

SC Most Influential 2010 Showcases Commitment to Wider Information Security Arena

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Oct.25, 2010 – Ten information security professionals, all having a significant impact on the advancement of good security, were honoured today in the announcement of the inaugural list of the SC Most Influential in the United Kingdom for 2010. This new program launched this year by SC magazine, with the support of (ISC)2® (“ISC-squared”), the world’s largest information security (<http://www.isc2.org>) professional body and administrators of the CISSP®, salutes effort rather than notoriety or the size of the security organisation. This group is recognised for reaching out to new audiences including small businesses and young people, promoting cross sector co-operation, and enhancing information security best practice.

Stephen Bonner, managing director, information risk management, Barclays was selected as the most influential for this year. He is noted for his business-led information risk approach at work, and is also credited to have helped form the Privacy Consortium, is involved in the UK Cybersecurity Challenge aimed at attracting young people to the profession, and is active with the White Hat Committee in support of NSPCC Childline.

“The judges were looking for people who were committed to more than just doing their job. These are people that both in the commission of their jobs and beyond have demonstrated a passion for what they are working to accomplish,” says Paul Fisher, UK Editor SC Magazine and one of four judges of the SC Most Influential.

As the research collaborator for this new award, (ISC)2 undertook a project to survey certified professionals on their opinion of what ‘Most Influential’ means to the information security community. The results revealed that professionals value not just the seniority and stature of an individual, but also a track record for delivering results, enabling business development and/or promoting security both internally and in efforts outside the organisation. The professional community was then invited to nominate candidates against the qualifying criteria: effectiveness, professionalism, leadership and management. Entries were scrutinised against this criteria by four active members of the security community: Paul Fisher, UK editor SC Magazine, John Colley, managing director EMEA, (ISC)2; John Madelin, committee member RSA Conference Europe, and Professor Fred Piper, director of the Royal Holloway Information Security Group.

“This was quite an enlightening exercise. While some of the nominees were quite recognisable, it has become clear that the information security industry has many unsung heroes who are having a significant impact on our sector. This programme is a unique opportunity to recognise them as well as their efforts,” says John Colley, CISSP, managing director EMEA, (ISC)2.

The SC Most Influential ranked in order for 2010 includes:

- 1/ Stephen Bonner, managing director, information risk management, Barclays
- 2/ Colin Whittaker, vice president payment system risk, Visa Europe
- 3/ Ray Stanton, global head of business continuity, security and governance, BT

- 4/ Neira Jones, head of payment security, global payment acceptance, Barclaycard
- 5/ Dr. Robert Nowill, director security consulting and information assurance, BT
- 6/ Dr. Robert Coles, CISO/head of risk and security, National Grid
- 7/ Martyn Croft, chief information officer, Salvation Army
- 8/ Paul Wood, MBE, group chief security officer/group business protection officer, Aviva
- 9/ Eamonn McCoy, senior information risk manager, Barclaycard Global Chief Operating Office
- 10/ Gerhard Knecht, head of global security services and compliance, Unisys

For more details, a full review of the SC Most Influential and their contributions to information security was published today in the November/December issue of SC Magazine.

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