



Kantara Initiative Newsletter

July 2009

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On June 17 we saw the formal launch of Kantara Initiative. And with its unique membership structure and bicameral governance model -- where everyone can have a voice in determining the output of the organization -- I'm excited to see so many individuals, communities and organizations coming together to address challenges in the identity space collaboratively.

These challenges include a combination of business policy and privacy requirements, balanced against interoperability, usability, as well as technology harmonization. All of these issues need to be addressed for identity-based solutions to succeed and for deployers and users to leverage their benefits.

I'm proud to say that with nearly 20 work and discussion groups in development and a diverse, experienced and growing membership base, Kantara Initiative is well positioned to address and solve today's digital identity management requirements.

I encourage all individuals and organizations working in the identity sector to join us in this cross-industry effort. We welcome your participation as the Kantara Initiative community begins to collaboratively shape the future of digital identity management.

SPOTLIGHT ON J. TRENT ADAMS

Trent is Chair of Kantara Initiative's Leadership Council. He is a technologist, product strategist, and futurist focused on digital identity. Trent's experience spans pioneering digital production to running highly trafficked community portals and e-commerce engines, to supporting various specification, standards, and advocacy communities.

In his position at the [Internet Society](#), an independent international non-profit providing leadership in Internet-related standards, education and policy around the world,

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LATEST NEWS

- [Kantara Initiative aims to bring harmony, interoperability to ID management](#)
- [Kantara web identity harmonization](#)

Trent forges relationships with technologists and developers on key issues related to trust and identity.

The [Leadership Council](#) (LC), a peer group to the Board of Trustees (BoT), is made up of representatives of each [Working and Discussion Group](#). Acting as an oversight committee, the Leadership Council helps to move operating procedures forward, approves new and revised Group charters, prepares budget for the BoT for funding the Initiative's activities and also certifies work output, among other things. We encourage you to review the activities of the Leadership Council as well as the [work group approval process](#), and sign up for the [mail list so you can stay involved and informed](#). If you have questions, [Trent](#) will be happy to answer.

SOCIAL NETWORKING See what we are currently working on and stay tuned for further activities—better yet, get involved with the activities and help expand our reach on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) & [SlideShare](#)

MEMBER MEETING We are please to announce our fist gathering at the DIDW Conference, September 14-16 at the Rio Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV, USA. Registration fees are \$195USD which allows full access to DIDWs's Conference. There are additional workshop, pavilion and demo opportunities offered. Please contact [Britta](#) with questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- [Gartner Information Security Summit June 28-July 1](#) – if you plan to visit the full Conference, Kantara members receive a discount using the priority code LA300
- [Concordia Workshop at Burton Catalyst July 27](#) - if you are planning to attend the Burton Catalyst Conference taking place during the rest of the week, get a fantastic Catalyst discount for attending this workshop! Use the code 'concordia' when registering on the [Catalyst site to get a full-conference price of \$1,295 (this is an almost 50% discount for non-Burton Group clients who would normally pay \$2,495 to attend).
- [IOP Test Event from July 14-September 4, 2009](#)
- [Net-ID October 1-2, Berlin, Germany](#)

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WORKING GROUPS

- [IdP Selection](#)
- [Japan](#)
- [Privacy & Public Policy](#)
- [User Driven & Volunteered Personal Information Policy](#)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

- [Concordia](#)
- [Japan](#)

BLOG HOTSPOT

- [Personal Data Ecosystem](#)
- [UK Policy and Cyber Warfare](#)

RECENT WEBCAST

[Review our recent webcast](#) outlining Kantara's work and planned activities. Various formats include PDF, MP3, MP4 & Slideshare

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