

NEWSLETTER



“Steering into the Future: The Impact of Climate Change on Maritime Security”

As we approach June and we prepare for **NMIOTC’s 16th Annual Conference**, we are pleased to announce that the selection of speakers has been finalized.

We are proud to highlight the participation of the following distinguished keynote speakers, confirmed so far:

- Rear Admiral Ignacio Lorenzo Cuartero ESP (N), European Union Military Staff (EUMS), Director of Concepts and Capabilities.
- Professor James H. Bergeron, Political Advisor to Commander, Allied Maritime Command (MARCOM)
- Dr Harry T. Conway, Chairman of the Maritime Environment Protection Committee of the International Maritime Organization (IMO).
- Professor Alison Weston, Deputy to the Director in the SDP Directorate and Head of Division for Maritime Security, European Union External Action Service (EEAS).

Moreover, up to this point, the conference will feature contributions from the following esteemed organizations, among others, represented by speakers and distinguished delegates:

- Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE)
- Allied Maritime Command (MARCOM)
- Allied Command Transformation (ACT)
- Centre for Maritime Research and Experimentation (CMRE)
- NATO Missile Firing Installation (NAMFI)
- Hellenic Ministry of National Defence
- Hellenic Ministry for Migration and Asylum
- Hellenic National Defence General Staff
- Hellenic Navy General Staff
- Italian Navy General Staff
- UK Royal Navy General Staff
- European External Action Service (EEAS)
- European Union Military Staff (EUMS)
- European Union Commission

- Hungary Defence Innovation Research Institute
- Norwegian Defence Research Establishment
- DCAF - Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance
- IMO - Maritime Environment Protection Committee
- The Netherlands Organization for Applied Scientific Research (TNO)
- Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)
- World Maritime University
- Athens University of Economics
- Technical University of Athens
- Technical University of Crete
- National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- University of the Aegean
- University of Piraeus
- Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences
- Stellenbosch University

The conference will be held at the NMIOTC premises in Souda Bay, Crete, Greece, from the **4th to the 5th of June 2025**, between 08:30 and 16:30 (EEST). The detailed schedule and the list of speakers, included in the tentative **Agenda** of the conference, as well as the **Joining Instructions**, will be shared shortly through a follow-up newsletter and will also be available on the NMIOTC: <https://nmiotc.nato.int/nmiotc-annual-conferences/>.

The official dinner will take place at a local traditional restaurant in Chania old city.

Speakers and participants are kindly requested to **register** via the cluster website using the following link: <https://nmiotc.classter.com/Actions/Registration>. Upon completing the sign-up process, a confirmation email will be sent to the provided email address, along with login credentials. To register for the 16th Annual Conference, log in at <https://nmiotc.classter.com> and use the "Application Management" function located at the top left corner of the portal's main page. Registration status can also be verified within the portal.

We look forward to welcoming you to our center and the splendid island of Crete!

