

Business Espionage Countermeasures South Africa (BECSA) was founded in October 2011. It is a voluntary professional association for individuals with an interest in countering corporate espionage and who recognise the uniqueness of the task in the corporate environment.



BECSA was formed to coordinate and to promote business counterintelligence and the practice of technical surveillance countermeasures (TSCM) in South Africa in a constructive and positive manner.

The association was founded by members of the South African counterintelligence and TSCM fraternity to provide a forum for those interested in promoting business counterintelligence, technical countermeasures and to protect their organisations. BECSA aims to become the authoritative industry voice to introduce and to promote TSCM and business espionage countermeasures in South Africa.

BECSA members are professionals experienced in the protection of critical business secrets and intellectual property. Members are business managers, counter espionage and security experts, technical surveillance countermeasures (TSCM) experts, consultants, legal professionals and other professionals concerned with business espionage.

Many businesses now use information and intelligence in a legal and responsible manner to uncover what their competitors are doing, to compare themselves to other organisations and to make informed decisions. Unfortunately the evidence is piling up that more and more businesses make use of unethical and illegal means (espionage) to gather information about their competitors.

Most businesses are not equipped to prevent to prevent corporate espionage and need help. The purpose of BECSA is to provide help and solutions through research, the exchange of information about the threat that corporate espionage poses, countermeasures and solutions.

There are various opportunities for those interested in becoming involved to help the association grow. The privilege to meet with one's associates and to be able to have network conversations is a way of contributing and learning a great deal about business information protection issues.

BECSA plans to provide members with the opportunity to network through discussion circles, road shows, workshops association meetings and other events. BECSA has a dedicated portal for professional South African TSCM practitioners. BECSA members communicate via a LinkedIn group, case studies, presentations and interactive dialogue. It is an educational resource for its members and empowers them to conduct countermeasures successfully. BECSA has formed strategic partnerships with the Espionage Research Institute International (ERII) (USA) the Centre for Counterintelligence and Security Studies (CI Centre) (USA).