



EMERGING TRENDS

Warfare – New Weapons –
New Injuries

Tech Growth: Ethics & Regs

Plastic Contamination of Food
Supply Chain



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OUR NEXT MEETING

January 2020

Happenings and Requests

VA MONTHLY FORESIGHT READS: As Veteran's Day 2019 approaches, please take a moment to reflect on the dedication and sacrifice of all Veterans and their families. Many government agencies strive to help, hire, and research Veteran issues for their future well-being. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is especially dedicated to this mission. Within the VA the Strategic Foresight & Risk Management team produces "VA Monthly Foresight Reads". The Foresight Reads are intended to highlight issues or trends which may prove significant in the emerging future of Veterans and beyond. Be sure to join their distribution list to keep up to date with emerging trends. And remember on November 11, at the 11th hour, 11th minute, and 11th second, please take a moment of silence in memory of all the Veterans and their families who have made the ultimate sacrifice. (POC: [Joseph Moore](#))

IFTF FORESIGHT TRAINING IN WASHINGTON DC: The Institute for the Future (ITF) is hosting a 3-day [Foresight Training](#) event in Washington, D.C. at the World Bank March 24-26, 2020. The Foresight Training is a nut-and-bolts immersion in futures methodologies and tools. It is designed to help individuals and organizations grow their skills in the art and science of foresight – and join a vibrant network of practitioners who can advance futures thinking in all topics around the globe. Over the course of the intimate 3-day training, you'll practice creating your own forecasts, learn how to structure and facilitate strategic futures conversations, and leave with your own "Future of X" project plan. Be sure to secure your seats. (POC: [Neela Lazkani](#)).

TECH WATCH HORIZON SCANNING COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE MEETING *USG ONLY*: On November 21, 2019, USG employees are cordially invited to attend the annual Technology Watch/Horizon Scanning (TW/HS) Community of Practice meeting. The annual meeting is an opportunity for TW/HS researchers to capture and share best practices, investigate collaboration opportunities, and develop standards and metric towards identifying and assessing emerging science and technology trends. Please note only USG are encouraged to RSVP. (POC: [Aaron Chan](#)).

Admin & Announcements

OCTOBER 2019 QUARTERLY MEETING RECAP: Thank you to all who joined us at our last quarterly meeting of the year. We hosted the meeting at the MITRE facilities, survey results indicated folks appreciated the facilities- thanks MITRE! The meeting was insightful as we heard from many great speakers; you can find their presentations on our [website](#). Most importantly, participants were lead through a series of exercises to develop Trend Cards by [LBL Strategies](#). The council is reviewing these trend cards and will use the information gathered to help develop the 2020 agenda. As we prepare for 2020, please reach out with ideas of speakers or content to **FFCOI** - we will be happy to consider for the upcoming year. (POCs: [Sharaelle A. Grzesiak](#), [Eric Popiel](#), and [Robin Champ](#)).