

Media Contacts

| |
|--|
| Laura K. Johnson, Ella Nevill |
| PCI Security Standards Council |
| +1-781-876-6250 |
| press@pcisecuritystandards.org |
| Twitter @PCISSC |

EUROPEAN PCI COMMUNITY DISCUSSES STANDARDS UPDATES AND FUTURE OF PAYMENT SECURITY

—Annual meeting focuses on PCI DSS update, Point-to-Point Encryption and 2014 Special Interest Group projects—

NICE, France, 31 October 2013 — Today [the PCI Security Standards Council \(PCI SSC\)](#), an open, global forum for the development of payment card security standards, announced the close and recap of its sixth [Annual European Community Meeting](#). The forum provides global PCI Participating Organizations and assessors the opportunity to come together and discuss the latest updates and challenges in payment card security.

In preparation for release of version 3.0 of the PCI Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) and Payment Application-Data Security Standard (PA-DSS) on 7 November, this year's meeting attracted more than 500 global payment security professionals from 40 countries who play an active role in PCI Standards development.

A key focus for the meeting was to drive understanding and discussion of the standards updates in the context of the current payment card security landscape. The two-day agenda provided a variety of opportunities to engage on the planned updates with PCI SSC staff, payment brand representatives and colleagues.

Additionally, the Council updated stakeholders on current PCI technology initiatives around mobile payment acceptance, tokenization and Point-to-Point Encryption (P2PE), [announcing](#) the availability of its validated solutions [listing](#) for merchants and acquirers looking to deploy P2PE technology to simplify their PCI DSS security efforts.

Members of the PCI community had the opportunity to interact with their peers on challenges and lessons learned in 'PCI in Practice' case study presentations, as well as hear proposals for suggested PCI Special Interest Group (SIG) projects in 2014. Starting **4 November through 15 November**, PCI Participating Organizations will have the opportunity to vote for the SIG projects they would like the community to pursue in the year ahead. For more information on this process, please visit:

https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/get_involved/special_interest_groups.php

“One of the greatest things about this community is that we are truly global, and we see this reinforced each year at these meetings, where we continue to grow not just in numbers but also in diversity of regions and industries represented,” said Jeremy King, European director, PCI Security Standards Council. “This indeed is our strength, particularly as we work to continue to develop global payment security standards that address today’s challenges and provide the framework for adapting our business practices to embrace emerging technologies and protect against changing threats.”

The meeting in Nice is the second of three PCI Community Meetings this year. PCI Participating Organizations in Asia-Pacific will also have the opportunity to discuss PCI Standards updates and initiatives at the following event:

Asia-Pacific, 20 November 2013
Shangri-La Hotel
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

To register, visit:

<https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/communitymeeting/2013/asiapacific/register.html>

About the PCI Security Standards Council

The [PCI](#) Security Standards Council is an open global forum that is responsible for the development, management, education, and awareness of the PCI Data Security Standard ([PCI DSS](#)) and other standards that increase payment data security. Founded in 2006 by the major payment card brands American Express, Discover Financial Services, JCB International, MasterCard Worldwide and Visa Inc., the Council has more than 650 Participating Organizations representing merchants, banks, processors and vendors worldwide. To learn more about playing a part in securing payment card data globally, please visit: pcisecuritystandards.org.

Connect with the PCI Council on LinkedIn: <http://www.linkedin.com/company/pci-security-standards-council>

Join the conversation on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/#!/PCISSC>

###