SANS Women-Only Security Conference

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Today I am lending my enthusiastic support to a wonderful initiative from my friends at the System Administration and Network Security (SANS) Institute. Here’s an important message from Stephen Northcutt (verbatim with slight edits).

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I'm Stephen Northcutt and I ask you to consider an important social issue that impacts information security in every company and organization in the world. Last week, I was teaching _Intrusion Detection_ in Boston and realized that out of over a hundred students only three of them were women. Sadly, this is normal for our advanced courses and happens in every city and country we visit. In response, SANS is pleased to offer a special, hands-on, for women only conference in New Orleans, September 9 - 14, 2002. This conference, _SANS French Quarter_, will feature our _Information Security and Audit Kickstart_. This training will help women attendees excel in meeting the personal and professional challenges of Information Security.

This track offers comprehensive coverage of the essentials: information assurance fundamentals, IP concepts and behavior, the Internet threat, antivirus tools, security policies, password management and cracking, PGP, cryptography, backup and auditing. In addition, we are having special sessions of Birds of a Feather (BOFs) that will focus on self-expression and self-nurturing to improve the quality of life when you return to the workplace.

_SANS French Quarter_ is your opportunity to try new activities, experience New Orleans, and build information security self-confidence. The combination of a professional, all women staff and hands-on learning is a fantastic one. After a week of our intensive training, you will be able to use what you learned as soon as you get back to the workplace. SANS French Quarter is also a great opportunity to network and meet new friends and foster an atmosphere of teamwork.

Register now, to join a course that will help you further your career in information security and auditing. This course is designed to help you prepare for the GIAC Information Security and Audit Kickstart (GIAK). For more information on the GIAC Program and how it can benefit you, please visit www.giac.org. We look forward to seeing you this September at SANS French Quarter. Take advantage of the special conference! For full conference details please visit <http://www.sans.org/FrenchQuarter/>.

Normally we do not invite vendor participation for single-track courses, but due to the special nature of this conference I am willing to make an exception. If you are an information security or audit product vendor and would like to purchase a tabletop demonstration opportunity and are willing to send a women-only demonstration team, then please contact vendor@sans.org.

Male readers – please take a moment to forward this document to the professional women you know who may be interested in this opportunity.

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