THOUGHTS FROM THE DIRECTOR

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CINA’s Policy on Diversity and Inclusion: Since the U.S. Department of Homeland Security established the CINA Center at George Mason University in 2017, we have worked hard to invest in and support Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs), which are located across the country, and individuals represent a significant environmental change for many organisms, including networked criminal organizations.

COVID-19 White Paper: The spread of COVID-19 in the winter of 2019 and spring of 2020 and the associated response actions taken by governments, companies, and individuals represent a significant environmental change for many organisms, including networked criminal organizations.

CINA Open RFP 2020-21: CINA is seeking white papers presenting research ideas intended to address questions and challenges that CINA, DHS, and/or its federal partners are currently facing, or are expected to be facing in the near future. This is an open, rolling RFP, and will accept proposals at any time during the RFP open period (June 2020 – June 2021).

Lessons on How Not to Disrupt Crime: Most investigations of international criminal networks focus on targeting known groups or commodities such as the Italian Camorra, Chinese triads, or rhino or elephant poachers. By having a focus on key actors and commodities, much falls outside the attention of investigators. This fascinating analysis of a global Romanian crime group reveals a gaping hole in our transnational crime investigations.

CINA Summer Research Team: Welcome to Frank Xu of University of Baltimore’s School of Criminal Justice and Duminda Wijesekera of George Mason University’s Volgenau School of Engineering to the CINA Summer Research Team.

2021 COE Summit: The third COE Summit will occur in May 2021, look out for more information in the coming months.

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