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## DC DATCON 2018 Announces Additional Speakers, Panelists, Sponsors and Partners

**Washington, DC – October 10, 2018** – Data Community DC announces new additions to the DC DATACON 2018 program that is being held on November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Marvin Center on the campus of George Washington University. “We are delighted with the strength of the agenda, the quality of speakers, the diversity of topics and the organizations that have stepped forward and show their support for our 2018 event,” said Craig Parisot, member of Data Community DC’s Board and lead for conference planning. Conference Co-Organizer and Co-Founder of Data Community DC, Sean Gonzalez, added, “the organizing theme of ‘Simply Data Science’ is a powerful concept used to highlight the need to make the topic more accessible and engaging to a broader audience of data professionals.” Of note, the Northern Virginia Technology Council has returned as a Community Partner along with the Washington Statistical Society, Women in Big Data and many others.

Conference organizers are taking on both technical and non-technical topics seeking to engage a broad range of data professionals and interest areas. "This conference is diverse in speakers and attendees and also covers a variety of subject matter," said Janet Dobbins, Vice President of Business Development and Strategic Partnerships at Statistics.com and President of Data Community DC. Dr. Jeff Jonas, the Founder and Chief Scientist of Senzing and a Former IBM Fellow, will be providing one of the day’s keynote addresses. Dr. Jonas will provide an inspiring and inspirational talk to set the right tone for the thoughtful and inclusive nature of DC DATACON. Organizations represented on stage speaking on topics ranging from artificial intelligence (AI) as applied to art and robotics, AI amplified expertise, data science in homeland security and building careers in data science to applied R&D, the universal search for intelligent life, and ethics include the National Institutes of Health (NIH), NASA/SETI Frontier Development Lab, Monster Government Solutions, LMI, KeyW, Excella, ATA, In-Q-Tel, ByteCubed, the Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate, United States Secret Service, Customs and Border Protection and Statistics.com.

Our region’s academic community will also have a significant presence at the conference. Dr. Thomas LeBlanc, President of George Washington University will provide the opening welcome. Brian Wright, Director of Operations and Lecturer in the Master of Data Science program added, “DATACON is a great opportunity to gain exposure on current best practices from academia, the private sector, and government while supporting the community-building mission of Data Community DC." Other academic institutions represented at the conference include George Mason University, University of Notre Dame, University of Maryland, and the John J. Reilly Center for Science, Technology and Values.

Registration, sponsorships and exhibit opportunities remain available. Please contact Rebecca Stepling at [stepling@ncsi.com](mailto:stepling@ncsi.com) or Ann Marie Nixon at [nixon@ncsi.com](mailto:nixon@ncsi.com) or by calling (443) 561-2406. The conference information and registration site is [www.DCDATACON.com](http://www.DCDATACON.com).

### ABOUT DATA COMMUNITY DC

Data Community DC (DC2) is a leading network of over 22,000+ data scientists and other data professionals in the DC region. DC2 is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt, charitable organization focused on producing high-quality, community-driven events throughout the year. This on-going conversation addresses a diverse range of data science topics to promote the work of our region’s data professionals, foster education, enable opportunity identification, and provide professional development. Events occur at various locations across the region. Learn more about Data Community DC, our calendar of events, our leaders and our sponsors at [www.datacommunitydc.org](http://www.datacommunitydc.org).

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