

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) Conference Attracts World's Top Cyber Experts

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This spring an international crowd of cyber security experts will return to the Dartmouth campus to discuss critical issues in infrastructure protection. The International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) Working Group for Critical Infrastructure Protection, in partnership with Dartmouth's Institute for Information Infrastructure Protection (I3P), will host the 5<sup>th</sup> annual conference on March 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>.

Activities at this year's conference will explore defensive strategies, legal policies and unique approaches for handling cyber-threats to critical infrastructures. "The topics we are exploring this year address pressing issues for critical infrastructure protection on a global level," I3P associate director of research & operations and general conference chair Heather Drinan explains. "Not only will we discuss new methods for defending against cyber threats, but proper response protocols for attacks which originate from foreign entities.

This year's speakers are highly respected and recognized experts in their field. Delivering the opening keynote lecture will be I3P research director Shari Lawrence Pfleeger, who earlier this year testified before a congressional subcommittee on government involvement during major cyber events. Her lecture, "*Human in the Loop: Remembering the User in Critical Infrastructure Protection*," will focus on the effect insiders have on security.

Also on the agenda is Alessandro Acquisti, an expert who has been making headlines in major news outlets such as the *New York Times* and *MSNBC* regarding the effects that social networking has on online privacy. He will be participating in a session on the legalities of cyber response titled, "*Docket Analysis of Data Breach Litigation*" along with colleagues Sasha Romanosky and David Hoffman.

The conference is marking its third year at the Dartmouth campus, a fitting backdrop for such an event. "The College has a deeply rooted interest in information technology," says Dartmouth vice provost Martin Wybourne, "and we are pleased to explore topics that hold such importance on a global scale." "The I3P is proud to be hosting an event that has garnered such a positive reputation in the international cyber community," added I3P executive director Martha Austin.

Proceedings from the conference will be published in fall 2011 by Springer as the fifth volume in the series "*Critical Infrastructure Protection: Issues and Solutions*".

The I3P is a 27-member consortium of universities, federally funded labs and research institutions managed by Dartmouth College. The I3P identifies critical challenges in information infrastructure protection, and sustains a collaborative community of multi-disciplinary researchers to address them. The I3P serves as a trusted partner for industry and government, and provides an independent forum to facilitate the open exchange of ideas.