

Assises 2016 Cybersecurity: Anticipating and taking action

Highlights of this 16th edition of Les Assises.

"Think differently": that's the objective that Les Assises de la Sécurité des Systèmes d'Informations has been pursuing for 16 years as it brings together sector professionals. To meet this challenge and think outside the box, Les Assises presented renowned, relevant and atypical speakers, like the famous mathematician Cédric Villani.



**During the week of the event*

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Patrice Cellario, Government Advisor and Minister of the Interior of the Principality of Monaco, opened these 16th Assises insisting on the fact that without security there is no trust, and without trust there can be no development. During these three days in Monaco, we realised once again that cybersecurity is *"a subject essential for the protection of*

freedom, citizen security, and controlling and developing the digital space”, as **Patrice Cellario** stated. In this context, the Principality announced the creation of its digital security agency, Agence Monégasque de Sécurité Numérique, directed by Counter Admiral Riban, former number two at ANSSI.

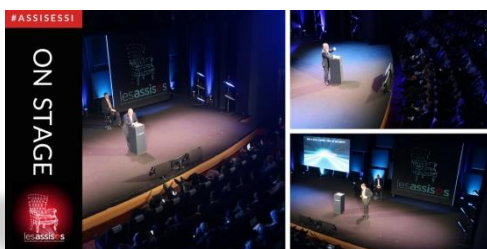
And with his usual conviction, **Guillaume Poupard**, Director General of ANSSI, took the floor for the [opening conference](#) entitled “Time to choose”. **His speech was impactful while avoiding scaremongering, and highlighted a number of priorities: OIV, European cooperation and digital citizens.** The directive is the same as always, we need to work together to combat the many cyber threats. **“We all have a role to play”**, he emphasized.

For **Thierry Delville**, Delegate for Security Industries and Interim Delegate for the fight against cyber threats, the key word was **“awareness”**. Not just with respect to professionals and businesses, but also individuals: **“We need to educate our future citizens now”**, he urged. **“These issues cannot be addressed without a partnership between security and cyber security”**.

Keynotes revealing major trends

Other highlights of this year’s Assises de la Sécurité were the four keynotes by Thales, RSA, Palo Alto Networks and IBM, as well as an exceptional conference by Cédric Villani.

Laurent Maury, VP Critical Information Systems and Cyber Security at [Thales](#), said that **“new information technologies (mobility, Cloud, widespread interconnections) create additional vulnerabilities”**. Given these changes, it is essential that we provide varied responses, especially through a paradigm change in data management: **“secure by design, anticipating threats and encrypting data”**.



“Protecting the network isn’t good enough, we need to segment software” explained Laurent Maury, VP Critical Information Systems and Cyber Security, Thales

Amit Yoran, President of RSA, in Europe for a short time, insisted on the importance of changing perspective. He believes that, **“to tackle the problem, companies need to monitor changing technologies or become obsolete”**.

A surprising figure: **“75 billion dollars are spent worldwide on cyber security, but just 10% of that on detection”**, Amit Yoran, President RSA.



Welcome to the "4th industrial revolution." Franck Mong, Senior Vice President, [Palo Alto Networks](#), believes that the "digital era changes everything. When we talk about IoT, SaaS, the cloud or drones, we're aware that they are incredible technologies, but they also represent risks and threats. "



"In business, cyber security needs to be considered upstream and not in response to attacks", Franck Mong, Senior Vice President, Palo Alto Networks

Nicolas Sekkaki, CEO [IBM France](#), expects to see more and more potentially dangerous "smart objects". The paradox is that we cannot currently avoid new technologies, yet the vulnerabilities come from new business models that themselves threaten companies' survival. Nicolas Sekkaki explained: *"When we detect a new, real and confirmed threat, we are forced to introduce new technologies, even if we don't truly master them"*.

In this perspective, Watson's presentation by **Jeb Linton**, Chief Security and Risks Architect, for IBM Watson group, illustrated the link between Artificial Intelligence and cyber security.



"From now on, we need to treat IS security like an immune system. The CISO has to be the Dr House of cyber security", Nicolas Sekkaki, CEO IBM France

The highly anticipated [plenary conference on Thursday afternoon](#) gave participants an opportunity to meet someone not from the security ecosystem but who builds bridges between his discipline and security issues. **Cédric Villani**, mathematician and winner of the prestigious 2010 Fields medal honoured us with his presence to create a daring parallel between maths and computing: *"there's no computing science without mathematics"*.



According to Cédric Villani, *"in mathematics as in cyber security, we're working in the unknown!"*

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