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SUBJECT: **5<sup>th</sup> IAMD COE ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025 – JOINING INSTRUCTIONS**

DATE: 7 May 2026

REFERENCE: 5<sup>th</sup> IAMD COE Annual Conference 2025 – Calling Letter

1. **Introduction:** Integrated Air & Missile Defence Centre of Excellence is pleased to announce that the 5th Annual Conference will take place at NATO Maritime Interdiction Operational Training Centre premises in Souda Bay Crete, Greece, from Tuesday 26th to Wednesday 27th May 2026.
2. **Theme:** “Sky is the limit? Not in IAMD. From Space to Ground”.
3. **Aim:** To explore sensor architecture, ground-based radar systems, data fusion frameworks, hypersonic defence capabilities and current developments that signal defence transformation.
4. **Schedule:** The agenda is cited in Enclosure 1.
5. **Administrative details:** Administrative requirements and information are provided in Enclosure 2.

Brig. General (OF-6) Zacharias KOUTRAKIS GRC (AF)  
IAMD COE DIRECTOR

ENCLOSURES :

1. 5<sup>th</sup> IAMD CoE Annual Conference Agenda
2. 5<sup>th</sup> IAMD CoE Annual Conference Administrative Details

<b>5<sup>th</sup> IAMD COE ANNUAL CONFERENCE 26-27 May 2026</b>		
<b>26 May 26</b>		
<b>TIME (EEST)</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>
08:30-09:00	Registration - in processing	
09:00-09:10	Admin – Security Brief	IAMD COE
09:10-09:30	IAMD COE Welcome Address	Brig Gen Zacharias KOUTRAKIS GRC (AF) IAMD CoE Director
09:30-09:40	Host Nation Welcome Address	Hellenic National Defence General Staff
09:40-10:10	Keynote: How AI can empower IAMD	Metin BUGRU, Dr Erhan MENGUSOGLU, HQ SACT NIAG SG 300
10:10-10:30	Group Photo	
10:30-10:50	Coffee Break - Networking	
10:50-12:00	SESSION#1:	Moderator: Dr. Andrew N. LIAROPOULOS
10:50-11:10	Operational continuity of Missile Defence Systems	Dr Aaron PETRI, U.S. Army ERDC
11:10-11:30	Integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) as the control layer for next-generation DMMS	Dr George CALFAS, U.S. Army ERDC
11:30-11:50	The role of BMD Upper Layer capabilities within the future Single IAMD Mission	Maj Dorota KUDYBA, HQ AIRCOM
11:50-12:00	Q&A PANEL#1	
12:00-13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30-14:40	SESSION#2 (part 1):	Moderator: Dr. Andrew N. LIAROPOULOS
13:30-13:50	Security in Europe, Atlantic and the Indo-Pacific: Japan's IAMD initiatives	LTC Sakie TAKAHASHI, NATO IMS
13:50-14:10	EDA's Comprehensive Approach to IAMD	Isaac DIAKITE, EDA
14:10-14:30	Tactical Firings in NAMFI-Evaluation/Validation of GBAMD Forces	LTC Nektarios GEORGAKOPOULOS, NAMFI TFE
14:30-14:40	Q&A PANEL#2 (part 1)	
14:40-15:00	Coffee Break – Networking	

15:00-15:50	SESSION#2 (part 2):	Moderator: Dr. Andrew N. LIAROPOULOS
15:00-15:20	Modular GBAD	Emmanuel D' ALMEIDA, Bertrand GRANDVALLET, NSPA
15:20-15:40	The EM simulation of passive radar using the Finite-Difference Time-Domain method	Paraskevas TSIMBERDONIS, ICS FORTH
15:40-15:50	Q&A PANEL#2 (part 2)	
15:50-16:00	Wrap Up	Moderator: Dr. Andrew N. LIAROPOULOS
END OF FIRST DAY		
20:00-22:30	SOCIAL EVENT	Harbour Management Organisation of Perfecture of Chania, Akti Tompazi 26 & Afentouliev, Venetian Port

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08:30-09:00	Coffee Break - Networking	
09:00-09:20	Keynote Speaker	Jacques LASRI
09:20-10:30	SESSION#1 (part 1)	Moderator: Dr. Andrew N. LIAROPOULOS
09:20-09:40	The French very high-altitude strategy	Brig Gen Alexis ROUGIER, FRA ASF
09:40-10:00	Space doctrine perspective	LTC Jan Bartek, NATO SPACE COE
10:00-10:20	Air-space threats detection sensors architecture for space-ground integrated air and missile defence	Col. Hennadii KHUDOV, Kharkiv National Air Force University
10:20-10:30	Q&A PANEL#1 (part 1)	
10:30-10:50	Coffee Break - Networking	
10:50-12:00	SESSION#1 (part 2)	Moderator: Dr. Andrew N. LIAROPOULOS
10:50-11:10	Space Domain supporting the future single IAMD Mission	LTC Stefano FLORIS, HQ AIRCOM

11:10-11:30	The Russian Deep Strike Threat: Current and Future Trajectories	Col. Valerii VYSHNIVSKYI, JATEC
11:30-11:50	Evaluation of the influence of sensor distance from element C2 on the effectiveness of fire control	LT Vilém HANUŠ, CZE University of Defence
11:50-12:00	Q/A PANEL#1 (part 2)	
12:00-13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30-14:20	SESSION#2	Moderator: Dr. Andrew N. LIAROPOULOS
13:30-13:50	Hypersonic capabilities in defence and deterrence – a technological view	David KLASSEN, MBDA Deutschland GmbH
13:50-14:10	Threat Spectrum and Countermeasures	Pierre ROTY, Lucie DELAS MBDA France
14:10-14:20	Coffee Break - Networking	
14:20-14:40	Common Synthetic Environment for Defensive Architectures for Hypersonic Op. Threats	Wim HUISKAMP MSG-SCI-226
14:40-15:00	Hypersonic Threat	Dr. Ioannis K. NIKOLOS Technical University of Crete
15:00-15:10	Q&A PANEL#2	
15:10-15:20	Wrap Up	Moderator: Dr. Andrew N. LIAROPOULOS
15:20-15:30	Farewell	Brig Gen Zacharias KOUTRAKIS GRC (AF) IAMD CoE Director
END OF CONFERENCE		

### **5<sup>th</sup> IAMDCoE Annual Conference Administrative Details**

1. **Registration:** Registration should be made through the IAMDCOE official web site <https://www.iamd-coe.org/> no later than **15<sup>th</sup> May 2026**. A confirmation message will be sent within 3 working days, including a registration code for each prospective participant to proceed with the conference registration. The payment of fees shall be made at the last step of the registration process as a prerequisite to complete the participant's enrolment.
2. **Conference fee:** The Conference fee has been set at **110€** for each participant. This includes full access to the conference, lunch, coffee and refreshments, as well as transportation during the conference days. The respective fee should be paid by (credit – debit) card to complete the registration process (an official receipt will be provided). Excluded from the conference fees are speakers/moderator, two participants from each host/ sponsoring nation of the IAMDCOE and the members of IAMDCOE Steering Committee.
3. **Security:** The conference has no classification marking and all content will be releasable to the public. The conference will be held under the **Chatham House Rule**.
4. **Badging process:** A welcome package including each participant's security badge and relevant information will be provided upon arrival at NMIOTC. Participants are requested to always wear their badges during the conference.
5. **Accommodation:** Attendees are responsible for the arrangement of their own accommodation and transportation from/to the Airport. Taxi and public bus services are available. Transportation to/from the NMIOTC and specified pick-up points in the city of Chania will be provided during the conference days. A list of recommended hotels in Chania city is included herein. Special prices have been negotiated for IAMDCoE guests and will apply to participants only for direct booking with each hotel and by using the promotional code **IAMDCOE25**:
  - a. AKALI HOTEL 4\*
  - b. KRITI HOTEL 3\*
  - c. KYDON HOTEL 4\*
  - d. MORUM CITY HOTEL 4\*
  - e. MISS MARRONE CITY HOTEL 3\*
  - f. SAMARIA HOTEL 4\*
6. **Transportation** Buses will be used for the participants for the transportation of conference participants between Chania city and NMIOTC premises, with the following time schedule 26<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup> of May26:

- a. Bus A 1st pick-up point AKALI hotel, at 07:45.
- b. Bus A 2nd pick-up point SAMARIA hotel, at 08:00.
- c. Bus B 1st pick-up point KYDON hotel, at 07:45.
- d. Bus B 2nd pick-up point KRITI hotel, at 08:00.

7. **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.

8. **Social Event:** IAMD COE will host an Ice Breaker Event at Harbour Management Organisation of Prefecture of Chania, Akti Tompazi 26 & Afentouliev, Venetian Port on 26<sup>th</sup> of May (20:00-22:30).

9. **Dress Code:** Summer service uniform (NATO Class A) or working dress (NATO Class B- short sleeved shirt, open neck) for the military personnel and civilian casual (jacket or shirts with no tie). Civilian casual for the Ice Breaker event for all participants.

10. **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 advised to have appropriate medical insurance.

11. **Points of Contact (POC):** For further information or clarifications please contact:

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