organizations and military entities' panel:

- Coordination of efforts at the political-strategic level and cooperation in the field.

- iii. P4. Think Tanks and military entities:
 - Need for strategy adaptations, the strategic foresight and Multi Domain Operations
- iv. P5. Shipping Industry panel:
 - Practitioners' view on future risks and challenges and CivMil Cooperation.
- v. P6. Military organisations panel:
 - The new operational landscape and transformational activities.

5. **Modalities of participation:** The 15th Annual conference will be an “in person” event for both speakers and attendees. That being said, due to the concurrent international shipping exhibition “Posidonia-24”, taking place in Metropolitan Expo Athens (<https://posidonia-events.com/>), NMIOTC intends (TBC) to organize a dedicated remote panel on **Wednesday 5 June 24** (11:00-13:00), only for potential panellists coming from the Shipping Industry (**P5**). A dedicated business hall will be reserved in SOFITEL Athens Airport (<https://all.accor.com/hotel/3167/index.en.shtml>), located nearby the exhibition venue (TBC).

6. **Call for papers:** Interested speakers should submit an abstract of their presentation by **1st of March 2024**. A short *Curriculum Vitae* and a brief overview of the organization, institution or company that they represent is also required. Abstract should be no longer than 250 words and clearly indicate the provisional title, the authors and a synthesis of the content of the presentation. Subsequent to the Conference, speakers will have the opportunity to submit an article, that may be considered for publication in the NMIOTC’s annual Journal. 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.

7. **Specific dates:**

- First Announcement and Call for Papers: 6th November 2023
- Abstract to be submitted by 1st March 2024
- Authors advised of acceptance by 25th March 2024
- Final Papers to be submitted by 17th May 2024
- Conference execution 4th – 5th June 2024

8. **Schedule:** The Conference will be held over two days, from Tuesday 4th to Wednesday 5th of June 2024. It is advised to consider Monday 3rd of June (or earlier) and Thursday 6th of June (or later) as travel days. The provisional schedule of the Conference along with more detailed information will be issued in due course and will be regularly updated on NMIOTC’s web page at [Annual Conference | NATO Maritime Interdiction Operational Training Centre](#). The anniversary reception will be held at SAPEL Hall (<https://www.sapel.gr/en/>) on the evening of the 4th of June.

9. **Participants:** Registration is open to all interested participants. Speakers from Military Organizations, Law Enforcement Agencies, Academia, Judiciary and Ministerial Authorities, Private Sector and Defence Industry can present their views on

the topics, while the audience will be comprised of military and civilian personnel involved or interested in the theme. We anticipate participation from NATO, Partner Nations, International Organizations, Non – Governmental Organizations, non – NATO countries and the broader Maritime Community of Interest, as well. The ideally diverse audience should represent Academia, Armed Forces, Law Enforcement agencies/experts, and representatives from Ministries of Defence, Interior and Foreign Affairs, specialized magistrates and officials from the relevant organizations. Please feel free to disseminate this invitation/calling notice to persons that you deem relevant and interested to attend.

10. **Conference fee:** The Conference fee is **180€** for each attendee to cover Conference and administrative expenses. For moderators and panellists the conference will be free of charge. 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 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.

11. **Classification:** The conference has no classification marking and all contents will be releasable to public. The conference will be held under the “**Chatham House Rule**”.

12. **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. In addition, the attire for the official reception will be business casual.

13. **Registration:** Participants are requested to sign up to NMIOTC event portal in 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 **15th 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.** If you encounter any problem during registration process, please contact studentadmin@nmiotc.nato.int or NMIOTC PoCs, mentioned below. Registration should be submitted **NLT Sunday 19 May 2024**.

14. **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.

15. **Medical service:** Participants are required to have a valid health insurance according to their respective national standards. Participants from the EU Member States are required to possess a valid European Health Insurance Card. NMIOTC ensures first aid during the event, providing emergency transportation to the Naval Hospital of Crete if needed. The Naval Hospital of Crete can provide diagnosis, first aid and treatment, while the Prefectural Hospital of Chania can provide further diagnosis or specialist treatment if required. NMIOTC do not cover participants expenses for additional medical treatments and the settlement of medical bills is a patient/national responsibility.

16. **Social program:** The 15th anniversary official reception will be held at SAPEL Hall (<https://www.sapel.gr/en/>) on the evening of the **4th of June**.

17. **Spouses program:** It will include participation in the anniversary/official reception, as well as guided sightseeing tour, shopping and leisure time in the wider area of Chania Prefecture on **Wednesday 5th of June**, 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 inform the PoCs mentioned below. An additional fee of **90€** for spouses will be required, should they want to participate in the Spouses Program.

18. **Visa Requirements:** Participants or their national authorities are responsible for visa arrangements. Participants are advised to contact the proper diplomatic authorities for up to date information, well in advance. It is the individual’s responsibility to obtain his/her visa and to have the proper travel and medical documentation. Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs website (www.mfa.gr) provides relevant visa information requirements. NMIOTC will provide a Visa Support Letter, if requested.

19. **Remarks:** More detailed and updated information will be always available at the website of the centre: [Annual Conference | NATO Maritime Interdiction Operational training Center](#) and at your registration account.

20. Points of Contact:

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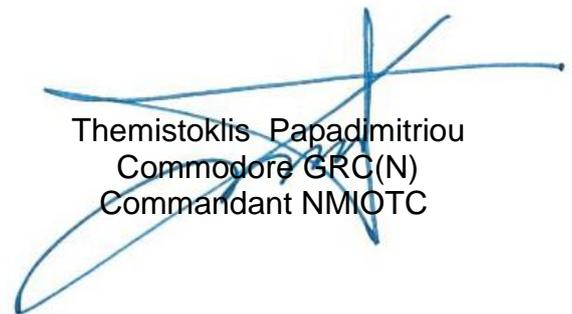
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21. Thanking you in advance for your support to the 15th Anniversary NMIOTC Annual Conference 2024, I look forward to an interesting and productive event, and to welcoming you to the picturesque and historical city of Chania, Crete, Greece to celebrate our 15th Anniversary.



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ENCLOSURES :

1. 15th Anniversary NMIOTC Annual Conference Schedule of Events
2. List of Recommended Hotels

15th Anniversary NMIOTC Annual Conference (4-5 June 2024)

Provisional Schedule of Events

1. The Conference detailed Agenda is under development.

2. Schedule of Events

- a. Mon, 3 Jun 24: Travel Day
- b. Tue, 4 Jun 24: In-processing
Opening Session
Annual Conference Day 1
Anniversary Reception
- c. Wed, 5 Jun 24: Annual Conference Day 2
Spouses Program
- d. Thu, 6 Jun 24: Travel Day

LIST OF RECOMMENDED HOTELS IN CHANIA

Accommodation: Participants are responsible to arrange their own accommodation as there is no accommodation facilities on the Centre's premises. NMIOTC can provide guidance / assistance, if requested. Hotels near Chania city centre are highly recommended for transportation purposes. The list of recommended hotels in Chania offering special prices (for participants who book directly with each hotel by e-mail using the code "NMIOTC") and including breakfast and internet connection, is as follows:

- a. THE CHANIA 5* hotel <https://www.thechaniahotel.com/>, E-mail: reservations@thechaniahotel.com, Tel: (+30) 28210 90002.
- b. AKALI 4* hotel www.akali-hotel.gr. (promotional code "NMIOTC" via hotel's online booking platform) E-mail: info@akali-hotel.gr Tel: (+30) 28210 92872.
- c. KYDON 4* hotel www.kydon-hotel.com (promotional code "NMIOTC" via hotel's online booking platform) E-mail: info@kydon-hotel.gr Tel.: (+30) 28210 52280.
- d. SAMARIA 4* hotel www.samariahotel.gr (promotional code "NMIOTC" via hotel's online booking platform) E-mail: reservations@samariahotel.gr Tel.: (+30) 28210 38600.
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