



CALL FOR PAPERS

The Australian Institute of Professional Intelligence Officers (AIPIO) is pleased to announce a call for papers for its 33rd National Conference, Intelligence 2024, to be held in Brisbane at the Sofitel Brisbane Central on 28-30 August 2024. The conference theme is: '**Sustaining and Building the Intelligence Profession**'. Within that theme, we will explore the sub-themes of **Accountability**, **Capability** and **Renewal** – each factor represents what is needed to sustain and build the intelligence profession in Australia for the complex and challenging future.

We seek contributions from intelligence professionals, academics, students, and other industry professionals. A number of successful abstracts will be given the opportunity to prepare a paper and present it to a national conference attended by intelligence professionals, managers, and sector partners. All selected papers will also be published in the AIPIO journal to be available online after the conference – subject to contributor approval

Overview

Our highly interconnected world is being reshaped by strategic competition, with growing complexity arising at the national and local levels. All domains of intelligence practice are confronting this complexity, working to glean insights for timely and effective decision making. A robust intelligence profession is a critical influence and key national resource in securing our defence, security, and well-being.

Intelligence 2024 – the AIPIO annual international conference - will examine what is needed to sustain and build the intelligence profession in Australia during these challenging times. With expanding investment in the intelligence profession, we should anticipate strengthened accountability mechanisms. Also, the capability mix is likely to change, to better prepare for new challenges and to leverage the best of whole of national support. Finally, this is a chance for renewal – bringing new perspectives and approaches to bear on the intelligence profession. These three factors will form the sub-themes of Intelligence 2024.

Accountability

Accountability is a crucial aspect of the intelligence profession, underpinning the social contract for a robust intelligence profession. Intelligence professionals are accountable for their actions and decisions and that accountability helps to maintain public trust and confidence in the intelligence enterprise. Additionally, accountability helps to ensure that intelligence activities, especially emerging practices, are conducted within the bounds of the law and ethical standards.

Capability

Capability is the ability of intelligence professionals to collect, analyse, and disseminate information and insights effectively and efficiently. Capability involves generating the necessary intelligence skills, knowledge, and resources to address emerging challenges. Designing, developing, and maintaining these capabilities – people, processes, and technologies – is essential for the intelligence profession to drive change and influence and contribute to national resilience.

Renewal

Renewal involves several aspects, including evolving intelligence practice, improving recruitment and retention of personnel, investing in training and education, modernising technology, and infrastructure, and enhancing collaboration and partnerships with other agencies and organisations. Additionally, promoting diversity and inclusivity within the intelligence community can help to bring in new perspectives and ideas. Adapting to evolving threats and challenges requires agility and innovation, which can be achieved through continuous learning and improvement. Public Private Partnerships (PPP) will likely play a key role in renewal.

Developing your Tradecraft

Whether you are a seasoned professional or looking to enter the intelligence field, the importance of building, reviewing and mastering fundamentals of the intelligence discipline is vital. These practical sessions will provide insight into the range of duties for intelligence professionals in different practice domains whilst strengthening your soft, technical and leadership skills.

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We invite applications from intelligence professionals, academics, students, and other industry professionals to:

1. Provide a submission to the AIPIO Journal which is relevant to the AIPIO 2024 Conference theme.

AND potentially

2. Participate as a presenter at Intelligence 2024, (based on work presented in the paper).

Applicants are required to submit an abstract (200-300 words) outlining the paper to be written and its relevance to the conference theme and/or four sub-themes.

Spaces to present at Intelligence 2024 are very limited and competitive. All applications with submitted abstracts will be considered by a selection committee. The Call for Papers involves the following steps:

1. Application (with abstract) to present at Intelligence 2024 should be sent to: journal@aipio.asn.au by **19 April 2024**.
2. Successful applicants will be notified by **19 May 2024**.
3. Successful applicants will develop for a 30-minute presentation to be delivered at Intelligence 2024 (28-30 August).
4. Successful applicants will also provide a paper for submission to the AIPIO Journal. The paper should be developed from the same work that is presented at the conference.
5. Papers should be sent to journal@aipio.asn.au by **2 August 2024**.
6. Please note papers must be submitted in the preferred format of the AIPIO Journal. The journal welcomes submissions in the form of practitioner pieces or academic articles.
7. Papers submitted to the AIPIO Journal should not be published elsewhere. For further information please consult the **'Instructions for Authors'** on the AIPIO website: <https://www.aipio.asn.au/public/48/files/Journal/Instructions%20to%20authors%20-%202022.pdf>