

HELLENIC ARMY ACADEMY SUPERINTENDENT

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Nomination for the Chairperson of the LoD-20 (Space)

In my capacity as the Hellenic Army Academy's (HAA) Superintendent, I have a distinct honor and sincere pleasure of nomination Assistant Professor Dr. Vyron Antoniou as the Chairman of the Line of Development (LoD) 20 "Space".

I personally know Dr. Vyron Antoniou since when he was a Lieutenant Colonel (Geo) of the Hellenic Army. His experience in military issues and especially in geospatial support, including the use of space assets, is exemplary.

He has served in very demanding positions at home and abroad, such as Head of the Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing Branch and Head of the Cartography Brach in the Hellenic Military Geographical Service, Head of the Terrain Analysis Branch in the Multinational Geospatial Support Group (MNGSG, Germany), and at the Defence Policy Directorate of the Hellenic National Defence General Staff. Throughout his carrier, he has repeatedly proved himself as an excellent and dedicated Officer who led his staff by example. At the same time, his passion for research and scientific rigorousness have gained him an esteemed reputation in the scientific domain of Geospatial Engineering. This passion is what led him to make the transition from the Army to the academic life, as he was elected Assistant Professor at the Hellenic Army Academy.

Dr. Antoniou distinguished himself by managing a successful carrier in the army and a vibrant academic presence at the same time. This proves that he is a highly proficient, self-disciplined, and motivated individual with profound knowledge of his domain and excellent research skills. His broad spectrum of interests allows him to have a clear and overarching view of the defence domain and how this can benefit military operations and security policies.

In his academic duties as an Assistant Professor, Dr Antoniou has been an exemplary academic and I have had the honor of cooperating with him, thus developing immense respect for his capabilities, professionalism, and passion for his work. His dedication and commitment to the Academy's strategic objectives and initiatives have been invaluable thus far.

Concluding, allow me to restate my solemn conviction that, Dr Antoniou possesses all the requisite qualifications, knowledge, and skills for the role of LoD 20 Chairman. He is highly successful teacher and acknowledged academic committed to delivering stellar results in every endeavor he undertakes. His fresh and informed perspective will undoubtedly prove an asset to the LoD 20 Project. Dr. Antoniou's work experience as a Senior Officer in the Geographic Directorate, his academic presence as well as his research activities and publications, make him an excellent candidate for this position. I, thus, strongly recommend Dr. Antoniou as the ideal candidate for the position of LoD 20 Space Chairman without any reservation.

Respectfully,

★ Major General Anastasios POLYCHRONOS

> Superintendent Hellenic Army Academy