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Los Angeles – March 14, 2012 – Mr. Alan Paller, director of research at the world renowned SANS Institute, will be the keynote speaker at the Los Angeles Chapter of the Information Systems Security Association's (ISSA-LA) fourth annual *Information Security Summit* on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at Hilton Universal City Hotel in Los Angeles. The theme of the one-day Summit is *The Growing Cyber Threat: Protect Your Business*.

Mr. Paller will speak on new research showing how a community-wide effort (the cyber village) was able to identify the four key controls that actually protect businesses and governments from the advanced persistent threat and most other popular cyber attack vectors.

"The controls are so effective, that any security officer or consultant who does not implement them might soon be sued for malpractice," states Mr. Paller. He will also cover how a security team transformed itself from "compliance Nazis" to "security heroes" using tools that are freely available.

"We are honored to have Alan as our keynote speaker at our summit," said ISSA-LA President Stan Stahl, PhD. "The SANS Institute is the most trusted and the largest source for information security training and security certification in the world. It also develops, maintains, and makes available, at no cost, the largest collection of research documents about various aspects of information security, and it operates the Internet's early warning system, the Internet Storm Center."

As director of research, Mr. Paller has testified several times before both the House and Senate and in 2001 President Clinton named him as one of the first members of the National Infrastructure Assurance Council. In 2005, the Federal CIO Council selected him as their annual Azimuth Award winner recognizing the one person outside government whose vision and leadership have done the most to improve federal information technology. In 2007, eWeek and Baseline magazines selected Mr. Paller as one of the 100 most important people in the information technology industry. In 2010 the Washington Post named Alan as one of the seven people as "worth knowing, or knowing about" in cyber security.

Mr. Paller directs SANS research programs including the widely used Internet Storm Center - the early warning system for the Internet and the annual "Greatest Risks in Cyber Security" study. He also oversees NewsBites, the bi-weekly summary of the top news in security that goes to 210,000 people, and @RISK, and the weekly authoritative summary of all new vulnerabilities and all critical new vulnerabilities made known during the past week that goes to 120,000 people.

Mr. Paller's degrees are from Cornell University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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About SANS Institute

Established in 1989 as a cooperative research and education organization, SANS' programs reach more than 400,000 security professionals, auditors, system administrators, and network administrators who share the lessons they are learning and jointly find solutions to the challenges they face. At the heart of SANS are the many security practitioners in government agencies, corporations and universities around the world who invest hundreds of hours each year in research and teaching to help the entire information security community. SANS' 115,000 alumni are technical security experts and managers holding responsible positions in cyber defense, offense, and law enforcement in more than 60 countries. (www.sans.org)