

2017: September

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.org.

Hello everyone,

September saw the return of the conference circuit and what better place to start than Seattle!

We have a bunch of members and supporters up in that northwest corner of the US and so from the get-go we had a good feeling about the first leg of the Consumer Identity World 2017 tour with our partners, analyst and consultancy firm Kuppinger Cole. We had attendance from other large corporates with offices in that area such as Amazon, Facebook and Microsoft which was pleasing to see. Kantara had secured the exclusive rights to the pre-conference workshop, which drew a good sized, highly knowledgeable and participative crowd that topped out at around 60, where together we traversed security, privacy, and conformity assessment across the identity, access and personal data space as viewed through a Consumer Identity lens.

Kantara members talked about their latest product and service releases, many of which have been informed by or derived from Kantara work, and Kantara working group chairs Eve and Andrew and editor David provided insights into the new and ground breaking work underway, such that President Allan and I were largely 'surplus to requirements' in our respective roles as moderator and MC. The workshop simply took its own path. This was no more evident than when, with looks of trepidation on the faces of our event hosts and organizers, as we proceeded to select members of our two discussion panels that were interspersed through presentations from Kantara members, dynamically and directly from the floor. How often do you see an all women panel at an identity show? I don't think I ever have, at least not until our Seattle pre-conference workshop panel! Thank you Barbara, Heather, Katryna and Sarah! The day finished on a perfect note as we headed to Wilde Rover Irish Pub in Kirkland to be treated with music by the identity community's own band - ZZ Auth and the Love Tokens. Seattle, you really turned it on for us.

Thank you so much to sponsors [Forgerock](#) and [Saviynt](#)! Without your generous support we could not have done it.

September also saw Kantara's public announcement of its intent to restructure the membership dues for 2018 and, like everything we do in Kantara, we sought and received comments from members which have seen it much improved. Some dues categories actually reduce in price while others increase, but the overall effect is to make it easier for smaller organizations to support and be supported by Kantara, and for larger organizations to derive brand association and thought leadership through the Kantara work they sponsor.

Meanwhile, work continues apace on the [NIST SP 800-63-3](#) Service Assessment Criteria for identity & credential service providers whose solutions are utilized by relying parties online. And on the Personal Data side of the house, the V1.1 of the Consent Receipt is near final while accompanying GDPR-related new work items are being prepped and planned for announcement. The first of those will be the Consent Management Systems Best Practice work group, designed to draw in service providers in the space and converge their Best Practice, so if your organization is in this space, please look out for the announcement of the opening of this work group. Thank you members [iWelcome](#) and [Digi.me](#) for your directed funds to bring this most important work forward.

Our next pre-conference workshop to curtain-raise Kuppinger Cole's [Consumer Identity World Tour 2017](#) is in Paris, 27th November. Our EU-based members are 'circling the wagons' to ensure that it is a great show. More details to follow in the Kantara community e-newsletter coming to your mailbox in a couple of week's time.

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](#).
- Great work from the folks in the IRM working group in getting their 'Refining the Principles of Identity Relationship Management' done and published in time for the [Consumer Identity World Tour 2017](#) where its relevance is just so central.
- Hats off to the Blockchain Smart Contracts Discussion Group for the publication of its long awaited [report](#). In the hype that currently surrounds Blockchain the 'level headedness' of this report is a welcome respite and change.
- See all of our Specifications, Recommendations and Reports here and awaiting your 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!](#)

- European based Kantarians should be heading to Paris for [Consumer Identity World '17](#) for November 27th, and if you are in the APAC region, see us in Singapore at the awesome Marina Bay Sands hotel on December 12th. Join us there, save money! Kantara has discounted pass codes available for both these events 😊