THOUGHTS FROM THE DIRECTOR

My two big takeaways from this last year are (1) the only constant in life is (unexpected) change, and (2) a good organization and team sees the opportunities in such a dynamic environment. My primary achievement was the successful management of a national research center in a time of transition, and investigations, and supported three MSI Summer Research Teams, all while managing a virtual COE project on cartel smuggling, moved our Distinguished Speaker Series and other events online, produced a white paper assessing the impact of the pandemic on criminal networks in collaboration with national and international partners.

Our team is dedicated to advancing research and technology in the areas of homeland security and intelligence. Through our network of partners, we aim to strengthen the understanding of critical issues and to provide actionable insights to policymakers.

Our recent events included a virtual panel on Transnational Crime and a discussion on the evolution of human trafficking during the COVID-19 pandemic. We have also hosted a virtual event on the impact of defunding the police and alternative ways to reduce crime.

CINA is seeking white papers presenting research ideas intended to advance the discussions on these and other critical topics. We are looking for proposals that will be submitted as part of our Open RFP 20-21. This is an open, rolling RFP. Submissions will be accepted at any time during the RFP open period (June 2020 – June 2021). To submit a proposal, please visit our website's digital archive to view more research and past events hosted by CINA.

We encourage all faculty members, students, and practitioners to participate in our future events and contribute to the advancement of homeland security and intelligence research.