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The Inaugural 2020 MiC Conference is Canceled

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Greetings MiC Community,

During this unprecedented time dealing with COVID-19, we are sorry to announce the decision of the cancellation for the MiC conference.

One of the determining factors of the cancellation was based in our firm belief that the health and safety of all of our members and supporters is paramount. Given the fact that there remains uncertainty about the virus and with no vaccine in sight for 2020 we felt it prudent to err on the side of caution. At this point, our goal is to observe and reassess in the upcoming months and make our decision later on in the year about hosting a 2021 conference

Did you know?

- 93% of IT professionals experience challenges with data privacy.
- 62% of all VPN users are male.
- About 35% of VPN users are between the ages of 16 and 24.
- More than 29% of all VPN users access Netflix each month.

*Sources: Dataprot - VPN statistics for 2020



A Letter from Mary N. Chaney, Chairman, CEO & President

Dear MiC Community,

We have all watched and seen the social unrest that is happening across the world based on the death of George Floyd. Unfortunately, Mr. Floyd is just one example of the many minority men and women that have lost their lives based on fear and hatred.

MiC was founded to address the inequalities that minority men and women face in the cybersecurity community by tearing down barriers and building leadership characteristics and traits in our members that many members may not receive while growing up. Although our field is small, based on personal experience I can say that the cybersecurity community is just a microcosm of the overall challenges that exist and at times can mirror some of the discriminatory practices seen in mainstream culture. From unconscious bias and inequalities in pay, to being thought of as less intelligent or not as "technical" as our white counterparts there are plenty of things that we, in the cybersecurity community, can work on.

It would be easy for me, a person who has achieved a certain level of success in my career, to hide and not get involved, however, to quote Martin Luther King Jr. "A (wo)man dies when (s)he refuses to stand up for that which is right. A (wo)man dies when (s)he refuses to stand up for justice. A (wo)man dies when (s)he refuses to take a stand for that which is true." (parentheses added).



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This moment in history can be one where we all choose to show the leadership characteristics of bravery and courageousness, by having those difficult conversations, in addition, modeling the leadership characteristics of compassion by listening to each another. What we can't do is stand on the sidelines protecting whatever level of success we have personally attained, to the detriment of others following in our footsteps. MiC was founded on a strong desire to give back and will continue to move the needle forward in a positive direction for minority men and women.

Thank each of you for all that you do to support our MiC Community.

Sincerely,

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