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## **RSA<sup>®</sup> CONFERENCE APPOINTS DR. HERBERT H. THOMPSON AS PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR AND ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER**

*Leading Security Industry Expert to Oversee RSA Conference Programming and Content*

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### **News Facts**

- RSA<sup>®</sup> Conference, ([www.rsaconference.com](http://www.rsaconference.com)), the world's leading information security conferences and expositions, today announced the appointment of Dr. Herbert (Hugh) Thompson, CISSP, as Program Committee Chairman and member of the RSA Conference Advisory Board.
- In this newly defined Program Committee role, Dr. Thompson is responsible for identifying domestic and global trends within the ever-changing security landscape to help set the agenda for both the Europe and U.S. Conferences. He will also play a direct role in the selection of session topics and speakers while looking at new ways to architect educational programming.
- As a member of the RSA Conference Advisory Board, Dr. Thompson joins an esteemed group of industry leaders as official spokesperson for RSA Conference, including Asheem Chandna, Partner, Greylock Partners; Benjamin Jun, VP of Technology, Cryptography Research; and Ari Juels, Chief Scientist and Director, RSA Laboratories.
- A world-renown application security expert, Dr. Thompson is also an Adjunct Professor of Computer Science at Columbia University; Graduate Faculty member in Applied Mathematics at Florida Institute of Technology; Advisory Board member for the Anti-Malware Testing Standards Organization; and Chief Security Strategist at People Security ([www.peoplesecurity.com](http://www.peoplesecurity.com)).
- Dr. Thompson has co-authored four books, more than 30 papers and 10 peer-reviewed conference papers and has spoken at more than 50 industry events including the Forrester Security Summit, Usenix Security Conference, SecurIT Conference, Microsoft TechEd, McAfee Worldwide Management Conference and the Gartner IT Security Summit.

- Dr. Thompson was named to the “Top 5 Influential Thinkers in IT Security” by SC Magazine in 2006.
- His opening keynote at RSA Conference Europe, taking place Oct. 20-22, 2009, at the Hilton London Metropole, will focus on the ways “gateway data” – information like first pet names, addresses and favorite colors – is being leveraged to gain access to valuable data and regulated personally identifiable information.
- More information regarding upcoming RSA Conference programs, including RSA Conference 2010 U.S., taking place March 1-5, 2010, at the Moscone Center in San Francisco, can be found at: [www.rsaconference.com](http://www.rsaconference.com).

**Quote Attributable to Dr. Hugh Thompson, Program Committee Chair of RSA Conferences**

“The information security industry has a rich and deep history, but is also one of the fastest changing marketplaces within the technology landscape,” said Hugh Thompson, Program Committee Chair of RSA Conferences. “Sharing my skills and expertise to help enhance the content and scope of future RSA Conferences, while staying true to the legends that have laid the groundwork of past RSA Conferences, is a task I am more than eager to undertake.”

**Quote attributable to Sandra Toms LaPedis, Area Vice President and General Manager of RSA Conferences**

“The Conference’s challenge is to continuously become more relevant by focusing on the technical and strategic issues that are most important to our attendees,” said Sandra Toms LaPedis, Area Vice President and General Manager of RSA Conferences. “The experience Hugh has amassed during his career in this field, coupled with his exhaustive research in the areas of application and software security, will only further our mission to effectively educate and connect information security professionals.”

**Multimedia Elements:**

- Dr. Hugh Thompson, Program Committee Chair and Advisory Board member, RSA Conferences



- “The Hugh Thompson Show” from RSA Conference 2009:  
[http://media.omegiaweb.com/rsa2009/webcast.htm?id=4\\_1](http://media.omegiaweb.com/rsa2009/webcast.htm?id=4_1)

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#### **About RSA Conference**

RSA Conference helps drive the global information security agenda with annual events in the U.S., Europe and Japan. Throughout its 19-year history, RSA Conference consistently attracts the world’s best and brightest in the field, creating opportunities to learn about information security’s most important issues through face-to-face and online interactions with peers, luminaries and emerging and established companies. More information on events, online programming and the most up-to-date news pertaining to the information security industry can be found at [www.rsaconference.com](http://www.rsaconference.com).

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