

PRESS RELEASE

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The 14th InfoGuard Security Lounge sets new standards with high-calibre speakers and over 750 guests

The 14th edition of the InfoGuard Security Lounge took place on 25 June 2024 at the Theater Casino Zug. The impressive number of guests from Switzerland, Germany and Austria – over 750 in total – underlines the success of this established industry event and also marks a new visitor record. As well as engaging presentations, the hybrid event offered the enthusiastic audience a captivating talk on the topic of “No breach thanks to SOC and CSIRT” based on a real cyber attack, as well as inspiring keynotes from the renowned speakers Mark T. Hofmann, crime and intelligence analyst, and Dr. Hannes P. Lubich, member of the InfoGuard Board of Directors.

This year's InfoGuard Security Lounge offered a varied programme to over 750 guests, of whom around 350 attended in person. The focus was on cyber security and AI. In addition to presentations by the Computer Security Incident Response Team (CSIRT), the Cyber Defence Center (CDC) and the pentesters, the cyber security company also had some interesting news to present: Patrick Inderkum, Head of Cyber Defence, was visibly proud as he gave the guests an insight into the **new Cyber Defence Platform 2.0**. HPE Aruba Networking, Vectra AI and Microsoft also presented their latest developments and solutions. Highlights of the event included keynote speeches by Dr. Hannes P. Lubich, member of the InfoGuard Board of Directors, and Mark T. Hofmann, crime and intelligence analyst and organisational psychologist (M.A.). The event was hosted by TV and event presenter Miriam Rickli.



Supply chains and their cyber risks – and the realisation that they are absolutely real

Dr. Hannes P. Lubich opened the event with his keynote speech “Supply chain risk management – how supply chains put your cyber security to the test”. Dr. Lubich emphasised the importance of secure supply chains and explained that these are at particular risk today due to global networking and complex dependencies. He recommended that organisations establish documented processes and frameworks to ensure transparency along their increasingly intricate supply chains.

This was followed by three company presentations. Here, InfoGuard gave the audience an insight into recent security incidents and clearly expressed the fact that innovation, research and artificial intelligence are crucial for reliably guaranteeing cyber security. Stefan Rothenbühler, Principal Incident Responder, reported on cyber criminals' use of both malicious and legitimate programmes. Patrick Inderkum, Head of Cyber Defence, presented the newly developed Cyber Defence Platform 2.0, which ensures fast response times, 24/7 monitoring and compliance with regulatory requirements. Luca Cappiello, Head of Penetration Testing & Research, gave the audience an insight into the work of InfoGuard's pentesting team and explained how his team successfully fends off the “unexpected by exploring the unknown”.

No breach thanks to SOC and CSIRT: successful strategies for defence against cyber attacks

The second part of the event opened with a conversation between Ferdinand Schwank, IT Director and Head of Group IT at Georg Utz GmbH, and Ernesto Hartmann, Chief Cyber Defence Officer at InfoGuard. The two experts used a specific security incident to discuss how quickly recognising cyber attacks and the ability to react



immediately are crucial to successfully dealing with them. Both agreed that an SOC with an integrated CSIRT is indispensable in a digital world shaped by AI and emphasised the importance of practised processes and the use of proven tools. The discussion between the two security experts provided the audience with valuable recommendations for their own defence strategy.

The conversation was followed by the InfoGuard update under the motto “Our promise to you” by Stefan Thomann, Chief Sales Officer. Beat Sommerhalder, Country Manager of HPE Aruba Networking, and Thomas Latzer, Regional Sales Manager SASE Switzerland and Austria, discussed solutions for protecting “Edge to cloud connectivity”. Martin Baker, Senior Security Consultant at Vectra AI, presented “Tales from the trenches” and Daniel von Büren, Swiss Security Officer at Microsoft, gave the audience valuable insights into Microsoft’s vision of “Security of the future”.

The dark side of AI – how hackers use AI and deepfakes

Mark T. Hofmann, crime and intelligence analyst and organisational psychologist (M.A.), rounded off the event with his keynote speech. The international profiling expert and keynote speaker inspired the audience with insights into the dark side of artificial intelligence, i.e. the AI models favoured by cyber criminals. Hofmann has met numerous hackers and interviewed them from an academic perspective. Using specific real-life cases, he showed the audience how hackers use AI models and deepfakes and described the psychological factors that cyber criminals take advantage of.

At the official conclusion of the event, CEO Thomas Meier drew an extremely positive conclusion: “Even after fourteen editions, I’m still impressed every year by the enormous interest and enthusiasm that our Security Lounge generates. The countless positive responses and the exciting presentations inspire us to organise another great event next year – our anniversary edition. A big thank you to all guests, partners, speakers and employees!”

The 15th edition of the InfoGuard Security Lounge will take place on Wednesday, 25 June 2025. Registration is already open at: <https://www.infoguard.ch/de/securitylounge-25>



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