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APWG and IEEE Partner for Electronic Crime Research Conference

IEEE Sponsorship of APWG eCrime Conference to 'Open Doors' for eCrime Researchers

PISCATAWAY, N.J., USA, 19 August 2008 - The APWG, a global, independent coalition combating electronic crime, and IEEE announced today that they will join forces for the development of the APWG e-Crime Researchers Summit (eCRS), the world's only peer-reviewed technical conference dedicated exclusively to electronic crime research.

This October, at the APWG's conference week in Atlanta, Georgia the IEEE, via its Standards Association, will join the eCRS as a 'Technical Sponsor' and begin laying the groundwork for the partnership to cultivate the eCRS, as well as the larger discipline of electronic crime studies. The collaboration will leverage the APWG's unique community of electronic crime experts and the IEEE's network of technical experts, as well as its global authority in standards development.

"There are many technology aspects of anti-phishing, including those surrounding shared data resources and data exchange formats for e-crime data repositories and alerting and coordination systems," said George Arnold, IEEE Standards Association President.

"As a global organization developing standards for wireless networking, communications and information assurance, coupled with a concern about the security of its members' and the public's electronic communications, it is fitting that IEEE is a technical sponsor of the APWG's e-Crime Researchers Summit. By our involvement, we

hope to open doors for those involved in the e-Crime research community to IEEE and to the technical expertise of its members," said Mr. Arnold.

APWG Deputy Secretary General and eCRS Director of Development Foy Shiver said, "The eCRS, developed in partnership of the APWG and IEEE, will attract and cultivate the most advanced research in electronic crime studies, enriching the research community in industry and academe and, at the same time, helping the IEEE forge and inform standards to help protect the Internet."

The APWG will hold its third annual eCRS, in partnership with IEEE, in Atlanta on 15 and 16 October, with researchers from universities and research institutions in Austria, the UK, Germany and the United States presenting papers on: engaging, detecting and neutralizing phishing attacks; remediating user behaviors that phishers exploit; automated phishing website detection; and phishing attacks against home router systems.

APWG Secretary General Peter Cassidy said, "It has been gratifying to see the researchers who've attended and presented at the eCrime conferences grow into a community of interest around this essential sub-genre of the information security disciplines. We have every confidence that developing the conference in collaboration with IEEE will help it achieve the global scope and technical depth that the eCRS and community forming around it deserves."

"This collaboration makes the most of both institutions' roles: APWG's brief to promote understanding of electronic crime and to organize responses to it – and IEEE's charter to foster technological innovation for the benefit of humanity. We are honored beyond words to work with IEEE to help to make the Internet a safer place," Mr. Cassidy said.

Initially, the eCRS was founded by APWG Secretary General Peter Cassidy as a venue for the wealth of basic research papers submitted for APWG's members' meetings by academic researchers that overwhelmed the capacity of those events. Since the first meeting in collaboration with the University of Central Florida in Orlando in 2006, the eCRS has earned distinction as the world's only peer-reviewed technical conference focusing exclusively on electronic crime research.

About the APWG:

The APWG, founded in 2003 as the Anti-Phishing Working Group, is an industry, law enforcement, and government coalition focused on eliminating the identity theft and fraud that result from the growing problem of phishing, email spoofing, and crimeware.

Membership is open to qualified financial institutions, online retailers, ISPs, the law enforcement community and solutions providers. There are more than 1,800 companies, government agencies and NGOs participating in the APWG and more than 3,200 members. The APWG's Web site (www.antiphishing.org) offers the public and industry information about phishing and email fraud, including identification and promotion of pragmatic technical solutions that provide immediate protection.

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