FAQs for SERT

Will SERT 2016 sessions be online or via conference calls?

This kick off meeting is face-to-face in DC. Select sessions will be audio taped, but most of the work will be conducted in dispersed groups. The main sessions with all present will be recorded and shared as will the written proceedings. Follow-up sessions via webinar/conference calls, etc. are planned and will be scheduled at the face-to-face sessions. Once you view the introductory webinar you will see why a teleconference/video will not be possible for this particular event as participation is fluid and self-organized.

Will there be other similar events outside of Washington DC after June 2016?

At this time, we have not scheduled additional face-to-face sessions, since this is an inaugural event. Depending on the need and the interest from participants, ASIS International and the ASIS Foundation will consider requests to host additional events. Follow-up sessions via webinar/conference calls, etc. are planned and will be scheduled at the June 2016 event.

Why is there no agenda posted? Why are no faculty or instructors listed for this event?

Participants create the agenda and topics at the time of the event.   The participants are the faculty as attendees learn from each other. Here is a description of the event.

Participants organize the agenda, choose the topics to discuss from a marketplace of ideas, lead the key discussions, develop actionable solutions, report and synthesize their progress, and form action teams to continue to work on the issues that matter to them. The momentum continues with follow-up online events, publications and easily accessible and shared records of progress.

The goal of the Open Space Forum is to bring together security education, research & training (SERT) professionals to discuss the future and advancement of security education worldwide.

Participants will…

- Identify the topics of greatest value to pursue
- Explore ideas, publications, and table top exhibits
- Form working groups to discuss and record important ideas to share
- Create action teams to pursue priority issues
- Follow up with colleagues from around the world via electronic tools
- Publish proceedings to share with colleagues, media and publishers

How are these goals accomplished?

- Face-to-face open forum
- Online events (pre and post webinars)
- Published proceedings & articles
- Social media & traditional media outlets

Who is participating? And what academic institutions, organizations, or agencies do they represent?

Registrants are part of an Online Community and may begin posting comments and questions for their SERT colleagues upon confirmation of their registration. Registrants can access the community by clicking this link: https://communities.asisonline.org/Pages/default.aspx

Note: You must be logged into the ASIS website in order to reach the Online Community.

Is this event for U.S. academicians and trainers?

There has been much interest from non-U.S. academic institutions and this event addresses issues of global interest.

What is Open Space?

The ASIS International Open Space Forum is an "unconference" format that brings diverse people and ideas together in a structured yet open setting to answer the critical question, "What is the future of security education, research, and training worldwide?"

Will groups be working on developing security programs or curricula?

Perhaps, if that is a topic of common interest and participants want to work on it.

Which topics will be discussed depends on the actual participants at the June 2016 SERT event.