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First examination according to international ISSECO standard for „Secure Software Engineering“

All six participants of the first training for the “ISSECO Certified Professional for Secure Software Engineering” have passed iSQI’s certification examination on 2 October in Karlsruhe, Germany. They are the first qualified employees to hold the certificate in their hands. Developed in 2008, it was designed to attest software engineers and software testers as well as quality assurance and project managers a comprehensive specialist knowledge of the integration of security measures into the software development process.

“This training should be mandatory for all software developers working on security critical components”, said Dr. Gunter Bitz, responsible for Product Security at SAP, who passed the training himself.

Secorvo, a high-profile Security Consulting and Training company, has executed the first official ISSECO CPSSE training.

Until year’s end the following trainings are scheduled:

- Sela India, Pune 28 - 30 Oct 2009
- Sela Singapore, Singapore 02 - 04 Nov 2009
- Sela College Israel, Tel Aviv 18 - 20 Nov 2009
- Sela Canada, Toronto 25 - 27 Nov 2009
- SQS Germany, Cologne 30 Nov - 01 Dec 2009
- Díaz & Hilterscheid Germany, Neu-Isenburg 02 - 04 Dec 2009

The standard was developed within a year and in cooperation with global players and research facilities in the field of IT-security from different countries: SAP AG, Secorvo, Secunet, SELA Group, SQS, Virtual Forge, the German universities of applied sciences Brandenburg, Nuremberg and Hannover, Fraunhofer IESE, Diaz & Hilterscheid and iSQI. The conceptual design that is independent from product and producer allows a worldwide ISO-compliant certification. The examination is held in English.

The new standard faces the increasing threats that come from outside attacks on software. External security and safety measures such as firewalls or virus scanners are no longer sufficient for protecting software. At present most attacks are enabled through security vulnerabilities within the programming. Therefore software engineers need specialized knowledge in order to develop attack-resistant software.

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