

Members of IAFIE and the IAFIE-EU Chapter,

Given the continuing challenges posed by the global outbreak of COVID-19, the IAFIE Board and the IAFIE Europe Chapter Board have decided to **postpone their joint 2020 conference** that was to be held in Pordenone, Italy in June 2020 until **June 2021**.

Sabrina Magris, IAFIE-EC Board member will continue to serve as the Conference organizer and Randy Pherson, IAFIE-Global Board member will continue to manage the conference program. In order to fill the gap created by postponing the conference, the organizing committee will organize a series of webinars that lead up to the 2021 conference. The hope is that these sessions will enhance discussion and the dialogue among professionals in this time of distance. The webinars will be keyed to the conference themes as well as current intelligence issues, nourishing discussions at the conference and within the intelligence community. Those participating will constitute a new category of Virtual Delegates for the conference.

The organizing committee will be issuing a new Call for Papers to be submitted by **1 March 2021** (see attached). The Call for Papers repeats the conference themes that were proposed for the 2020 conference; all those who submitted papers are encouraged to resubmit.

In addition, the conference host will be organizing exciting trips before, during (for spouses who will not attend the conference), and after the conference for all participants. The excursions will take place in the Italian territories that have witnessed the rise of the first intelligence service in the world and have always served as the bridge between west and east and the forefront observer of their evolution through time. In addition, excursions will be planned to visit some of the beauty Italy has to offer, including trips to Venice, a cultural tour of Pordenone, and visitors to a WWII battlefield and the wine country.

As you arrange your travel dates, remember that IAFIE-Global and IAFIE-Europe have partnered with Globalytica to provide exclusive training opportunities for IAFIE members. Two Foresight SAT certificate workshops will be conducted. The first will be conducted the two days before the conference. The theme will be the impact of COVID-19 on intelligence collection, operations, and education. The second Foresight workshop will be held the two days following the conference focusing on the Impact of Global Climate Change on Intelligence Collection, Operations, and Analytic Support.

Registration information for the conference will be posted in September on the IAFIE website, <https://www.iafie.com>. Registration information for the Foresight Workshops will be posted in September on <https://shop.globalytica.com/collections/special-events>

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