



International Cyber Security Protection Alliance (ICSPA)
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ICSPA Appoints Senior Executives to lead the Alliance in North America

Ottawa, October 30, 2012 – On the day that the International Cyber Security Protection Alliance (ICSPA) launches in Canada, the first of a series of national studies to determine the impact of cyber crime on businesses, it has made two new key appointments in North America.

The ICSPA Board announced today, that it has made the following new appointments to the Alliance:

- Mr Ken Taylor MBA, CD, is taking up the new role of President of ICSPA North America, and
- Lt-General (ret'd) Andrew Leslie, CMM, MSC, MSM, CD, MA, will join the Alliance as a Strategic Advisor to the Board.

Both men are long serving veterans of the Canadian Forces and have extensive experience in many international theatres of operations. Their international leadership and knowledge in cyber security is an invaluable asset to the ICSPA.

In announcing the appointments in London, the Rt Hon David Blunkett MP, the ICSPA Chair, said: "I am extremely pleased and honoured that Ken Taylor and General Leslie have joined us to help lead the global fight against cyber crime. To have their skills and experience to assist both international operations and to encourage further participation in the Alliance from private sector corporations throughout North America, represents a significant step-change in the evolution of the ICSPA. We have a great deal yet to achieve in helping nations that face the greatest challenges become more cyber secure and resilient. I have no doubt that these new appointments will bring us closer to achieving our objectives".

Ken Taylor, President ICSPA North America, had this to say about his new role "I am looking forward to engaging with my North American cyber security colleagues to chart the path to a strong and resilient cyber environment. Working on an international scale with the ICSPA, we can build a truly collaborative, integrated and innovative approach to cyber resiliency".

General Andrew Leslie responded: "I am honored to be working with the ICSPA in both the North American and the international cyber context. I see this as a significant opportunity to bridge the chasm between defense and cyber security. Working



collaboratively with my colleagues in the defense, security and corporate communities, both in Canada and abroad, will allow us to bridge this gap.”

John Lyons, the ICSPA’s Founder & Chief Executive, concluded: ”The ICSPA has established a sound international reputation in the short time since it was launched in July 2011 with the endorsement of UK Prime Minister, Rt Hon David Cameron MP. We are fortunate indeed to have Ken Taylor leading our efforts now in North America and to have General Andrew Leslie as our Strategic Advisor to the Board. General Leslie’s distinguished career in the service of his country and his undoubted expertise in international relations will enable the ICSPA to offer unparalleled advice to nations that are engaged in creating new cyber resilient environments. We look forward very much to their contributions as we implement with our members and partners, cyber crime and security projects in many nations around the world.”

Notes to Editors:

The ICSPA

The International Cyber Security Protection Alliance (ICSPA) (www.icspa.org) is a business led, not-for-profit, global organization chaired by the Rt Hon David Blunkett MP, a Member of the UK Parliament and previous UK Home Secretary. It was launched with the endorsement of the UK Prime Minister, Rt Hon David Cameron MP in London in July 2011.

Its mission is to enhance the online safety and security of business communities, by helping to deliver resources and expertise from the private sector to support both domestic and international law enforcement agencies and governments in their task of reducing harm from cybercrime.

Since its launch, the ICSPA has begun working in Africa, Colombia, Brazil and now in Canada, with the endorsement of the Canadian Government and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, will conduct the first of many National Cybercrime Studies to measure the true impact of cyber crime and attacks on business communities.

For more information about the Alliance visit www.icspa.org

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