

JOHN LYONS - BIOGRAPHY



John Lyons is Chief Executive of the International Cyber Security Protection Alliance (ICSPA), a business-led, international not-for-profit organisation which aims to provide private and public sector funding and support globally to law enforcement agencies engaged in the fight against cyber crime.

John's previous public service appointment with the UK's National Crime Squad as the National Hi-Tech Crime Unit's Crime (NHTCU) Reduction Coordinator required him to lead the Unit's interaction with the UK's major blue-chip companies. At the NHTCU he was responsible for writing and implementing the Unit's Crime Reduction Strategy and for leading their Industry Outreach Programme. In April 2004, he established the first UK national public/private sector information security awareness campaign for Internet users –called "Get Safe Online". He subsequently chaired the Steering Group comprising senior representatives from HM Government and a number of blue-chip private sector companies including HSBC, eBay and Microsoft.

John began his security career in the Royal Air Force where he served for 20 years. During his service in the RAF Security (Provost) Branch he was engaged in operational and investigative roles involving crime, counter intelligence and counter terrorist activities. He qualified on the Senior Detective Training Course at the Metropolitan Police Service Training College and subsequently led a large number of joint investigations with police and military agencies throughout NATO countries. John retired from the RAF in 1993 in the rank of Squadron Leader.

Before returning to the public sector to join the National Crime Squad, John held a number of senior management positions in the technology sector, where he worked on mostly foreign-based assignments. Some of his most rewarding projects involved responsibility for multi-million pound engagements with Accenture, Johnson & Johnson, Unilever and a number of foreign government police and security agencies.

John is a Freeman of the City of London's 100th Livery Company, the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists, Board adviser on risk and security to UC Group and a keen, but not great, golfer.