

2017: July

Greetings folks

This is the running update from the Executive Director. Have questions or comments? Suggest some added information or edits? Contact the ED colin at kantarainitiative dot org.

Greetings folks,

I hope the summer has brought you some rest and relaxation. Kantara staff use the time to plan the second half of the year and catch up things still to do from the first half ... and OK, maybe a break for some of us as well 😊.

July started Kantara Treasurer Robin, Leadership Council Chair Andrew and myself at [EEMA](#), (follow them @EEMA1) our premier European partner's conference in London where we presented on the changing nature of conformity assessment and how the emerging domain of data ethics could play an increasing role. Robin's work on data ethics is very thought provoking in a variety of ways, not least of which how we create an assessment scheme and Trust Mark from it! Hard tho' it is, it is in the right place because this is what we do.. 😊.

The second week of July saw our 3 performers in our Federally funded KIP Applied Research and Development program wow the audience as they showcased their innovations in DC under the watchful gaze of Kantara President Allan amongst hundreds of others. Follow @Steve_Lockstep, @nynymike and John Fessler with Exponent, to keep up to date with the fantastic innovations they are developing for our industry and the world.

July also saw Kantara's public announcement of its intent to develop conformity assessment, approval and an additional Mark for [NIST SP 800-63-3](#) for identity & credential service providers whose solutions are utilized by relying parties online. Our first project planning meetings were well attended, but there is always room for more volunteers on the [IAWG](#) - folks who are willing to contribute, analyse and review. It's a great way to fill in those balmy summer days!

As I write this, we are deep into planning our pre-conference workshop in Seattle, the exclusive curtain-raiser to Kuppinger Cole's [Consumer Identity World Tour 2017](#). See you there!

Kind Regards,

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Around the Houses:

Marketing:

- There is one, just one remaining sponsorship package left for Kantara's exclusive triple event pre-conference workshop on the [Consumer Identity World Tour 2017](#). [Contact us](#) if you want that spot in 3 international locations to be your brand, beside two other highly respected brands in our industry.
- You can always find us online: <https://twitter.com/KantaraNews> and <https://twitter.com/UMAWG> and <https://twitter.com/KantaraCISWG>.
- Want to start a Kantara local chapter in your town? We are happy to help. Just [Contact us](#).

Program, Work Group and Discussion Group Updates:

- You can always keep up with the latest news from the Work Group and Discussion Groups directly off the [Leadership Council's Blog](#).
- The Federated Interoperability, UMA and Consent & Information Sharing Work Groups are pounding their way through the public feedback on their respective specifications following their public review periods. Come the Fall, these should be released and available for you to download from our [Reports and Recommendations](#) web repository.
- As always, if you have a query or question, staff are only too willing to assist. [Contact them via email](#).

Events: [See them here!](#)

- Many Europe based Kantarians are heading to Tallinn and Helsinki to join community friends at [MyData](#). It promises to be a great conference with the first ever MyData Declaration ready to be signed by you and others that vow to be good actors when managing others' personal data.
- North American based Kantarians should be booking their flights to Seattle for [Consumer Identity World '17](#) starting September 11th especially to attend the first of the new conference season's Kantara legendary pre-conference workshops! 'CIAM' is the new domain in the digital identity space and Kantara has exclusive rights to this event series that moves on to Paris and then Singapore after Seattle. Join us there, save money! Kantara has discounted pass codes available for both these September events 😊