



Commandant - Rector of Nikola Vaptsarov Naval Academy Flotilla Admiral Boyan Mednikarov, Prof., DSc, PhD

Flotilla Admiral Boyan Mednikarov was born in 1961 in Varna, Bulgaria. He graduated from Nikola Vaptsarov Naval Academy (NVNA) in Varna in 1984 as the best cadet of this year. Throughout his career his positions include: Division Officer of a Missile Craft, Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of a Ship, Commander of a Tactical Group of Ships, Chief of Staff of a Squadron of Ships, Senior Assistant Chief of the Operations Department at the Navy HQ, Deputy Head of the Chair of Operations and Tactics of the Postgraduate Training Department at NVNA, Head of the Naval Forces Department at "G.S Rakovski" National Defence College, Vice-Rector for Academics and Scientific Research at NVNA, Commandant-Rector of NVNA (since May 2011).

In 1992 he graduated from the Naval Staff College "Admiral Kuznetsov" in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, with distinction - gold medal. In 1999 he received his Doctor's Degree, and in 2000 he became Associate Professor of "Armed Forces Organization and Management" discipline.

In 2006 he graduated with distinction from the "Defence and Armed Forces' Strategic Leadership" Master's Degree Programme at "G.S Rakovski" National Defence College in Sofia as a the top officer of the class.

He is a member of several national and international scientific organizations and editorial boards. Some of his scientific and academic positions include: President of the Union of Scientists, Varna branch; member of the Executive Board of IAMU (International Association of Maritime Universities); President of BSAMI (Black Sea Association of Maritime Institutions).

His major fields of scientific research are Naval Operations Research, Force Structure Analysis, Model Building, Protection of Maritime Sovereignty and Environmental Protection. Professor, DSc Boyan Mednikarov is an author of more than 230 scientific publications, including 4 monographs, 78 studies and articles and 128 scientific papers. He took part in drafting 17 textbooks and reference handbooks. He is a guest professor in universities not only in Bulgaria, but also in Romania, Poland and the UAE.

Over 25 national and international projects have been successfully completed with his participation or under his leadership and supervision. In 2014-2016, the Naval Academy in Varna, led by its Commandant - Rector Professor, DSc Boyan Mednikarov, performed as a beneficiary two major projects: "Innovative eco and energy-saving solutions at Nikola Vaptsarov Naval Academy" and "Integrated Informational System in Support of Coastal Zone Management - IISSCZM".

Some of his awards include: Varna Scientific Award in social and technical sciences (6 times); award "St. Nicholas" of the Bulgarian Maritime Chamber for the year 2014 for personal contribution in the development of maritime science and education; the honorable sign award "For Services to Varna" – gold, for 2016 for overall contribution to the development of maritime education and science; award of the Commission for preventing pollution of the Black Sea "Black Sea Medal Awards" for years of work in the field of conservation and improvement of the Black Sea environment. He is Honorary Professor of "Mircea cel Batran" Naval Academy in Constanta, Romania, and Doctor Honoris Causa of Todor Kableshkov University of Transport in Sofia and Medical University of Varna. In 2017 he received the Honorary Award of the Polish Naval Academy "Heroes of Westerplatte" in Gdynia. In 2018 Admiral Mednikarov was awarded the Grand Prize of the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria. In 2021 his team of scientists and researchers received the award "Pythagoras" for successful transfer of scientific results for the benefit of the industry and the society. In 2021 he was awarded with the honorable title "Honorable Citizen of Varna" for his exceptional contribution and special merit for the development of the Bulgarian maritime and naval education.

Flotilla Admiral Boyan Mednikarov is fluent in English and Russian languages.

He is married and has a son and a daughter.