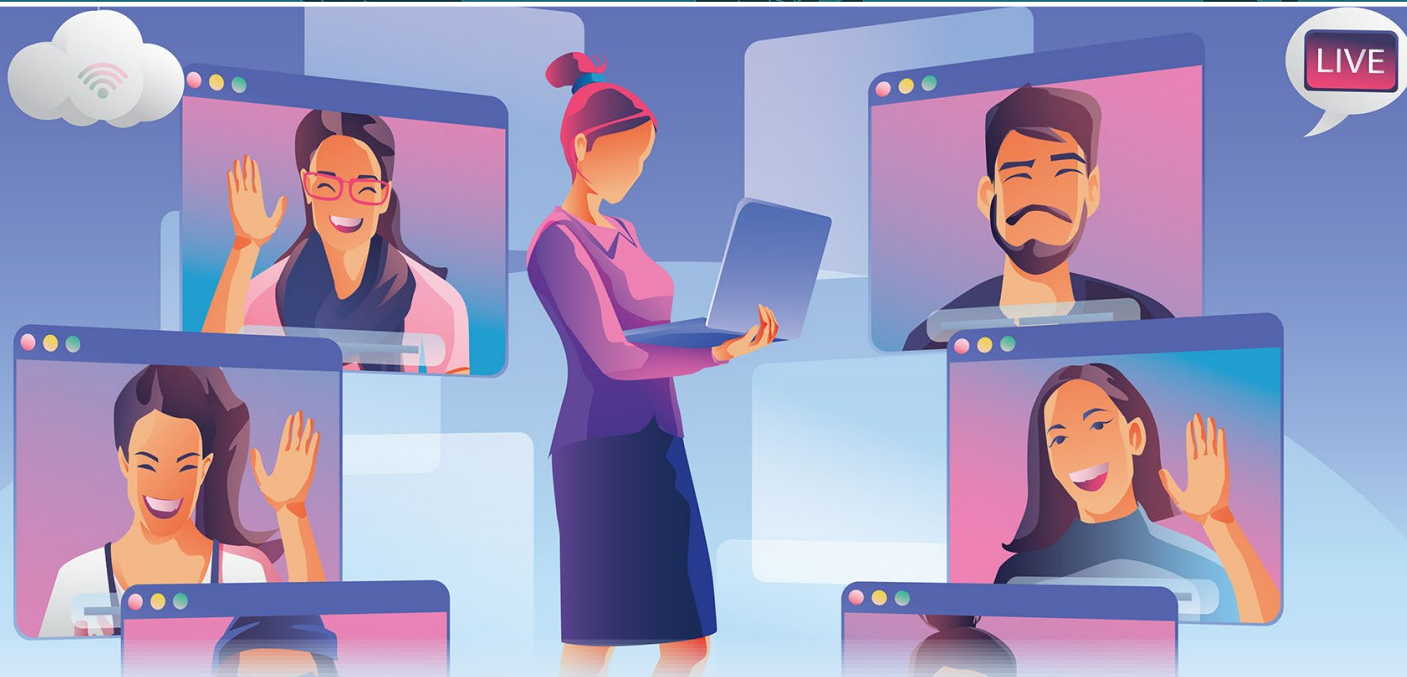


# FIRST POST

Bringing together Security and Incident Response teams from around the globe.



## Did you miss our Virtual 33rd FIRST Annual Conference?

### Watch it on YouTube!

This year's virtual 33rd FIRST Annual Conference attracted an aggregated online audience of 10,000. On June 7 to 9, 2021, international experts came together and shared their perspectives and experiences with a global audience of incident responders and security teams through presentations, panels, and Q&A sessions.

We designed the conference program, themed Crossing Uncertain Times, to be of value to incident responders and security teams of all levels of expertise. Highlights included a keynote by Steven Adair of Volexity - 'An Unauthorized Exchange - From Targeted Espionage to the Global Cyber Pandemic,' 'Defense Through Invisibility: Zero Trust Security for the Enterprise' by Jason Garbis, Author and Senior VP at Appgate, and 'Gaining CISO Support and Improving

Security Operations Situational Awareness with Threat Briefings' by Angela Wu of VMware.

If you missed the conference, you can still watch sessions on our [website](#) or our [YouTube channel](#).

"This challenging and experimental year turned out to be a successful collaborative experience. The FIRST community came together to hear diverse and excellent content from peers and engage with friends, old and new. I believe this learning experience will enhance future conferences, even as we restart in-person events, to continue growing this diverse and highly engaging community," said Natsuko Inui of FS-ISAC and the 2021 Conference Program Chair.

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In addition to the conference viewers, nearly 1,000 people from almost 90 countries worldwide registered for our co-current social engagement platform, WorkAdventure, which provided an entertaining substitute for our in-person networking that makes our live annual conferences popular. The 2D social networking platform allowed participants to connect in real-time, interact with conference speakers, compete in the annual FIRST Capture the Flag competition and meet with event sponsors.

We would like to thank our sponsors who made this conference possible: Cisco, Ericsson, Facebook, Microsoft, OTRS, Rapid7, Secureworks, Team Cymru, and VirusTotal (part of Google Cloud). FIRST would also like to recognize its Champion Sponsors CIRCL.LU, Hitachi, and Open Systems within WorkAdventure.

We look forward to welcoming you to the, hopefully in-person, 34th FIRST Annual Conference next year in Dublin from June 26 to July 1 2022.



## ICASI integrates into FIRST PSIRT SIG, bolstering the incident response and security team industry

ICASI, the Industry Consortium for Advancement of Security on the Internet, was officially integrated into FIRST on May 28, 2021. Established in 2008, ICASI's purpose was to strengthen the global security landscape by driving excellence and innovation in security response practices, facilitating collaboration among members to analyze, mitigate, and resolve multi-stakeholder, global security challenges.

This important role will continue as part of the existing FIRST PSIRT SIG, expanding and improving the community's ability to respond to vulnerabilities across multiple vendors.

Pete Allor, Co-Chair of the PSIRT SIG says: "It's great to have ICASI as part of the FIRST community as we can expand our coordinated response to vulnerability issues affecting components across multiple vendors affecting many ecosystems. We look forward to defining and expanding our Incident Response best practices and collective response for use globally."

For more than ten years, ICASI has led the way in advancing multi-vendor coordinated vulnerability disclosure, introducing the Common Vulnerability Reporting Framework (CVRF) standard, developing the

principles of a Unified Security Incident Response Plan (USIRP), helping to create the Guidelines and Practices for Multi-Party Vulnerability Coordination and Disclosure, and modeling a trusted group of industry leaders that successfully coordinated multi-vendor responses to numerous security incidents. ICASI will dissolve as an independent organization and transfer its assets to FIRST to continue these successes and secure broader participation across the global community.

Klee Michaelis, Chair of ICASI says: "ICASI and FIRST have enjoyed a close relationship with members of ICASI already participating in FIRST activities, working together on advancing vulnerability management and coordinated disclosure. Closely aligning the knowledge and experience of ICASI with the FIRST community will enable the continued evolution of vulnerability disclosure."

**"We are really pleased to have ICASI become part of FIRST. This development strengthens our services and capabilities and enhances the incident response industry as a whole."**

**FIRST Board Member Shawn Richardson**

# FIRST Welcomes a new Chair and Five New Board of Directors



Please give a warm welcome to our new chair, Dave Schwartzburg, Information Security Architect from Cisco, who has 18 years of experience working in the cybersecurity industry. For the last three years, Dave has also been a FIRST Board Member. Dave succeeds Serge Droz, who served as the Chair of FIRST for the past two years. In addition, Alexander Jäger, Senior Security Engineer of Google, continues his role as Chief Financial Officer at FIRST.

"I am tremendously honored to be elected as the next Chair of the FIRST Board of Directors. FIRST is an organization that I am proud to have been a part of and invested in for many years. I believe deeply in our vision and mission, and I am incredibly proud of how well we have responded as an organization to the challenges of the past few years. I look forward to the many opportunities we have in front of us to continue to grow and advance FIRST in a way that benefits our members and the global security community."

**Dave Schwartzburg, Chair**

FIRST have also appointed five new Board of Directors with terms running until 2023:



## **Tracy Bills - Sr. Cybersecurity Operations Researcher, CERT/CC**

Tracy A. Bills is a Sr. Cybersecurity Operations Researcher at the CERT Division of Carnegie Mellon's Software Engineering Institute, where her primary focus is on international cybersecurity capacity building. Tracy assists both public and private security operations centers (SOCs), computer security incident response teams (CSIRTs), and cybersecurity coordination centers to develop, implement, and refine effective processes.



## **Michael Hausding - Competence Lead DNS & Domain Abuse, SWITCH-CERT**

Michael Hausding works for SWITCH, the Swiss NREN and ccTLD for .ch. Michael holds a master's in computer science from the University Darmstadt, a MAS in management, technology, and economics from the ETH Zürich, and a Diploma in Contemporary Diplomacy from the University of Malta.



**Dr. Sherif Hashem - Visiting Computer Science Professor,  
SUNY Polytechnic Institute-USA**

Dr. Hashem led key national cybersecurity efforts in Egypt, especially establishing EG-CERT (2009) and drafting Egypt's first National Cybersecurity Strategy (2017). Dr. Hashem was a member of the UN GGE (2012-13) and the Chairman of the ITU's CWG on Child on Line Protection (2010-17). He has spoken at several international events within the UN, ITU, African Union, OIC, OECD, OSCE, and the League of Arab States.



**Mona Elisabeth Østvang - Security Researcher, mnemonic**

Mona has several years of experience in security consulting and has been responsible for incident response in numerous large and complex security incidents. Mona has been involved in FIRST for over ten years.



**Yukako Uchida - Manager Global Coordination Division,  
JPCERT/CC**

Yuka joined JPCERT/CC in 2013 and has dedicated herself to global CSIRT engagement, especially as Secretariat for APCERT (Asia Pacific Computer Emergency Response Team). She also contributes to JPCERT/CC's [blog](#) as an author and translator.

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“With the completion of the 2021 FIRST AGM, we have now welcomed five new members to the Board of Directors. We were fortunate to have an excellent ballot of talented and qualified candidates vying for these positions. I am encouraged by the passion and excitement of the board and look forward to how we will respond and come together to drive the strategic priorities of the organization,” added Dave.

These new Board of Directors will join the existing Board of Directors; Javier Berciano of Citrix, Serge Droz of Proton Technologies AG, and Shawn Richardson of Nvidia, whose terms will continue until 2022.

Our Board of Directors is a group of individuals responsible for general operating policy, procedures, and related matters affecting the FIRST.Org, Inc. corporation. They are appointed through a thorough nomination process at the Annual General Meeting. You can find a complete list of board members [here](#).

# FIRST publishes its fifth Annual Report

Our fifth Annual Report is now available to read. You will find details of the projects we delivered in 2020-2021 to fulfill our vision of bringing together incident response and security teams from every country worldwide to ensure a safe internet for all.

The Annual Report contains details of the projects that aim to fulfill FIRST's vision, including outreach, events, standards, special interest groups, training and education, policy and governance, marketing and PR, and diversity and inclusion. It also contains the organization's financials for the past year.



Serge Droz, former Chair of FIRST, said: "The past year has been difficult for everyone. The global pandemic resulted in incident responders working, mostly from home, sometimes struggling with the anxiety of the pandemic while at the same time fighting an increasing number of criminals who were attacking an already strained resource. Our staff and volunteers adapted to the new conditions at FIRST by delivering several virtual events and initiatives to replace our in-person events, while also maintaining business as usual for our other key activities. This also created new opportunities for people to engage that would previously not attend in-person meetings, helping us reach our goal of being inclusive and global. We also launched a new code of ethics for incident response and security teams and increased our focus on diversity and inclusion in the industry."

The report is available at [FIRST Annual Report 2020-2021](#).



# A new fellowship team joins FIRST - Malawi CERT

MwCERT started with a small team in 2018 and has been slowly growing in size since then. MwCERT was established according to section 6 of the Electronic Transaction and Cyber Security Act (2016) of the laws of Malawi to take charge of critical Information Infrastructure Protection actions and serve as a base for national coordination to respond to cybersecurity threats.

The organization aims to be the trusted cybersecurity emergency response team that makes Malawi and the world a safe cyberspace. Its mission is to provide a comprehensive set of responses to cybersecurity threats and vulnerabilities through national coordination with all stakeholders to effectively respond and prevent cybersecurity incidents for critical infrastructures and other systems of national interest.

The mwCERT team is honored to have been awarded the Suguru Yamaguchi Fellowship Program. As a new entity, the MwCERT is still in its early stages of implementing its duties to the Malawi nation and the world.

Christopher Banda, Manager for MwCERT “I would like to thank FIRST for the fellowship as it will impact and advance our cybersecurity knowledge, experience and networking with members which will help to ensure the effective and efficient execution of our mandate”.

MwCERT TEAM



# Jeffrey Carpenter and Dan Kaminsky newly inducted into FIRST's Incident Response Hall of Fame

Jeffrey Carpenter and (posthumously) Dan Kaminsky are this year's new inductees of FIRST's Incident Response Hall of Fame. Hall of Fame nominations come from past inductees; members of the FIRST Board of directors; every representative, secondary representative of a team member; and FIRST liaison members and Individuals in the Incident Response community.



Jeffrey Carpenter has dedicated more than 30 years to improving the state of information security. In 1995, Jeffrey joined the CERT® Coordination Center, at Carnegie Mellon University's Software Engineering Institute, initially as an incident response analyst, then five years later managing more than 50 technical individuals. He was instrumental in helping the U.S. Department of Defence and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security create teams to exchange incident information and indicators between government and critical infrastructure organizations. He also worked closely with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on the formation of US-CERT, the national computer security incident response team (CSIRT) for the United States.

Jeffrey helped many other governments and regional organizations around the world establish national incident response capabilities. He founded a successful annual conference for technical staff working for CSIRTs with national responsibility to promote collaboration among these organizations.

Jeffrey's active involvement in the incident response community over the years has included presenting in various forums and serving on Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams (FIRST) committees and working groups. Jeffrey currently is the Secureworks Senior Director of Incident Response Consulting and Threat Intelligence.

*"I am humbled by this honor. This recognition also reflects the efforts of my former colleagues at the CERT Coordination Center to advance the incident response community, for I could not have had any success without them. In addition, it is a privilege to be inducted with my friend Dan Kaminsky, whose work in incident response and product security impacted so many people. We miss him dearly."*

**Jeffrey Carpenter**

Dan Kaminsky (1979 – 2021) was a noted American security researcher - best known for his work finding a critical flaw in the Internet's Domain Name System (DNS) and leading what became the largest synchronized fix to the Internet infrastructure of all time in 2008. He was also known for being a great human - helping colleagues, friends, and community members attend events, working on many health apps, assisting color-blind people, hearing aid technology and telemedicine, and fighting as a privacy rights advocate. His ethos was to do things because they were the right thing to do, not because they would elicit financial gain.



Dan was co-founder and chief scientist of WhiteOps (recently renamed Human) and spent his career advising several Fortune 500 companies such as Cisco, Avaya, and Microsoft on their cybersecurity. In addition, Dan spent three years working with Microsoft on their Vista, Server 2008, and Windows 7 releases.

Many FIRST members are aware of Dan - some had the privilege of meeting and working with him. All of us will miss him and the energy, creativity, curiosity, and, above all, the fun he brought to our world.

The New York Times labeled him an "Internet security savior" - an honorific too often given but, in this case, very well deserved.

Jeffrey and Dan join past inductees Ian Cook, Don Stikvoort, and Klaus-Peter Kossakowski.

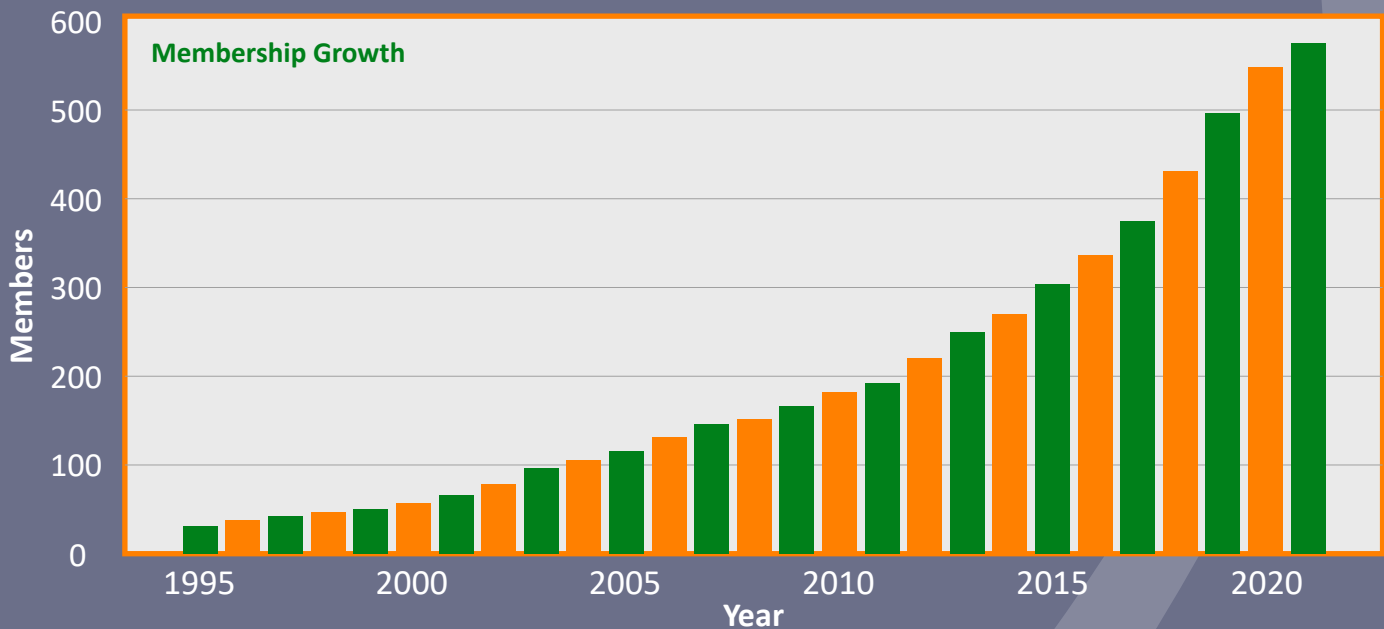
**"Dan's impact and influence in our industry were enormous. His work in 2008, working on one of the largest multi-vendor, multi-stakeholder vulnerability disclosures, continues to influence how these are handled today. His work since has helped us all improve our world. People like Dan are an inspiration to all of us, and it is our honor to have him join our Incident Hall of Fame."**

**Chris Gibson, CEO & Executive Director, FIRST**





# FIRST membership continues to grow - we're now at 575 members from 98 countries



Please join us in congratulating all of our new members.

## March 2021

- Jesse Bowling (Liaison), US sponsored by Duke
- Erin Burns (Liaison), GB sponsored by CERT.LV
- Ken Lee (Liaison), TW sponsored by Panasonic
- NTU CSIRT, SG sponsored by SingCERT and NUSCERT
- DSOC-CERT, GT sponsored by Jacksecurity and Blue Hat CERT
- CSIRT-MOC Newnet, CO sponsored by CSIRT Olimpia and GammaCSOC CSIRT
- Intec-CSIRT, ES sponsored by eSCERT-UPC and INCIBE-CERT
- NFCU-CSOC, US sponsored by LM-CIRT and BAH-CIRT
- LMPS CERT, MA sponsored by CSIRT.TN and ODDO BHF CSIRT

## April 2021

- Viettel Cyber Security, VN sponsored by Team Cymru and VNCERT
- CSIRT - SPCSS, CZ sponsored by CSIRT.CZ and CIRCL
- YKB-CERT, TR sponsored by Turkcell CDC and KraftCERT
- RTSCERT, RU sponsored by KZ-FinCERT and Financial CERT
- VINCI-CERT, FR sponsored by CERT-BDF and Cert-IST
- TIC DEFENSE CERT Espana, ES sponsored by TIC Defense CERT (Mexico) and TIC Defense Peru and CERT CyberSeg
- NEDigital Incident Response Team, SG sponsored by SingCERT and SG-GITSIR

## May 2021

- Jay Jacobs (Liaison), US-sponsored by Juniper SIRT
- Sasha Romanosky (Liaison), US-sponsored by Juniper SIRT

- LinkedIn SEEK Team, US sponsored by Cisco and SAP Cybersecurity
- CERT-GH, GH sponsored by CERT/CC and CERT-MU
- CERT-DFi, CH sponsored by SWITCH-CERT and CERT-Post
- CSIRT-CDC-Falabella Corp, CL sponsored by Novared and Intel

## June 2021

- Peter Lowe (Liaison), MT sponsored by Cisco Systems
- John Kristoff (Liaison), US sponsored by Cisco Systems
- Yevgen Goncharuk (Liaison), PT sponsored by RCTS CERT
- Comcast, US-sponsored by CrowdStrike and NBCU-ISRT
- Rakuten Mobile (RM-CSIRT), JP sponsored by Rakuten CERT and JPCERT/CC
- Rakuten Fintech (RFT-CSIRT), JP sponsored by Rakuten CERT and JPCERT/CC
- BrightwayCERT, FR sponsored by CSIRT.TN and ODDO BHF CSIRT
- Jet CSIRT, RU sponsored by BI.ZONE-CERT and FortiGuard
- SEIDOR CSIRT, ES sponsored by RedIRIS and CaixaBank
- Secure&IT CSIRT, ES sponsored by BCSC and RedIRIS
- CyNet-CSIRT, CY sponsored by CNCS/CERT.PT and CSIRT.CY
- SecurityFirst-CERT, SV sponsored by CERT Cyberseg and TIC Defense Peru-CERT
- Recorded Future CSIRT, US sponsored by Cisco Systems and Proton-CERT

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Remember to follow us on our social media channels Facebook,  
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