

# eCrime Congress | Tacoma Unites Electronic-Crime Fighters Worldwide

*At APWG conference, industry, law enforcement and research institutions engage today's common eCrime challenges – and envision techniques and technologies to counter them*

Los Altos, CA and Cambridge, MA - The APWG, the world's leading pan-industrial and law enforcement association focused on eliminating fraud and identity theft, has opened registration for eCrime Congress | Tacoma 2009, a three-day program interrogating the current electronic crime threatscape that menaces online commerce today and tomorrow – and positing resources, tactics and techniques to constructively engage them.

eCrime Congress | Tacoma 2009 will include a one-day, General Members (members-only) meeting on Oct. 19 followed by two days of open sessions on Oct. 20 and 21, examining such subjects as: crimeware's evolution, botnets' evolution, malvertising, Website vulnerabilities, business process logic abuse, telephony-based phishing, eCriminal tracking, counter-eCrime consumer safety instruction and the abuse of the Domain Name System by eCrime gangs.

No event combines the topical richness in exploring the electronic crime phenomenon and delegate heterogeneity like the fall APWG eCrime conferences, drawing thought leadership from technologists from many disciplines as well as from the financial services, retailing and communications industries, law enforcement as well as a number of university research centers in the US, Europe and Australasia.

The APWG eCrime Researchers Summit (eCRS) on Oct. 20 and 21, held contiguously with the APWG General Members' meeting, will be presenting papers on counter-forensics, wireless network vulnerabilities, improvement of phishing-attack countermeasures, identification of vulnerable websites, phishing detection techniques, mechanisms for tracing the provenance of phishing attacks and much more. The eCRS, the world's only peer-reviewed technical conference dedicated exclusively to electronic crime research, is held every year with IEEE Standards Association (IEEE-SA) serving as the conference's Technical Sponsor.

“No single sector holds the solution to electronic crime. At the APWG's conferences, all stakeholders can stand face-to-face and shoulder-to-shoulder to engage the eCrime phenomenon comprehensively, in ways that create dialog across affected constituencies - and inspire concerted action,” said APWG Secretary General Peter Cassidy.

The conference agenda and registration links are here:

[http://www.antiphishing.org/events/2009\\_gm.html](http://www.antiphishing.org/events/2009_gm.html)

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## **About the APWG**

The APWG, founded in 2003 as the Anti-Phishing Working Group, is an industry, law enforcement, and government coalition focused on eliminating the identity theft and fraud that result from the growing problem of phishing, email spoofing, and crimeware. Membership is open to qualified financial institutions, online retailers, ISPs, the law enforcement community and solutions providers. There are more than 1,800 companies, government agencies and NGOs participating in the APWG and more than 3,200 members. The [APWG's Web site](#) offers the public and industry information about phishing and email fraud, including identification and promotion of pragmatic technical solutions that provide immediate protection.

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