

APWG and IEEE Send Out Call For Papers for the Fourth Annual 2009 eCrime Researchers Summit

The world's only peer-reviewed conference dedicated exclusively to electronic crime research is renewing its call for papers to academic, governmental and industrial researchers worldwide for its eCrime conference

CAMBRIDGE, MA - The [APWG](#) and [IEEE](#) are inviting papers and research from electronic crime researchers for the fourth annual eCrime Researchers Summit (eCRS), the world's only peer-reviewed research conference dedicated to electronic crime research, scheduled to be held in Tacoma, WA on October 20 and 21 this year, in collaboration with the University of Washington, Tacoma.

The first submissions deadline has been extended. The full paper abstract registration deadline is to June 10, followed by the full paper submission deadline on June 15, 2009. Papers that are accepted for presentation will appear in the IEEE Digital Library. Cash awards will be given for the best paper overall and the best student co-authored paper. A limited number of cash travel awards will also be made to student authors of papers and posters through the APWG eCrime-Fighter Scholarship Program, funded each year by APWG industry and NGO members and research partners.

eCRS Chair Randal Vaughn said, "eCRS, which was founded four years ago by APWG and which marks its second year of IEEE Standards Group technical sponsorship, offers a unique opportunity for those in the academic, commercial, and government communities to collaborate towards improving each other's abilities to understand and counter the forces behind electronic crime."

Research papers are invited within a wide variety topic spaces joined by the common theme of investigating the criminological aspects of electronic security, including phishing, rogue anti-virus programs, crimeware, click-fraud, botnets, delivery techniques, detection avoidance, user interface design as well as forensic subjects such as electronic evidence handling.

The complete call-for-papers announcement can be viewed at:

<http://www.ecrimeresearch.org/2009/cfp.html>

"The IEEE-SA is pleased to be a technical sponsor of the APWG's e-Crime Researchers Summit," said Judith Gorman, managing director of the IEEE-SA. "As a global organization developing standards for wireless networking, communications and information assurance with a vast membership from a broad range of technology

sectors, the IEEE offers a unique environment to help support and cultivate advance research in electronic crime studies, as well future technology standardization. By our involvement, we hope to open doors for those involved in the e-Crime research community to IEEE."

"We've got a team of towering authorities in information security, privacy, and electronic crime to chair and staff our conference committees," said Foy Shiver, APWG Deputy Secretary General and Director of eCrime Researchers Summit Development. "Authors' exposure to these experts' opinions and direction will be of invaluable assistance to their research."

The Anti-Phishing Working Group eCrime Researchers Summit was conceived by APWG Secretary General Peter Cassidy in 2006 as a comprehensive venue for the presentation of the state-of-the-art basic and applied research into electronic crime, engaging every aspect of its development (technical, behavioral, social and legal) as well as technologies and techniques for its detection, related forensics and prevention.

Mr. Cassidy said, "the eCrime summit experience is rich in its subject matter and in the community of researchers and practitioners from industry and research centers that gathers every year to make it happen. The APWG is honored this year to be co-hosting this vital program with the IEEE and in collaboration with the University of Washington – Tacoma. Most gratifying for the APWG, however, is to see this program develop into a community of shared interests and, as importantly, shared organizing questions that cuts across industrial and academic boundaries."

Andrew L. Fry, Assistant Director of Industry Partners at University of Washington, Tacoma said, "Given the number of companies in the South Puget Sound that focus on data integrity and security it seems a natural fit to have Tacoma host this event. When you combine that with a NSA designated Center of Excellence in Cybersecurity and a University of Washington, Tacoma student organization, the Grey Hat Group, dedicated to cybersecurity and information assurance, you can imagine the excitement here to be part of the eCrime conference."

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About the IEEE

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The IEEE name was originally an acronym for the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. Today, the organization's scope of interest has expanded into so many related fields, that it is simply referred to by the letters I-E-E-E (pronounced Eye-triple-E).

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 identity theft and fraud resulting from the growing problem of phishing, e-mail spoofing, and crimeware. Membership, which exceeds 3,300 members, is open to qualified financial institutions, online retailers, Internet service providers (ISP), the law enforcement community, and researchers and solutions providers. More than 1,800 companies, law enforcement agencies, and government ministries worldwide are participating in the APWG. APWG's website (www.antiphishing.org) offers information to the public and industry about phishing and e-mail fraud, including identification and promotion of pragmatic technical solutions that provide immediate protection.