

## All.Net Analyst Report and Newsletter

### Welcome to our Analyst Report and Newsletter

#### CyberSpace – The Final ...

OK – not really.

I was recently named Director of Webster University's CyberSpace Research Institute (CRI). As such, I thought it might be a good idea to discuss the notion of CyberSpace and the CRI's mission and objectives. I normally start such things with a definition – what is cyberspace – but not this time. CyberSpace as a concept is something people are starting to get used to, and I don't want to try to impose on their thinking, even though there is plenty of historical basis for a definition, and I have written about it before.

#### Our mission, to ...

The Institute is a global research and learning environment for fostering advancement in and understanding of the nature of cyberspace and its impact on the human condition.

- As explorers, one of the things we do is to try things – lots of things. We expect that most of the things we try won't (yet) work. That's why we explore – to find out.
- Our view is that this cannot be done in a vacuum, so we create and support sharing. In that sense, we are building a community of interest around the future of cyberspace.
- We are optimistic. We think things are better today than they have been in the past and that they will be getting better – as and if we succeed in making good decisions.
- We don't try to compete. We try to do what others are not doing. If someone else is doing something interesting, we welcome them and their ideas, and we move on.
- We are not Pollyanna-ish. We don't just do anything and we try not to do foolish things or buy into hokey notions. We want people to try new ways to understand real issues.
- We use technology, but we are not all about technology. Human beings and societies are part of what we seek to understand and explore.
- We engage with thoughtful people with interesting perspectives and relevant expertise.

#### Join us ...

We exist in the context of our members. And they are of two sorts.

- Reasonable (and vetted) organizations can join our community and take part in many of our activities, access our curated content, and learn about the new things we are doing.
- CRI members are individuals or organizations who pay dues to participate, and as a result, gain more benefits in terms of more and better information and sharing, access to new capabilities and explorations sooner, and more decision-making power in exploring the future of cyberspace.

If you are interested, contact [cri@crinst.org](mailto:cri@crinst.org) or visit <http://crinst.org> and join us!