

AIPIO REGIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM FEBRUARY-MARCH 2010

The Institute is committed to providing support to its members at a regional level throughout Australia. In February and March 2010, we will facilitate a series of cutting-edge presentations on Open Source Intelligence (OSI) by a leading Australian authority – Shannon Armstrong from the New South Wales Police Service. Details of the presentation and Shannon's background are included below. The dates of the presentations are firm but some venues are still to be confirmed, so watch the AIPIO online Event Diary for updated details.

Presentation Schedule:

- 16th February – Sydney
- 8th March – Brisbane
- 9th March – Canberra
- 10th March – Melbourne
- 11th March - Adelaide
- 12th March – Perth

About the Presentation:

This presentation has been developed from a US Department of Homeland Security, Open Source Research course Shannon participated in whilst on secondment in Los Angeles in 2008. It has been designed specifically for Law Enforcement and Intelligence Practitioners to provide a better understanding of the tools and techniques of Open Source Research. The presentation offers participants a greater understanding of open source research, especially insights about searching for information on the Internet more effectively, efficiently and anonymously. Specifically, the presentation will help intelligence practitioners:

- Understand Open Source Research tradecraft and tools
- Examine Internet search engines – beyond Google
- Gain an appreciation for how Search Engines work, what information they provide to web masters and learn how to overcome search engine referrals.
- Understand what footprint investigators leave behind when they use the Internet.
- Learn how to search the internet more anonymously.

- Learn how to use RSS feeds to improve research timeframes
- Examine how to assess the credibility and reliability of open sources on the internet.

About Shannon Armstrong:

Senior Sergeant Shannon Armstrong joined the NSW Police Force in 1997 and has spent over a decade in the Intelligence profession both as a criminal intelligence analyst and more recently in the realm Counter Terrorism (CT). Since 2005 he has been employed as the Coordinator of the NSW Police Force Terrorism Intelligence Unit, responsible for the coordination of NSW Police Force CT Intelligence activities.

Senior Sergeant Armstrong is a Joint Intelligence Group (JIG) coordinator and is heavily involved in the writing and provision of JIG Training to Intelligence officers across the country under the auspices of the National Counter Terrorism Committee.

In October 2007 Senior Sergeant Armstrong was deployed to Los Angeles where he spent 12 months working in the Los Angeles Joint Regional Intelligence Centre (JRIC). There he conducted an in depth examination of the role and function of intelligence fusion centres and best practice methodologies for counter terrorism intelligence in the United States. It was during this secondment that he participated in the Open Source Research training run by the US Department of Homeland Security and seeing relevance to Australian Law Enforcement and Intelligence practitioners, he created this presentation.