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Netherlands Team Hack.ERS world champion hackers

Today, the best hackers in the world competed in the Global Cyberlympics final during Cyber Security Week in The Hague. This is an international online hacking competition aimed at improving the level of national cyber security and strengthening international cooperation. The Dutch Team Hack.ERS came out as the glorious number one.

The Global Cyberlympics consists of a series of 'ethical hacking' games in which – after months of preliminary rounds - 80 participants from eight different countries from four continents physically compete in teams in the grand final in The Hague.

Team Hack.ERS won the competition.

Eric Lopez, VP of the organising EC-Council:

“The competition this year was at the highest level we’ve ever seen due to the relevance of the challenges such as credit card cloning and cryptocurrency mining. The whole event had such amazing energy since it was in the middle of Cyber Security Week here in The Hague. There is so much going on all in one place with a focus on security and it really reinforces how much of a global problem cyber security is. By bringing these teams together from all over the world, we’re always able to see the different levels and styles and even strengths and weaknesses from each region.”

Ethical hacking

It’s no coincidence that the final of this international hacking competition took place in the Netherlands. Because the Netherlands have long been pioneers when it comes to actively working with the hacking community to expose digital vulnerabilities in the government and industry before any damage can be inflicted. In 2013, the Netherlands was the first country to formally establish a guideline for responsible disclosure which can also serve as a guideline for other countries.

Dick Schoof, National Coordinator for Security and Counterterrorism:

“In recent years we have seen that digital resilience in The Netherlands doesn’t keep pace with growing threats in the digital domain. That’s why we continuously invest in the collaboration between government, businesses and knowledge institutions in order to make The Netherlands digitally safe. Ethical hackers have a vital role in this, for example by searching and reporting weak spots in ICT-systems. At the same time, these ethical hackers

may expect from both government and businesses that they will take immediate action to repair these vulnerabilities and openly communicate about it.”

Cyber Security Week

The final of the Global Cyberlympics is part of the Cyber Security Week taking place in The Hague from 25-29 September. During 80 events, around 3000 visitors and hundreds of experts in the field of Internet security and cybercrime from the government, industry and science spend a week together sharing their knowledge, discussing the latest developments and pitching new innovative ideas.

The CSW reinforces the position of the Netherlands – and The Hague – as Cyber Security Capital of Europe where people and institutions work together harmoniously to guarantee international cyber security: Together We Secure The Future.

More information about the Cyber Security Week: www.cybersecurityweek.nl



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