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SUBJECT: **16th NMIOTC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025 – CALLING LETTER**

DATE: 24 February 2025

REFERENCE: 3000 NSC-74/ser:124/NU/16th NMIOTC Annual Conference 2025 – INITIAL CALLING NOTICE

1. NMIOTC has the pleasure to announce its 16th Annual Conference, which will take place in its premises, Souda Bay, Crete, Greece, from **Wednesday 4th to Thursday 5th of June 2025**.

2. The theme of the event will be: **“Steering into the Future: The Impact of Climate Change on Maritime Security”**.

3. **Aim:** The upcoming conference aims to navigate participants, through current and future implications of climate change on maritime security. Gaining a deeper understanding of the climate change security challenges will support the identification of strategies, policies and innovative solutions in the maritime domain. It also seeks to further cultivate a common understanding and promote future collaboration across various stakeholders in the development of mitigation and adaptation initiatives.

4. **Panels:** The structure of the conference will be based on the following six tentative panels (the final content is under development, pending on the papers that will be selected):

a. **Panel 1. Climate Change Causes, Effects and Future Implications:** Severe weather patterns, temperature rise, increased ocean acidification, sea level rise, extreme heat waves and droughts, decreased water availability, biodiversity loss, marine environment degradation.

b. **Panel 2. Social, Economic and Civil Future Implications:** Impact on health and work environment, climate induced social - political instability and migration, sea level rise and its impact on coastal states and maritime infrastructure and exposure to extreme weather phenomena

c. **Panel 3. Geopolitical Perspectives:** Regional instability, and shifting regional power dynamics. Mediterranean and Arctic interconnection and the European region.

d. **Panel 4. Maritime Adaptation to Climate Change Effects and Induced Threats:** Operational adaptation, technological and engineering innovations to climate generated risks and threats, and initiatives for maritime infrastructure resilience.

e. **Panel 5. Mitigation of Climate Change Root Causes in the Maritime Sector:** Naval technological climate driven mitigation solutions, integration of green technologies and minimizing energy consumption

f. **Panel 6. Climate Agreements Strategies and Policies - International Cooperation:** International (Global, UN, EU, NATO and IMO) agreements, strategies and policies for climate change, environmental law and climate justice perspectives.

5. **Modalities of participation:** The 16th Annual conference will be an “in person” event for both speakers and attendees.

6. **Call for papers:** Potential speakers or individuals interested in participating in a panel discussion should inform NMIOTC and submit an abstract of their presentation by **21th of March 2025**. 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. The conference will be conducted in the English language.

7. **Specific dates:**

- Abstract to be submitted by 21th March 2025
- Authors advised of acceptance by 28th March 2025
- Final Presentations to be submitted by 16th May 2025
- Conference execution 4th – 5th June 2025

8. **Schedule:** The Conference will take place over a two-day period, from Wednesday 4th to Thursday 5th of June 2025. It is advised to consider Tuesday 3rd of June (or earlier) and Friday 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 Official Dinner will be held on the evening of the 4th of June.

9. **Participants:** Registration is open to all interested participants. Speakers from Military Organizations, Law Enforcement Agencies, EU Institutions, Bodies and Agencies, UN, International Organizations, 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 with or interested in the theme.

10. We anticipate participation from NATO HQs and entities, NATO and Partner Nations, EU Institutions, Bodies and Agencies, International Organizations, Governmental Authorities, Non – Governmental Organizations and Institutes, and the broader Maritime Community of Interest, as well. The ideally diverse audience should represent Academia, Armed Forces, Law Enforcement and Maritime 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 letter to persons that you deem relevant and interested to either attend or contribute to topic from their point of view as potential speakers.

11. **Conference fee:** The Conference fee is **180€** for each attendee, which covers Conference and administrative expenses, transportation from the hotels to the Centre and back, lunches in NMIOTC premises and a hosted dinner. 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	NMIOTC BANK ACCOUNT: NATIONAL BANK OF GREECE, 494/540010-48 SWIFT BIC: ETHN GRAA IBAN: GR3801104940000049454001048	Bank deposits should be completed not later than <u>2 working days before the start date of the event</u> . Bank charges are not covered by NMIOTC. The receipt should be sent by email to papadakisst@nmiotc.nato.int , michaleasi@nmiotc.nato.int , cc lafkasm@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 email address designated by the participant.	Participants should send an email to papadakisst@nmiotc.nato.int and michaleasi@nmiotc.nato.int , with a copy to lafkasm@nmiotc.nato.int , to receive the link for credit/debit card payment.
B. 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	If the preferred method of payment is cash, participants are advised to have the exact amount of the fee to avoid delays during the on-site registration process.	The fee is always paid in euros.

12. **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**”.

13. **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 hosted dinner will be smart casual.

14. **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 **16th 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 Friday 23rd May 2025.**

15. **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.

16. **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.

17. **Social program:** The 16th annual conference hosted diner will be held on the evening of the **4th of June.**

18. **Spouses program:** Depending on participation, a guided sightseeing tour, shopping, and leisure time in the wider area of Chania prefecture will be organized for the spouses on Wednesday, June 5th, during business hours. Moreover, spouses are encouraged and welcome to join us for the hosted dinner, which will take place on the 4th of June. To assist us with planning, we kindly request an early indication of participation in both the Spouses tour and the dinner. If your spouse intends to participate in one or both events, please inform the Points of Contact

(PoCs) mentioned below. An additional fee of €45 per event for spouses will be required (totalling €90 for both events), should they decide to participate in the Spouses Program. This fee can be paid using the methods described in paragraph 11 above for the conference fee.

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. Points of Contact:

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22. We extend our sincere gratitude in advance for your support of the 16th NMIOTC Annual Conference. We look forward to a stimulating and productive event and to welcoming you to Greece, specifically to the picturesque and historic city of Chania.



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Commandant NMIOTC

ENCLOSURES :

1. 16th NMIOTC Annual Conference Provisional Schedule of Events (4-5 June 2025)
2. List of Recommended Hotels in Chania

16th NMIOTC Annual Conference Provisional Schedule of Events
(4-5 June 2025)

1. The Conference detailed Agenda is under development.

2. Schedule of Events

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| a. Tue, 3 Jun 25: | Travel Day |
| b. Wed, 4 Jun 25: | In-processing |
| | Opening Session |
| | Annual Conference Day 1 |
| | Hosted Dinner |
| c. Thu, 5 Jun 25: | Annual Conference Day 2 |
| | Spouses Program |
| d. Fri, 6 Jun 25: | 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.samariahhotel.gr (promotional code "NMIOTC" via hotel's online booking platform) E-mail: reservations@samariahhotel.gr Tel.: (+30) 28210 38600.
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