

2018: April

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.

As we head into this first week of May and the Bank Holiday impending (or immediately passed in some countries) we gather energy for the many activities and conferences on our calendars this month.

If you have opted in to receive news from Kantara, you will have received 'Keep up with Kantara' in your mailbox around the middle of last month. 'Keep up with Kantara' is designed to give you more frequent updates because a) we have so much happening that batching monthly here or quarterly in the newsletter results in a long message, and b) by the time you read it, much of the news is in the past. I hope you found value in it. [Contact us](#) with your comments.

In April, we welcomed new members [Dominode](#) and [Exponent Inc](#) from the US (the latter being an outstanding performer in our [KIPI program](#)), and welcomed back renewing member [Identity.com](#), a well known member in our [Trust Framework program](#). Thank you!

The first half of the month was incredibly busy for me as Kantara Europe was in 3 different consortia bidding for 2 EU H2020 grant funding applications, all closing on the same day on April 17. Much of the strength of Kantara is drawn from its breadth, and no better example exists where this is born out. One consortia bidding on a blockchain project wanted Kantara because of its Trust Framework operations and knowledge of how to elicit assessment criteria from standards requirements and proceed to create a program of assessing, reviewing, approving and granting of trust mark. While you may view blockchain identity and attribute exchange as a new thing, this fledgling industry draws on established processes. Another bid wanted Kantara because of its reach into Applied Research and Development arising out of the KIPI Program - in essence locating ground breaking ideas for further grant funding; while the third consortia was re-bidding a proposal submitted last year, with additional consortia members, one of them being OIX UK. It is a good example of industry collaboration where complementary value propositions can be leveraged for the common good.

Kantara members and contributors were also well represented at IIW 26 in the first week of April, leading sessions. As you browse through the [session notes](#) you will see frequent references to sessions on UMA and Consent Receipts led by Kantara WG leads and contributors. This one in particular - http://www.idcommons.net/User-Controlled_GDPR_Consent_Cookie - led by LC Chair Andrew Hughes drew such interest that a hack day was created at MIT labs on April 26th to take the work further. It is a typical example of the blank canvas development that Kantara has such a reputation for. While mentioning the LC Chair we are very grateful to him for representing Kantara at the ISO SC27 WG5 meetings in Wuhan China where Kantara's contributions to several standards in development were tabled. Kantara is fortunate to have a formal liaison with ISO SC27 WG5 and is the main reason some members join. The Liaisons work group is necessarily for members only, given the IPR conditions applicable to these draft works, but offers a rare opportunity for organizations and individuals to influence the outcome of standards that have the potential to game-change our industry. [Contact us](#) if you would like to join this group to work on standards in advance of the next ISO SC27 meeting in Norway in October.

We are preparing for a range of conferences in May - who knew!

First up is the [Kuppinger Cole](#) hosted [European Identity & Cloud Conference in Munich](#) with a combined [Kantara AGM and members plenary on Monday May 14th](#) (please register if you are planning to attend) prior to [Kantara's own pre-conference workshop the following morning Tuesday 15th](#) at curtain-raises the formal opening of the conference.

Next is Kantara's first own-brand [Summit for Marketing, Media and Privacy now May 22nd](#) in London with a keynote by Johnny Ryan from Irish programmatic advertising company Pagefair and well-known in IAPP circles, together with many ad tech industry luminaries. Group tickets available from £139 each. If you are a Kantara member, a 30% discount using code K3022 on registration.

Later that same week, I will be in Helsinki keynoting at [IAMwithUBI](#) and with the UK royal nuptials the week before still in the recent memory of many, I will marry a well-known wedding rhyme to the current state of digital identity. Wish me luck on that idea! It's going to be a great month!

Kind Regards,

Colin

Around the Houses:

Marketing:

- You can always find us online: <https://twitter.com/KantaraNews> and <https://twitter.com/UMAWG> and <https://twitter.com/KantaraCISWG>.
- Miss something? See our press releases [here](#).
- 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:

- [Consent Management Systems best practice WG](#) has seated its editor, and its meetings are currently taken up with demos from various solution providers to inform the collection of best practice going forward. Thank you sponsors [iWelcome](#) and [digi.me](#).
- You can always keep up with the latest news from the Work Group and Discussion Groups directly off the [Leadership Council's Blog](#).
- See the list of public groups [here](#)
- [Consent Receipt v1.1](#) and the SAML V2.0 Interoperability Deployment Profile V1.0 is being prepared for publication.
- The IRM work group is considering the use of Graphing technology to provide fine grain permissions to address governance, risk Management and compliance requirements, while also catering for the increase in scale arising from the explosion of IoT.
- As always our Specifications, Recommendations and Reports are available for download from our [Reports and Recommendations](#) web repository.
- Not sure where to find things? Staff are only too willing to assist. [Contact them via email](#).

Events: [See them all here!](#)

- [Summit for Marketing, Media and Privacy now May 22nd](#) in London is ready for ticket purchase at £495 or if you are a Kantara member, at 30% discount using this code K3022 on Registration.
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- Then we look forward to [Identiverse in Boston in June](#) where Kantara members have a special deal - delegate pass and display table in the Expo area for a little over half the price of a ticket. Fantastic value! Thank you Andi Hindle!