

Intelligence: a strategic factor for the development of nations

The sovereignty of man is hidden in the dimension of his knowledge.

Sir Francis Bacon

I am proud to be the one to present today to the academic community the journal Perspectives in Intelligence; an academic cumulus of great potential and projection for the search of data and information of strategic character.

This journal is nowadays an opportunity to open up to knowledge and analysis of the challenges that concur in the national and international order, since it manages to cover those phenomena that impact the constant and continuous development of societies. In view of this, it is important to state that, by means of intelligence, strategies, tasks and activities are achieved according to the solution of the phenomena that alter the constant development of mankind.

This year (2020) of Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous (VUCA) character, has presented conditions never seen before, forcing to sustain survival mechanisms for the States. Therefore, it becomes a research interest that encompasses not only the normal conditions of society, but also those scenarios of complexity that violate the development and progress previously determined as a state priority.

Volume 12 - Number 21 of the journal contains 14 articles, focused on topics such as intelligence and counterintelligence, history and philosophy, technology and development, administration, finance and economics. These allow us to consider this volume as one of the challenges of greatest effort for the School of Intelligence and Counterintelligence "BG. Ricardo Charry Solano", since it is an obligation to inform society about the importance of this type of analysis and academic interventions.

It is clear that the intervention of researchers, academics and authors of the magazine has a common purpose: it is part of the evolution of knowledge, exposing scientific material with high quality standards approved by academic experts in the field of intelligence. Its interventions are allied to variables that generate a benefit for readers and academics, being these the critical and objective evaluators of a production full of interventions and analysis of high value for decision making. Its results will allow the reader to develop critical analysis tools, based on a study

determined by verifiable and scientific methodologies, all of them in accordance with the level of experience and professionalism of this fundamental institution for the nation's intelligence.

Once again, the team of researchers of the Journal is pleased to present a new issue in accordance with the quality and professionalism that emanates from Colombian intelligence. We hope that our readership will find in these interventions a great thematic variety of articles, promising that their content is determinant to sustain the high and respectable reputation of fundamental communities such as the Colombian intelligence. Here, we find that all of them, from different backgrounds and orientations, discuss problems, scenarios and techniques relevant to intelligence, understanding that this is a fundamental and inherent capacity for the evolution and protection of the States.

Thanks to this, it is possible to give way to the development of investigative opportunities coming from the analysis of the material here subscribed, promising that its results are determinant to sustain the high and respectable reputation of fundamental communities such as the Colombian intelligence.

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