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High-profile public lecture also reinforces scientific community's importance to cybersecurity initiatives



The global scientific community's efforts to create a more resilient cyberspace formed the basis of a recent public lecture organized by the College of Science and Engineering (CSE) at Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU).

Adapting to the Threat Within the Digital Revolution on October 31 addressed the multitude of security threats

posed by a constantly evolving digital landscape. The lecture was delivered by Professor Roberto Baldoni, who is Deputy Director of Italy's Department of Information for Security (DIS) and Chair of the Italian Cybersecurity Management Board. He is the founder and director of the Sapienza Research Center for Cyber Intelligence and Information Security.

Discussions touched upon the European Union's and Italy's efforts to ensure the ongoing digital revolution benefits societies without risking independence and prosperity. This prompted consideration of the role the scientific community should play in developing mechanisms that facilitate secure and resilient networks and information systems. Case studies used by Prof. Baldoni also highlighted specific security challenges facing key technologies.

Prof. Baldoni's lecture was the prelude to a visit by senior Italian policymakers and dignitaries to the Qatar Information Technology Conference and Exhibition (QITCOM 2019). The delegation included Angelo Tofalo, Italian Undersecretary for Defense, and His Excellency Pasquale Salzano, Italy's Ambassador to Qatar.

Speaking after the event, Dr. Mounir Hamdi, Dean, said: "The timing of Prof. Baldoni's public lecture was perfect. QITCOM is all about showcasing disruptive smart technologies, including those that enhance cybersecurity best practices. Many of these technologies have been developed by members of the scientific community, a fact that only reinforces their importance to a resilient cyberspace. I'd personally like to thank Prof. Baldoni for the unique contribution he has made to one of CSE's core missions, which is to have a positive local and global impact in the fields of science, engineering and technology."

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