THE UK'S MOST INNOVATIVE NEW COMPANIES IN CYBERSECURITY GO HEAD-TO-HEAD IN NATIONAL CYBER INNOVATION COMPETITION

UK's Most Innovative Small Cyber Security Company of the Year will be announced at Infosecurity Europe in June

News for immediate release: Some of the brightest stars in the UK cyber innovation industry went head-to-head this week, taking part in a "Pitchfest" to reach the shortlist for a national competition to find the *UK's Most Innovative Small Cyber Security Company of the Year*.

The event, organised by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and sponsored by SNC-Lavalin Atkins, and celebrating its fourth year, was hosted by EY saw 25 small cyber security businesses pr`esent their new technologies in a series of two-minute timed pitches. From these pitches, 13 winners were selected to win a stand in the Cyber Innovation Zone at Infosecurity Europe 2018, the region's no.1 information security event, taking place at Olympia, London in June. As part of their winning package, all 13 companies win a stand at this year's Infosecurity Europe in the show's Cyber Innovation Zone, two 15 x minute speaking opportunities in the show's Cyber Innovation Showcase theatre and marketing and PR support.

From the 13, the top four companies were chosen to go through to the final to compete for the title of the *UK's Most Innovative Small Cyber Security Company 2018*. Each company will pitch their technology/service to the Keynote Stage audience and an expert judging panel at Infosecurity Europe on Wednesday 6 June, 14:00-16:00, in Olympia's Conference Centre. This year's finalists are:

- o ExactTrak
- o KETS Quantum Security
- o RazorSecure
- o Xanadata

Cate Pye, Executive Director at Ernst & Young, and competition judge, said; "Cyber is now a C-Suite issue. There are a large number of disruptors coming over the next year and the future of cyber is innovation. What we have seen in the winners is the ability of UK companies to spot the next challenge and start addressing them today".

Dave Butler, Client Director at SNC-Lavalin Atkins business, added: "It is wonderful to see such great innovation in the cyber world and Atkins is pleased to sponsor the event. I am continually impressed with the breadth and depth of innovation that we see each year."

In addition to the four companies pitching on the day, the other winning companies who will be exhibiting at Infosecurity Europe are Warden, Hut Six, The Security Bureau, PixelPin, Cybershield, CyberOwl, GBR14, CyberSmart and VChain.

Last year's winner was CheckRecipient (now named Tessian) for its product which uses machine learning technology to automatically prevent highly sensitive information being sent to the wrong people over email. Previous winners are Geolang and Device Authority.

The judging panel was Cath Goulding, Head of Cyber Security, Nominet; Tim McSweeney, Solutions Director, Inogesis; Cate Pye, Executive Director, EY; Chris Kilroy, Investment Manager, Mercia Technologies; Ralf Schlenker, Global Director Emerging Technology and Innovation, CGI and Eleanor Dallaway, Editor and Publisher at *Infosecurity Magazine*. The event was moderated by David Butler, Client Director at SNC-Lavalin Atkins business.

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