

Introduction to FIRST

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FIRST Steering Committee
Chair

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What is FIRST?

- **Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams**
- **Formed from early “CERT System” work at CMU’s CERT/CC started in 1989**
- **As we look at 20 years, much has changed**
 - “Hacking” wasn’t largely profit oriented
 - WWW didn’t exist
 - Phishing didn’t exist
- **But what is important has not**



FIRST Vision

FIRST is a premier organization and recognized global leader in incident response. Membership in FIRST enables incident response teams to more effectively respond to security incidents by providing access to best practices, tools, and trusted communication with member teams.



FIRST Mission

FIRST is an international confederation of trusted computer incident response teams who cooperatively handle computer security incidents and promote incident prevention programs.

- **FIRST members develop and share technical information, tools, methodologies, processes and best practices**
- **FIRST encourages and promotes the development of quality security products, policies & services**
- **FIRST develops and promulgates best computer security practices**
- **FIRST promotes the creation and expansion of Incident Response teams and membership from organizations from around the world**
- **FIRST members use their combined knowledge, skills and experience to promote a safer and more secure global electronic environment.**



FIRST Steering Committee

- **Derrick Scholl (Chairman)**
- **Chris Gibson (CFO)**
- **Pete Allor**
- **“Paco” Coll**
- **Yurie Ito**
- **Scott McIntyre**
- **Tom Mullen**
- **Lilliana Solha**
- **Ken van Wyk**
- **Arnold Yoon**



Membership Summary

- **FIRST currently has 191 members from around the world**
 - All continents except Antarctica
 - Growing steadily



Events

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2008 Events

Prague
Czech Republic
January 28-31, 2008

January 2008
FIRST Technical
Colloquium
+TF-CSIRT Meeting



Register Now!

Tokyo
Japan

March 2008
FIRST Technical
Colloquium

March 25-28, 2008



20th FIRST
ANNUAL Conference

VANCOUVER British Columbia
Canada June 22-27, 2008

Register now at <http://www.first.org/conference/2008>



FIRST Meetings

- **Annual Conferences**
 - ~300 – 400 attendees
 - Late June
 - Open Registration
- **Technical Colloquia**
 - May be large or small
 - Regional, National or International
 - Presentations and Hands On Training



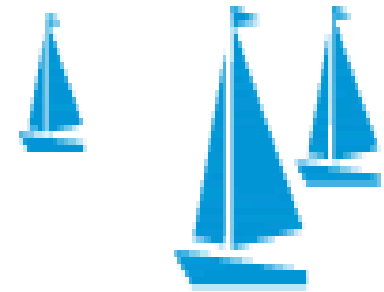
Upcoming Events

- **April 7 – 11 Steering Committee Meeting, Kyoto**
- **June 22-27, 2008 Annual Conference - Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada**
- **Sep – Nov. TCs in North and South America**
- **June 2009 – Annual Conference – Kyoto, Japan**



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- **Registration now open**
- **Early registration fee before 25 April**
- **Do not have to be a FIRST member to attend**



SIGs



FIRST SIGs

Special Interest Groups (SIGs):

- Abuse Handling (AH)
 - Artifact Analysis (AA)
 - Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS)
 - Internet Infrastructure Vendors (Vendor SIG)
 - Law Enforcement/CSIRT Cooperation (LECC)
 - Network Monitoring (NM)
 - CSIRT Metrics (Metrics)
- SIG Board Members: Jason Rafail, Cristine Hoepers, Carol Overes, Andrew Cormack, Scott McIntyre



Vendor SIG

- Vendors working together on security
- Current participants:

Alcatel
Apple
Aruba Networks
Axillance
Beeware
Cisco Systems
Ericsson
Force10 Networks
Hitachi
HP
IBM
Intel

Juniper
Microsoft
Mindjet
Motorola
NEC
Netasq
Nokia
Nortel
NTT
Oracle
RedHat

Ricoh USA
SAP
SGI
Skype
Sun Microsystems





CEP



Corporate Executive Programme (CEP)

- www.globalcep.com
- FIRST provided initial seed money of \$50,000 USD (~July 2005)
- Since then, the CEP has been self-funding
- January 2007 – Webex presentation (open to FIRST members)
- January 2007 – Recruiting event in London
- May 2007 – Annual meeting, Gleneagles, Scotland
- November 2007 – Regional meeting, Boston, USA
- January 2008 – Regional meeting, London



Liaison Efforts



FIRST reaching out

Presentations at the following conferences:

- **Second Training Conference of the G8, Rome Italy**
- **G8 Hi-Tech Crime Conference, Moscow, Russia**
- **1st meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) [WSIS], Athens, Greece**
- **APWG Fall General Meeting, Orlando, Florida, USA**
- **APWG eCrime Researchers Summit, Orlando, Florida, USA**
- **GOVCERT-NL**



What can I do?

- **Join FIRST!**
- **Attend the Annual Conference**
- **Join a SIG**



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