Dear members and friends of Ergomas

As president I would like to address my warmest wishes for a Happy New Year. I wish you all scientific progress, good health, prosperity and happiness and may all your aspirations come true.

The year 2017, as you already know, is very important because our biennial conference is organized in Athens. It is the first time within the 30<sup>th</sup> year history and operation of Ergomas that we aspire to organize the largest conference which has ever been held, having made a big step and huge opening to the countries all over the world.

As I have already mentioned in the Foundation Getulio Vargas in Rio De Janeiro last September this time appears as a serious challenge so as we can make this significant scientific openness towards all the aspects and dimensions of Humanities for those who are concerned with and interested in military and social issues.

The educational, scientific and intellectual level and training of the researchers, professors and generally of the members of Ergomas is undeniable. Nevertheless, now in Athens, the birthplace of contemporary civilization, we have to prove that we as Ergomas constitute the scientific appealing pole not only for our members but also for those who wish in the future to deepen in the field and scope of our scientific interests.

Taking all these into consideration, I invite you all, members and friends of Ergomas to unite our forces in order to accomplish the goals of our conference giving Ergomas the boost and motivation that must have. In this way we will be able to pass the vision of Ergomas to the younger generations.

Happy New Year

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