



Intelligence in the Knowledge Society

2020 edition

Call for papers

Intelligence in the Knowledge Society - the XXV edition

The XXV edition of the Intelligence in the Knowledge Society conference takes place in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and the fluctuations of the virus at national, European and global level. Due to afferent exogenous factors, like the unpredictability of the pandemic's evolution at national level, national restrictions regarding the organization of events with large number of participants, restrictions of entering the country from at risk areas, the situation regarding the international flights etc., the already known onsite format of the conference becomes impossible.

Considering the above mentioned context and with the aim of taking advantage of the benefits that the classic format of the IKS conference offers - like academic conversations, partnership and networking opportunities, or sharing experiences and practices with experts within the same field of interests -, **the XXV IKS edition will take place in two stages:**

1. **Publishing double peer-reviewed articles** on the conference's topics in the *Romanian Intelligence Studies Review (RISR)*;
2. **Organizing the onsite event in October, 2021**, in accordance to the COVID-19 pandemic evolution. The onsite format of the IKS conference represents the unique initiative within the Black Sea Region which gathers academics and practitioners in intelligence.

The rapid spread of COVID-19 has generated changes in all areas, acting as an invisible global enemy. Intelligence organizations are also dealing with the new types of threats associated to the constant development of novel data tools and techniques. For being successful in preventing or combating (next generation) security threats, intelligence organizations and governments can look into the collaboration between nations based on common cultural knowledge, good communication skills, integrating aspects of digital changes in terms of legislation and tools, or reshaping old strategies. **The conference invites experts, analysts, practitioners and researchers** to discuss main challenges and effects of novel security threats on state development, on policies changes, technological developments and action plans adopted by different state actors to prevent and counter next-generation challenges.

Contributions are expected to bring novel perspectives on intelligence analysis, history and theory, as well as strategic past and future developments. IKS represents a forum for conversation between academics and practitioners, where both perspectives are welcome and their inter-relations can be explored.

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Topics:

1. **#COVINTELL** CorOnaVirus and the Intelligence sector - how paNdemics shape the securiTy stratEgy develoPment process worldwide
2. **#TRANSFORMATION** The TRANSFORMATION Process – The road to a data-driven (intelligence) organization
3. **#INCEPTION** INterCultural studiEs: bridging the gaP beTween natlons thrOugh commuNication
4. **#PRINGLE** OPen souRce Intelligence in the era of dIgitalization: conNecting the dots between intelliGence gathering and social mEdia
5. **#CRAIPTO** CybersecuRity under the lens of Artificial Intelligence: the unsPoken war of digiTal innOvations
6. **#NETGAME** Next lEvel educaTion: Gamification and digital teAching Methods for the gEneration of today
7. **#INTELLHISTORY** INTELLigence and security cooperation in HISTORY: theory and practice
8. **#GEOPOLITICS** “New arguments, old GEOPOLITICS”: regional security and diplomacy
9. **#ECOINTEL** IntElligenCe and nOn-classcal threats - detectiNg and prevenTing biological and Ecological threats to security
10. **#GLOCAL** Global or Local trends? - DeveloPments in forecAsting methodoLogY

As part of the first stage of the event, the “Mihai Viteazul” National Intelligence Academy invites both academics and practitioners to submit paper abstracts for the 25th edition of its international conference *Intelligence in the Knowledge Society*.

Those interested in participating are invited to submit their papers by **October 30th, 2020** at iks@animv.ro. **Acceptance notifications** for publication in RISR will be sent by **December 15th, 2020**.

Author guidelines and other organizational details can be accessed on the conference website - <https://iksconference.ro/> and further inquiries can be addressed to Dr. Valentin Nicula, conference chair – e-mail: iks@animv.ro.

Accepted papers will be invited for presentation during the second stage of the event, which is planned to be organized onsite in October, 2021.

There is **no registration fee**.

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