Second phase of CREST SOC Provider Accreditation has launched

Following extensive input from CREST members and the wider industry through workshops, webinars, interviews and onsite audits, the second phase of the CREST SOC Provider Accreditation scheme has now launched. This means following successful assessment, companies can now become CREST Accredited Members in the first of two types of SOC membership. The third and final phase is due to launch in June.

Details of the Phases

Phase 1:
This is the first part of the accreditation process and consists of an application form. The application form is available on the CREST membership portal. The cost for completing this is £750+VAT for new members and £500+VAT for existing members.

Since Phase 1 launch in November 2017 we have had a great reaction from the industry with over 20 companies applying in the first 3 months. We are hoping to be able to announce the first group of accredited companies shortly.

Phase 2:
This is the onsite audit and was introduced in January. This is conducted by a qualified auditor and will have to be completed within 6 months of completion of the application form. The audit fee is £1500+VAT per day, with the initial lasting 1.5 days and covering 1 SOC within scope. Each additional SOC to be included within the scope of accreditation will require a 1 day audit and this must be completed within 3 years of your successful accreditation. This allows the cost of accreditation to be spread, as well as for additional SOCs to be added at a later date.

The audit can only be booked once your successful application has been made.

Phase 3:
This is the Technical Assessment and is due to be launched on 1st June 2018.

Two levels of membership will be available
The first (Externally Validated) will be awarded on successful completion of both the application form and onsite audit.

The second (Technically Assessed) will be awarded on successful completion of the application form, onsite audit and technical assessment.

Following successful completion of each phase, companies will be added to the CREST website as detailed in the table below.

Please note you will only be listed on the CREST website for 6 months for Application Form only. Should the Onsite Audit not be completed successfully within 6 months your entry on the CREST website will be removed until successful completion of the Onsite Audit.

Key benefits of the CREST SOC Accreditation Scheme

- The scheme helps the buying community understand how SOCs work. The key criteria required in an effective service, in particular, helps the buying community differentiate the services provided.
• The scheme provides existing and potential CREST Members with a tangible differentiator to help them attract customers. It will also help promote CREST more broadly in the marketplace, both in the UK and internationally.

• The scheme will produce fresh and / or updated material that can be used to support regulators, government bodies and procurement specialists.

How to apply
To apply for SOC accreditation, please contact: newmembers@crest-approved.org

You will then be provided with login details to our membership portal. All applications must be made through the portal. Once you login you will be able to apply for the SOC accreditation, as well as all other CREST disciplines.

New CREST Approved Training Provider Scheme
CREST has launched a new Approved Training Provider Scheme. This means that training providers can now apply to become approved providers through the CREST portal. Once their policies and processes have been reviewed and approved they are then awarded CREST Approved Training Provider status and may submit their relevant training modules for approval.

For more information on the scheme and details on fees please contact samantha.alexander@crest-approved.org

CREST Chinese New Year Lunch in Singapore
Thank you to CREST Member Booz Allen Hamilton for hosting a very successful Chinese New Year Lunch in Singapore for the CREST members in the region.

CREST welcomes its 100th Corporate member
UK-based Sec Ops Ltd (Twisted Fish Ltd) has successfully passed the demanding assessment required to offer CREST accredited penetration testing services and also becomes CREST’s 100th member. CREST President, Ian Glover visited the company’s offices in Richmond to mark the occasion.
**UPDATES:**

CREST’s global membership increased by 43% over the last 12 months. This reflects growing international recognition for CREST accreditation and the need for organisations to have trust and confidence when purchasing penetration testing, cyber incident response and threat intelligence services.

“I am delighted that Sec Ops has achieved CREST membership, which recognises the company’s commitment to delivering the highest level of professional security services to its customers,” said Ian Glover, President of CREST. “Reaching our 100th company member is a major milestone for CREST. It demonstrates our commitment to small and large service suppliers as well as domestic and international markets and it is clear that the work we have done to structure and professionalise the industry in the UK and new global markets is making a real and tangible difference.”

As a CREST member company, Sec Ops offers a demonstrable level of assurance when providing its penetration testing services. All CREST members sign up to a strict and enforceable code of conduct and buyers can be confident that work will be carried out by competent experts with up to date skills and knowledge. All CREST members must also demonstrate that they have suitable policies, processes and procedures in place.

Ben Woodhouse, Managing Director at Security Operations (Sec-Ops) said: “We are thrilled to be awarded membership of CREST and to also find out we were the 100th member. Being part of an organisation that is so selective in its membership is a true reflection of the high standards imposed and enforced by Twisted Fish Group. The driving factor behind our application to CREST membership was to demonstrate to current and future customers that we take protection of their data seriously and that our standards are rigorous and robust. We are certain that having CREST accreditation will help us achieve some of our long term objectives and we all look forward to working with them.”

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**CREST Fellowship video**

A short video of the CREST Fellowship awards ceremony and dinner is available here: https://youtu.be/LudRqfJ5GH8

**CREST Academic Partnership**

CREST is looking to increase the engagement with its academic partnership programme. As part of this, we would like to know if any individuals at member companies would be happy to present guest lectures to students at CREST academic partner universities. This can be on any topics of interest or even be a demonstration. If you are interested, please contact Sam Morgan at sam@prpr.co.uk

We are also looking to get more academic partners signed up. If you have the details of anyone who may be interested in joining, please also contact sam@prpr.co.uk

For more information on the academic partnership visit http://www.crest-approved.org/wp-content/uploads/Academic-Partner-Program.pdf

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**Health Care Cyber Security Conference 2018, Liverpool**

CREST attended its first event of the year on 23rd January, exhibiting at ‘Healthcare Cybersecurity Conference: Protecting the NHS against cyberattacks’. The event, hosted at Anfield Stadium in Liverpool, was attended by healthcare IT decision makers and enabled us to promote the CREST brand to these individuals. We were encouraged to see many people had already heard of CREST and considered us when looking into security services. We also received great feedback on our research projects, in particular the gender diversity booklet.
**UPDATES:**

**CRESTCon 2018**

Year 6 of CRESTCon is being held on 3rd May 2018 at Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrews Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4LE. Agendas for streams 1 and 2 are now available to see on the website [http://www.crestandiisp.com/](http://www.crestandiisp.com/)

The nominated primary contacts at all Member companies should have all received details of how to book free/discounted tickets for the event. If you have not then please contact allie.andrews@crest-approved.org.

There has been a great response from sponsors and all the Early Bird packages have now been booked. A big thank you to the current sponsors and here’s to a great event.

**Additional Sponsorship**

- Post event drinks reception & garden party £3000
- Lunch £2500
- Coffee breaks (am & pm) £1500
- Delegate bags – Can either supply at own cost or provide artwork £2000
- Lanyards – Can either supply at own cost or provide artwork and £1500
- Pens and pads £1500
- Pocket guides £1000

To discuss the sponsorship packages available please contact either

Marc Callaway on 07836 381075 marc@crestandiisp.com
Debbie Jones on 07714 217624 debbie@prpr.co.uk

**44CON Call for Papers**

The 44CON Call For Papers has opened, with an announcement at [https://44con.com/2018/02/27/44con-2018-cfp-is-open/](https://44con.com/2018/02/27/44con-2018-cfp-is-open/). This is an excellent opportunity for CREST members to raise their profile in the broader industry and community. 44CON runs from the 12th-14th September 2018 at the London ILEC. They want deep technical talks and workshops around areas commonly researched by CREST members from exploitation to threat, DFIR, law, privacy and tooling. Over 500 people attend the 2.5 day event with a mix of decisionmakers, influencers and technical leads.

Submissions are accepted on the CFP system at [https://cfp.44con.com/](https://cfp.44con.com/) until the 30th of April. Some tips on getting your talk or workshop accepted can be found here [https://44con.com/2017/02/07/how-to-game-the-44con-cfp/](https://44con.com/2017/02/07/how-to-game-the-44con-cfp/).
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CREST Events:

**European Cyber Security Frameworks event – Frankfurt**

23rd March  
Mövenpick Hotel, Frankfurt City, Germany

CREST is bringing key stakeholders and leading industry experts together, including the ECB, GFMA and DNB Bank, in Frankfurt to share information about how cyber security frameworks are evolving across Europe. The threat to European financial services organisations from cyber related attacks grows year on year and although the industry has a relatively high level of cyber maturity, approaches for assuring resiliency of the sector globally are fragmented. It therefore makes sense to look at building frameworks and guidelines to deliver a more unified approach on an international scale.

**AGM**

The date of the next AGM is scheduled for 2nd May 2018 at the Royal College of Physicians.

**CRESTCon**

3rd May  
Royal College of Physicians, London

Now in its sixth year, CRESTCon and IISP Congress is a unique event that brings together leading technical and business information security professionals and is a key date in the industry calendar, attracting an impressive line-up of speakers and senior delegates. This year we also welcome the BCS Security Conference in a third stream at the event.

[www.crestandiisp.com](http://www.crestandiisp.com)

**Training Providers Event at CRESTCon**

There will be an opportunity for CREST Training Providers to be part of our new Training Theatre which will give you a chance to present information on the courses that you provide.

If you would like to take up this opportunity please contact [samantha.alexander@crest-approved.org](mailto:samantha.alexander@crest-approved.org)
CREST Webinars:

Webinars:

CREST has a BrightTalk channel for hosting webinars and other videos and we will be stepping up our program of webinars in 2018 globally. See https://www.brighttalk.com/channel/13519/crest.

If you are interested in presenting a technical webinar or would like us to host your content, then please submit your ideas for consideration to allie@crest-approved.org. We will promote, run and record on the CREST channel.
Industry Events:

**Infosecurity 2018 Middle East**

6-8 Mar
https://www.infosecurityme.com/

Infosecurity Middle East is the Gulf’s specialist event for securing vital government and critical business data against ever-growing cyber threats. Infosecurity Middle East, the regional edition of Infosecurity Europe and part of the global Infosecurity Group event series, provides matchmaking between specialised suppliers, technical prescribers and government buying entities.

CREST will be exhibiting and presenting at the event.

**Cloud Security Expo**

21-22 Mar
http://www.cloudexpo-europe.com/

Cloud Security Expo provides the tools, training & techniques to ensure companies are compliant and secure as they transition their business assets to the cloud. In attendance are the world’s leading cyber security vendors, the specialists securing infrastructures, networks, platforms, devices and applications to thousands of prospective customers who need their services and technologies to ensure they protect their cloud space from invaders!

CREST will be exhibiting and presenting at the event.

**CREST Member event: Are finance CISOs facing their ‘darkest hour’?**

22 March, Churchill War Rooms

Like Churchill in the recent film, CISOs in financial services face big challenges around customer security in banking. So to help address the issue, Churchill’s War Rooms are hosting a seminar featuring four speakers from 10x Banking, CREST, CallSign and Spirent to discuss the challenges, such as:

- What are the major cyber threats that banks face today?
- Is secure banking an unrealistic goal?
- How will banks combat the cybercrime of the future, while keeping the customer experience as friendly and simple as possible?

The seminar starts at 6pm on March 22, but if you can get there earlier you can join a private tour of the rooms. To apply for tickets, please visit http://bit.ly/2BHnzcR

Paul Midian from the CREST Executive will be speaking at this CREST Member event.

**Black Hat Asia (Singapore)**

22-23 Mar
https://www.blackhat.com/asia-18/

Black Hat is returning to Marina Bay Sands Singapore in 2018. The brightest in information security will come together for hands-on ‘Trainings’ taught by industry experts; cutting-edge research presented at ‘Briefings’; open-source tools in ‘Arsenal’; and the Business Hall featuring top-tier solutions and service providers.

CREST is supporting the event.
Industry Events:

**Cyber Security Manchester**

25-26 April  

The event showcases brand new exclusive content and senior level insights from across the industry, as well as unveiling the latest developments in IT. IP EXPO Manchester now incorporates six events under one roof including: Cloud & IoT, Cyber Security Manchester, Networks & Infrastructure, Data & Analytics, DevOps and AI.  

**CREST is supporting the event.**

**BSides Scotland**

27 Apr  
https://www.bsidesscotland.org.uk/

BSides is a community-driven framework for building events for information security community members. The goal is to expand the spectrum of conversation beyond the traditional confines of space and time.  

**CREST will be exhibiting and presenting at the event.**

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**HackNYC 2018**

7-10 May  

The recent flood of data breach news may numb us to the threat of attacks with kinetic effects—direct or indirect physical damage, injury, or death. Hack NYC focus’ on our preparation for, and resilience to, the genuine potential for Kinetic Cyber attack. Be part of defining solutions and illuminate risks aimed at Critical National Infrastructure:

- financial services (banking, clearing);
- security services (police, military electricity generation transmission and distribution);
- gas production, transport and distribution;
- oil and oil products production, transport and distribution;
- telecommunications;
- water supply (drinking water, waste water/sewage, stemming of surface water (e.g. dikes and sluices));
- agriculture, food production and distribution;
- heating (e.g. natural gas, fuel oil, district heating);
- public health (hospitals, ambulances);
- transportation systems (fuel supply, railway network, airports, harbors, inland shipping); The event is about sharing big ideas on how we will fortify our daily life and economic vitality. The threat of attack aimed at Critical National Infrastructure is real as services supporting our communities and businesses face common vulnerabilities and an unspoken kinetic threat.  

**CREST is supporting the event.**
Industry Events:

Cloud Expo Asia

16-17 May
http://www.cloudexpoasiahk.com/

Cloud Expo Asia is an unrivalled, multi-awarding winning event platform. For technology professionals it is a place to learn from world leading experts and source best-of-breed cloud technology and services. For technology vendors it offers 2 unmissable days of networking, lead and business generation.

CREST is supporting and Exhibiting at the event.

Infosecurity Europe (Olympia)

5-7 Jun
http://www.infosecurityeurope.com/

Infosecurity Europe (Infosec) is the region’s number one information security event featuring Europe’s largest and most comprehensive conference programme and over 400 exhibitors showcasing the most relevant information security solutions and products to over 19,500 information security professionals.

CREST is supporting and exhibiting at the event.

Geek Street at Infosecurity are still looking for great ideas to appear in Geek Street. If you are interested please see the link below.

http://www.infosecurityeurope.com/conference/call-for-papers-geek-street/

Commissioning Show

27 Jun
http://www.healthpluscare.co.uk/the-commissioning-show

Europe’s largest integrated health and social care event, building relationships between commissioners, providers and suppliers. Health+Care provides a platform for more than 10,000 senior health and social care professionals to come together to forge new partnerships and productive ways of working in challenging times.

CREST is supporting the event.

44CON 2018

12-14 Sept
ILEC Conference Centre

It will kick off on Wednesday 12th September at 6:30pm with our Community Evening. Entry to the Community Evening is free but you will have to register beforehand. Registration will open at 6pm.

CREST will be supporting, exhibiting and participating at the event.

IP EXPO Europe

3-4 Oct
http://www.ipexpoeurope.com/

The event showcases brand new exclusive content and senior level insights from across the industry, as well as unveiling the latest developments in IT. IP EXPO Europe now incorporates Cloud Europe, Cyber Security Europe, Networks & Infrastructure Europe, AI, Analytics & IOT Europe, DevOps Europe and Open Source Europe.

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