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INVITATION

Congressional Forum & Briefing on Computer & Information Ethics

June 21, 1994
Room 2322 (3rd floor) Rayburn House Office Building
Independence Ave., Washington DC
9:30 am - 3:00 p.m.

The National Computer Ethics & Responsibilities Campaign (NCERC) will launch its Campaign with a Congressional press conference, technology demonstration, and briefing/forum on June 21, 1994 in Room 2322 Rayburn House *Office Building*. This is an open invitation for members of the press and public to attend.

The kick-off begins with a 9:30-10:30 am press conference. Technology demonstrations will follow from 10:45 am - 12 Noon. The technology demonstrations will continue to run on the periphery during the Congressional briefing/forum which will consist of two sessions from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. and from 2:00- 3:00 p.m.

Guests are responsible for their own lunch. Audience participation is encouraged at the briefing/forum.

Press conference (9:30 - 10:30 a.m.) Announcements will include support for the campaign and announcements of independent activities which foster awareness of computer and information ethics.

Expected Speakers at the press conference include:

* Congressman Edward J. Markey

(Chairman: Subcommittee on Telecommunications & Finance)

* Congressman Charlie Rose

(Chairman: Committee on House Administration)

* Congressman William H. Orton

(Founder, House Information Technology Caucus)

* Scott Charney

(Chief, Computer Crime Unit, Criminal Division, Dept. of Justice)

* F. Lynn McNulty

(National Institute of Standards and Technology)

* Dr. Peter Tippett

(Symantec Corporation, Campaign Co-Chairman)

Press Announcements are Expected from:

CEI (Computer Ethics Institute)

NCSA (National Computer Security Association)

Merrill Lynch & Co.

Monsanto

Software Publishers Association

Business Software Alliance

Symantec Corporation

CompuServe

Atterbury Foundation

Ziff Davis Publishing

Software Creations BBS

The Boston Computer Society

Computing Technology Industry Association

IEEE Computer Society

ACM

American University

EDUCOM

The Jefferson Circle

Washington Consulting Group Privacy Rights Clearinghouse

Technology Demonstrations (10:45 a.m. - 12:00 noon) will Include:

- * Mosaic & The World Wide Web -- A graphical view of the Internet. Instant Access to graphics, text and search across the net from a huge repository of literally millions of documents, pictures, movies, sound, databases and more files and libraries of current information.**
- * Prentice Hall Online -- Information from 45 State Public Information as well as county court, county tax, records bureaus, license information, and other publicly available information -- all on line. -- Members of Congress & attendees will be able to type their name, and in seconds see the "public" information instantly available about themselves. Typically 10-40 pages of information per individual will be available, depending upon which state they live in.**
- * Doom -- A very popular (and violent) net game from ID Software with three collaborative players playing from the Congressional building, and several in other states across America.**
- * Virtual Reality -- Two Setups complete with headgear and vertigoinducing virtual-space.**
- * Wireless Internet Access -- The internet will have several points of attachment in the briefing technology demonstrations, one will not include wires. This will help illustrate not only connectivity, but truly mobile connectivity.**
- * Software Piracy -- Examples of bootlegged boxes of software & more.**
- * Topic Database -- Demonstration of Verity Corporation's Huge Retrieval Database Engine used by CIA and FBI.**

*** CompuServe -- (Compuserve Corp.) On-line services demonstration. The Computer Ethics Forum (GO CIS:CETHICS)**

Congressional Forum & Briefing (12:30 - 1:30 p.m. and 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.)

Expected Participants Include: Peter Tippett (Symantec, CEI) Ramon Barquin (CEI, Washington Consulting Group) Patrick Sullivan (CEI) Bob Melford (IEEE) Don Gotterbarn (ACM) Bill Murray (Deloitte & Touche) Coralee Whitcomb (Boston Computer Society) F. Lynn McNulty (NIST) Scott Charney (Computer Crime Unit, Department of Justice) *Marc Rotenberg (formerly CPSR, now EPIC)

***(not confirmed)**

The Briefing & Forum will concentrate on the ethical aspects of the shift to digital computing and communications technologies (digital convergence) with particular emphasis on:

- Privacy

-- How does digital convergence change its meaning?,
What are the ethical implications? - Do users,
organizations, governments have new responsibilities?
What are they?
- Virtuality

-- What are the ethical implications of our shift to the
use of virtual agents to perform tasks on our behalf
and with the virtual agents of others? (Current
virtual agents include things like fax signatures, voice

mail, digital signatures, software search agents...)

Intellectual Property -- How does the concept of intellectual property change in the face of digital media and transmission methodology? Is there such a thing as "digital property"? What are the ethical implications of these changes? What should users know and how should they behave?

Common Fallacies -- What are the underlying fallacies of computer users which lead to unethical behavior today? How should we address these fallacies?

Sponsors

Members of the U.S. Congress sponsoring the event include: Congressman Edward J. Markey

(Chairman: Subcommittee on Telecommunications & Finance) Congressman George E. Brown

(Chairman: Committee on Science, Space, & Technology) Congressmen Charlie Rose

(Chairman: Committee on House Administration)

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National Computer Ethics & Responsibilities Campaign

The National Computer Ethics & Responsibilities Campaign (NCERC) is an attempt ; , put the issues of computer and information ethics on the national agenda. The Campaign hopes to raise the awareness of computer ethics issues for every-day computer users -and to promote the discussion of ethics and the dilemmas which arise from **digital convergence**.

Please see the Campaign Launch description and posting for further information about the Campaign itself. Or contact either of the Campaign Co-Chairmen:

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