

## **Third Annual SecTor Conference announces IT Security Industry Awards**

*Premier IT security education event highlights emerging industry trends and strategies around corporate defence*

**TORONTO, ON,** July 28, 2009 – Organizers of SecTor (Security education conference Toronto), Canada's premier IT security education event, are proud to announce the creation of the Canadian IT Security Awards, to be awarded at the third annual SecTor Conference, taking place October 6-7 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

The three award categories include: one, Non-commercial [i.e. free] Security Product, which helps detect and protect systems and information from threats; two, Commercial Security Product which helps detect and protect systems and information from threats; and three, Overall Security Solution which helps detect and protect systems and information from threats.

"The awards dovetail nicely with the momentum that we've been building in the industry over the past two years" says Brian Bourne, Co-Founder, SecTor. "There's no other IT Security event in Central Canada that brings together the industry's top professionals and vendors from Canada and beyond. It makes perfect sense to call out and award the best products and practices at SecTor."

SecTor 2009 will feature keynotes from North America's most trusted security experts such as Michael Barrett, the CISO (Chief Information Security Officer) of PayPal. It will also feature presentations and interactive workshops where participants will learn first-hand how to effectively develop, manage and defend corporate networks.

"Today's organizations are at risk from increasingly sophisticated attacks; SecTor provides a stage where the best and brightest can share their knowledge of both offensive and defensive technologies, allowing organizations to defend themselves and plan for the next assault," says HD Moore, founder of the Metasploit Project.

SecTor 2009 will also present an elite selection of vendors, a special "Lockpick Village", an Enterprise Demo Lab, Microsoft ForeFront Hands on labs, and a Hardware Hacking Village. Through illuminating the black art of security, proper corporate defences can be mounted.

### **About SecTor**

SecTor brings the world's brightest (and darkest) minds together to identify, discuss, dissect and debate the latest digital threats facing corporations today. Unique to central Canada, SecTor provides an unmatched opportunity for IT Professionals to collaborate with their peers and learn from their mentors.

Held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre in downtown Toronto, SecTor runs two full days, October 6-7. The event features keynotes from North America's most respected and trusted experts. Speakers are true security professionals with depth of understanding on topics that matter. SecTor is a must attend event for every IT Professional. For more information, please visit <http://www.sector.ca>.

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