

# 2018: September

Hello everyone

This is the running update from the Executive Director. Have questions or comments? Suggest some added information or edits? Contact ED colin at [kantarainitiative.org](mailto:kantarainitiative.org).

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I'm in my garden office in Dorset on this lovely warm day, thankful for the last of summer's sun and the peaceful rhythm of life going on around me, as I begin September's round-up.

I kicked off September's conference round in Seattle, where Kantara leads participated in a two-day industry event added onto the International Identity Summit (IIS). This invitation-only event is held to allow governments to discuss digital identity challenges and opportunities behind closed doors. With several agencies from governments around the world as members of Kantara, and most of them attending both the IIS and the industry days, it was a great opportunity to catch up. The first day saw us split into groups to brainstorm various challenges around counter-fraud and anomaly detection. On the second day we were treated to updates from both government and industry. Kantara members Treasury Board Secretariat of Canada, SecureKey Technologies, 1Kosmos, and KIPi grant fund recipient Lockstep Technologies Australia took to the podium and presented their latest and greatest. It was a pleasure to support them, and to catch up with sponsors for Industry Day 1 and our KIPi grant funders, DHS Science & Technology Directorate, as well as sponsors for Industry Day 2, Liaison partner DIACC and the University of Washington.

Next up for us was the [Consumer Identity World 2018 Tour series kick off in Seattle](#) two weeks later. This event featured Kantarians Eve Maler, David Turner and Andrew Hughes [on Friday September 21st](#) with Kantara's showcase update and [demonstrating the interoperability use case for the Kantara Consent Receipt](#) shown in Helsinki in August. This showcase will be shown again in Amsterdam at the end of this month.

I keynoted, in the last week of September, at [Ubisecure's opening ceremony for its London office](#) speaking on the state of the industry in the UK. With that in mind, watch out for some straight talking from me on this topic in the UK computer press, and an associated blog, in the next few days.

Lastly, we rounded off the month with news of Kantara's growing presence, credibility and reputation in Europe. In concert with our key European Liaison EEMA, Kantara is part of a new initiative, [Go.eID.AS](#). Intrigued? See the press release [here](#).

October gets pretty busy as many of us converge on [Mountain View for IIW](#) which is followed by [Kantara's F2F plenary on Friday October 26th](#). Please join us as we forward plan 2019!

And November is even busier, but that's a story for another day.. 🍷

For members reading this round-up, stand by for a couple of All Member Ballots coming your way in the next couple of weeks. Your comments and support in timely voting of these ballots maintains the flow of work and process in Kantara.

September saw several new members and renewals: Thank you globally acknowledged subject matter experts Christopher Olsen and Ian Glazer for their individual membership renewals and thank you (Andi) Hindle Consulting for stepping up from individual to SME membership, also renewals from ITIM, [Uninet](#), Zygma, [Athena Health](#), and [2Keys](#). All together we grow the community and play our parts to make the digital experience better, safer and privacy respecting.

Kind Regards,

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