

DC DATACON 2018 Finalizes Agenda, Announces Stellar Speaker Line-up, Broad Support Among Region's Data Leadership

Washington, DC – October 30, 2018 – Data Community DC is ready for DC DATACON 2018 on November 7th at the Marvin Center on the campus of George Washington University. The agenda for this packed one-day event is finalized. "I am blown away with the quality and diversity of speakers we lined up this year," said Craig Parisot, member of Data Community DC's Board and Conference Organizer. Parisot added, "we have also added a number of great organizations in business, government and academia to the mix offering new and different perspectives."

Conference Co-Organizer, Sean Gonzalez, said, "We are delighted that Dr. Thomas LeBlanc, President of George Washington University, has agreed to provide the opening welcome." Dr. Jeff Jonas, the Founder and Chief Scientist of Senzing and a Former IBM Fellow, will then get things kicked off with the day's keynote addresses – Context Computing. Following the keynote, there will be panels and speakers on a variety of topics ranging from artificial intelligence (AI) inspired 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. Organizations included in the discussion are 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. Recently added to this list are FirstData Corporation, Traitify and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Organization (NOAA). Johns Hopkins University is joining other members of our region's academic community who will have a presence at the conference - George Mason University, University of Notre Dame, University of Maryland, and the John J. Reilly Center for Science, Technology and Values. Brian Wright, Director of Operations and Lecturer in the Master of Data Science program at GWU 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."

Registration, sponsorships and exhibit opportunities remain available. Please contact Rebecca Steppling at steppling@ncsi.com or Ann Marie Nixon at nixon@ncsi.com or by calling (443) 561-2406. The conference information and registration site is 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.

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