Welcome to IAFIE

YOUR GUIDE TO THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR INTELLIGENCE EDUCATION AND GETTING ENGAGED
Background

- Founded in 2004 by a group of scholars while attending an annual intelligence colloquium at Mercyhurst University in Erie, Pennsylvania; chartered in that state
- Geared to educators, trainers, and practitioners of intelligence from both governmental and non-governmental sectors of all democratic nations
- Designed to foster cooperation, collaboration, and teamwork in the furtherance of intelligence studies and their professional stature in academia
- Largest and oldest association dedicated to intelligence education and training in the world
- Website: https://www.iafie.org/
Goal and Purpose

**Goal**

The goal of the Association is to serve as the principal organization for advancing research, knowledge, and professional development in intelligence education.

**Purpose**

A. Provide a forum for the communication and exchange of ideas and information for those interested in and concerned with intelligence education and training

B. Set and advance professional intelligence education standards, build resources, and share knowledge in intelligence

C. Foster relationships and cultivate cooperation among intelligence professionals in academia, centers of academic excellence, think tanks, and both the private and public sector

D. Develop, disseminate, and promote theories, curricula, methodologies, techniques, and best practices in intelligence education and training

E. Act as a liaison with other professional organizations and academic centers of excellence
Supporting Professional Practice

Advance the *Intelligence Profession* by supporting education and educational standards, best practices, research, and teaching in:

- National Security Intelligence
- Law Enforcement Intelligence/Homeland Security
- Competitive (i.e., Business) Intelligence
- Commercial Intelligence and Security
Membership Benefits (https://www.iafie.org/page/MemberBenefits)

IAFIE will support your professional development by:

1. Strengthening your professional network
2. Building credibility and enhancing visibility
3. Keeping current
4. Facilitating engagement with intelligence professionals and academics from around the world
Membership Benefits

- Discounted fees to annual conferences/general membership meetings during which scholarly papers are presented and discussed, usually including student poster presentations
- Discounts on publications and online training courses
- Qualify for a “members rate” when registering for AIPIO conferences and webinars
- Member-authored books highlighted during the Authors’ Roundtable at each conference; publishers invited to exhibit their products
- Periodic webinars and other online forums that investigate innovative applications of intelligence
- Online member discussion forum known as IAFIENet
Membership Benefits (https://www.iafie.org/page/MemberBenefits)

- Certification of intelligence studies programs/individual courses
- Opportunity to serve on committees, publish, and give back in other ways
- Access to several member publications:
  - *IAFIE Newsletter* (published 3-4 times each year)
  - *Industry Digest*
  - *Intelligence Studies Digest*
  - *RIEAS Newsletter* (Research Institute for European and American Studies)
  - Various trusted educational resources and book reviews
- Instructor of the Year Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award/Distinguished Fellow designation
Categories of Membership

- **Individual Annual**: $125 U.S. per year or **Individual Lifetime**: $1,300 one-time payment
- **Institutional**: $625 U.S. per year (permits a specified number of individual memberships within the institution)
- **Corporate**: $1,250 U.S. per year
- **Student**: $35 U.S. per year (must be a student in an accredited academic institution) and **Student Chapters**: $100 U.S. per year regardless of number of members
- IAFIE also supports **geographically oriented chapters** which maintain their own unique structure, officers, and programs/memberships separate from, but overseen by, IAFIE international (e.g., Washington, DC, Area Chapter; Metro New York Chapter; European Chapter).
Becoming an IAFIE Partner & Forming a Chapter

(contact James Ramsay, IAFIE Membership Chair, w/questions: james.ramsay@unh.edu)

IAFIE supports several forms of affiliations and partnerships including:

➢ **Student Chapters:** Student chapters exist to represent undergraduate or graduate students interested in the Intelligence disciplines and who are affiliated with either an academic degree program or a logical geographic region (e.g., National Capital Region). Affiliated academic degree programs can be in intelligence studies or a related discipline—it is the core set of professional interests that determines eligibility of a student chapter.

➢ **Regional Chapters:** IAFIE chapters are groups of professionals interested in furthering the intelligence disciplines, intelligence education, or both. They can be organized by geography, such as nationally (e.g., Canada) or regionally (e.g., Europe).

➢ **Professional Partners:** IAFIE Partners are agencies or organizations that wish to affiliate with the Association to foster collaboration between their respective organizations.
**Current Membership** - IAFIE is growing around the world!
Currently IAFIE has nearly 500 members in:

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IAFIE Committees – Ways to Engage!

- Educational Standards (includes Certification Sub-Committee)
- Communications
- Events/Conferences: webinars, mini-conferences, annual conference, etc. *Let us know what we can do or what you can offer!*
- Governance
- Strategic Planning
- Nominating
- A variety of task forces and ad hoc opportunities as needs/projects arise
IAFIE’s Annual International Conference

Each year, IAFIE supports a robust, in-person international conference. Networking, best practices, current scholarship, and advances in methodology and education are the foci of the event.

Upcoming IAFIE annual conferences:

- **January 18 IAFIE Virtual Conference**
- **June 2022 joint IAFIE/IAFIE-Europe Conference in Treviso (near Venice) Italy** – we hope to see you there!!!
- **October 20-22, 2022 at The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina, USA**
Locations of Past Annual Conferences

- 2006-07: Reston, Virginia (Booz Allen Hamilton)
- 2008: Monterey, California (Naval Postgraduate School)
- 2009: Adelphi, Maryland (University of Maryland Global Campus)
- 2010: Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (University of Ottawa)
- 2011: Washington, DC (Johns Hopkins University SAIS)
- 2012: Washington, DC (National Intelligence University)
- 2013: El Paso, Texas (University of Texas El Paso)
- 2014: Erie, Pennsylvania (Mercyhurst University)
- 2015: Arlington, Virginia (Marymount University)
- 2016: Breda, The Netherlands (Royal Military Academy)
- 2017: Charles Town, West Virginia (American Military University)
- 2018: Sydney, Australia (Macquarie University)
- 2019: Queens, New York (St. John’s University)
- 2020-21: Postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic (virtual events continued)
Organizational Partners of IAFIE

- Australian Institute for Professional Intelligence Officers (AIPIO)
- International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts (IALEIA)
- National Military Intelligence Foundation (NMIF)
- Association of Former Intelligence Officers (AFIO)
- Strategic and Competitive Intelligence Professionals (SCIP)
- African Intelligence Studies Collective (AISC)
Questions? Need more details?

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