NEW First Virtual CINA COE Summit Highlights COVID Operational Impact and Research

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The recent CINA Distinguished Speaker Series with Jeffrey Hardy was an exceptional example of our ability to connect with our audience from anywhere in the country. As such, we are excited to share with you a recap of the Summit, which featured new research videos and timely information.

As many of you know, the DHS Centers of Excellence have staggered life cycles dating back to 2002, and the CINA Center will soon enter its fifth year of operation. We are proud of everything we have accomplished in the first four years, but we are even more excited about the years to come. We are moving into the new program year with a robust and growing team.

As you may be aware, our_summit was held virtually in 2021, with participation from May 17-21, 2021. Leading up to the event, attendees could register online, view research videos, and learn about our research activities.

In addition to event pre-production, CINA Science Director, Dr. Olga Smirnova, and CINA Director, Maj Gen Randy Kee, facilitated a tremendous effort and cooperation across multiple entities, and the COEs worked closely with the DHS, our collective partners, and the CINA summit team to develop and produce an engaging virtual event.

Facilitated by ADAC COE Director, Maj Gen Randy Kee, and CINA Director, Maj Gen Randy Kee, the event had a record number of registrants (over 1,200) including attendees from government, law enforcement at all levels, academia, and 65 different industry representatives, 61 speakers to include Secretary Mayorkas, 20 showcase booths, and 135 posters loaded with experts and timely information, successfully pushing the limits of what can be done through a completely virtual format.

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this engaging format and will continue to build upon this model in the years to come. Thank you to all who supported and attended the 2021 COE Summit.

For more information about this exploration of the dark web, the open web, and the appeal of using relatively new technologies to search for, identify, and gather information from the deep web, including the trade in illicit narcotics, identity documents, and data breaches, please see the following articles.

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RESEARCH

Shining a Light on the Dark Web

The Dark Web, also known as the deep web or the invisible web, is an active yet largely uncharted area for law enforcement agencies. This area is divided into two parts: the Dark Web and the Deep Web.

The Dark Web is a part of the Dark Web that is relatively easy to access from a desktop computer and does not require any special software or knowledge. It is accessible through the use of a special browser, such as Tor.

The Deep Web, on the other hand, is a much lesser-known part of the Dark Web that is harder to access and requires more advanced knowledge and software.

The Deep Web is made up of websites that are not indexed by search engines such as Google, which makes it difficult for law enforcement agencies to identify and track.

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DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

Digital Archive: Jeffrey Hardy on Illicit trade, trademark counterfeiting and copyright piracy

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