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### Cybersecurity and privacy for virtual working processes

For legal firms, remote and hybrid working is here to stay. Are we really ready?



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## Costs versus risks – a difficult conversation?

In its annual top-100 survey, PwC said 90% were “extremely or somewhat concerned” about the impact of cyber threats on their ability to achieve their ambitions over the next 12 months, even though only 4% had experienced a ransomware attack – the commonest attack type – and none of the firms involved were in the top 50.

In three-quarters of cases, cyber-attacks were the result of “unintentional actions taken by staff” rather than “malicious actions by staff” (2%). In almost all the other cases, firms said they did not know what caused the attack.

“The increase in remote working as a result of Covid-19 has made it increasingly complex to understand which employees pose an enhanced threat,” PwC said. “Law firm cyber leaders should gain a better understanding of human behaviour demonstrated by their employees to make a difference to security culture.”

Most law firms will have had some level of remote working before the pandemic and many say that after the initial shock of extreme lockdowns the adaptations they required to security processes were reasonably straightforward and have

been implemented. But as we move into a period in which a significant proportion of employees prefer to work at least partly at home, is it really true that inherent cybersecurity risk has stayed the same?

At the same time though, the PwC report incidentally highlights the relatively low level of realised cyber-risk relative to the fear of attack. This gap creates a difficult problem for senior management. A recently revealed cyberattack on the UK’s Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) cost £467,325.60 for “business analyst and technical architect support to analyse an authority cyber security incident” that concluded January 12 2022.

For most organisations spending that amount of money on one incident would be at best annoying and at worst unaffordable, particularly if they were already paying for a security stack, external pen testing, consultancy and everything else that goes with maintaining effective cybersecurity.

**So if law firms are avoiding material attacks with current levels of spending, what is the evidence that they need to do more?**

**Securing the Law Firm will look at how we all need a new kind of security. Join our real-life case studies and in-depth technical sessions from the security and privacy teams at some of the world’s most admired brands.**

## Key Themes

### Digging deeper into hybrid workplace security

Are we getting complacent about mobile and remote workers? Remote employees use more devices in more places compared to their in-office counterparts. They use new tools that enable them to work from anywhere at any time. Security risks have risen. **So how can CISOs prove that they are on top of those risks?**

### Behavioural analytics

If single point solutions are not the answer, then how about a holistic approach? Instead of treating every threat type and actor or network anomaly as a separate variable or alert, step back and look at the whole landscape and apply behavioural analytics. **Is this a viable methodology?**

### From threat/security to risk/resilience

If we start with real business risks, then not only do we get real engagement from the business and the Board, we create a framework for prioritizing cybersecurity, resilience, incident response and BCP spend. We avoid an endless race to build and rebuild solution stacks. **What does resilience really look like?**

### Building better Cloud security

Migrating to the cloud is a priority. But, if not properly managed, cloud migrations result in extra complexity and risk. So how can firms efficiently assess cloud readiness, plan and execute migrations and establish comprehensive cloud governance? **Can you help companies transition smoothly and securely to the Cloud?**

### Is ransomware the canary in the coal mine?

Ransomware tests every part of your cybersecurity infrastructure from awareness to endpoint protection to patching to phishing defences. Some attacks are sophisticated, but most rely on traditional methods and vectors. So why is it so hard to beat them? **Is AI or zero trust or something else the answer?**

### Can zero trust be done?

Zero Trust / ZTNA / SASE – they promise solutions to key problems faced by CISOs today. But how realistic are they? Do they take into account existing legacy technology and the ways in which real companies actually do business day-to-day? **Can you explain how a real-world implementation works?**



# We deliver your message direct to decision-makers



## Plenary Speakers

The e-Crime Congress Series events offer sponsors the opportunity to deliver content in a number of different ways.

Plenary speakers **deliver their presentations on the day of the event from a fully featured AV stage to a face-to-face audience.**

Their presentations can contain slides, video and audio and speakers can deliver their speeches from the podium or from any point on the stage.

Plenary presentations are 20 minutes long and take place in the main event auditorium guaranteeing access to the largest possible audience of cybersecurity professionals on the day.

**Presentations are generally designed to be informative, topical and actionable, with the use of case studies and up-to-the-minute references to current developments.**

Double-handed talks with clients are also welcomed.



## Education Seminars

At pre-defined points in the day, attendees will be notified that the main plenary sessions are making way for a series of in-depth technical break-outs.

**These sessions of up to 30 attendees are held in break-out rooms and delivered live to attendees.**

They are an opportunity for vendors to deep-dive into a topical problem, technology or solution in front of a group of cybersecurity professionals who have self-

selected as being interested in the topic being discussed.

**They are also the ideal venue for solution providers to go into technical detail about their own products and services.**

These Seminars run simultaneously, and attendees choose which session to attend.

At the end of the Seminar, attendees are notified that Networking time is now available before the next Plenary session.



# Your team and your resources available in real-time

## Exhibition Booths

**Sponsor packages that contain an Exhibition Booth give sponsors the opportunity to be present in the main networking area of the event.**

At these booths, sponsor representatives can interact with delegates face-to-face, deliver messaging and technical information via video presentations, demo products using their own BYOD technology and to distribute printed marketing and product information.

Sponsors may wish to consider different ways to drive footfall to their booths.

For example, sponsors who have presented in Plenary or in an Education Seminar can close their presentations by directing the audience to their booths.

And there are additional gamification elements available, including sponsor-supplied prizes, that can effectively drive traffic to booths.



# Why AKJ Associates?



## A History of Delivery

For more than 20 years, AKJ Associates has been running the world's most sophisticated closed-door meeting places for senior cyber-security professionals from government, law enforcement, intelligence and business.

For example, our annual London-based e-Crime Congress is still **the largest invitation-only, Chatham House rules**, gathering of the most senior information risk and security professionals from business and government in the world.

**The UK Home Office sponsored** the public sector delegation from 40 countries in 2002 and we are delighted to say they still do today.

## Global Engagement

We have run hundreds of events in the **UK, across Europe, the Middle East and Asia**, attracting **tens of thousands of delegates** in cybersecurity, data security and privacy.

These delegates range from C-suite CIOs, CTOs, CROs and C(I)SOs, to heads of enterprise architecture, desktop and network. They encompass all the senior professionals whose input drives security and privacy solution purchase decisions.

And as well as cross-sector events for both private and public sector, we also design and deliver sector-specific conferences for high-value, high-sophistication sectors including the legal sector, financial services and gambling and gaming.

## Unrivalled Relationships

Events like this have enabled us to build relationships of trust with **the most influential decision-makers** at the full spectrum of public and private sector organisations in the UK, Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

By providing this audience with valuable insights and business intelligence over the past 20 years, we have built up **the world's most significant community of professionals in cybersecurity**.

We use this to develop new events; to conduct research to understand what cybersecurity professionals are doing, thinking and buying; and to market our conferences and other services.

## Smart Lead Generation

We have also developed and trained one of the **most effective marketing and telemarketing operations** in the cybersecurity space.

Our in-depth knowledge of the marketplace allows us to design marketing outreach that **consistently delivers the best audiences** for the providers of critical cybersecurity infrastructure and solutions.

We connect vendors directly with B2B decision-makers. By combining unrivalled reach, deep knowledge of specialist markets and sophisticated marketing we **engage buyers to deliver real results**.

# We deliver the most senior cybersecurity solution buyers



## Our USP? We put buyers and sellers together

We understand that every vendor needs to sell more. That is the bottom line. This is even more necessary in the present situation.

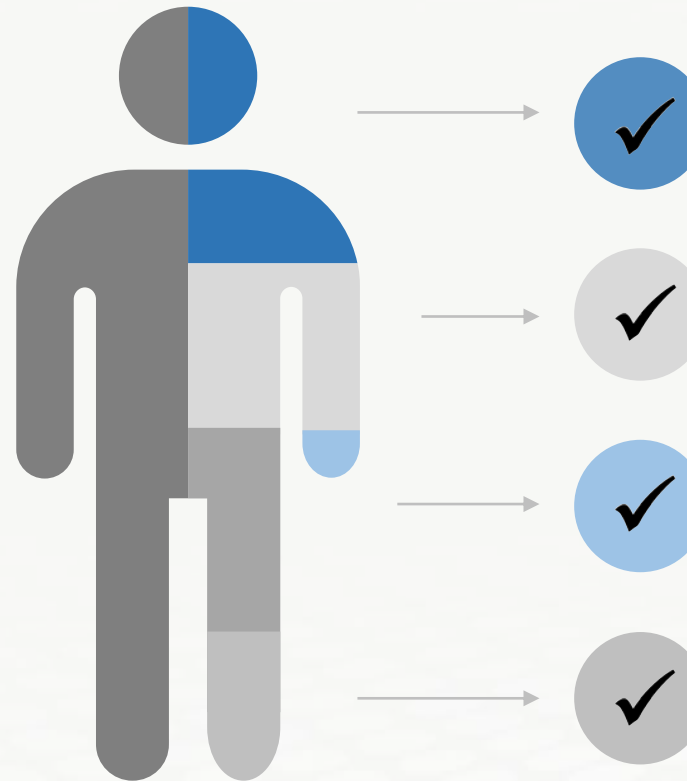
**You will have access to the most senior buying audience in the cyber-security market.**

AKJ Associates has been building relationships with senior information risk and security professionals for 20 years and our cybersecurity community is the largest of its kind globally.

We know the senior executives who drive strategy from the top, we know the enterprise architects who often control the largest budgets and we know the IT Security Leads and Engineers who so often dictate the purchase process.

All of these job titles attend e-Crime & Cybersecurity Congress events.

**Getting access to the right people at the right time always increases the lead generation and always increases profitable sales activity.**



### **Cyber-security**

We have a 20-year track record of producing the events cyber-security professionals take seriously

### **Risk Management**

We attract senior risk officers with responsibility for information risk assessment and mitigation

### **Fraud, Audit, Compliance**

We provide the go-to events for fraud prevention and compliance owners at the world's key corporates

### **Data Protection & privacy**

We are a key venue for decision-makers with budget and purchasing authority



# We deliver the most focused selling opportunity



Specific, actionable and relevant information for time-constrained industry professionals



The perfect platform for solution providers to deliver tailored advice to the right audience

## Focus

### Target growth

Each event represents a targeted opportunity to address the needs of a specific community whose need for your solutions and services is growing.

## Leads

### Boost sales

Sponsors can tailor messages to the needs of an audience that shares similar concerns and challenges, looking for solutions now.

## Choice

### Meet commercial aims

We work with sponsors to ensure they meet their commercial aims. We offer a number of sponsorship options, each providing specific benefits.

## Value

### Showcase solutions

Our events provide sponsors with a unique platform to showcase solutions, as well as provide advice on how best to solve delegates' key challenges.



## Delegate Acquisition

- The e-Crime & Cybersecurity Congress has the **largest community of genuine cybersecurity stakeholders** to invite to our events.
- Our reputation for hosting **exceptional events with informative content, excellent networking opportunities and the best vendor partners** means delegates know they are attending a quality event, and are willing to give up the time to attend.
- Our delegates are **invited by an in-house delegate liaison team** who call senior security and privacy professionals at public and private sector companies with a personal invitation to attend
- We **follow up all registrations** with further calls, emails on logistics requirements and reminders to **ensure the best possible attendance.**

## Lead Sourcing

- The e-Crime & Cybersecurity Congress prides itself on **putting the key cybersecurity buyers and sellers together**
- To offer you the best prospects to network with, **we don't invite academics, job seekers, consultants, non-sponsoring vendors or marketing service providers** to this closed-door event. This **attention to quality over quantity** has been the hallmark of AKJ's events for 20 years.
- Each of our vendor partners will receive a delegate list at the end of the event.
- Through our targeted networking breaks built into our agendas you will have **unrivalled opportunities to network** with high-quality prospects with face-to-face networking at the event.

## Get Your Message Across

- **Content is king**, which is why the e-Crime & Cybersecurity Congress prides itself on delivering informative and useful content, to attract senior audiences of decision-makers.
- Deliver an exclusive 20-min keynote presentation in the virtual plenary theatre, or host a 30-min targeted workshop session: good content drives leads to your booth, and showcases your company's expertise
- AKJ's in-house content / research team will complement the agenda with best practice from leading experts and senior security professionals from the end-user community
- If you are not presenting, the exhibitor booth offers the opportunity to share white papers and other resources for delegates to takeaway

## Exclusivity Delivered

- AKJ Associates has never done trade shows. We see most value in working with **a select number of the top vendor partners**, and offering those companies the best access to leads.
- Our events keep the same ethos as when we first started 20 years ago, limiting vendor numbers. We will not be a hangar with hundreds of vendors competing for attention. We will keep our **events exclusive to give the best networking opportunities.**
- All booths offer the same opportunities with the same capacity and functionality regardless of the vendor company.
- This is an opportunity to **continue building pipeline and driving leads** in partnership with our outstanding 20-year reputation and the e-Crime & Cybersecurity Congress brand.

# What our sponsors say about us



It was indeed a great show. Despite the situation overall [COVID 19] the number of people that turned up, shows the trust people have of the e-Crime brand. Wish you all the best for the upcoming events and we shall surely be a part of them.



This is always a great event for 'taking the temperature' on security issues, to get a feel for people's impressions on current security challenges and to find out what organizations of all kinds are doing.



AKJ has been a valuable partner for us for a few years now, enabling us to build relationships and engage with the CISO community in a number of key territories across Europe. The events they hold are a great vehicle for discussing the latest challenges and opportunities in the security sector, and our work with them has delivered way beyond expectations.

✓ **Ninety five percent of our exhibitors and sponsors work with us on multiple occasions each year**

✓ **Our sponsor renewal rate is unrivalled in the marketplace**

✓ **This is because our sponsors generate real business at our events every year**

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