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Dear Participants, of the 3rd ICNDT of HSNT, Dear members of HSNT, Dear friends.

The BoD of HSNT and the organizing committee of the 3rd ICNDT of HSNT express their deep thanks to all of you for your great support to our conference, which was held from 15th to 18th of October 2003 in Chania Crete. The conference center was a spectacular monument "the Great ARSENALI" located at the center of the old Venetian port of Chania town.

The conference was opened by the welcome address speech of the President of HSNT Dr. I. Prassianakis and the short address greetings of the participating representatives of various organizations and the state. Furthermore Dr. M. Farley, the President of EFNDT declared the beginning of the conference and he continued with his main lecture entitled: "The role and strategy of EFNDT". The opening ceremony was closed by the main lecture of the President of HSNT Dr. I. Prassianakis entitled "The NDT in antiquity and nowadays".

During the second day, 16-10-2003 the accompanying person's excursion for the sights of the Chania town took place. This day finished with the gala dinner, which took place in the wonderful area and halls of the Panorama Resorts. During the dinner the President of EFNDT Dr. M. Farley offered to the President of HSNT Dr. I. Prassianakis the flag of the EFNDT.

On Friday, the 17th October 2003, during the closing ceremony of the scientific part of the conference the statement of the conference was presented by the President of HSNT Dr. I. Prassianakis, who reported the following: At the conference were presented more than 80 high level scientific papers. More than 160 participants attended the conference. Also, 28 sponsors and exhibitors contributed for the exceptional organization of the conference.

Finally, the participants unanimously decided that the next International Conference on NDT of HSNT, the 4th ICNDT, would also be held in Chania, in October of 2006.

The conference finished with the excursion and the visit to the Knossos and the museum of Heraklion on the 4th day of the conference, on Saturday, 18-10-2003.

I also inform you that in a few days will appear in our web site: www.hsnt.gr, an album with the conference photos.

Thanks to all of you and we look forward to see you again in Chania-Crete, in our next International; Conference on NDT, the 4th ICNDT of HSNT, in October of 2006.

For the BoD of HSNT and the Organizing Committee of the Conference.

With Best Regards

The President of HSNT

Dr. Ioannis N. Prassianakis.