

**Dear Professors, Dear students,**

**Dear guests from national universities and from abroad!**

**Ladies and Gentlemen!**

I am deeply honoured to welcome you all at this year edition of Students' International Conference organized by the Romanian Naval Academy, CADET-NAV 2022, back in normal conditions after two years of pandemic context of harsh isolation, regaining the great opportunity of interacting with each other and enjoying the time spent together in such selective company.

The Cadet-Nav International conference has achieved its 44<sup>th</sup> edition, proving to be already a traditional event among the students, either from Romanian Naval Academy „Mircea cel Batran” or from other national or abroad universities. This notorious status makes us very proud, but also responsible for the future, forcing our organizers to continuously improve this event dedicated to the young scientists, from both quantitative but mainly from qualitative perspective. The conference objective on all its 7 scientific sections, is aiming to polarize and to value the increasing interest of the young innovative minds, more than 380 students choosing to disseminate their ideas during this distinguished event.

I would like to sincerely congratulate all participants for attending this event organized by the Romanian Naval Academy and to appreciate from the beginning the great efforts invested by each of you during the conducted research, showing to the elder audience that the society and the professional world has a bright future, the exchange of the generations bringing worthy successors with genuine ideas and innovative approaches. No doubts that each of your teachers and coordinators are proud of your progress at this stage, seeing you growing in all respects as trainees, followers and future professionals and, beyond any cliché, I am sure that your presence here makes them to feel professionally fulfilled, with a fairly accomplished mission as educators. Without doubts, this is the moment when your teachers realize their real achievements, seeing you, our students, stepping forward, like today, with an active interest in evolving as creative students and worthy graduates for tomorrow.

I am personally convinced, like all the present teachers, that your study efforts are complementary shaped by all your day-by-day struggle with knowledge intake and skills development, that could be definitely enriched by the scientific initiatives as today submitted, all this effort bringing you a significant additional value to your future professional carrier, making your profile more competitive.

Romanian Naval Academy „Mircea cel Batran” is celebrating this year the 150<sup>th</sup> year of its existence in the maritime education and training landscape, from the Flotilla School in 1872 to the present status, encouraging alongside its academic activity the development of a strong academic culture based on excellence, quality and tradition, where innovation and scientific research have always found an essential role, sharing the most relevant European and Trans-Atlantic values. Our Academy permanently seeks to encourage the research activities among the students since the beginning, and today we are bragging ourselves with a large portfolio of project in which our students are actively involved.

In this regard, alongside the years of scholarship, the students are urged to value any opportunity for developing themselves, in any circumstances in an innovative perspective, the today’s event of Cadet-Nav Conference being not just an occasion of networking, but also a great opportunity for sharing your experiences, expertise and aspirations among your national and international colleagues, stepping forward to a new stage of your future already, in a challenging and multicultural environment.

In the end, please allow me to thank you all for your committed interest in CADET-NAV conference and I avail on this opportunity to extend the warmest wishes for health and happiness, with the kind invitation for strengthening the fruitful partnerships for future cooperation in field of scientific research and education!

I declare the sessions of 44<sup>th</sup> edition of 2022 CADET-NAV International Conference open for presentations!

The best of luck to all participants and enjoy your staying in Constanta!

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