



# The Script

## Bulletin

DECEMBER 2021

## FESTIVE MESSAGES

### *Rowland Johnson, President of CREST*



On behalf of everyone on the CREST Team, I would like to take a moment to say a very Happy Christmas to all of our members, our exam takers and our partners that have provided us with support and guidance throughout 2021.

As we move into 2022, we are really excited about the rollout of new platforms and solutions that will help us to maximise the value we deliver back to our membership. We have been listening to feedback from our members, and we will be making significant investments in exam development, along with online platforms and websites to support our members that continually invest in the delivery of world class cyber security services.

We are delighted to be moving into the new year with a consistent governance structure across all regional councils. This will allow CREST to focus more effectively on developing markets that our members have told us are important.

The cyber security industry continues to advance at a significant pace. By focusing on our evolved strategies and actions we hope to make 2022 one of the most successful years ever for all CREST member companies.

**Wishing you a very happy Christmas**

**Rowland, and the whole of the CREST team**

### *Nigel Phair, Chair, CREST Australasia*



Season's greetings from Australia and New Zealand. A big thankyou to all involved in our Chapter making 2021 a great success, including holding our first CRESTCon and the conduct of exams.

We look forward to an even bigger 2022, where we will provide actionable advice to government, support the membership community and provide professional pathways for individuals in the cyber security industry.

There is a lot to do and we look forward to your support and active participation.

**Nigel**



# FESTIVE MESSAGES

## *Tom Brennan, Chair, CREST Americas*

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**Tom**

On behalf of the North American\USA Region, I would like to take a moment to say Happy Holidays to all the employees, service providers and member companies of CREST International. We have seen a rapid expansion in the United States and CREST has strong relationships with critical infrastructure, the US Department of Defense, and regulatory bodies. We warmly welcomed newly elected persons to the Advisory Board as member representatives see: [www.crest-approved.org/local-chapters/usa/index.html](http://www.crest-approved.org/local-chapters/usa/index.html) and industry peers representing the (16) critical infrastructure sectors.

Trust but verify has never been as important as it is in today's world. Data confidentiality, integrity and availability is core to CREST purpose and mission.

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## *Emil Tan, Chair, CREST Southeast Asia*

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**Emil**

First, I wish every CREST member, partner, colleague, and friend a joyous holiday season. 2021 has been a year of hope — many hoped in 2020 that 2021 would see the world going back to normal with the pandemic eased, or better, ceased. Unfortunately, it wasn't the case. However, this doesn't mean all bad news! Instead, we saw the world learning to be more resilient — rethinking the essentials, adjusting to what could be the new normal, and learning how to live with the annoyingly erratic COVID-19 virus. 2021 offers a more rational glimpse into how we can all do better together to provide a safer and more secure 2022 and beyond.

CREST thoroughly examined the organisation and adopted a new structure that empowers its international membership. Through the new regional councils, CREST will be able to better serve each region's members, government, cybersecurity providers and customers through its expertise.

I look forward to working closely with CREST International and all the Councils in the world in 2022 and beyond to push the envelope in bettering a more secure and assured cyberspace.

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## *Rob Dartnall, Chair CREST GB*

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**Rob**

From PROXYHELL to LOG4HELL and from SeriousSAM to PetitPotam, it is only fitting that as I sit here writing this, people have been working through the night dealing with LOG4J. It is a true reflection of the year just gone. A year where the most significant breaches would have been prevented if the secure coding, vulnerability management, regular testing and intelligence-led approaches that we all preach and provide had been followed.

Thankfully organisations have you, CREST member companies, with your high standards and professional practices there to support them.

This year continued as last ended, as a constant reminder as to why CREST needs to exist and become more influential than ever. We can only do that by supporting our members, creating opportunities to enhance the skills of our professionals and challenging industry and its regulators to enhance standards.

I go into the new year excited about what lays ahead for us all, but cognisant of its challenges. In an ever more hostile threat landscape, I know that CREST companies will shine through. I wish you all a very happy and relaxing festive season and a prosperous new year.





# Events Diary

## EVENTS Diary:

Penetration Testing Focus Group Meeting, Cheltenham and Virtual	20 January 2022
CTIPs Networking Drinks, London	30 January 2022
Cloud & Cyber Security Expo, London	02-03 Mar 2022
CTIPs Conference 2022, London	03 Mar 2022
Day of IR Webinars, Virtual,	TBC March 2022
CRESTCon Australia April 2022, Canberra	TBC April 2022
CyberUK, Cardiff,	10-11 May 2022
CRESTCon UK 2022, London	13 July 2022

