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OUR NEXT MEETING

January 2019

Happenings & Requests

INSTITUTE FOR ALTERNATIVE FUTURES: The [Institute for Alternative Futures \(IAF\)](#) and The Kresge Foundation released a new publication, [Human Services and Human Progress 2035: A Scenario Exploration](#) that explores what human progress, human need, and human services will be in the United States in 2035. The scenarios considers macro trends in the economy, employment, technology, health, and the environment, as well as driving forces shaping human service both in general and in other areas. (POC: [Clement Bezold](#))

INCREASING THE IMPACT OF FORESIGHT WORK: A look at how Strategic Foresight can make a difference in your work. [How to Make Strategic Foresight Matter](#), is an article providing observations on designing foresight work for practical use by decision-makers. The article includes tips for making the work we do have a lasting impact. (POC: [Steven Kenney](#))

NEW BOOK ON GOVERNMENT FOR THE FUTURE: The [IBM Center for The Business of Government](#) has released a new book, [Government for the Future: Reflection and Vision for Tomorrow's Leaders](#). The book "outlines various changes and challenges facing government and discusses new governance approaches for future generations of public managers." (POC: [John Kamensky](#))

CIVILIZATION NEXT: Join Ruben Nelson from [Foresight Canada](#) on December 1st, 2018, in San Francisco, CA, in a conversation about "How the human evolution is about to change trajectory". The conversation will be a learning journey to understand past and future implications of the notion of such a wholesale transformation. (POC: [Bob Lucas](#))

ECA JOURNAL FORESIGHT EDITION: Foresight is the special theme of the [European Court of Auditors Journal](#). The issue has profiles of foresight efforts and programs in the EU as well as NATO, OECD, IMF, and the [Government Accountability Office](#). (POC: [Stephen Sanford](#))

Admin & Announcements

QUARTERLY MEETING SUMMARY: On October 23rd, 40 members and another 15 via phone participated in the meeting. Here are summaries of the presentations:

Josh Haerker, Predata provided a presentation on predictive analytics. Specifically, online behavior as a precursor and indicator of real world actions. The Predata platform can identify signals to help clients anticipate short-term risk, although not quite the "Minority Report", the technology is evolving.

Bill Eggers, Deloitte presented on emerging trends and exponential forces exploring how AI currently is surpassing human capabilities and the increasing practical applications. Businesses and the Federal Government are considering the benefits of augmenting the current workforce with AI capabilities.

Robin Champ, Defense Threat Reduction Agency discussed Scenario Based Planning and the difference between foresight and forecasting. Including the history, the methodology and how it was applied to help inform agency leadership in decision-making. (POCs: [Eric Popiel](#) and [Sharabelle A. Grzesiak](#))