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Last week's IFSEC exhibition in the UK managed to quell the fears of many that the security industry was being badly affected with the crisis. With many key exhibitors having earlier announced that they wouldn't be attending this year, there was a mood of pessimism in the air. However, the enthusiasm of the exhibitors and crowded stands painted a very different story. Norbain has already announced its return in 2010 and I'm sure others will follow.

Sanyo, Optex and Dedicated Micros picked up prestigious IFSEC awards and it was also good to see Slovenian TAB Systems win an award at last after three years as runner up for its Smarti biometric face recognition system.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter and if you have any comments or feedback, I'd be delighted to hear from you at jon.newell@prosecurityzone.com

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From the Surveillance Zone

BriefCam has joined the Milestone fold of integration partners with its video synopsis and indexing software which I took a look at during the IFSEC show. This software provides fast event detection without the use of analytics.



Sony has come up with an 8.3 megapixel camera no larger than a coin. The surveillance giant's image sensing division claim that it's the smallest camera to deliver 720p HD images

IFSEC always carries an underlying unplanned theme and this year it was integration and Honeywell was at the fore with its demonstration of IP integration capabilities between surveillance and other security systems.

IndigoVision was also keen to stress the integration angle with its demonstration of modules for pulling together holistic IP based security systems encompassing surveillance, access control and alarms.

Millwall football club has dumped its old VCR equipment and is now tackling disorder in the stands using new DVR units from Samsung Techwin which in conjunction with upgraded dome cameras can produce evidence quality images.

- [Video Synopsis software integration with XProtect](#)
- [Hi-def camera the size of a coin](#)
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- [Access control integration modules from IndigoVision](#)
- [Millwall upgrades to Samsung DVR for improved football crowd monitoring](#)

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From the IT Security Zone

With over 20 of installed software considered to be pirate, Vi Labs is advocating the use of business intelligence tools to focus on high risk groups to assist in revenue recovery for software suppliers.

A new disaster recovery regime from DataCore makes smart use of distributed resources across multiple site installations to provide back-up to centralised systems.

Work-Wise week took place last week and this prompted users to re-consider the security of mobile workers according to Aruba. TFM Networks also commented on the initiative suggesting improvements are needed not only in security but also support and service levels.

- Home working increase demands service, security and support
- Piracy business intelligence to combat software theft
- Disaster recovery tool for both virtual and physical infrastructures
- Work Wise Week brings secure remote working to the fore

From the Access Control Zone

With RFID cards become more widely deployed, protection from rogue readers has become a challenge taken up by Databac who has produced card holders for contactless cards which provides shielding from unauthorised readers.



Sorex Wireless was at IFSEC demonstrating the bluetooth electronic entry systems. The wirelesskey is available for both home and business users.

The problem of key management at a German heart clinic was overcome with the use of electronic locking with access gained using contactless smart cards from LEGIC Identisystems.

CEM Systems have launched a portable card reader for authentication and access control requirements at remote locations.

- Bluetooth key entry system
- Shielded protection for contactless cards
- PoE door unit and portable card reader from CEM Systems
- Electronic locking for German cardiology centre

From the Detection Zone

Low dosage detection systems featured last week with Spectrum San Diego launching CarSCAN for detecting stowaways and contraband in vehicles which pass through the mobile scanner.



OD Security has been demonstrating its low dosage system for performing non-intrusive searches on human subjects. The Soter X-Ray system delivers low levels of radiation whilst still retaining the ability to detect non-metallic objects within the body.

- Low dose drive through security screening system
- Soter non-intrusive detection system on show at IFSEC

From the Biometrics Zone

Texas police are extending their range of biometrics capabilities by taking live hand scanners from L-1 Identity Solutions. The system will be used for criminal record retention and matching

images to hand prints left at crime scenes.

Zvetco Biometrics has launched the first USB connectable fingerprint scanner with FIPS compliance. The Verifi P6000 is forecast to be mainly used for computer resource access control.

- [Live hand scan order for Texas police](#)
- [USB fingerprint scanner with FIPS compliance](#)

Protection and Enforcement

The Pilgrims Group is providing manned guarding services to a large Dagenham pharmaceutical company. In addition to guards, the company is also providing risk assessment and intelligence services to prevent actions from extremist groups.

The Security Industry Authority (SIA) is coming down strongly on unlicensed contract guarding staff with recent high profile raids and prosecutions on contract guard companies. The SIA has also issued a statement that licensing won't be extended to in-house guarding staff.

- [SIA in joint raid on Aberdeen door staff](#)
- [Guarding services for UK pharmaceutical company](#)



And finally...

Favourite pets provide hackers with access

Twitter seems to be becoming the online version of the Barbary Coast with dangers lurking around every corner. The latest Twitter warning comes from Sophos telling users not to divulge their pet's names especially if these are also the answers to secret password reminder questions. The warning comes after a string of breaches which succeeded exactly for this reason.

Retro computing at Bletchley Park

The National Museum of Computing has created a display consisting of 50 exhibits tracing the short history of personal computing from the mid 60's to the present day. The trip down memory lane features floppy disks that were indeed floppy and bizarre contraptions like the ZX80. The museum is still searching for a 1977 Sinclair MK14 home computing kit to complete its collection so if you've got one in your attic, consider donating it to this shrine to beige plastic boxes.

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