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The Intelligence Community Studies Board (ICSB) serves as the independent convening authority for the discussion of science and technology issues of importance to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) and other Intelligence Community (IC) agencies. ICSB members are expert volunteers from across academic, private, and public sectors, who combine their extensive knowledge and experience to identify key science and technology issues related to national security. In coordination with ODNI and other IC agencies, the ICSB provides the governance structure for studies, workshops, symposia, and expert meetings on science and technology topics of interest to the IC. The principal sponsor of the ICSB is the Director of Science and Technology at ODNI; however, ICSB resources and products are available to all intelligence agencies.





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OUR PRODUCTS

The ICSB facilitates independent, objective, and knowledgeable advice from: members of the National Academies; other leaders of the science, engineering and medical communities; and distinguished associates from the academic, private, and public sectors.

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	ACTIVITY	BASIC FEATURES	TYPICAL SCHEDULE	PRODUCTS	
	Intelligence Science & Technology Experts Group (ISTEG)	Provides quick response, individually attributed an- swers from a standing group of experts. This is a unique activity within the National Academies and is only made available to the IC.	2-4 weeks from tasking	Collated individual re- sponses which are not a National Academies product and are not peer reviewed	
	Roundtables, Forums, Colloquia, and Meetings of Experts	Provide a means for repre- sentatives of government, industry, and academia to gather periodically for the identification and discussion of issues	Varies – Dependent on number of meetings re- quested	No written products are generated, benefits are generated from participa- tion	
	Workshops	Provide a means for sponsors to gather information and ideas from experts in a given area	4-10 months from tasking	Reports on the proceed- ings of the workshop containing individually attributed observations	
	In-Depth/Consensus Stud- ies	Provide a means to resolve complex questions by enlist- ing the foremost experts in a given area to gather informa- tion and provide consensus recommendations	6-18 months from tasking	Peer reviewed reports containing conclusions, findings, and recommenda- tions developed from the consensus of the commit- tee	

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Machine Generation of Analytic Products from Multi-Source Data The ICSB organized a two-day workshop to connect the intelligence community with world-class experts and technologists to discuss the relationship between IC analytic tradecraft and emerging capabilities in the fields of artificial intelligence and machine learning. Speakers discussed technical, cultural, regulatory, policy, and legal issues. Download the full report at nap.edu/24900.