THOUGHTS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Jim Jones

On August 4, 2020, I had the opportunity to be a featured speaker at the "How Your Whiteboard Could Save Lives" event hosted by the Department of Homeland Security. The event was a combination of pre-recorded and live presentations, aimed at highlighting the importance of actionable thinking in national security and homeland defense. The event included panel discussions, interviews, and Q&A sessions with key stakeholders involved in various aspects of defense and security. The purpose of the event was to encourage professionals to improve their problem-solving techniques and to enhance their ability to effectively present their ideas. In conclusion, the event was a valuable opportunity for the professionals to share their knowledge and insights and to discuss potential solutions to the challenges facing the nation.

CINA Open RFP 20-21

The Evaluation of Human Trafficking During the COVID-19 Pandemic: CINA as Foreign Residents

On October 14, 2020, we held the second CINA Open Research RFP 20-21 Virtual Event entitled "Finding Trafficking Networks in Homeland Security." The event took place from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm and was facilitated by the CINA Network. The focus was on discussing the evaluation of human trafficking during the COVID-19 pandemic from a foreign perspective. The event featured presentations from the CINA Network staff, updates from the CINA and OUP teams, and a look at the emerging challenge landscape. The event was open to the public and was an excellent opportunity to view ahead video presentations from 15 different research teams complementing the CINA Open RFP 20-21.

EVENTS

Virtual Event/ Finding Trafficking Networks in Homeland Security: Meet the Eastern New Mexico University CINA Summer Research Team

On August 4, 2020, we held our second CINA Annual Meeting under these “new normal” circumstances - a virtual conference with over 100 attendees from government, industry, and academia. At the Annual Meeting, we had an excellent keynote address from William Bryan and a diverse line-up of panelists discussing human trafficking, including a case study by Dr. Crysta Price on the relationship between law enforcement agencies and human traffickers.

Virtual Event/ Transnational Laundering and the Facilitation of Cybercrime Through the Online Virtual Panel Discussion

On November 11, 2020, we held a virtual panel discussion on Transnational Laundering and the Facilitation of Cybercrime Through the Online Virtual Panel Discussion. The event was held from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm and featured panelists discussing how to fight the growing threats of cybercrime and transnational laundering.

Virtual Events/ Social Justice: What Network

On November 13, 2020, we held a virtual event on Social Justice: What Network. The event was held from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm and featured discussions on the role of networks in social justice and how to use them to promote positive change.