

2020: February

Hello everyone

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

Writing this having just heard that February has been the wettest on record in the UK. The global impact of extremes continues, be it concerning the weather or virus epidemics.

We saw that Mobile World Congress in Barcelona was cancelled and we heard reports that the exhibition floor at RSA was quieter than in recent years. [Connect:ID in Washington DC March 11-12](#) is up next in the US and I hope that it will not be unduly affected - both for myself and the many Kantara members participating. I will be supporting the conference organizers by moderating the Wednesday morning Identity track presentations and panel through till lunchtime. If you are attending, please do use Kantara's booth #210 as a base and convening point. Not in DC for Connect:ID because you're in Europe? Not to worry. Kantara's Director of Assurance Operations is Conference Chair for [Whitehall Media's IDM Europe one day conference at the Steigenberger Airport hotel in Frankfurt](#), so please make your way there and participate. While on the subject of Conferences, the members email last week giving away one pass each to Connect:ID and KNOW Identity on a first come first served basis went to Kantara member [Easy Dynamics Corporation's](#) Sarah Chu and JJ Harkema.

Kantara's February started with its normal cadence, with the eGov Work Group call which is the first Monday of the month. It's a small and intimate selection of regulars from Europe and North America which makes for great discussion as topics of culture and approach, news and updates are explored.

The following week saw me in London attending an OIX UK event on Tuesday. On Wednesday I spent time with new member Folio Technologies exploring how Kantara's networks could support Folio in their goals just as it supports Kantara with membership. I also participated in the Think Digital Identity conference on Thursday. It was a great privilege to riff with Kantara member Meeco's Katryna Dow on the International Identity panel where we speculated how the UK would position itself post-Brexit - being geographically close to Europe but its longstanding cultural ties to west and much further away. This topic continued to be discussed many days after the event and is likely to attract plenty more discussion in the coming months.

The third week of February saw Assurance Operations Director Ruth and me in Vienna speaking at the [TIIME Workshop](#). This is the European equivalent of the legendary Internet Identity Workshop (IIW) held twice yearly in Mountain View California. We supported eGov Work Group Chair Rainer Horbe and his wife Andrea who are such gracious event hosts. This is the one convening point for Higher Education and industry, coming from all over the world as they do. The conference dinner in the Natural History museum, one of the most beautiful pieces of architecture I have ever seen, is always a highlight.

The final week of February saw me catching up on Kantara's other activities. Top of that list is the development of the Service Assessment Criteria for NIST 800-63-3C (Federation Assurance Levels) being undertaken in the Identity Assurance Work Group, the editing resource generously sponsored by Kantara member [ID.me](#). It is members like ID.me that support the organization with membership as well as sponsorship of vital work, make Kantara the community that it is, Thank you [ID.me](#)! Close behind comes the great efforts of the Healthcare Identity Assurance Work Group's near final draft Report entitled 'Design goals for a Healthcare identity environment architecture'. [Consent Receipt topped the February downloads again with 125 downloads, followed by the UMA specifications and the UMA Business Model.](#)

I emailed selected members that I thought might be interested in opening a Work Group on mDL (Mobile Drivers Licence) - not so much for its driving relationships but for its use as a mobile identification tool. We have been assisting the Secure Technology Alliance (STA) with the development of a white paper which will be released later this month, and given Kantara's reputation, and credibility, in operating Trust Frameworks, the emerging idea is that the time is right to begin drawing on this largely blank canvas that is the mDL ecosystem today. If you are reading this, and have interest to sponsor projects in a possible mDL work group please [Contact Us](#).

We welcomed two new North American based members to the Kantara community during February - [The Slandala Company](#), joining Kantara to engage in the Identity Assurance Trust Framework program and Mike Schmidt an individual contributor with special interest in the next phase of development of the Consent Receipt. A big thank you and shout-out to renewing members too - a triumvirate from Europe comprising [Seadot AB](#) and [SUNET](#) from Sweden, [Nixu](#) from the Netherlands as well as Individual Contributors Janelle Allen, John Wunderlich and Stephen Hutchinson. Thank you all!

Onwards!

Kind regards

Colin

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