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11th InfoGuard Security Lounge – a huge success with over 550 participants

The 11th InfoGuard Security Lounge took place on 16 June 2021. This year, for the first time, approximately 550 people with an interest in cyber security were able to participate in a livestream event. In addition to the InfoGuard experts and their partners, prominent speakers such as Pascal Lamia, Deputy Delegate of the Confederation for Cyber Security, NCSC, and Dr Hannes P. Lubich from Board of Directors of InfoGuard AG gave presentations. Another highlight was the CxO panel discussion, which took place in the Kultursilo in Hünenberg and was broadcast live. Leading Swiss companies discussed the challenges of fighting cyber-attacks. Miriam Rickli moderated the virtual Security Lounge in her expert, likeable manner.

The 11th InfoGuard Security Lounge focused on the issues of cyber threats, cyber defence and cyber security, under the heading: "Cyber-attacks are creating major challenges for Swiss companies". In his opening keynote, Pascal Lamia analysed the current threat situation and explained what the NCSC is doing to protect critical infrastructures and the Swiss marketplace. Lamia argued that protecting against cyber risks is a responsibility to be shared between business, society and the state, and that all players must take responsibility for protecting themselves.

Overviews of the InfoGuard Red Team, CSIRT and Cyber Defence Center

Once again this year, InfoGuard's cyber security experts presented the challenges that companies are having to face. Luca Cappiello, Head of Penetration Testing & Research, gave insights into the InfoGuard Red Team's attack cockpit, and he showed why both real and simulated cyberattacks demand agile, specialised attack infrastructures, and how attacks can be orchestrated automatically. Afterwards, the InfoGuard CSIRT and Cyber Defence Center gave exciting insights into real security incidents at Swiss companies. Mathias Fuchs, Head of Investigations & Intelligence at InfoGuard, presented tactics for success, as well as some surprising errors hackers have made. Ernesto Hartmann, InfoGuard's Chief Cyber Defence Officer, in his presentation on the subject of "Prevent, Detect, Respond & Recover", showed how a real cyberattack occurs. He underlined why it is imperative for a company to be able to act, to take a 360° approach to cyber security and not just focus on defence.

Alongside this, InfoGuard's security partners presented exciting approaches for optimising cyber security. For example, Fabian Gentinetta from Vectra AI explained how future detection of cyber-attacks in the hybrid cloud will work, and Nir Zuk, the founder and CTO of Palo Alto Networks, explained how digital transformation will affect cyber security.

CxO-podium discussion – talking about cyber security

Dr Hannes P. Lubich introduced the culmination of the livestream with his keynote address. He highlighted the challenges of cyber security posed by increasing digitalisation, and showed why blind trust can be dangerous. What these challenges in fighting cyber-attacks look like in concrete terms was discussed in the CxO panel discussion by leading Swiss companies, under the expert, likeable moderation of Miriam Rickli, at the end of the event. Dr Stephan Wartmann, CEO of the Brugg Group, vividly described what happened to them during a cyber-attack in the previous year, and how InfoGuard's CSIRT supported them. In an exciting discussion, the visitors learned how Remo Schmidli, Head of IT, Operations & Real Estate, Member of the Board of Directors of the Zürcher Kantonalbank, Marc Etienne Cortesi, CISO of Baloise Group and Urs Iten, CIO of Geistlich Pharma deal with cyber risks, and what the challenges regarding cyber security are for Swiss companies, both now and in the future.

The Security Lounge 2021 was a complete success. The event concluded with a networking session in the virtual lounge. The feedback from the participants was also extremely positive. Thomas Meier, CEO of InfoGuard, has a positive view of the event: "We are overwhelmed by the great success of the Security Lounge and are very pleased to have had 550 participants from the security industry. The virtual nature of the event did not put off those people interested in cyber security from attending the 11th Security Lounge. We are already looking forward to the next event on 29 June 2022, which we are hoping will be able to be held as a hybrid event."

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