Our industry has seen significant growth in testing, threat intelligence and incident response again this year and I hope that CREST has both contributed to the growth in your businesses and have supported you effectively.

The CREST community has a moral and social responsibility to help protect businesses and individuals from those wishing to cause harm. Over the Christmas period vulnerable people will be targeted by criminals and businesses may be more vulnerable to attack as less people will be working to protect the business assets.

This could mean that many of you may be called upon to support individuals and companies who have suffered a breach over the Christmas period. The cyber security industry is fast becoming one of the emergency services. I hope that you are not called to help over the Christmas period; but if you are I would like to personally thank you for your commitment and support.

I’d like to wish all readers of Script a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. 2018 has been a great year for CREST as we develop our offering around the globe and continue to work with existing partners, regulators, governments and the industry on the cyber security challenges everyone is facing. One of the most pleasing aspects is how much new interest CREST is getting from every corner of the globe as cyber world realises the value CREST can bring to their region.

This is all very positive and offers a wealth of opportunity to existing member companies and is encouraging more companies to join the CREST family. By bringing together the best cyber companies from across the world under the CREST umbrella we really will collectively make a difference to the online safety of all society. So have a wonderful Christmas and New Year from all the CREST employees, executive, and assessors.
UPDATES:

**A Christmas and New Year message from Oliver Church, Member of the CREST Executive and Chair of CTIPs (CREST Threat Intelligence Professionals)**

During 2018, the cyber threat intelligence sector took a big step forward in the establishment of the CREST Threat Intelligence Professionals group (CTIPs). I am very pleased to be the first Chair of CTIPs, which has huge potential to further establish cyber threat intelligence as a vital component of all cyber security programmes globally. In order to achieve this, CTIPs will be doing all the great things that CREST does generally, with a focus on the cyber threat intelligence sector. It is still early days, but we are already working on projects to help develop cyber threat intelligence professionals’ career pathways (watch out for new cyber threat intelligence exams and accredited training providers), providing a body for sector-leading cyber threat intelligence companies (anticipate new CREST member companies) and communicating with both consumers and regulators on the benefits of a threat-led approach to cyber security.

Watch out for further communications on CTIPs in 2019, and in the meantime, Happy Christmas!

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**A Christmas and New Year message from Paul Midian, Chair of the Industry Advisory Group**

I could name any number of events this year to illustrate that securing our critical information is more important than ever before. However, I will choose one - the introduction of the EU General Data Protection Regulation. As it turned out the timing of its ‘go live’ was as near perfect as it could be; 2018 was the year that the potential for data to be both a force for good and a force for bad become crystal clear. Privacy was front page news. The abuse of personal data and the impact of social media were widely discussed; did it change the course of history? We will never know, but we can and must learn from our experiences as we hurl ourselves into the digital maelstrom. In our industry, we are in a position of significant influence and the implications of our decisions will reach further than ever before. It is for these reasons that CREST formed its Senior Advisory Panel in 2017; it is a group that I am proud to chair. This year my advisory panel colleagues have supported CREST in any number of ways - attendance at workshops, supporting with CREST research material, sitting on the panel at CRESTCon and more. For all of this I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks.

But back to where I came in, company boards are paying attention. If nothing else, the GDPR made that happen. We must advise them well. In the mean time I wish you a restful Christmas and a successful 2019.
Dear Cyber Friends:

For an institution like the CREST International and now expanded as CREST USA a 501(c)6 a registered not for profit, the holiday season is the perfect time to reflect on the last year, celebrate our success, and plan for the future. We take pride in the impact of our collective efforts on the lives of millions of people around the world, who are the ultimate beneficiaries of the critical discussions and actionable ideas that emanate out of CREST International shaping the industry since 2006. This has been quite an extraordinary year for USA Region. Together we have continued to raise visibility with national critical infrastructures about the value of CREST accreditation for the buyer. We have welcomed new service member companies into the association and implemented the first stage of our ambitious strategic plan. Collaboration with agencies and industry cyber security experts have assisted with hundreds of assessments, security operation centres and advancement in threat intelligence.

There is no doubt that software powers the world, but insecure software threatens safety, trust, and economic growth. CREST member companies and industry agree we are stronger together.

Cheers to a New Year - Tom Brennan
CREST Fellowship Awards Dinner

The 2018 CREST Fellowship Dinner took place on 22 November at The Tanner Warehouse in London. It was another great evening, giving colleagues and friends in the industry the opportunity to see the new Fellows receive their awards on stage and have a great social evening as well.

A highlights video of the event can be viewed here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ECM2Ix4y3zE

Save the date – The 2019 Fellowship ceremony and dinner will be on 14th November!
**UPDATES:**

**Infosecurity North America in New York, November 14-15 2018**

CREST attended Infosecurity North in November and had a successful event in furthering getting the CREST brand out into the US.

CREST would like to thank ‘enableit’; MWR and context for participating in the interactive area at the event.

CREST President, Ian Glover and Chair of CREST USA Advisory Group, Tom Brennan were there on both days. We look forward to discussing attending the event next year.

CREST CRT and CCT INF & APP exams took place at the event and newly trained assessor has been welcomed from one of member companies based in the US.

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**Book your exam in the US now!**

We now have a new NY assessor Ranulf Green from Context who is available w/c 28/1/19 to 1/2/19. There are limited places available so please book now by emailing Sally Fitzmaurice at exambookings@crest-approved.org to avoid disappointment.

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**Black Hat Europe, 5-6 December 2018**

Black Hat provides attendees with the very latest in research, development, and trends in Information Security. CREST exhibited in the Business hall; due to the excellent location of the stand at the front entrance, there was a constant flow of delegates over the 2 days. There was a lot of interest in CREST, particularly certifications.
UPDATES:

CREST CTIPs (Cyber Threat Intelligence Professionals) Drinks at Novotel, ExCel, London 5 Dec 2018.

The CTIPs group invited threat intelligence professionals and industry people along to a networking event after the 3rd day of Black Hat. This was an opportunity to let industry professionals know the great work CREST CTIPs are doing.

International Security Expo
28-29 November 2018 Olympia

Another busy event for CREST. International Security Expo was held again at Olympia, a good opportunity to get in front of government and regulators.

Cyber Security Summit and Expo
15 November 2018

Business Design Centre, London

Organised in association with HM Government, National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) and the National Crime Agency, the Cyber Security Summit and Expo is the UK’s largest one-day event dedicated to vital business cyber risk management and prevention. The event hosted cyber security and data protection experts sharing insights with senior business leaders, government policymakers and cyber security pioneers, including those responsible for critical national infrastructure. CREST’s own Oliver Church delivered a well attended presentation driving a lot of traffic to the CREST stand.
**CRESTCon 2019 early-bird sponsorship packages available now**

Only four special early bird packages remain. CREST members get an additional discount.

Here’s why you should sponsor:

- Unrivalled opportunity to meet high level influencers and decision makers from business, public sector and government
- Network with existing and potential clients and contacts from the information security industry
- Showcase your products, solutions and services
- Attend presentations from high level speakers in three streams
- Position your company as a leading industry player within the CREST and the wider cyber security community
- Benefit from PR and other marketing opportunities around the event and through the year
- Access to delegate names, job titles and companies
- Special event for platinum, gold and silver sponsors to meet cyber security graduates and post graduates

Contact debbie.Jones@crest-approved.org for package details.


**Call for Papers CRESTCon 2019**

The Call for Papers for CRESTCon 2019 is now officially closed. We have been delighted with the record number and the extremely high calibre of presentations that have been submitted for 2019. Those of you that have submitted papers this year will be notified shortly!

**Booking is open for CRESTCon 2019**

CRESTCon 2019 is on 14 March at Royal College of Physicians, London. You can book your place at https://crestcon2019.eventbrite.co.uk

CREST Member companies get two free tickets and additional tickets at 50% discount. Contact allie.andrews@crest-approved.org for details of how to book.

CRESTCon is now in its 9th year and is a key date in the industry calendar, attracting an impressive line-up of speakers and delegates from new entrants to senior penetration testers and CISOs. Presenting at CRESTCon gives you the chance to share your experience, skills and knowledge with over 400 senior delegates from the professional security industry.

For more information go to: www.crestcon.co.uk

Interviews with last year’s speakers can be found at: www.youtube.com/crestadvocate

**Talk at Canterbury Christchurch**

Canterbury Christchurch is looking for a CREST member to provide ‘a Master Talk about SMEs and Cybersecurity, Cyber Essentials and compliance’. This would ideally be done in the last week of January 2019.

If interested please contact: sam.morgan@crest-approved.org This is first come first serve.
UPDATES:

IISP annual survey

The IISP run a survey on the State of the Profession every year. We would like to encourage as wide a take up as possible, both within the UK and internationally. It doesn’t take long to complete and can be accessed via this link The Cyber Security Profession 2018 and 2019. Please just take a few moments to complete as the gathering of this information is very important.

CREST Webinars and ‘Day in the Life’ Videos

We have been looking at ways to increase the amount of contributed Member content on our YouTube channel and are offering to record offline webinars on relevant topics that we will edit, post and promote. We will also record ‘day in the life’ videos and other video content through the webinar facility with Member companies for the YouTube channel. Just contact allie.andrews@crest-approved.org. We will either come to your offices or it can be arranged remotely.
CREST Diary:

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CREST Events:

**CREST Workshops**

- Vulnerability Assessment workshop
  - UK – Q1 TBC
- Vulnerability Assessment workshop
  - Singapore – Q1 TBC
- Responsible Reporting
- Bug Bounty 2

ICS

- Incident Response workshop – to update CREST research documents
- NCA/Prevent report update
- Social Engineering
- Neurodiversity (to include dyslexia/ dyspraxia)
- Diversity day

If you are interested in providing a venue for any of these workshops please contact sarah.cox@crest-approved.org

**Online EGM**

30 January 2pm

Members only, CREST will be holding an Extraordinary General Meeting on 30 January 2019 at 14:00 GMT to approve changes to the CREST (GB) Articles of Association. Eligible members have been sent the formal Notice of Meeting and supporting documents.

The proposed changes will see an increase in the number of elected seats on the CREST (GB) Ltd Executive. The Purpose of the Special Resolutions attached to this email outlines the detail and background to the proposed changes.

For information on how to register contact allie.andrews.crest-approved.org

**CRESTCon**

14 March 2019,
Registration from 8.45,
Royal College of Physicians

CREST’s annual conference. For more information go to www.crestcon.co.uk

**CREST GCC Stakeholder Event in partnership with DiT**

14 March 2019,
Registration from 8.45,
Royal College of Physicians

More information to follow.

**CREST event in Dubai**

Please contact debbie.jones@crest-approved.org to be kept up to date. This event is being organised now and is in partnership with DiT.

**CREST Fellowship Award and Dinner**

14th Nov 2019
Tanner Warehouse, London
3rd Annual CREST Fellowship Awards and Dinner.

**CTIPs Conference**
Industry Events:

We are currently finalising the industry 2019 program and partnerships. We are also interested in Member opinion on the events CREST should attend. A survey will be sent to you all soon. In the meantime any feedback is welcome.

CREST at Counter Fraud Conference

CREST is delighted to be supporting and will be exhibiting at the 9th annual Counter Fraud conference on 13th February 2019. The conference is taking place in the QEII Centre at the heart of Westminster in London, and is in collaboration with the Cabinet Office, CIPFA Counter Fraud Centre, National Crime Agency and the City of London Police. For more information go to: http://email.fraudanderror.co.uk/c/1es3CIdXFOc71Aw13WI1QE