

# 2018: May

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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We know summer is well and truly on its way when May brings us the two long weekend Bank Holidays. It's just so unfortunate that it comes at a time when there is such intense activity in the Identity and personal data space!

Like many other organizations, we wanted to position Kantara optimally in terms of GDPR compliance, and took the opportunity to review our Privacy Statement and clarify our lawful bases for processing personal information across our website pages. Internally we have reviewed where your personal data resides in our largely cloud based systems and took steps to minimize movement by processing it where it rests. Whether you are a member or non member participant there's no specific action you need to take, but we would be grateful if you could familiarize yourself with the revised [Privacy Policy](#) (now renamed Privacy Statement) and if you have any queries or comments please [Contact us](#).

New Members joining this month are UNLOQ Systems Ltd from the UK, Carlos Dominguez from Canada, Reede Taylor from the Netherlands and Sunil Kapila from India, while CA Technologies Inc and Judith Bush from the US renewed. Welcome UNLOQ, Carlos, Reede and Sunil, and welcome home CA and Judith!

Kantara was participating in a range of European conferences in May. First up was the [Kuppinger Cole hosted European Identity & Cloud Conference in Munich](#) with a combined [Kantara AGM and members plenary on Monday May 14th](#). The AGM and member plenary was attended by around 15 members primarily from Europe but we had representation from north America and Asia-Pac too. [Kantara's own pre-conference workshop the following morning Tuesday 15th](#) was exceptionally well attended. You can review the presentations of this and all other Kantara events in the [Events Archive](#). Each year the conference organizers give us a bigger room and each time we fill it. We may have had the largest crowd of any pre-conference workshop this year and we certainly achieved a "quorate" gathering of UMAnitarians, which Eve posted on the [UMA FB page!](#) :). Eve also presented later in the week on [Leveraging UMA's Power for Compliance and User Control](#), which reflected the current state of the group's work on its business model. See her presentation [here](#).

We started the following week in London for Kantara's first own-brand [Summit for Marketing, Media and Privacy on Tuesday May 22nd](#). We have had lots of fluctuations in fortune with this event leading up to it. This was partly due to other events crowding in the week which, back in January when we confirmed it, was clear of any other similar events, and also partly due to our fantastic speakers being called upon to do last minute corporate or client work around GDPR, leaving us with the unenviable job of replacing them with equally good speakers. As it turned out #MMaP2018 was well attended, the speakers were fantastic, and the was a real buzz in the room as the awkward and uncomfortable questions were asked and discussed by distinguished Keynote speakers and expert panellists. Our liaison partner OpenConsent Group staged a workshop the two days following #MMaP2018 and the reports from those workshops as well as the presentations from the main event are in the [Events Archive](#).

Later that same week, I keynoted the afternoon session at [IAMwithUBI](#), the first Nordic located Identity conference organized by our Finland based and staunch Kantara supporting member Ubisecure. My keynote was a mash up of a well-known wedding rhyme (HT to the UK royal wedding the previous weekend) to the current state of digital identity.

We now set our sights on the last clutch of conferences - [EEMA's 31st Annual Conference in London June 13-14](#) (see Kantara on Track 13, June 14th), [MyData and PIMS meeting In Lyon, June 19-20](#), [Identiverse in Boston June 24-27](#) (see Kantara on Sunday 4.05pm Room 306) and then we can rest up just a little bit. I for one will be looking forward to that prospect, and you may be too - whether it is skiing in the southern hemisphere or lying on the beach in the north - make the most of it.

Kind Regards,

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## 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!](#)