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5th Annual International Women in Cyber Day Symposium: September 29, 2023

Vancouver, BC, Canada - July 24, 2023 - The International Women in Cyber Day Symposium is thrilled to announce the date and theme for its highly anticipated 5th annual event. Please mark your calendars for **September 29, 2023, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm PT**, as we gather in downtown Vancouver, BC, Canada, for a full day of empowerment, innovation, and security in the tech world! The symposium will offer a hybrid format, allowing in-person and virtual participation, ensuring accessibility for individuals worldwide.

Under the theme of "**Women in Cyber: Driving Innovation and Security in The Tech World!**" This year's symposium promises to be remarkable. The event will feature international speakers, captivating talks, technical workshops, mentoring sessions, and panel discussions to inspire and advance women in the cybersecurity industry.

During the symposium, attendees will have the opportunity to take part in ten captivating sessions, which include pre-events and an awards gala that explore diverse aspects of the cybersecurity community.

1. **Pre-event Career Fair:** Join us for an exclusive pre-event career fair, providing a unique opportunity to connect with industry leaders and explore exciting career prospects in the cybersecurity field ahead of the 5th Annual International Women in Cyber Day Symposium.

2. **Pre-Event Capture the Flag:** Experience the exhilaration and showcase your skills at our highly anticipated Women in Cybersecurity Capture the Flag event, where participants will engage in a thrilling competition to solve cybersecurity challenges and emerge as champions in the field.

3. **Breakfast and Lunch:** A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided for full-day registered guests.

4. **Keynotes (morning and afternoon):** Prepare to be inspired and enlightened as renowned international speakers, pioneers in the field of cybersecurity, take the stage for both the morning and afternoon sessions, sharing their expertise and vision for the future of cybersecurity.

5. **Panel discussions (morning and afternoon):** Engage in thought-provoking discussions during our highly anticipated panel sessions, where industry experts and trailblazing women will delve into key topics surrounding innovation and the role of women in driving transformative change in the tech world, leaving a lasting impact on attendees year after year.

6. **Workshops (morning and afternoon):** Empower yourself with practical knowledge and skills in our engaging workshops, designed to educate and equip women of all ages in the realm of cybersecurity, teaching them how to navigate the digital landscape, protect their online presence, and thrive as empowered women in STEM.

7. **Mentoring:** Experience the power of connection and mentorship as our women in cybersecurity mentoring sessions bring together like-minded individuals, offering guidance, support, and opportunities for skill development, networking, and empowerment, ultimately fostering career growth and overcoming challenges in a male-dominated industry.

8. **Exhibitor Booths:** Sponsors have the opportunity to showcase their brand and engage with attendees by hosting an exhibitor booth in the main concourse hall, offering high visibility and direct interaction with a diverse audience. Limited spots available.

9. **Swag bag:** Registered guests can look forward to receiving a bag filled with delightful goodies, including exclusive WCS2 swag and thoughtful sponsorship gifts.

10. **IWCD Awards Evening Gala:** 2nd International Women in Cyber Day Founders Award. This prestigious accolade will honour an exceptional woman whose career achievements have significantly contributed to the cybersecurity industry.

IWCD Award Nominations: Nominate exceptional women who have made outstanding contributions to the cybersecurity industry for the prestigious International Women in Cyber Day Founders Award, celebrating their lifetime achievements and remarkable impact on driving innovation and security in the tech world. Nominations are open immediately and close at 5:00 pm PST on August 27, 2023. Visit here to learn more and nominate an exceptional woman in cybersecurity!

Getting here:

The entrance to Simon Fraser University Downtown Campus in Vancouver, BC is at the intersection of Seymour Street and W. Hastings. The public is encouraged to take public transit to nearby Waterfront Station via SkyTrain, or to Waterfront Station via SeaBus and TransLink buses. The area around Seymour and Hastings streets is recommended as a drop-off area for guests arriving by vehicle. On street parking is very limited and underground parking is available. Check here to research parking lots and fees near Seymour and W. Hastings.

Hotels in Downtown Vancouver:

We are delighted to announce that we have partnered with Metro Vancouver hotels to provide a special discounted rate for hotel stays to all our attendees traveling from out of town. For more details about this exclusive offer, please feel free to reach out to us at info@womenincyberday.com. We'll be more than happy to assist you with any inquiries and make your stay during the event a memorable one. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to secure affordable accommodation while joining us for the 5th Annual International Women in Cyber Day Symposium!

Registration:

Registration for this extraordinary event is now open. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with like-minded professionals, gain valuable knowledge, and be part of a global movement to promote diversity and excellence in the tech world.

To keep up to date for registration of the **5th Annual International Women in Cyber Day Symposium**, visit our website: https://womenincyberday.com/events/iwcd2023-event-information-registration/.

Call for Volunteers:
Additional volunteers are welcomed for the International Women in Cyber Day Symposium at Simon Fraser University. It's a great way to build experience, get involved in your community, meet new people and show your support for women and diversity in STEM. Volunteers must be at least 16

years old, enjoy working with the public and be able to commit to a minimum of eight hours of volunteer work. Volunteer positions are needed for the following areas: Information kiosks, site maintenance, line monitors/ushers, stagehands and runners, talent/volunteer assistants, IWCD Awards Ceremony assistants, and greeters. If you are interested in volunteering, please register [here](#).

We are also excited to invite organizations and individuals to explore sponsorship opportunities. By supporting the symposium, you will enhance your brand recognition and contribute to a worthy cause that fosters gender equality and empowerment in the cybersecurity field.

Sponsors:

For more information on sponsorship opportunities, don't hesitate to contact our team at info@womenincyberday.com.

Stay tuned for further updates and announcements as we attend this momentous event. Follow us on social media and use the official event hashtag **#WomenInCyberDay2023** to join the conversation.

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About International Women in Cyber Day Symposium:

The International Women in Cyber Day (IWCD) movement is a global initiative dedicated to empowering women in the cybersecurity industry and advocating for gender equality. We have already achieved nationwide recognition and proclamations of Women in Cyber Day across Canada. Our ongoing mission is to gain United Nations recognition for September 1 as International Women in Cyber Day.

Bringing together experts, professionals, and enthusiasts, IWCD celebrates the achievements of women through engaging events, symposiums, and workshops. We strive to create an inclusive community where women can thrive, making a significant impact on the future of cybersecurity. Join us in this transformative movement at [womenincyberday.com] and help shape a safer, more equitable digital world for all. Together, we'll continue to pave the way for a brighter future as we continue to lead the change for women in cybersecurity.

We're proud to announce the highlight of the event: the prestigious 2nd IWCD Founders Award. This award will be presented to an extraordinary woman who has made significant contributions to the world of cybersecurity throughout her career. Don't miss this golden opportunity to be a part of this powerful movement, honor outstanding accomplishments, and shape a more inclusive future. Join us now and let's soar together towards a brighter tomorrow!