

Rear Admiral Alfonso Delgado  
Spain SNR at JFC NAPLES  
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Dear Sir,

This year 2019 marks the Five Hundredth Anniversary of the departure of the naval expedition which completed the first circumnavigation of the Globe. The expedition, initially commanded by Fernando de Magallanes was formed of five ships (naos) and completed the circumnavigation in September of 1522. Only one “nao” and eighteen men, out of two hundred and thirty nine, returned to Spain under Juan Sebastian de Elcano’s command.

This historical achievement was only possible due to the courage and incredible effort of those sailors who took part. Their deed marks a crucial step for humanity itself; not only did it confirm the roundness of the Earth, but it also opened the first communications routes that provided the means to exchange knowledge and resources on a global scale.

To commemorate this anniversary, and on the occasion of the forthcoming stay of Spanish warships “Cantabria” and “Numancia” at the port of Naples, a conference and reception about this unique feat will be held on board ESPS “Cantabria” on May 10th.

As the Spanish Senior Military Representative in Italy, it would be an honor and a privilege for me, the COs and crews of ESPS ‘Cantabria’ and ESPS “Numancia”, to share this particular occasion with JFC NP representatives. Therefore, I would like to extend this invitation to you and your spouse for the aforementioned conference and reception.

I have appointed LCDR Jose De Rivas Martín-Maestro [jdemar@fn.mde.es](mailto:jdemar@fn.mde.es), from my staff, as POC to coordinate further details and solve any possible queries.

Hoping for your presence on that day, yours respectfully.

- Alfonso Delgado Moreno –