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Peterson Receives Lifetime Achievement Award from International Association for Intelligence Education

The International Association for Intelligence Education (IAFIE) has selected Ms. Marilyn B. Peterson as the first-ever recipient of its Lifetime Achievement Award, which carries with it the additional designation of Distinguished Fellow. Her nomination was unanimously approved by the IAFIE Board of Directors on December 9. As the 2020 honoree she is the inaugural winner of this award, the Association’s most prestigious, which henceforth will be presented at its annual convention or, if the awardee cannot attend, at a local chapter function.

Ms. Peterson served as the head of IAFIE, a position called Chair at the time (now President), from 2009 to 2011. Those were formative years for the Association, which had been founded in 2004 in Erie, Pennsylvania, with the mission to promote the teaching of intelligence, whether it be in educational or training venues, in the areas of national security, law enforcement, and competitive (or business) intelligence. During her time at the helm of IAFIE, it held its first-ever international conference in 2010 in Ottawa, Canada, and has since spread its global reach even farther. Earlier, from 1996 to 1999, she was President of the International Association for Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts (IALEIA) and, since 2019, has served as President of the Metro DC Chapter of IALEIA.

For many years Ms. Peterson was a Master Instructor at the Joint Military Intelligence Training Center under the Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington, DC. As part of her duties there, in addition to teaching analysis and other subjects, she headed the Intelligence Community Centers for Academic Excellence program, which has since been moved back under the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. She retired from JMITC in 2017 but is still teaching as an Adjunct Associate Professor at Marymount University. Marilyn is also the Principal in Peterson Analytic Associates. She resides in Springfield, Virginia, with her husband Lind.

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