

Global cyber security chiefs in Killarney

Leading international cyber security specialists convened in Killarney at the weekend for an enlightening Cyber Security Transatlantic Policy Forum.

Industry leaders, policy makers, politicians and law enforcement agencies from the US, Britain and Ireland gathered at The Brehon to share insights and examine available opinions at the inaugural conference.

As well working to improve and expand government, academic and private sector collaborations in cyber security, the event focused on the latest intelligence on how to safeguard against cyber-attacks.

The keynote speaker was Sir Rob Wainwright, Senior Partner for Deloitte's Cyber Practice and the former Director of Europol.

The latest developments and how an increasing dependency on cloud providers could create weaknesses was discussed by delegates, including Richard Browne, Director of Ireland's National Cyber Security Centre and Conrad Prince, Distinguished Fellow and Senior Cyber Adviser, Royal United Services Institute.

The extent that divergence in regulatory and legal frameworks exacerbate vulnerability to cyber attacks, how criminals are evolving their capabilities to avoid detection and the most successful investigative tools that can be deployed were also discussed by an expert panel featuring Detective Inspector Alistair Burns of the PSNI; Todd Renner, Special Agent and Assistant Legal Attaché FBI; and James Sullivan of the Royal United Services Institute.

With a global skills shortage and a projected market for cyber security products and services of almost \$250 billion by 2023, research and innovation can truly have impact, the conference was told and delegates focused on many unsolved challenges of cyber security and the new technologies that could emerge.

A panel on national security and defence, asking if cyber warfare is likely and how much of a threat does the 5G network pose to national and international security, featured Professor Todd Landman, Professor of Political Science and Pro-Vice-Chancellor at the University of Nottingham; Andrew Munro, Assistant Secretary-General, Department of the Taoiseach; and Kevin R Powers, Director of M.S. Cybersecurity Policy and Governance, Boston College.