

CeBIT 2006: IT Security Manufacturers' Table Football World Championship

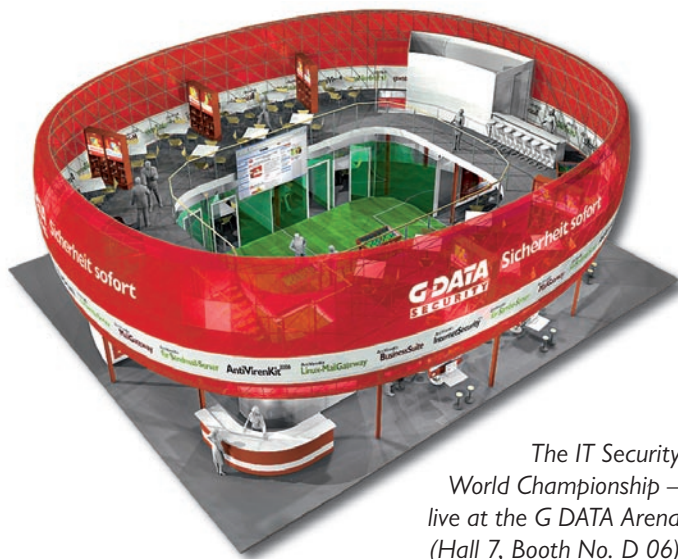
Eight IT Security Manufacturers in Search for World Table Football Champion

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Haven't got tickets for the World Cup yet? No problem. You'll have your chance to savour world championship goals and atmosphere at CeBIT, Hanover, where G DATA, Symantec, Kaspersky, Trend Micro, BitDefender, F-Secure, Grisoft and ESET will be dribbling, tackling and bending the ball in Hall 7, Stand D06, as they compete for the IT-Security Table Football World Championship Trophy!

Without the characteristics of superb technical ability, fast reaction and strong team spirit, security manufacturers and their latest anti-virus and internet security software would not be capable of succeeding in the fight against internet malware. The eight competing security manufacturers want to prove that, apart from comparative tests on their software, these characteristics can be transferred to the smooth surface of the table football pitch in the battle for first place in the IT Security World Championship.

G DATA representing Germany, Symantec representing the USA, Kaspersky representing Russia, Trend Micro representing Japan, BitDefender representing Romania, F-Secure representing Finland, Grisoft representing Czech Republic und ESET representing Slovakia will each be entering one table football team to compete for the World Championship Trophy, scheduled for 9th to 11th March.



The IT Security World Championship – live at the G DATA Arena (Hall 7, Booth No. D 06)

Each team will have two table-football players plus one sub from each security manufacturer's home country. There will be a group stage for the opening games, four teams to a group, followed by play-offs for a place in the final on the 11th March.

The draw was held in February 2006. Andreas Marx, the much respected and unbiased virus expert from AV Test Magdeburg, drew the numbers to establish the line-up for the initial group rounds.



The tournament will take place live and "for free" at the G DATA Arena (Hall 7, booth No. D 06). National team colours, national anthems, live broadcasts projected on to big screens and professional commenting will guarantee a truly world championship atmosphere for players and spectators alike. Live commentary on Saturday's semi-finals and finals will be provided by the popular German football commentator, Werner Hansch.

Participants will attend a closing ceremony and presentations from 6:00 p.m. on Saturday in the G DATA stadium. Press and other spectators are cordially invited.



*Table Football fever without limits:
The "official" logo of the
IT Security World Championship 2006*

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Participants

No.	Country	Representative
1	Germany	G DATA
2	USA	Symantec
3	Russia	Kaspersky
4	Romania	Softwin
5	Finland	F-Secure
6	Czech Rep.	Grisoft
7	Slovakia	ESET
8	Japan	Trend Micro

Groups

Group A	Group B
Trend Micro	G DATA
BitDefender	Grisoft
ESET	Kaspersky
F-Secure	Symantec

Tournament Schedule

Day	Round	Time	Match
Thursday, 09.03.2006	1st Round	13:00 h	G DATA – Grisoft
		13:30 h	Kaspersky – Symantec
		15:00 h	Trend Micro – BitDefender
		15:30 h	ESET – F-Secure
		17:00 h	G DATA – Kaspersky
		17:30 h	Grisoft – Symantec
Friday, 10.03.2006	1st Round	13:00 h	Trend Micro – ESET
		13:30 h	BitDefender – F-Secure
		15:00 h	G DATA – Symantec
		15:30 h	Grisoft – Kaspersky
		17:00 h	Trend Micro – F-Secure
		17:30 h	BitDefender – ESET
Saturday, 11.03.2006	Semi Final	15:00 h	1st Group A – 2nd Group B
	Semi Final	15:30 h	1. Gruppe B – 2. Gruppe A
	3rd Place	17:00 h	2. Halbfinale 1 – 2. Halbfinale 2
	Final	17:30 h	1. Halbfinale 1 – 1. Halbfinale 2

Some quotes of participants



"This championship encourages everyone to see what anti-virus vendors interaction is about: competition and cooperation!"

Eugene Kaspersky, Head of Virus Lab, Kaspersky Labs



"Symantec accepts the challenge on the real world playground and is looking forward to get the ball rolling. We are exited to prove our skills on the football table."

Candid Wüest, Security Expert, Symantec



"We here at F-Secure are known for our fast reaction times, but I'm not sure if this applies to football playing, too. I guess we'll find out. Too bad it's not ice hockey, then we would surely win!"

Mikko Hyppönen, Chief Security Officer, F-Secure



„Trend Micro freut sich sehr über die Einladung von G DATA zur ‚Tischfußball-Weltmeisterschaft‘. Stellvertretend für Japan wird unser Trend Micro-Team beweisen, dass beim Fußball genauso wie beim Virenschutz die gleiche Strategie zum Erfolg führt: Die Null muss stehen! Und fang dir nichts ein! Wir werden mit unserer stabilen Zweierkette den Beweis antreten und unsere Position verteidigen.“

Ralph Kreter, Business Unit Manager DACH, Trend Micro



"We are World Champion for „VB100%" awards. Now we are going to prove that we are World Champion for table football, too."

Juraj Zaruba, Technical Specialist, ESET



"Unfortunately Romania is not joining the Football World Cup 2006. That's the reason why BitDefender wants to prove its skills in the game. We are looking forward to win the Cup of the AV vendors."

Bogdan Dumitru, Chief Technology Officer, BitDefender



"Competition is a wonderful thing, and if we keep it clean and safe - even better! Grisoft is looking forward to the challenge, and offers Czech beer to anyone who can beat the AVG team! And by the way - we hereby accept the Finnish ice hockey challenge - see you next year?!"

Robert Pinkas, Director of Business Development, Grisoft



"G DATA is proud to be the organizer of this championship. It's the first time that the major AV vendors come together in such a spirit of global unity, harmony and friendship. And - last, but not least - we will have a lot of fun!"

Dr. Dirk Hochstrate, Security Director, G DATA Security

