Regular readers will know that every year since 1999, Norwich University has organized an infrastructure protection conference in the tiny town of Northfield, Vermont. The Fifth Annual e-protectIT Conference will take place on Tuesday through Thursday the 25-27 March 2003.

COL Thomas H. Aldrich, USA (RETD), President of the newly mandated National Center for the Study of Counter Terrorism and CyberCrime in Northfield has written, “This year's conference theme is the collaboration of government, industry and academia in protecting our critical infrastructures. The goal is to bring together key sectors of society to improve security in an increasingly connected world.”

As program chair, I am delighted to announce that we have another exciting lineup of two-day workshops for you:

* COL Philip Susmann, Norwich’s CIO and Vice President of Technology and Strategic Partnerships, will be teaching the two-day INFOSEC Basics course. Phil is a superb teacher much appreciated for his depth of knowledge in the field and his ability to explain security concepts clearly and dynamically. I recommend his course for colleagues of readers who may need an introduction to information assurance.

* Peter Stephenson is well known as the author of countless publications in digital forensics investigations and other aspects of information security; he is an Adjunct Professor in the Master of Science in Information Assurance (MSIA) at Norwich. His two-day advanced tutorial on computer forensics is sure to be as great a hit as last year’s course.

* As usual, I’ll be offering a tour of the last 12 months of developments across the entire field of information security in my INFOSEC Update course, which usually has a workbook about 300 pages long that offers participants an opportunity to discuss a wide range of topics such as recent attacks, new vulnerabilities, emerging security-management issues and developments in computer law.

After the workshops, we have a one-day colloquium on Thursday the 27th of March packed with information and stimulating ideas:

* The colloquium opens with GEN Alfred Gray USMC (RETD). GEN Gray served in the US Marine Corps for 41 years; he was a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Commandant of the Marine Corps among other high responsibilities. GEN Gray will speak on “The State of Information Security in a Time of War.”

* Writer, theorist and gadfly Winn Schwartau will speak on “Active Defense: Testing, Simulation and War Gaming.”

* Security guru William H. Murray’s topic is “Real World Security: Report from the
Trenches.”

* Our lunchtime speaker will be Dan Wolf, Director of the Information Assurance Directorate at the National Security Agency; his topic is “Active Defense in the Age of Counterterrorism.”

* LTC Dan Ragsdale, PhD, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the United States Military Academy at West Point will speak on “Intrusion Detection Systems and Application Firewalls.

* Adam Golodner, Associate Director for Policy at the Institute for Security Technology Studies (ISTS) at Dartmouth College, will review some of the exciting and innovative security research being carried out at the Institute.

* Finally, BGEN John C. Koziol, Deputy Director, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance and also Deputy Chief of Staff, Air and Space Operations, U.S. Air Force will close the conference with thoughts on information assurance in today’s military environment.

Please visit our Web site at http://www.e-protectIT.org for full details of the conference. Potential sponsors should note that we are keen on enlisting your support in continuing to keep our registration fees ridiculously low.

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