Most practitioners are already informed of the major security conferences with thousands of people. However, smaller conferences can provide a more intimate venue for personal discussions with speakers and with other participants. In this newsletter, I’d like to invite readers to look into four upcoming small conferences they may not have heard about.

In Northfield, Vermont at Norwich University, my colleagues and I have organized the Fourth Annual e-ProtectIT Infrastructure Security Conference for the 20-22 March 2002. Previous conferences have had around 200 people from VT, NH, MA, ME, CT and NY states including police; government, commercial and academic CIOs; and US armed forces and National Guard members with technical and management responsibilities.

We have three two-day security courses planned for Wednesday and Thursday the 20-21 March:

* Peter Stephenson, author of many articles and a book on computer forensics, will give a workshop on that subject. I have participated in one of Peter’s courses and can assure readers that he is an intelligent, engaging speaker with a broad and deep knowledge of his subject.

* Phil Susmann, CIO of Norwich University and a wonderful computer science professor, will teach a two-day introduction to information security. Again, I have heard Phil lecture and he’s one of the best speakers I have ever heard.

* I’ll be giving my usual two-day annual overview of key developments across the entire field of security, the INFOSEC UPDATE 2002. This popular event uses a 250-page workbook that details what I consider important events in the technical, management, legal and research areas of security.

On Friday the 22nd of March we have a lineup of stimulating speakers from the military, law enforcement, academic and commercial sectors. For full details, see our Web site at <http://www.e-protectIT.org> and click on . Vendors who would like to support our conference by providing marketing materials or sponsoring various events should see <http://www.e-protectIT.org/vendors>.

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On 25-26 March 2002, Financial Research Associates has a conference entitled "Information Security in the Age of Terrorism" in Washington, DC. The lineup of speakers and sessions is comprehensive, including threat analysis, outsourcing of security services, biometric identification and authentication methods, corporate policy, technical countermeasures and others. For details, you can go to <http://www.frallc.com> and click on "March Events."

The same group has a conference in Washington on April 29-30 entitled "The Practitioner's Forum on Mobile & Wireless Security." That event will feature discussions of what CIOs
should know when deploying wireless communications; policy and legal issues; analysis of competing standards; a practitioners' round table discussion of case studies; and a one-day workshop on implementation of secure wireless systems. For more details, go to <http://www.frallc.com/> and click on "April/May Events."

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On 2-4 April 2002 in Newport, RI, the National High Performance Computing and Communications Council is presenting its 16th Annual National Conference, "High-End Computing in an Insecure World." This joint meeting of the DoD, industry, university and federal agency communities has a three-day program packed with topics and speakers that will be particularly interesting to users of large-scale networks. See full details of the conference at <http://www.hpcc-usa.org/genconf.html>.

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