



**NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION**  
NATO MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE  
**NMIOTC**  
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**SUBJECT: 9<sup>th</sup> NMIOTC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018 – CALLING LETTER**

**DATE:** 12 February 2018

**REFERENCE:** NMIOTC 3000 NSC - 71/ser: NU 123, dated 13 Oct 2017

**1. Introduction.** Following ref., NMIOTC announces the “**9<sup>th</sup> NMIOTC Annual Conference**” which will be held in its premises, Souda Bay, Crete, Greece, from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

**2. Theme: “Fostering Projection of Stability through Maritime Security: Achieving Enhanced Capabilities and Operational Effectiveness”.**

**3. Aim:** The upcoming 9<sup>th</sup> NMIOTC Annual Conference 2018, aims at providing opportunities to discuss issues and share perceptions related to the contribution of the international community to improved security and in projecting stability and to path forward proposals and solutions in achieving enhanced Capabilities and Operational Effectiveness

**4.** The Conference will be focused on, but not limited, to the following Five main pillars:

- a. The emerging security challenges in Central and East Mediterranean. Countering terrorism and deterring transnational criminal activity along with illegal migration.
- b. NATO - EU cooperation on issues of common interest. Strengthening and ensuring the coherence and mutual reinforcement of NATO and EU Capability Development efforts.
- c. The developments of MSO Tasks and their implication on capability development and operational effectiveness.
- d. Maritime Security Operations and the latest Technological Developments / Innovations.
- e. Gender perspective in Maritime Operations.

**5. Schedule.** The Conference will be conducted over three days, from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2018. It is advised to use Monday 4<sup>th</sup> (or earlier) and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 (or later) as travel days. The projected schedule of the Conference will be updated regularly on the NMIOTC web page [www.nmiotc.nato.int](http://www.nmiotc.nato.int). A provisional overview of the Conference is as per Enclosure 1, while a final detailed Agenda will be issued in due

course. A dedicated Spouses Program will be planned according to the level of participation (at least 5 participants).

**6. Integration Day.** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of June will be made available as an additional optional day for side talks, further discussion and development of the subjects discussed during the Conference. Attendees who will consider it useful are welcome to participate, notifying NMIOTC staff accordingly.

**7. Participants.** Registration is open to all interested participants. Speakers from Diplomatic Missions (Ambassadors, Counsellors, Military Attaches) military organizations, academic and industrial world will present their views on the topic, while the audience will be comprised of military and civilian personnel involved or interested in maritime security. Our ambition is to enjoy the presence of officials coming from NATO, NATO partners and non-NATO countries as well. The ideally diverse audience could represent Ambassadors and members of the Diplomatic Missions, Armed Forces, Law Enforcement experts, representatives from ministries (Foreign Affairs, Interior, Defence etc) magistrates, and officials from other relevant organizations. Please feel free to forward this invitation to persons that you deem relevant and interested to attend.

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

**9. Registration.** Participants are requested to submit a registration application, no later than the **18<sup>th</sup> of May 2018**, by filling the respective Annual Conference Joining Request Form as per Enclosure 2. A confirmation message will be sent within 3 working days.

**10. Lodging and Transportation.** Although attendees are responsible for the arrangement of their own accommodation and transportation from / to Airport, NMIOTC can provide assistance if requested. A list of recommended hotels can be found in Enclosure 3. 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.

**11. Classification:** None.

**12. Conference fee.** The Conference fee is **170€** for each attendee to cover conference and administrative expenses and will include coffee breaks, refreshments, three (3) buffet lunches, transportation and participation to social events (icebreaker, official dinner). An additional fee of **60€** for spouses will be required, should they want to participate in the Social events / Spouses Program. This program will include local excursions, shopping and sightseeing tours in the picturesque towns of Chania and Rethymnon. The respective fee should be paid in cash on the first day of the event or by a deposit in the following account (An official receipt will be provided):

**“Bank Info: NATIONAL BANK OF GREECE,  
Account Name:NMIOTC, Bank account:494/540010-48,  
IBAN: GR38 0110 4940 0000 4945 4001 048,  
BIC: ETHN GRAA”**

**13. Social program.** NMIOTC will host an Icebreaker on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and an official dinner in the evening of Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2018. On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of June a cultural tour will be organized for those attendees who intend to prolong their stay in Crete. Details of this event (cost, schedule etc.) will be determined in due time based on the level of participation.

**14. 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.

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

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

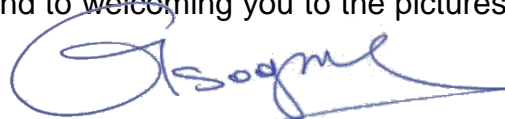
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**17.** Thanking you in advance for your support to the 9<sup>th</sup> NMIOTC Annual Conference, we look forward to an interesting and fruitful one, and to welcoming you to the picturesque and historical city of Chania.



Georgios Tsogkas  
Commodore GRC (N)  
Commandant NMIOTC

ENCLOSURES :

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

**9<sup>th</sup> NMIOTC Annual Conference (5- 7 Jun 2018)**  
**Provisional Overall Agenda**

1. The conference detailed Agenda is under development.
2. **Overall Agenda**
  - a. Mon, 4 Jun 17: Travel Day
  - b. Tue, 5 Jun 17: Opening session  
Conference Day 1  
Icebreaker
  - c. Wed, 6 Jun 17: Conference Day 2  
Official Dinner
  - d. Thu, 7 Jun 17: Conference day 3  
Closing session
  - e. Fri, 8 Jun 17: Side Talks (optional)  
Cultural Tour (optional)



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

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

**PERIOD:** 05-07 June 2018

### 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	

### 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.nato.int](mailto:studentadmin@nmiotc.nato.int) into NU-WAN and FAX: +30 28210 85702 to NMIOTC Admin Officer, Lt JG Konstantinos Papanastasis GRC(N).
  - [batsosp@nmiotc.nato.int](mailto:batsosp@nmiotc.nato.int) .
- 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**

**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 apply to participants only for direct booking with each hotel manager by e-mail using the code “**NMIOTC Guest**”, including breakfast and internet connection):

- a. AKALI 4\* hotel [www.akali-hotel.gr](http://www.akali-hotel.gr),  
E-mail: [info@akali-hotel.gr](mailto:info@akali-hotel.gr), Tel: +30 28210 92872.
- b. HALEPA 4\* hotel ([www.halepa.com](http://www.halepa.com)),  
E-mail: [hotel@halepa.com](mailto:hotel@halepa.com), Tel. +302821028440.
- c. KYDON 4\* hotel [www.kydon-hotel.com](http://www.kydon-hotel.com),  
E-mail: [info@kydon-hotel.gr](mailto:info@kydon-hotel.gr), Tel: +30 28210 52280.
- d. ROYAL SUN 4\* hotel [www.royalsunhotel.com](http://www.royalsunhotel.com),  
E-mail: [hotelroyalsun@gmail.com](mailto:hotelroyalsun@gmail.com), Tel: +30 28210 46363.
- e. SAMARIA 4\* hotel [www.samariahhotel.gr](http://www.samariahhotel.gr),  
E-mail: [reservations@samariahhotel.gr](mailto:reservations@samariahhotel.gr), Tel: +30 2821038600.
- f. ARKADI 3\* hotel [www.arkadi-hotel.gr](http://www.arkadi-hotel.gr),  
E-mail: [info@arkadi-hotel.gr](mailto:info@arkadi-hotel.gr), Tel: +30 28210 90181.
- g. PORTO VENEZIANO 3\* hotel [www.portoveneziano.gr](http://www.portoveneziano.gr),  
E-mail: [hotel@portoveneziano.gr](mailto:hotel@portoveneziano.gr), Tel: +30 28210 27100.
- h. MARE NOSTRUM VILLAS [www.villasincrete.gr](http://www.villasincrete.gr),  
E-mail: [info@villasincrete.gr](mailto:info@villasincrete.gr), Tel: +30 6944286700

**NOTIFICATION:**

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