



Overview of the VGT Conference

17 - 20 February 2008, Vancouver, Canada

“Protecting our Most Vital Resource, our Children”.

Conference highlights

The third International Virtual Global Taskforce (VGT) Conference was held on February 17-20, 2008 at the Fairmont Vancouver Hotel in Vancouver, British Columbia.

One hundred and eighty nine people from across the globe attended the conference.

Countries represented at the conference included Australia, America, Bulgaria, Canada, France, Indonesia, Italy, Lebanon, Netherlands, New Zealand, Puerto Rico, Spain, Sweden and the UK.

Attendees included 154 law enforcement officers, 20 people from industry, and 15 people from government and non-government organisations.

The conference highlighted the need for law enforcement, government, industry and non government agencies to cooperate globally to fight child exploitation.

The conference aimed to build an awareness and understanding of the challenges faced when fighting a borderless cross jurisdictional crime. The conference recognised that no one agency, organisation or company can win the fight of protecting our most vital resource, our children, alone. It can only be achieved with international cooperation, as demonstrated by the Virtual Global Taskforce.

The conference reflected on what had worked in the past, highlighted the lessons learned, and determined how to take the international cooperation forward in the future.

The conference was targeted at:

- Law enforcement personnel
- Internet and telecommunication service providers
- Non government organizations
- Child advocacy groups
- Government policy makers
- Technology sector
- Educational executives
- Judiciary
- Crown prosecutors
- Internet content hosts
- Payment providers