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2025

## IAFIE EC Annual Conference

ENHANCING INTELLIGENCE COMPETENCIES FOR A NEW WORLD  
OF THREATS

9-11 September 2025, Aranjuez Spain



**CALL FOR PAPERS**

In collaboration with:



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### About the Conference

The European Chapter of the International Association for Intelligence Education (IAFIE EC) in association with the International Association for Intelligence Education (IAFIE) is delighted to announce its Annual Conference, “Enhancing Intelligence Competencies for a New World of Threats”, taking place in Aranjuez–Madrid, Spain, from 9th to 11th September 2025. This conference aims to advance the professionalization of intelligence education, with a special focus on developing and adapting intelligence competencies to address today’s complex geopolitical and security challenges. In an era defined by disinformation, technological innovation, and global change, intelligence competencies serve as a vital strategic axis for a holistic approach to these issues. The event adopts a whole-of-government and whole-of- society perspective, fostering collaboration between academic scholars and intelligence practitioners from government and the private sector. By promoting knowledge exchange and best practices, the conference seeks to build an integrative framework for tackling contemporary threats.

### IAFIE and IAFIE European Chapter

The International Association for Intelligence Education (IAFIE) is a global organization dedicated to advancing the intelligence profession and fostering collaboration between intelligence professionals and academics. While its core focus is on intelligence education and training, IAFIE also serves as a platform for sharing ideas and information across related disciplines. IAFIE develops and promotes standards, theories, curricula, methodologies, and best practices in intelligence education and training. Through its global chapter network, international conferences, and other communication channels, it disseminates open-source knowledge to its members. The European Chapter of IAFIE (IAFIE EC) represents the Association in Europe. It works to further IAFIE’s goals by building on the diverse models and rich experiences found across the continent.

### The 2025 Conference

The 2025 Annual Conference is organized by IAFIE EC in collaboration with the Ciberimaginario Research Group at University Rey Juan Carlos.

This event takes a multidisciplinary and practice-driven approach, bringing together scholars and practitioners to explore intelligence’s role in today’s strategic environment. The conference will focus on developing a deeper understanding of both ongoing and emerging security challenges while advancing the competencies needed to address them.



We welcome proposals from scholars and practitioners in fields such as intelligence, security, strategic studies, defence, law enforcement, cybersecurity, emergency management, decision sciences, international relations, law, history, journalism, and communication, among others. Submissions should align with the following themes:

### **Abstract for Fully Formed Panels**

Panels are submitted in full with 3-5 papers for review by our Program Committee. They require a title (max. 50 words), an abstract (max. 200 words), a chair, a discussant, and 3-5 papers for which abstracts are required.

### **Abstract for Roundtable Discussions**

Roundtables are submitted in full for review by our Program Committee. They do not have papers and are designed for discussion of a topic. They require a title (max. 50 words), an abstract (max. 200 words), and 4-5 participants.

### **Abstract for Standard Papers**

Accepted papers will be formed into panels by our Program Committee. They require a title (max. 50 words), an abstract (max. 200 words), and at least one author.

### **Abstract for Poster Presentation at interactive sessions**

Accepted poster presentations will be presented at an interactive session. They require a title (max. 50 words), an abstract (max. 200 words), and at least one author. Authors of accepted posters will be required to interact with attendees at the poster session to be held during one of the days of the conference.



## **Enhancing Intelligence Competencies for a New World of Threats**

Abstracts for submissions are expected to address the conference theme “Enhancing Intelligence Competencies for a New World of Threats”, the objectives suggested in this call, or related topics. We encourage submissions representing both individual or joint scholar’s work, applied research projects, case study analyses, experience in intelligence schools, or practical experience in government or industry.

### **Conference Objectives**

- Establish a comprehensive Intelligence Competence Framework to guide intelligence education.
- Adapt intelligence curricula for professionals, customers, and stakeholders.
- Integrate digital transformation and technological advancements into intelligence education and professional development.
- Enhance knowledge and skills for anticipating, predicting, and comprehending threats and security challenges.
- Define the competencies required for effective intelligence cooperation in transnational, multilateral, and international contexts.
- Analyse the impact of global change on the intelligence profession.
- Explore the challenges and opportunities of joint international intelligence education programs.
- Promote a culture of evaluation in intelligence education, training, and professional practice.
- Address best practices for intelligence oversight and classification/declassification.



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- Examine the implications of malign influence, information manipulation, interference, and conspiracy theories for intelligence education.
- Create an academic safe space that fosters knowledge sharing and collaboration.

The 2025 conference offers an interactive forum for intelligence leaders and practitioners, intelligence schools, professional educators and researchers in higher education institutions, students, and policymakers to inform, discuss and shape together the future of intelligence education at the Madrid-Aranjuez Campus of Rey Juan Carlos University.

We look forward to welcoming and inspiring you in Spain from 9 to 11 September 2025.

### **Submissions**

Please submit your proposal according to the guidelines above at:

<https://yourls.ciberimaginario.es/iafiemadrid25>

Additional information at [www.iafieeeurope.org](http://www.iafieeeurope.org)

Email enquiries should be sent to: [ruben.arcos@urjc.es](mailto:ruben.arcos@urjc.es)

### **Key Dates**

Notification of acceptance: **15 May 2025**

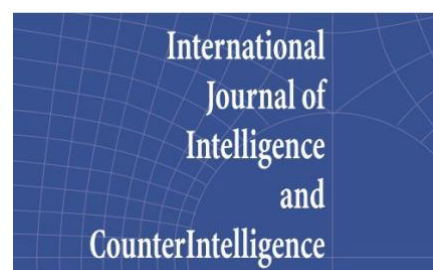
Submission of papers and presentations: **28 June 2025**

**Registration** will open on **15 May 2025**

**Conference Fee** is €280 IAFIE Members, €340 Non-Members

### **Publication opportunities**

Selected papers will be chosen for a special issue in the [International Journal of Intelligence and CounterIntelligence](#).







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