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# 1<sup>st</sup>/2024 Steering Committee Meeting POINT PAPER

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SUBJECT: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual IAMD COE Conference

<u>No:</u> 2

PURPOSE: To inform the SC about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual IAMD COE Conference.

**BACKGROUND**:

From 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June of 2024, the 3<sup>rd</sup> IAMD COE Annual Conference titled: "Integrated Air & Missile Defence: Shaping the Operational Environment to Our Advantage" took place at the NMIOTC premises. It was attended by more than 195 participants from 26 Nations, representing a plethora of entities from National and International Organizations, the Academic community, and the Aerospace and Defence Industry.

The Chief of Staff of the Hellenic National Defence General Staff (HNDGS), Lieutenant General Konstantinos ZOLOTAS, commenced the Conference with the Host Nation's opening remarks.

IAMD COE Director, Brigadier General Nikolaos MAKRYGIANNIS GRC (AF) at his welcome address presented the Center and setting the scene for the conference stressed the need to exploit the Synthetic Environment to enhance NATO IAMD Capabilities.

The Conference's Keynote speakers were Colonel Christopher HILL US Army, Program Executive Office – Missiles and Space (PEO-MS), and Colonel Stuart HAY GB (A), Commander of the 7<sup>th</sup> Air Defence Group.

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ANALYSIS & STATUS:

During the briefings, the presented topics aroused the interest of the attendees and their wide participation, through questions to the individual speakers. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference has not only provided a platform for exchanging cutting-edge research and best practices but has also fostered meaningful connections and collaborations that will undoubtedly drive future advancements in our field.

FINANCIAL
CONSIDERATIONS
& FUNDING:

All associated costs -including hospitality, public affairs supplies, transportation, venue-related expenses, logistical equipment, and academic costs for lecturers' accommodations and transportation- were effectively managed within the allocated 2024 budget, even though the event reached full capacity. Cost efficiencies were achieved through targeted contracting, which significantly reduced expenditures.

In tandem, the conference generated a substantial 56% increase in revenue from attendance fees compared to the previous year (culminating in a total income of 12.870 €). This increase successfully covered the administrative costs of the conference, while any hospitality expenditures, such as lunches and social event, were absorbed by the Centre within the budget ceilings, ensuring a high-quality experience for all attendees.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

& DECISION:

SC Members are requested to be informed about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual IAMD

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