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SUBJECT: **6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NMIOTC CONFERENCE – CALLING LETTER**

DATE: 11 March 2015

REFERENCE: NMIOTC 3000 NSC-67/ser.: NU 112, dated 31 Oct 2014

**1. Introduction.** Per the ref., NMIOTC announces the **6<sup>th</sup> Annual NMIOTC Conference**, which will take place at its premises (Souda Bay – Crete) from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2015.

**2. Theme.** The theme for this year is “**Current and Future Challenges to Energy Security in the Maritime Environment**” and, with this in mind, the Conference agenda is being developed to take into account relevant requirements, priorities and concerns.

**3. Aim of the event.** The upcoming 2015 Annual NMIOTC Conference aims to provide opportunities to deepen and discuss issues related to the complexity of ensuring the safety and protection of Critical Energy Infrastructure in the Maritime Domain, proposals for the development of new and updated procedures, as well as development of training objectives and guidelines related to this emerging security challenge.

**4. Focus of the event.** The Conference will be focused on, but not limited to, the following topics which will be divided into three perspectives: Operational, Academic, and Commercial.

a. Operational perspective. These topics will be discussed in close cooperation with representatives of relevant Military Commands.

(1) Challenges to Law Enforcement / Maritime Forces related to the protection of critical energy infrastructure.

(2) Key players at the global level and how they correlate with each other (i.e. NATO, EU, Multinational Task Forces, National Forces, etc.).

(3) Requirements / Key tasks of Law Enforcement / Maritime Forces.

(4) Framework / Types of offshore security threats.

(5) Challenges faced at the military level, lessons identified, and level of ambition.

(6) Most recent developments, strategic initiatives, and tendencies recognized.

(7) New tactics, methods of exploitation of naval power, and outlook for the short and mid-term at the strategic, operational and tactical levels.

b. Academic perspective. This will be conducted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day in close cooperation with the Faculty of Law of the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens (UoA) and the University of Piraeus (UNIP) in order to:

(1) Address the challenges of Cyber threats and responses.

(2) Discuss sovereign rights for exploitation of natural resources and the limits of maritime zones.

(3) Analyse the jurisdiction of coastal states, status of artificial islands, off-shore platforms, and coastal plants.

(4) Exploit the employment of Naval Forces in relation to national and international legal authorities.

c. Commercial Perspective. These topics will be discussed in close cooperation with the representatives of the commercial and industrial world.

(1) Complexity of establishing and exploiting means for secure production and delivery of energy in the maritime domain.

(2) Global community (society, industry, shipping community, law enforcement agencies, international organizations and bodies, etc.).

(3) Changing global and regional patterns of energy consumption, exports and trade.

(4) Private sector involvement (birth of a new player, initial steps, recent developments, relation with shipping industry, tendencies, challenges, and the way ahead).

(5) Shipping community (owner's perspective, seafarers' perspective, impact of the new security environment, proposals for improved interaction with relevant international organizations and agencies).

(6) Technology (use of new systems in the protection of ports, coastal areas, ships, high-value assets, etc.; integration of technology developments in maritime security plans).

(7) Synergy among stakeholders towards common international practices.

5. **Schedule.** The Conference will be conducted over three days, from Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2015, with Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> available for meetings with the NMIOTC Staff. It is advised to use Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> (or earlier) and Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> (or later) as travel days. It is recommended to make the travel arrangements in a timely manner, due to the fact that the 1<sup>st</sup> of June is a national holiday. The projected schedule of the Conference will be updated regularly on the NMIOTC web page ([www.nmiotc.gr](http://www.nmiotc.gr)). The current draft agenda is as per Enclosure 1, while a final, detailed agenda will be issued in

due time. A dedicated Spouse's Program will be made available in accordance with the level of interest (at least five participants).

**6. Integration Day.** Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June will be an optional day for sidebar discussions or additional formal discussion and development of the subjects addressed during the Conference. Attendees who will consider it useful to rendezvous' with NMIOTC Staff are encouraged to stay and should notify the conference organizers in advance. A short tour to the ruins of the Venetian Castle of Souda Island will also be offered during this day.

**7. Participants.** Application for participation is open to all interested attendees, such as officers and civilians from NATO and EU entities, NATO and EU countries and Partner Nations representing their Navy, Coast Guard or Port Police services, Law Enforcement experts, and officials from other relevant organizations and third-party countries. Speakers from military organizations and academia will present their views on this year's conference theme, while the audience will be comprised of military and civilian personnel involved or interested in maritime security. Please feel free to forward this invitation to persons who you deem relevant and interested in attending.

**8. Attire.** The attire for the Conference will be summer service uniform for military personnel and smart casual (jacket & tie) for civilians.

**9. Registration.** Participants are kindly requested to submit the respective Annual Conference Joining Request Form as per Enclosure 2, no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2015. A confirmation message will be sent within three working days.

**10. Lodging and Transportation.** Although attendees are responsible for the arrangement of their own accommodations and transportation to and from the airport, NMIOTC can provide guidance if requested. A list of recommended hotels can be found in Enclosure 3. Transportation to and from the NMIOTC premises and specified pick-up points in the city of Chania will be provided during the conference. Detailed joining instructions will be issued in due time.

**11. Classification:** None.

**12. Conference fee.** The Conference fee is 135€ per attendee to cover conference and administrative expenses and will include coffee breaks, refreshments, three (3) buffet lunches, transportation, and participation in social events (icebreaker and, official dinner). An additional fee of 50€ for spouses will be required, should they wish to participate in the Spouse's Program. The respective fees should be paid in cash on the first day of the event at the registration desk, where an official receipt will be provided.

**13. Social program.** NMIOTC will host all participants for an Icebreaker on Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> and an official dinner on the evening of Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2015. An excursion to the Knossos Archaeological site (optional) will be organized after completion of the Conference, on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June, for those attendees who intend to prolong their stay in Crete. Details of this event (costs, schedule etc.) will be provided in due time.

**14. Visa Requirements.** Participants or their sending authorities are responsible for visa arrangements for their personnel. It is advisable to contact the respective embassies/consulates in Greece or the Greek Military Attachés at the Greek Embassies in their respective capitals, for relevant information.

15. **Remarks.** More detailed and updated information will be always available at the website of the centre: [www.nmiotc.gr](http://www.nmiotc.gr)

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

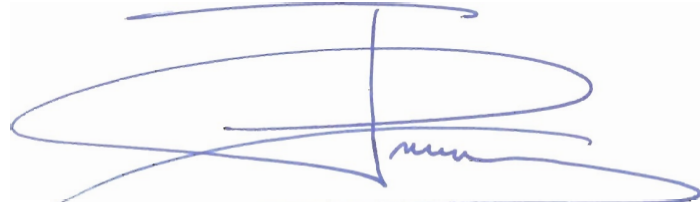
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17. Thanking you in advance for your support to the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual NMIOTC Conference, we look forward to an interesting and fruitful event, and to welcoming you to the picturesque and historical city of Chania.



**Ioannis Pavlopoulos**  
Rear Admiral GRC(N)  
Commandant NMIOTC

ENCLOSURES:

1. NMIOTC Annual Conference Draft Agenda
2. Annual Conference Joining Request Form
3. List of Recommended Hotels

**Agenda 2- 5 Jun 2015**

1. Draft agenda is under development. Call for papers is in accordance with the initial calling notice (to be submitted by 25 March 2015).

2. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the conference the first session will be devoted to address "Challenges in Cyber Security" and the second session "Legal Challenges in the field of Energy Security".

**3. Overall Schedule**

- a. Mon, 1 Jun 15: Travel Day (**Note:** Nation Holyday in Greece)
- b. Tue, 2 Jun 15:
  - 08:30-09:45 Welcome Session – Key Note
  - Speeches
  - 09:45-10:15 Coffee Break
  - 10:15-12:00 1<sup>st</sup> Session
  - 12:00-13:30 Lunch Break / Networking
  - 13:30-15:00 2<sup>nd</sup> Session
  - 19:30-22:00 Icebreaker
- c. Wed, 3 Jun 15:
  - 08:30–10:30 1<sup>st</sup> Session
  - 10:30-11:00 Coffee Break
  - 11:00-12:30 2<sup>nd</sup> Session
  - 12:30-14:00 Lunch Break / Networking
  - 14:00-15:30 3<sup>rd</sup> Session
  - 20:00 Official Dinner
- d. Thu, 4 Jun 15:
  - 08:30–10:30 1<sup>st</sup> Session
  - 10:30-11:00 Coffee Break
  - 11:00-12:30 2<sup>nd</sup> Session
  - 12:30-14:00 Lunch Break / Networking
  - 14:00-15:30 3<sup>rd</sup> Session
  - 15:30-16:00 Wrap Up / Closing Remarks
- e. Fri, 5 Jun 15: Sidebar Discussions / Tour to the Venetian Castle / Excursion to Knossos Archaeological site (optional)





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## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual NMIOTC Conference Joining Request Form

(please read carefully the instructions below prior to filling out the form)

PERIOD: 02-04 June 2015

### SPEAKER/ATTENDEE'S INFORMATION

Last Name (*)	
First Name (*)	
Middle Initials	
Sex (*)	
Nationality (*)	
Military Rank / Title for Civilians (*)	
Organization / Branch / Service (*)	
Title of duty position (*)	
Date of Birth	
ID No/Passport No (*)	
Tel (*)	
E-mail (*)	
Accompanied by spouse / family	
Non paper drafting contribution	

### TRAVELLING INFORMATION

Travel Mode to NMIOTC (*)	
Arrival Date (*)	
Departure Date (*)	
Accommodation (*)	
Rental Car	

### COMMENTS / REMARKS

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### INSTRUCTIONS

- Information marked as (\*) is mandatory.
- This form must be completed in capital letters, saved as **Annual NMIOTC Conference\_Surname\_Rank.Doc**, and be submitted to :
  - [studentadmin@nmiotc.grc.nato.int](mailto:studentadmin@nmiotc.grc.nato.int) into NU-WAN, or
  - [ariatzis@nmiotc.grc.nato.int](mailto:ariatzis@nmiotc.grc.nato.int), or
  - FAX: +30 28210 85702 to NMIOTC Admin Officer, Lt JG Konstantinos Papanastasis GRC(N).
- If information on a field is not applicable or not yet determined can be filled with **N/A** or **TBD** respectively.

**LIST OF RECOMMENDED HOTELS IN CHANIA**

HOTEL / CATEGORY	PRICE FOR STANDARD ROOM	AMENITIES	TELEPHONE/ URL/ E MAIL
SAMARIA****	105 €	Breakfast, free internet, parking, swimming pool	Tel.:+30 28210 38600 / <a href="http://www.samariahhotel.gr/">www.samariahhotel.gr/</a> / <a href="mailto:info@samariahhotel.gr">info@samariahhotel.gr</a>
KYDON****	77 €	Breakfast, free internet, parking	Tel.:+30 28210 52280 / <a href="http://www.kydon-hotel.com/">www.kydon-hotel.com/</a> / <a href="mailto:info@kydon-hotel.gr">info@kydon-hotel.gr</a>
ROYALSUN****	74 €	Breakfast, gym, internet, parking, laundry swimming pool, transfer to city (all free of charge)	Tel.:+30 28210 20160 <a href="http://www.royalsunhotel.com">www.royalsunhotel.com</a> <a href="mailto:hotelroyalsun@gmail.com">hotelroyalsun@gmail.com</a>
AKALI****	74 €	Breakfast, free internet, parking, swimming pool	Tel.: +30 28210 92872 / <a href="http://www.akali-hotel.gr">www.akali-hotel.gr</a> / <a href="mailto:info@akali-hotel.gr">info@akali-hotel.gr</a>
PORTO VENEZIANO***	79 €	Breakfast, free internet	Tel.:+30 28210 27100 / <a href="http://www.portoveneziano.gr/">www.portoveneziano.gr/</a> / <a href="mailto:hotel@portoveneziano.gr">hotel@portoveneziano.gr</a>
ARKADI***	55 €	Breakfast, free internet, parking	Tel.:+30 28210 90181 / <a href="http://www.arkadi-hotel.gr/">www.arkadi-hotel.gr/</a> / <a href="mailto:info@arkadi-hotel.gr">info@arkadi-hotel.gr</a>

**NOTIFICATION:**

Prices have been negotiated especially for NMIOTC's guests and apply to participants only for direct booking by e-mail to the hotel reservation manager. Notify each hotel that you are **NMIOTC Guest**. NMIOTC can provide guidance / assistance, if needed.

