

Speech of Harold Brecht, HOD Argentina



Good Morning:

Ladies, Gentlemen, Officers and Distinguished Guests.

It is a great honor to be here representing the Argentinean Submariners as their ambassador I Bring from every one of dame the respect and Pray to God to those submariners that are on the ETERNAL PATROL .

Thank you.

Speech of Czabotar Zdzislaw, HOD Australia



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Speech of Mikalai Mahilevets, HOD Belarus



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Speech of Andrej Korbar, HOD Croatia



Dear fellows,

It's a great pleasure to see you again, and especially the new representatives from India and Belarus, and particular one of the oldest participants ISA congresses MR FRED WAGNER of the USA delegation.

This congress is also a great experience for us, as we host the 53rd ISC in

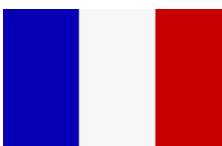
Pula in 2016.

At the end I wish to inform that our preparation for the congress in Croatia is going according to our plans:

- We have informed all institutions like City of Plus, Navy Command etc.
- Together with Navy Command and Ministry of Defense we sent letters three neighboring countries, Italy, Greece and Turkey to send their subs for a friendly visit to Pula during the congress.
- Together with association 100 Torpedo from city of Rijeka we prepare symposium two days before our ISC 53. Here you are the first to announce it.
- Furthermore we choose as main sponsor the ULJANIK Shipyard JSC from Pula, which celebrates its 160 years of existence.

Thank you

Speech of Jacques Blanc, HOD France



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Speech of Juergen Weber, HOD Germany



In the past we often commemorated our comrades who had been killed in action during the two world wars. That is what we will do also today.

But after nearly 70 years of peace I want to place my main emphasis on those more than 1,600 submariners, who lost their lives in service after the end of the Second World War mostly by accidents.

Representative for all victims of accidents and total losses of submarines I want to mention:

16 April 1951	HMS AFFRAY	United Kingdom	75 Deads
10 April 1963	USS THRESHER	USA	129 Deads
14 September 1966	FGS U HAI	Germany	19 Deads
25 January 1968	INS DAKAR	Israel	62 Deads
04 March 1970	EURYDICÉ	France	58 Deads
23 July 1980	NADASHIO	Japan	30 Deads
12 August 2000	KURSK	Russia	118 Deads

- We commemorate our deceased submarine comrades.
- We remember how young most of them died.
- We do not forget that often their families were left in the dark concerning facts and reasons of the accident.
- In many cases the families had no place, no grave, where they could overcome their grief because on a watery grave no roses are blooming.

Speech of Panagiotis Raditsas, HOD Greece



Dear Fellow Submariners, Dear Colleagues,

The place we are standing is the monument of Themistocles. He was the Greek leader during the battle of Salamis between the Greeks and Persians back in 480 B.C. The battle took place about two miles west from here. As the historians say the prevail of the Greeks in this battle is the cornerstone of the beginning of the western civilization. This place was chosen to have our memorial service.

This place is also the Headquarter of the Hellenic Naval Command Aegean; here, we plan to host our farewell dinner on Saturday night.

Dear Fellow Submariners, Dear Colleagues,

We gathered once again, submariners from all over the world, to pay tribute to our fellow submariners who are in eternity patrol, to saw that we will never forget them and we will always honor and remember our heroes. We will always pay tribute:

- To those, who lost their lives during war time, serving their nations, keeping their oath and loyalty to their countries.
- To those, who lost their lives, during peace time, ensuring peace, security and freedom of the seas.
- Finally, to all retired submariners who have died.

So, on behalf of all delegations I honorably lay wreath in remembrance of their sacrifices.

Speech of Anil Jai Singh, HOD India



My dear Greek friends and fellow submariners who have assembled here from all over the world. On this solemn occasion amongst all of you, I consider myself privileged to be representing my country in paying homage to all those brave Greek submariners who gave their today for our tomorrow. Greece and India are the world's two oldest civilisations and there is a

5000 year old maritime connectivity between us. The history of maritime warfare began in Greece with the Pelopenessian wars, some lessons of which are relevant even today. All of us who are gathered here understand that the sea is an unforgiving medium and for those operating in the deep even more so. This is an opportunity for us to remember those who have made the supreme sacrifice in understanding this environment in both war and peace and it is their sacrifice that has made it much safer for us to operate today.

On behalf of my wife and myself, I would like to express our gratitude to our Greek colleagues who have made this 51st Congress such a memorable one with their meticulous planning and warm hospitality.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all present and future submariners in our respective navies great success as they achieve the heights of professional excellence and our association continues to grow from strength to strength.

Speech of Cesare Manstretta, HOD Italy



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Speech of Avraham Dror, HOD Israel



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Speech of Ruurd van Rooijen, HOD Netherlands



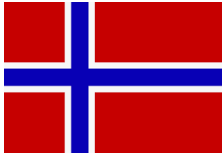
It is an honor to be here at this memorial service and speak on behalf of the Dutch delegation and the Netherlands submariners association to remember ALL our submariners who lost their lives doing their duty, whether in peace or in war, whether as friends or former foes.

Submariners have one real enemy. That is the sea where they do their duty below the surface in their closed environment. And that is what binds us all as one big family. And that is why we always remember our fallen comrades.

We always say let them rest in peace. But recently it has come to our notice again that unscrupulous treasure divers and even scrap metal dealers are desecrating these war graves, only for their financial gains without any respect for the sailors who rest in these graves. Therefore I call on all members of the International Submariners Association to do whatever they can to stop these practices and legally protect these war graves at sea. Our fallen comrades deserve it so they can rest in peace.

Thank you.

Speech of Andreas Hauge, HOD Norway



This year it will be 51 years since I joined the navy.

In those days we were in the pit of the Cold War, and both sides were spying on each other as best they could.

I guess that both sides wondered what kind of people, and what kind of thoughts a person on the other side had.

Today we know exactly what people on the other side thought, and we know also that submariners would do their duty as called for if the order was given.

We can only be glad that we are here today, next to each other as friends. - thanks to ISA, we have got to know each other, and to respect each other, in a better way than most people have the opportunity to do.

Speech of Edward Olewinski, HOD Poland



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Speech of Alexander Berzin, HOD Russia



Ladies and gentlemen, veteran submariners!

The delegation of Russia welcomes you.

This year in spite of European sanctions Russian delegation is the biggest and it just can't be, as Russia was and will be a great maritime power with its own huge nuclear missile submarine fleet.

We are pleased to meet our dear friend here. We wish to veteran submariners health and well-being but as for submariners who are still at sea- we wish safe passage.

Speech of Milisav Mijovic, HOD Serbia



Dear Greek friends, Dear submariners and members of your family who are you here,

Dear submariners anywhere you are at your duty around the world now,

In the name of Serbian Submarine Association I bring you great and best regards and wish all the best to your personality and any other success in

your life. We express our deep respect to all dead submariners in the world, because our submarine service is the unique and great job in all the navies. Leave our comrades to peacefully rest in its depths, we honor them today and we will not ever forget.

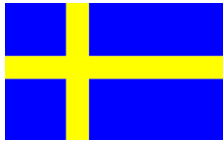
Thank you.

Speech of Mirko Rebselj, HOD Slovenia



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Speech of Lars Nordenberg, HOD Sweden



My Ladies and dear submariners

Sweden is a country with a long submarine tradition. Over 110 years we have built more than 90 submarines in Sweden. Our country did not participate in the world wars, but lost anyway one submarine due to a mine explosion in April 1943. The Submarine ULVEN with a crew of 33 young sailors.

Today when we stand here in front of this memorial place, we want to take the opportunity to honor and remember the memory of, not only the crew of ULVEN but also all submariners of all nations who never returned from their last mission at sea. They are all gone but they are still with us here today.

THANK YOU.

Speech of Dogan Hacipoglu, HOD Turkey



As head of delegation of Turkey, I brought greetings and wishes of well-being of Turkish submarines to you. I cordially extend my deepest appreciations to ones who initiated first and then organized traditionally such a modest but meaningful and impressive ceremonies for remembering our deceased colleagues every year.

All together no matter what their nationalities and religions are. We must always keep in mind those who served on submarines and never returned. On behalf of all Turkish submariners I bow with respect in front of the memories of the submariners from all host and participating countries who lost their lives during operations or accidents for their sacred mission in several wars or in peace time.

God bless all submariners either in active service or retired.

Thank you.

Speech of Vladimir Belousjuk, HOD Ukraine



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Speech of Brian De Mullet, HOD United Kingdom



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Speech of Jack Messersmith, HOD USA



Ladies and Gentlemen, Welcome. I want to thank the Greek Association for the warm welcome that we have enjoyed on this trip.

I am here for two reasons. I want to recognize the submarine sailors that have come before us and for their courageous actions and I want to thank everyone in the Congress for their friendships that we have enjoyed over the last 3 years that I have been attending the Congresses. We enjoy these occasions to share our friendships.

Thank You.