# FFCOI FOCUS

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**OUR NEXT MEETING** 

**April 19-20** *In Person*Arlington, Virginia

## Happenings

**FFCOI CELEBRATES 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** On March 27<sup>th</sup>, join FFCOI in celebrating 10 years of sharing best practices, bringing foresight experts together, and growing government foresight capabilities. As we count down to our 10<sup>th</sup> year, we are seeking your help. Please send us any FFCOI memory, as we will be doing a special feature on our anniversary date. Be a part of the momentous occasions and help us celebrate our community. Send your memories to Sharaelle Grzesiak to help us recognize this milestone! (POC: Sharaelle A. Grzesiak)

WORLD FUTURES DAY 10<sup>TH</sup> YEAR – MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>: The Millennium Project and Association of Professional Futurist are celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> year of World Futures Day, where futurists and the general public will conduct a 24-hour, round-the-world conversation on the future at 12 noon in whatever time zone they are in. Each year, futurists discuss ideas about possible worlds of tomorrow in a relaxed, open, noagenda conversation. Futures research and studies are shared, new ideas are generated, and collaborations and friendships are made. (POC: Jerome Glenn)

FORESIGHT FRIDAY @NIOSH: THRIVING IN AN AGE OF DISCONTINUITY – THE PRACTICE OF STRATEGIC FORESIGHT: Please join NIOSH on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 11am ET, as they host Cole Oman from the Office for the Future at Deloitte who will explain why understanding and practicing strategic foresight is necessary for navigating uncertainty, managing across time horizons, and building agility and resiliency within organizations to ensure long-term success. (POCs: NIOSH Office of Research Integration)

THINKING ABOUT BUILDING YOUR STRATEGIC FORESIGHT CAPABILITY AND SKILLS IN 2023? Take advantage of the early bird offers on SOIF's courses and join a global community of practice. The SOIF retreat (24-28 July, UK) is a five-day, face-to-face intensive course for emerging and senior leaders in strategy, policy, and analysis roles. The upcoming May virtual training course is an eightweek online course designed for those that lead a team to deliver long-term strategy, innovation, or risk management programs. Save \$600 dollars with the early bird discount on both courses. (POC: Mudabbir Maajid)

**IFTF FAST FUTURES: HOW TO CREATE ARTIFACTS FROM THE FUTURE IN 90 MINUTES:** Have you ever wanted to tell someone about a forecast, but couldn't get them to pay attention? Try an "Artifact from the Future"—a creative representation of how everyday life might be different in the future. Learn about this effective and persuasive technique in bringing the future alive in the present, and compelling people to action. Enroll in this NEW "Fast Futures" online class with award-winning design futurists from Institute for the Future. 90 minutes, \$99, and limited to 30 participants. (POC: Cindy Baskin)

### Admin & Announcements

**IN PERSON MEETING:** FFCOI will be taking a break in March. On April 19-20, 2023, join us at our first in person, U.S. Government Foresight Symposium hosted by FFCoI and Air Force Futures. This will be a two-day *in person* event held in the BRICC in Arlington, VA, and will feature a series of speakers, panels, and workshops. The workshop's two tracks will introduce foresight concepts and methods to newcomers, and seek to improve knowledge, skills, abilities, and coordination of practitioners. Space is limited. **RSVP by 4/3/2023!** 

**CONNECT:** Be sure to stay connected to learn more about FFCOI. Check out our website (FFCoI.org) and follow our social media platforms on LinkedIn and Twitter to get the latest news and happenings. As always, we welcome ideas for future speakers and content. Send us an email or a message on LinkedIn. (POCs: Sharaelle A. Grzesiak, Robin Champ, & Eric Popiel).