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Dear friends,

We would like your attention in the middle of summer and holidays because for many of you it is a time which brings opportunity for thought and reflection of everyday working life. You may also be inspired by the approaching application deadline of the articles for this year's conference and therefore we encourage you to visit www.emergency.cz and register your contribution with a brief annotation.

The main theme of this year's conference will be "Crises in Historical Context", which will include the inspiring topic of "Emergency Operations Financing". Furthermore, the conference will be supplemented with another topic this year - "The Safety of E-government". The Czech government's project of Data Boxes has been already running since 1st of July 2009. Basic national electronic registers as a ground for the informatization of the public administration are being designed and prepared for implementation. This challenge asks for a response within state authorities and the private sector because they have to adjust their activities and information systems to the new operating mode which could be described as revolutionary.

There are many positives to these new "smarter" and more effective systems; however, with the positives of these new systems also comes the possibility of misuse. Insufficient attention to safety aspects of this new approach could result in its discredit and decay in the future.

Within the framework of our conference we would like to engage in a debate about the potential risks to the systems which are increasingly interlinked and which perform more and more complicated and important functions. Another issue to address is to examine the ways to reduce these risks and protect ourselves against their potential impacts. Based on that we welcome contributions and discussion on the following topics:

- Which security threats are specific to a large-scale deployment of e-government
- Which methods and means could be used, or are necessary, in order to protect the system as a whole and its individual components
- What are the procedures in case an organization intends to intensively use all the benefits of e-government while maintaining the required safety at the same time

We believe the date of the conference combined with the Data Boxes being in compulsory routine use for almost a month will contribute to very interesting discussions on the findings from their practical use.

If you would like to get some inspiration while writing your article by the content of previous conferences, you are welcome to visit our webpage [Conference 2007](#). At this address you will also find instructions about how to register an article and apply for

the conference.

Proposed contributions will be scheduled in accordance of our capabilities for the first and second day of the conference. For each contribution a tentative time period of 20 minutes is given.

We wish you a pleasant holiday time and are looking forward to your contributions.

Sincerely,



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