Leading Computer Security Experts to Gather in Dublin for Critical Discussions at World-Renowned Conference

Over 1,000 specialists representing six continents to participate in the Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams (FIRST) five-day program in Ireland

Google's Maddie Stone addresses the 0-day cyber-attack in-the-wild and how combating the unknown can help future online defense

Dublin, Ireland, June 20, 2022 – Global Incident response and security teams from across the world will gather in Ireland for the first time for the 34th Annual FIRST Conference, entitled 'Neart Le Chéile: Strength Together' in the Convention Centre, Dublin, from June 26 to July 1, 2022.

Over 1,000 people from six continents will participate, as the not-for-profit aims to deliver worldwide coordination and cooperation among computer security and incident response teams.

From Tonga to Tanzania, Greece to Guatemala, Australia to America, the participants from nearly 80 countries are the leading lights in their field. From governments, academia, and businesses, all have a critical agenda as cyber security issues continue to rapidly increase worldwide, and global coordination is now vital to make the internet safe for everyone.

Google's Maddie Stone delves into the unknown during the conference, focusing on 0-day exploits used in-the-wild. A security researcher on Google Project Zero, she will disclose crucial insights and learnings from previously detected 0-day attacks - which occur when a cyber attacker abuses a vulnerability that was totally unknown - to help delegates defend organisations and society in future incidents.

The five-day event will explore various themes with contributors from industry and academia, from notable organizations such as the World Economic Forum, National Police Agency from Japan, Amnesty International, the US Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, and the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity.

Other notable discussions on the agenda include the preparation for the Tokyo 2020 Games, prioritizing detection implementation with intelligence and ATT&CK, incident response investigations in the age of the Cloud, Ransomware – the new normal in cyber security, decoding the diversity discussions, stopping the Phish before it is even sent, analysis of the SolarWinds supply chain compromise, diving into the SMS PVA fraud and lessons learned from supporting national responses to COVID-19.

Chris Gibson, CEO, FIRST commented: "The conference program this year is both intuitive and timely, with our keynoters' covering topics across the full spectrum of computer security – from the practical to the emotional.

"As a membership organization, we work to ensure that our Annual Conference brings as much value as possible. Over the five days, our goal is to inspire and empower participants to take new thinking and tools back with them to their everyday roles as they continue to defend people across the globe against cyber-attacks."

Brian Honan, CEO, BH Consulting and FIRST Annual Conference Program Chair, added: "Dublin, and Ireland, is a perfect setting to host leading experts in this area with the cyber security sector on a significant growth trajectory on the island. The recent State of Cyber Security Sector in Ireland 2022 report states that by 2030 the industry will be worth €2.5 bn GVA – an increase of €1.4 bn from 2021 - employing over 17,000 people.

"This conference is critical for the global community of incident responders and security teams. After two years of pandemic uncertainty, we can all come together in person once more to tackle cyber security issues in a united fashion to create a fix and ensure organizations can continue to operate with limited disruption. Our theme, 'Neart Le Chéile: Strength Together', is exactly how we, as experts, will beat the criminals and keep people safe from cyber security attacks going forward."

Cyber specialists must work together to tackle online crime, as many instances do not occur in isolation, or just in one geographical area. FIRST provides the unique platform for everyone to unite and work towards a safer cyber community for all.

At the FIRST Conference participants will share goals, ideas, and information on how to improve global computer security, with delegates learning the latest security strategies in incident management, increasing their knowledge and technical insight about security problems and solutions, and gaining insights into analyzing network vulnerabilities.

Alongside numerous talks and panel discussions, the conference also features Lightning Talks, a Vendor Showcase and Exhibits, and networking opportunities. The full program can be accessed here https://www.first.org/conference/2022/program.

Featured sponsors of the 2022 event include: AWS, SentinelOne, Uptycs, ENISA, Torq, Palo Alto Networks, Tines, LinkedIn, Amazon, Ericsson, OTRS, Mandiant, Group-IB, Conceal, Joe Security, Fortinet, DomainTools, ThreatRay, Intezer, Recorded Future, Cybereason and Google.

Also in attendance are many exhibitors including Arctic Security, Bank of America, CTM360, Thinkst Canary, NRD Cyber Security, EclecticIQ, Intel 471, Semperis, VMRay, Quarkslab and Mitiga.

Complimentary media spaces are available at the conference, please contact us for further details and with any interview requests.

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For more information on the 34th Annual FIRST Conference in Dublin visit:
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About FIRST

FIRST aspires to bring together incident response and security teams from every country across the world to ensure a safe internet for all. Founded in 1990, the Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams (FIRST) consists of internet emergency response teams from over 600 corporations, government bodies, universities and other institutions across 100 countries in the Americas, Asia, Europe, Africa, and Oceania.

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