



**CONFERENCE**

**HACK THE FLAG**

**AND CHILI COOKOFF**

**2026 PROSPECTUS**

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## ABOUT ISSA

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The Information Systems Security Association (ISSA) is a not-for-profit, international professional organization of information security professionals and practitioners. Founded in 1984, ISSA is dedicated to promoting cybersecurity education, supporting skills development, encouraging the exchange of information and strategies, and elevating the importance of security controls across industries.

ISSA's members represent a wide range of sectors including finance, healthcare, education, manufacturing, government, and information technology. ISSA's mission is to advance individual growth, manage technology risk, and protect critical information and infrastructure.

## ABOUT SFISSA

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The South Florida ISSA (SFISSA) Chapter is one of the most vibrant ISSA chapters, serving the tri-county region of Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade. We host monthly in-person educational meetings at venues like Miami Dade College, Florida International University, Nova Southeastern University, Palm Beach State College, Florida Atlantic University and Lynn University.

Our mission is to create a thriving, informed cybersecurity community by promoting education, communication, and collaboration.

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# 2025 HTF EVENT IMPACT & SUCCESS

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HTF 2025 was a milestone event for the South Florida cybersecurity community, drawing **record-breaking attendance**, generating **unmatched community engagement**, and delivering a high-energy, high-value experience for professionals, students, and sponsors alike.

With over **450 attendees**, the event far exceeded expectations, validating our mission and the region's growing demand for top-tier cybersecurity content and collaboration.

## Key Highlights from HTF 2025

- Engaging presentations and panels across three tracks including:
    - Cyber Pathways: Charting Your Career in InfoSec
    - The Boardroom Breakthrough: Pitching Security Solutions Like a Pro, Red Teaming Today, Why Red Teams Should Study System Security Plans,
    - Offensive Strategies: Red Teaming in Large Enterprises
  - A keynote with Edna Conway - Board Chair | Global Chief Security & Risk Officer \$245B
  - A live podcast recording with David Spark and the CISO Series, bringing national-level insight and conversations to South Florida's security community
  - An Advanced CTF hosted by NOQRTR CTF, drawing seasoned ethical hackers and top competitors from across the region
  - A Beginner CTF powered by ExtraHop, a fan favorite among first-time competitors, students, and those just breaking into the field
  - A Retro Computing Village curated by the Retro Computing Club, featuring over 16 interactive stations
  - Multiple hands-on villages throughout the event floor including Career Workshop, WIFI , Cryptography/Privacy/OpSec, Makers Village and more.
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# Conference Agenda

## Morning

7:30 AM

Registration Opens

8:30 AM

Conference Kickoff

Fran Nachlas, Tim Krabec, Yosi Attias, Jimmy Sanders, Lenny Chesal

9:00 – 9:45 AM

Leadership (Main Hall)

The Shared Responsibility Model – Can the Governance Function Really Work?

Eduardo Ortiz – Interviewer, Edna Conway – Guest

10:00 – 10:45 AM

Leadership (Main Hall)

The Evolving State of Cybersecurity – 2025 Edition

Adrian Diaz, Ryan Hay, Aaron Ansari, Adam Fletcher, Gram Michael Ludlow (Moderator)

Security Ops (Breakout 1)

The Hacker's Playbook and the Defender's Shield: Deepfakes and Modern Cybersecurity

Damian Schwartz, Henry Flefel

11:00 – 11:45 AM

Leadership & Governance (Main Hall)

The Current State of Cybercrime Supply Chain

Dr. Mauricio Angée

Security Ops (Breakout 1)

Cybersecurity in Academia

Dr. George Antoniou, Bernard Parenteau, Dr Johnny Guimaraes, Dr Diego Tibaquirá

Moderator: Domingo Castillo

Advanced Tech (Breakout 2)

The Unseen Threat: Why Your Email Address is a Bigger Risk Than You Think

Marcos Ceballos

12:00 – 1:00 PM

LUNCH @ La PETIT PUSSIN

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# Conference Agenda

## Afternoon

1:00 – 1:45 PM

### Leadership & Governance (Main Hall)

Third-Party Risk in the Age of AI

Johann Balaguer, Sharon Milz, John Christly, Moderator: Greg Taffet

### Security Ops (Breakout 1)

SOC / IR Roundtable (Interactive)

Ross Seay, Michael J. Hastings, Mauricio Giraldo, Moderator: Domingo Castillo

2:00 – 2:45 PM

### Leadership & Governance (Main Hall)

Leadership from the Trenches

Dr. Natalie Foster Johnson, Henry Sanchez, Armando Seay, James McQuiggan, Tamecka Mckay

Moderator: Sanjay Deo

### Security Ops (Breakout 1)

Top 10 tips for executing an Application Penetration Test

Erik Cabetas

### Advanced Tech (Breakout 2)

Red Team vs. Blue Team Tactics

Jorge Orchilles, Kenneth Abbott, David Probinsky, Filipi Pires

Moderator: Trace Hollifield

3:00 – 4:00 PM

### Leadership & Governance (Main Hall)

CISO Series Live Podcast with David Spark (Panel/Live Recording)

David Spark – Host, Brett Conlon – Guest, Ryan Barras – Guest

4:00 – 4:45 PM

### Leadership & Governance (Main Hall)

Adversarial AI: Risks & Defenses

Andriy Noble, Chase Fopiano, Nima Schei, Joe Ingles, Felicita Felicita Sandoval

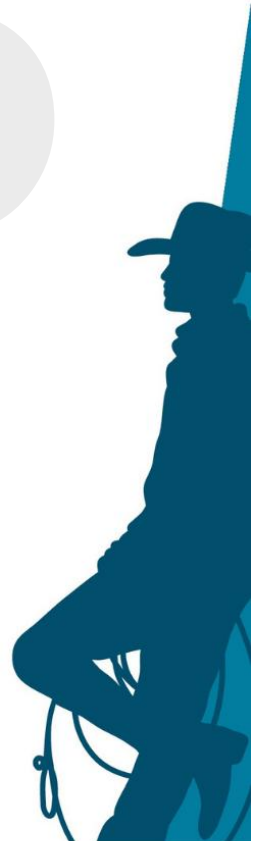
Moderator: Angela Polonia

4:45 – 5:45 PM

### RECEPTION

Networking & Refreshments @ La PETIT PUSSIN

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## Speaker Lineup

### HTF 2025 welcomed thought leaders and practitioners from renowned organizations

**including:** Excela Pharma, Blackstone, Techtronic Industries, SBA Communications, Mount Sinai Medical, Time Magazine, and Seminole Tribe of Florida, Red Team Consulting, TTI Industries (TTi), Hewlett Packard Enterprise, iM Critical, Life Extension, CISO Series, Miami Dade College, Lynn University, University of Miami, ISSA International, Palo Alto Networks, Elevate IT, Verizon, OneZero Solutions, Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.

### Special thanks to:

- **City of Boca Raton Council Member Fran Nachlas** for formally kicking off the event
- **Lenny Chesal** for being the MC during the day
- **Jimmy Sanders**, President of ISSA International



South Florida Chapter



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## Community Collaboration

HTF 2025 was made possible through the generous support and collaboration of our sponsors and community partners.

### Sponsors and Partners

Sprocket Security, A-Lign, Fortinet, Check Point Software Technologies, DigitalEra Group, SailPoint Technologies, Palo Alto Networks, Darktrace, Segura USA, ThreatLocker, Wallarm, Torq Technologies, Elevate Consult, ExtraHop, Vectra, Netdata Cybersecurity, CybrHawk and supporting partners Rapid7, Dropzone AI, TrueTek

### Community Partners

HIMSS, Blacks in Cybersecurity, ISC<sup>2</sup>, ISACA, South Florida Tech Hub, South Florida Tech Friends, Wicys, Infragard, WISP, Cyversity, Latinas in Tech, SIM South Florida, CIO Council, Infosec World Orlando, Cyberminds



## Interactive Tech Villages & Workshops

HTF 2025 featured a strong lineup of interactive tech villages and hands-on workshops that added energy, depth, and practical value to the event experience. These activations gave attendees the opportunity to engage directly with real-world cybersecurity concepts, explore emerging techniques, and connect with the community in a more immersive way.

By complementing the speaker tracks and CTF environment, the villages and workshops helped make HTF 2025 a more dynamic, accessible, and memorable event for students, practitioners, and security leaders alike.

## Interactive Tech Villages & Workshops

- Career Workshop
- WiFi Hacking
- Cryptography / Privacy / OpSec
- Makers Village



# 2026 CONFERENCE & HTF

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Building on the overwhelming success of our 2025 Hack the Flag event, with over **450 attendees**, **South Florida ISSA** is proud to announce that **HTF 2026** is continuing our two-day event - **2026 CONFERENCE & HTF!**

This year, we're expanding on that success with a refined two-day format that deepens engagement while expanding accessibility for our diverse community.

## Event Dates:

- **Conference Day** – Friday, **September 18, 2026**
- **Hack the Flag (CTF) Day** – Saturday, **September 19, 2026**

## Why Two Days? Why This Format?

Splitting the event into two dedicated days allows us to better serve the needs of our attendees:

- **Professionals and executives** can fully immerse themselves in the **Friday Conference**, focused on thought leadership, panels, and networking without competing with the high-energy CTF distractions.
  - **CTF participants**, including students, hackers, and hands-on tech enthusiasts can enjoy **Saturday** fully dedicated to challenges, workshops, and villages.
  - This separation is **more sensible logistically** and **more inclusive**, making it easier for different audiences to attend the parts of the event that matter most to them whether it's on a workday or a weekend.
  - Sponsors benefit from **increased exposure across two days**, with varied audiences and doubled engagement opportunities.
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## 2026 Conference Highlights

### September 18 – Conference Day

- **Speaker Tracks:** Talks/panels from industry leaders, CISOs, engineers, ethical hackers
- **On-the-Floor Interviews:** Roving host capturing interviews with attendees, speakers, sponsors
- **Networking Opportunities:** Engage with peers, partners, and thought leaders
- **Executive & Practitioner Panels:** Real-world conversations and emerging trends
- **Exhibitor Hall** – Meet top vendors showcasing cutting-edge cybersecurity solutions

### September 19 – Hack the Flag (CTF) Day

- **Capture the Flag Competitions:** Beginner and advanced tracks—powered by top teams
- **Tech Villages:** Interactive experiences in robotics, networking, access control, lock picking...
- **Hands-On Workshops:** Skill-building sessions led by seasoned practitioners
- **On-the-Floor Interviews:** Roving host capturing interviews with attendees, speakers, sponsors
- **Exhibitor Hall** – Meet top vendors showcasing cutting-edge cybersecurity solutions

### Who Should Attend?

- Cybersecurity professionals, engineers, and red/blue/purple teamers
  - Ethical hackers and CTF enthusiasts
  - Students, educators, and academic researchers in InfoSec and IT
  - CISOs, IT directors, and security leadership
  - Anyone passionate about building and securing the digital world
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## 2026 SPONSOR BENEFITS BY LEVEL

Becoming a sponsor of the **HTF 2026 Conference** offers your organization unmatched exposure to South Florida's rapidly growing cybersecurity ecosystem.

BENEFIT	HEADLINE \$12,000	DIAMOND \$6,500	PLATINUM \$4,000	GOLD \$2,500
Keynote recognition	✓	—	—	—
Breakout session presentation	✓	—	—	—
Opt-in attendee list	✓	✓	—	—
Exhibitor table (6-ft)	✓	✓	✓	—
Two sponsor passes	✓	✓	✓	✓
Attendee badge scanner	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo on printed signage & media	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo on event slideshow	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo on SFISSA website	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo on event t-shirt	✓	✓	✓	✓
Recognition in email blasts	✓	✓	✓	✓
Recognition on social media	✓	✓	✓	✓
CISO Dinner (add-on)	+\$8k	+\$8k	+\$8k	—

For Add-ons to sponsorship see next page >>>

### Add-On & Exclusive Sponsorships (PLATINUM Level and Above)

These exclusive add-on opportunities are available to **PLATINUM sponsors and above**. Each option is limited to one or two sponsors and includes logo placement in the designated event area.

- **CISO Dinner Sponsorship \$8,000 (2 available)**  
Exclusive dinner for invited CISOs and senior security leaders
- **Custom T-Shirt Sleeve \$2,000 (1 available)**  
Logo prominently featured on the event t-shirt sleeve
- **Conference Bag & Lanyard \$2,500 (1 available)**  
Logo on attendee bags and lanyards distributed to all attendees
- **Wi-Fi Sponsorship \$2,500 (1 available)**  
Logo displayed throughout Wi-Fi signage at the venue
- **Refreshments \$2,500 (2 available)**  
Logo on refreshment stations throughout the event
- **Lunch Sponsorship \$2,500 (2 available)**  
Logo on lunch area and acknowledgment during meal periods
- **Reception Sponsorship \$2,500 (2 available)**  
Logo at the closing reception and prize raffle
- **Speaker Gifts (co-sponsor) \$2,500 (1 available)**  
Logo on speaker gift packages; co-sponsored with SFISSA

### Sponsor Raffle Prizes (All Levels)

All sponsors and exhibitors are encouraged to contribute a prize for the Sponsor Raffle Drawing held during the closing reception at 4:30 PM on Friday.

### Attendee Bag Inserts (All Levels)

All sponsors and exhibitors may provide up to 500 promotional items or flyers for inclusion in official conference bags.

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# POLICIES & PROCEDURES

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## Payment

- Full payment is due within 30 days of sponsorship commitment.
- Full payment must be received no later than 45 days before the event.

## Space & Assignment

- Each PLATINUM or above sponsor receives one 6-foot table and two chairs.
- Each PLATINUM or above sponsor receives 2 sponsor passes.
- SFISSA reserves the right to modify the floor plan.

## Cancellation

- All sponsorship commitments are final and non-refundable.
- SFISSA may, at its sole discretion, offer credit toward a future event but is not obligated to do so.

## Liability & Insurance

Sponsors/exhibitors participate at their own risk. Organizers are not responsible for theft, damage, fire, or other loss. Sponsors are encouraged to obtain their own insurance coverage. Sponsors agree to indemnify and hold harmless both the venue and SFISSA from any claims arising from their participation.

## Code of Conduct

- Treat all members and guests with respect and dignity. Harassment will not be tolerated.
- Conduct yourself professionally; avoid offensive language or imagery.
- Do not reference other companies negatively in presentations.
- Presentations should focus on delivering cybersecurity value, not product promotion.
- Maintain confidentiality of sensitive information encountered during the event.

Questions or concerns? Contact us at [conference@sfissa.org](mailto:conference@sfissa.org) or [board@sfissa.org](mailto:board@sfissa.org)

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# SPONSOR COMMITMENT FORM

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Complete this form and return to [conference@sfissa.org](mailto:conference@sfissa.org). SFISSA will respond with confirmation if the option is still available.

An invoice will be sent to your AP contact.

For questions: [board@sfissa.org](mailto:board@sfissa.org)

## Selected Sponsorship Level

- Headline — \$12,000
- Diamond — \$6,500
- Platinum — \$4,000
- Gold — \$2,500
- Add-On: CISO Dinner — \$8,000
- Add-On: T-Shirt Sleeve — \$2,000
- Add-On: Conference Bag & Lanyard — \$2,500
- Add-On: Wi-Fi Sponsor — \$2,500
- Add-On: Refreshments — \$2,500
- Add-On: Lunch — \$2,500
- Add-On: Reception — \$2,500
- Add-On: Speaker Gifts — \$2,500
- ISSA Foundation Contribution — \$1,000

## Total

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

## Sponsor Company & Contact Information

Primary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Accounts Payable Contact

Please identify the contact who will submit electronic payment.

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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