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US Homeland Defenses Sought

Borders, Trade, and Immigration Institute to seek solutions at IEEE Homeland Security Technology symposium

BOSTON (Jan. 16, 2017) – An institute dedicated to security in borders, trade and immigration will be an eager shopper at the *IEEE Symposium on Technologies for Homeland Security* (HST '17) in Boston come April. The US department of homeland security science and technology directorate [DHS S&T], committing \$18 million in a five year cooperative agreement with the University of Houston [UH], wants new solutions.

On hand at this important international conference will be a team led by professor Ioannis A. Kakadiaris, director of the Borders, Trade, and Immigration Institute at UH, a DHS center of excellence. “We’re working to deliver solutions through different companies to help them accomplish their everyday mission,” says Kakadiaris, referring to US border security.

Professor Kakadiaris made his comments today on the *ScienceNews* Radio Network program *Promise of Tomorrow with Colonel Mason*, www.PromiseOfTomorrow.biz. The broadcast originates in Dallas, Texas, then archived and Webcast for its world audience.

“I am able to see firsthand men and women working in these (challenging) conditions every day,” Kakadiaris said on the program. “Our border tools are the majority in the southern border and we’re planning tools on the northern border” (to be in place soon).

This symposium historically brings together innovators from leading academic, industry, business, homeland security centers of excellence, and government programs in a forum—discussing ideas, concepts, and experimental results.

This is the 16th annual *IEEE Symposium on Technologies for Homeland Security*, sponsored by the Massachusetts Port Authority [Massport] to be held 25-26 April 2017, in the greater Boston, Massachusetts area. Produced

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