

Dates announced for 2019 Cyber Security Connect 2019

- Inaugural Cyber Security Connect UK Event Attracted Leading Figures from CISO Community
 - 2019 Event to take place from 13-15 November

London, 7th February 2019 –The inaugural <u>Cyber Security Connect UK</u>, which took place from 7th- 9th November in Monaco, attracted 180 senior security decision makers and 38 best-in-class security solutions and service providers for meetings and a full programme of workshops, roundtables and networking opportunities. **Following the success of the 2018 event, the organisers have confirmed that the 2019 event will take place from <u>13-15 November</u>.**

Cyber Security Connect UK was the first event of its kind for UK CISOs. It brought together leading figures from the industry for three days, providing opportunities for networking and one-on-one interactions with senior executives from the vendor community. It was organised by DG Consultants (co-ordinators of France's highly prestigious security event, Les Assises) and The Security Awareness Special Interest Group (SASIG).

The opening keynote was delivered by the deputy director from the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) who explained the work they are doing to protect the UK from cyber threats. This was followed by a lively <u>panel discussion</u> featuring speakers from the City of London Police, the Ministry of Defence, the Home Office and the National Policing Chiefs' Council. The programme featured a total of 46 round tables, workshops and conferences covering a wide range of topics and issues faced by security decision makers, from boardroom metrics to insider threats and equality, diversity and inclusion.

Keynote presentations were delivered by <u>Palo Alto</u> on how to disrupt the cybersecurity status quo and Anomali on the next evolution in defender techniques.

The event closed with a presentation from award winning documentary maker Paul Berriff on his first-hand experience of 9/11 in New York.

Aurore Domange, Event Director at DG Consultants comments: "Our aim with creating CSC UK was to shake up the existing conference format and deliver a personalised, high-quality experience for the British CISO community. The feedback we've had from attendees has demonstrated the value of providing space and opportunity for meaningful conversations about real issues that cyber security practitioners really care about."

She continues: "The reality is that CISOs don't get many opportunities to network with each other and discuss strategy with their peers and this is something we wanted to change. Plans are already underway for next year's event and we're looking forward to building on the success of this year at CSC UK 2019."

Martin Smith, Founder of SASIG and Chairman of Cyber Security Connect says: "I was so pleased to see how everyone threw themselves totally into the spirit of the event, engaging enthusiastically

with each other from the outset. The feedback we've had so far has been truly heart-warming, everyone from both sides of the vendor/user divide seemed delighted to be meeting as equals. I know a lot of new friendships have been made and a lot of trust established."

"Once the dust has settled, I think we will all come to realise more clearly just what an achievement this event actually was. To get so many senior professionals from both sides together for three days, to keep their attention, to create such a positive and productive camaraderie, all for the first time and then for there to be such a widespread consensus to do it all again – well, it was far more than I expected or could ever have hoped for. I do hope we've broken the conference mould but only time will tell."

Notes for Editors

- To see highlights from the 2018 event, please watch the movie of the event here
- To see testimonials from 2018's event go here:
 - Cyber Security Connect 2019 will take place from 13th 15th November.
 - For more details visit the website

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About DG Consultants:

Created in 1997, DG Consultants specialises in IT events, and is a subsidiary of COMEXPOSIUM, the European leader in event organisation. Every year, DG Consultants organises Les Assises de la Sécurité et des Systèmes d'Information, an event that has become the reference meeting point for the security community. The 2019 edition, which will be the nineteenth event, was held from 9 to 12 October at the Grimaldi Forum in Monaco. The event attracted 2,900 visitors, arranged 6,800 one-to-one meetings with senior security professionals and featured 160 partner companies.

About SASIG:

The Security Awareness Special Interest Group (SASIG) is a subscription-free, members networking forum, representing hundreds of organisations of all sizes from across the world and from all sectors, public and private.

SASIG has established itself as a leading and credible voice of the corporate sector in the great information assurance and cybersecurity debate. Its 3,400+ membership comprises CSOs, CISOs, SIROs, DSOs and their teams, and increasingly from other disciplines (HR, legal, supply), government and academia. The Chatham House Rule is strictly enforced and universally respected at the 35+ meetings that it runs each year, and vendors and the press are excluded.

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