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Pandemic Teaches Hard Lessons on Business Continuity and Resiliency

As the Covid-19 pandemic pushed many businesses into emergency mode, and flailing to keep operations up and running, difficult lessons have been learned when it comes to business continuity and business resiliency. But those lessons will most likely usher businesses into a new era of better preparation and agility. That was the topic of a discussion in a recent episode of the podcast [PREPARE.RESPOND.RECOVER.](#) — a production of the Natural Disaster and Emergency Management Expo (NDEM). [Editor's note: NDEM and ISC News are both owned and operated by Reed Exhibitions.]

The episode, titled Keeping Your Business Valuable During a Crisis, Why Planning Matters, brought in guests from CQR, a London-based provider of business continuity services. Ambi Silk, director of governance, risk & compliance, and Mohinder Kainth, senior global risk consultant, joined host Todd DeVoe discuss how to stay secure and resilient all while maintaining operational continuity and ensuring public safety in this ever-changing world.

Covid-19, according to both speakers, has been much more than a public health crisis. When the pandemic reached across the world and impacted the health of millions, it introduced many new challenges to businesses and the economy as well. Business leaders found themselves scrambling to quickly handle disrupted supply chains, management of a sudden wide-spread remote workforce, and the general stress of unknowns and uncertainty.

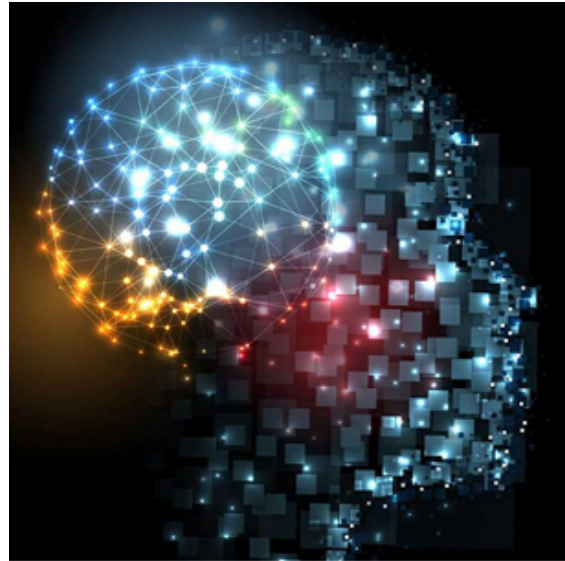
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ISC West 2021 Sets July Dates

ISC West, the largest annual gathering of security industry professionals, aims to return in 2021, taking place July 19-21 at the Venetian Resort and Sands Expo & Convention Center in Las Vegas. Amid increasing numbers of confirmed cases of Covid-19, Reed Exhibitions, organizers of the event, said public health considerations and consultation with partners, potential sponsors and attendees made postponing the event the most prudent decision.

Reed noted that ISC West, which usually takes place in March but was converted to a virtual event this year, will again feature an extensive schedule of physical security and converged security content programmed by education partner SIA. Given the new realities of the business environment, though, the curriculum will include a new track on health and safety best practices in response to the Covid-19 pandemic...



AI Tops SIA Security Megatrends for 2021

Security industry leaders are keeping a close eye on artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) as the technologies are expected to have the most impact on technology advancement in the coming years.

The Security Industry Association's (SIA) 2021 Security Megatrends report names AI for the first time to its top spot. AI was ranked second in the 2020 Megatrend report, and fifth in 2019's edition of the eagerly awaited annual resource.

"Input from survey participants and from focus groups and interviews indicated that AI — along with AI variants such as machine learning, deep learning and artificial neural networks — were in the product roadmaps for nearly all security technology solutions," said SIA in a statement...

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**Challenges of Seamless Access Control: New Era of Truly
Contactless Face Recognition Access Control**

As organizations grapple with a global pandemic, Access Control Systems are being called upon to not only secure physical locations, but to help protect the health and well-being of employees as well. Touchless technologies have become a vital component of building resilience into your business. This presentation explores touchless Face Recognition Access Control, utilizing regular IP cameras that offer a completely seamless solution, including touchless and reliable access into buildings without requiring a glance at a camera.

Innovatrics' Robert Izak provides a detailed case study demonstrating how you can now provide completely non-intrusive user access experience, keep the premises healthy and find new opportunities in different markets.

Key Topics:

- Seamless Access Control definition, main differences and comparison with common legacy Face Recognition Access Control Systems
- Covid compliancy Access Control features: Identification with Face masks, Users Enrollment and GDPR, Temperature scanning, Liveness check, Home Office solutions and integrations
- Case study: Smart Building Access Control introduction - from enrolment to seamless access. Deployment of Seamless Face Recognition technology into the Smart Building Access Control System with focus on GDPR



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