

IAFIE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

MAY 31 – JUNE 3, 2026
University of North Georgia
[Cottrell Center](#)
Dahlonega, Georgia, USA



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Conference Program (Subject to Change)

The IAFIE Annual Conference is being held at the University of North Georgia Dahlonega Campus May 31 – June 3, 2026. All times below are for United States Eastern Standard Time (EST).

Sunday, May 31, 2026

3:00PM – 5:00PM	IAFIE Board Meeting (Closed)	Cottrell Center 459 [Virtual Attendance Option]
6:00PM – 8:00PM	Welcome Reception & Early Check-In	Cottrell Center Atrium

Monday, June 1, 2026

7:00AM – 7:45AM	Check-In & Breakfast	Cottrell Center Atrium
7:45AM – 8:15AM	Welcome Remarks Kathy Pherson, IAFIE President Dr. Edward Mienie, IAFIE Conference Chair	Cottrell Center Ballroom
8:15AM – 8:30AM	Opening Remarks Dr. Michael Shannon, UNG President	
8:30AM – 9:15AM	Opening Keynote Address Suzanne Spaulding, Senior Advisor Defense and Security Department Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)	

Morning Breakout Sessions

9:30AM – 10:45AM	Breakout Sessions #1	Cottrell Center
11:00AM – 12:15PM	Breakout Sessions #2	Cottrell Center
12:15PM – 1:30AM	Lunch & Keynote Address Andrew Borene, President & CEO (Robotics Company) National Intelligence and Security Leader Author, HSToday	Cottrell Center Ballroom

Afternoon Breakout Sessions

1:45PM – 3:00PM	Breakout Sessions #3	Cottrell Center
	Roundtable: AI Explainability: Capability, Chimera, Mirage, or Myth?	Cottrell Center Ballroom
3:15PM – 4:30PM	Breakout Sessions #4	Cottrell Center
	Roundtable: AI Literacy for Intelligence Analysts	Room 272
4:00PM – 5:30PM	Student Poster Session	Cottrell Center Atrium
6:00PM – 9:00PM	<i>Optional:</i> Dinner Excursion [Shuttle Departs Cottrell Center 6PM]	Frogtown Vineyards

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

7:00AM – 7:45AM	Check-In & Breakfast	Cottrell Center Atrium
7:45AM – 8:15AM	Day 2 Conference Remarks Kathy Pherson, IAFIE President Dr. Edward Mienie, IAFIE Conference Chair	Cottrell Center Ballroom
8:15AM – 9:15AM	Keynote Address Nicole Robinson, President DataPath	Cottrell Center Ballroom

Morning Breakout Sessions

9:30AM – 10:45AM	Breakout Sessions #5	Cottrell Center
11:00AM – 12:15AM	Breakout Sessions #6	Cottrell Center
12:30PM – 1:45PM	Lunch & Keynote Address Lt. Gen. Stephen Fogarty (Ret.) Senior Executive Advisor, Booz Allen	Cottrell Center Ballroom

Afternoon Breakout Session

2:00PM – 3:15PM	Breakout Sessions #7	Cottrell Center
	Roundtable: How Intelligence Educators Can Meet the Needs of Law Enforcement and Corporate Intelligence	Room 272
3:30PM – 4:45PM	Zulauf Round Table [Video Recording for Post Conference]	Cottrell Center Ballroom
6:00PM – 9:00PM	Presidential Dinner & IAFIE Awards Dinner Keynote Address Brig. General (Ret.) Yosef Kuperwasser Head, Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security (JISS)	UNG Dining Hall Presidents Dining Room
	Intelligence Education Award 2025 Robert Clark	

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

7:30AM – 8:30AM	Check-In & Breakfast	Cottrell Center Atrium
8:30AM – 8:45AM	Day 3 Conference Remarks Kathy Pherson, IAFIE President Dr. Edward Mienie, IAFIE Conference Chair	Cottrell Center Ballroom
8:45AM – 9:30AM	Keynote Address Dr Phil Kowalick, President AIPIO	Cottrell Center Ballroom

Morning Breakout Session

9:45AM – 11:00AM	Breakout Sessions #8	Cottrell Center
	Workshop: Intelligence 101	Room 272

11:15AM – 12:30PM	Author's and Editor's Round Table	Cottrell Center Ballroom
12:30PM – 1:30PM	Lunch	Cottrell Center Atrium
1:45PM – 2:15PM	Conference Closing Remarks Kathy Pherson, IAFIE President Dr. Edward Mienie, IAFIE Conference Chair	Cottrell Center Ballroom
Conference End		
2:30PM – 3:30PM	General/IAFIE Membership Meeting Kathy Pherson, IAFIE President	Cottrell Center Ballroom [Virtual Attendance Option]
3:45PM	Shuttle Departure for Airport	Cottrell Center

Additional information

Additional Conference information will be placed here for participants.