COMMON CRITERIA PROJECT:
IMPLEMENTING THE MUTUAL RECOGNITION ARRANGEMENT

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Session Abstract

This international panel of participants in the various Common Criteria activities will describe recent CC-related accomplishments, current work and plans. The activities include the Common Criteria Interpretations Management Board (CCIMB), the Common Evaluation Methodology Editorial Board (CEMEB), and the CC Project's Management Committee (MC).

Common Criteria (CC) version 2.0 was completed in May 1998 and in June 1999 was accepted by ISO National Bodies as International Standard 15408. This international acceptance has lent great impetus to the world-wide implementation of the new standard. In October 1998, six of the seven nations participating in the CC Project signed a Mutual Recognition Arrangement, agreeing to recognize the results of each others' evaluations of products against the CC. This circle of mutual recognition is now in the process of widening greatly to encompass several other nations in both western and eastern hemispheres. The mutual recognition will have a firm basis in a Common Evaluation Methodology (CEM), which accredited laboratories will use to ensure consistent application of the CC in their product and system evaluation work. The CEM version 1.0 has recently been completed and is ready for use by all interested parties.

The panel participants will discuss the following topics in their presentations:

- Robert Harland of CSE-Canada, Chair of the CCIMB, will describe how the CCIMB is being used to interpret and maintain the CC.
- Murray Donaldson of CESG-UK, Chair of the CEMEB, will briefly discuss the contents of the CEM, how it will be used in evaluations, and planned further refinement of the document.
- Ron Ross of NIST-USA, Chair of the CC Management Committee, will provide a brief overview of its activities, the Mutual Recognition Arrangement, and how it is evolving.
- Gene Troy of NIST-USA, Panel Chairman and Project Editor of ISO15408-1 (CC Part 1), will provide a wrap-up by discussing current ISO activities related to implementing the CC.