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Inaugural Cyber event in Saskatchewan brings western cyber leaders to forefront

On June 14th, ITAC held its inaugural *ITAC Saskatchewan Cyber Security Forum*. This event brought together senior leaders from industry, government and the technology sector to network and discuss the trends and emerging threats regarding cyber security. Our host partner was ISM Canada and the event was held at the ISM Canada's Centre of Excellence in Regina, Saskatchewan. IT was the first cyber event undertaken by ITAC in Western Canada – the first of many!



Cyber Security Forum panelists: Fuad Iddrisu, Ruth Promislow, David Millar and Sam Oziel

The event was kicked off by a scene-setting presentation on the *Threats Facing Industry Today* by David Millar, a Canadian Solutions Leader with IBM Canada's Security Services Division. Mr. Millar also discussed the need for diversity in the attraction of cyber talent the tech industry.

The next keynote speaker was Sam Oziel, the Senior Director of Personal Systems with HP Canada who addressed *Endpoint Resiliency in an Age of Advanced Persistent Threats*, providing a deeper dive into more technical elements of cyber security. Finally, Ruth Promislow a Toronto-based Partner with Bennett Jones LLP, reviewed the importance of thinking about the legal side of cyber security with a presentation called *After the Breach*.

The presenters were then joined by Mr. Fuad Iddrisu, the Executive Director, Chief Information Security Officer with the Government of Saskatchewan, for a wide-ranging discussion on cyber in both the private and public sectors.

ITAC would like to thank IBM Canada, HP Canada, Bennett-Jones and the Government of Saskatchewan in addition to our host partner ISM Canada.

ITAC is now seeking partners in Alberta, Manitoba and British Columbia to host future events to help bring a broader perspective to the topic of cyber across Canada. If you would like to partner, or learn more, contact Nevin French, ITAC VP of Policy at nfrench@itac.ca or Christine Leonard, Director of Events and Program Development at cleonard@itac.ca.