A Message from the Executive Director

Greetings,

Along with the spring weather, Kantara has felt an upbeat of activity level, with 3 Work Groups seeing the finish line of their respective projects.

eGov and Identity Relationship Management are ready to vote on their guidance as Kantara Reports – eGov's Code of Conduct for Relying Parties in Identity Management, and IRM's V2.0 of the Principles of Identity Relationship Management. The Federated Interoperability Working Group has completed its first major piece of specification work since the eGov profile for SAML 2.0 was passed over to the FIWG for integration into the SAML 2.0 Int profile derived from the Research and Education community. Look for those efforts to go into public review late April.

The whole world also eagerly awaits the completion of the UMA 2.0 specification, while the Report from the Blockchain Smart Contracts Discussion Group is shaping up to be a classic piece of ground-breaking thought leadership that Kantara's volunteers are renowned for.

Remember; Kantara is one of the very few places outside of a National Body where you can get to see and comment on the drafts of ISO standards in this space. If you are interested in joining that Board Sub Committee with necessarily restricted access due to ISO's Copyright policy, please contact me.

Cheers,

Colin Wallis, Executive Director

Full Director's Corner

News

- As you may have seen, Kantara has recently updated its mission statement for 2017 and beyond...*"Kantara is the global consortium improving trustworthy use of identity and personal data through innovation, standardization, and good practice."*
- Stay tuned for announcements on Kantara's new membership structure and updated bylaws.

- As a Kantara member, we invite you to show your pride and add the Kantara logo to your email signature! For instructions on how to insert the **logo** image into your signature, **click here**.

- The Kantara Initiative **Trust Framework Provider program** is the industry leading program that approves Credential Service Providers and accredits Assessors. Kunal Agarwal, Product Manager at Symantec, shared how Kantara's Identity Assurance program has benefited them in this **testimonial video**.
- Recently, Kantara was featured on the front page of **Security Week** about its joining the European Trust Foundation, opening channels for members to engage with the EU on federated digital identity, trust and privacy initiatives. Learn more **here**.
- Welcome New Members in Q1 2017!
  - Inflection Risk Solutions, LLC
  - William Lowe
  - Janelle Allen

IPR Policy v2.0 for Member Review

The Board of Directors has recently approved edits and an addition to the current Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy. The **IPR Policy v2.0** draft has been in a 45-day member review and comment

period, ending **2017-April-30** at 23:59 Pacific Time. Kantara is seeking feedback from all members on the IPR policy and welcomes any comments you may have. New in this Policy v2.0 is inclusion of an additional IPR Option requested by a significant number of members over the last 2 years - the Non-Assertion Covenant - an increasingly popular option in standards development organizations. Please **contact us** with any queries relating to this notice.

Submit Comments

Consent Receipt Specification Now Approved

The All-Member Ballot for the Consent Receipt Specification v1.0 has closed, resulting in the spec being approved as a Kantara Initiative Recommendation. You can see a history of Kantara's All-Member Ballots **here**. This specification will be released in the coming days and is based on current privacy and data protection principles as set out in various data protection laws, regulations and international standards. Keep an eye on your email for details coming soon.

View Recommendations

Kantara Awarded up to $2.4 Million in Research Grants

Kantara has been awarded multiple research grants valued at up to $2.4 million USD. The funding is being used to develop three innovative digital identity and privacy solutions using smartphones, including mobile device attribute verification, mobile authentication and physical access control. Each of the projects are multi-phase and are the first launched by the Kantara Identity and Privacy Incubator Program (KIPI).

"Each of these projects being delivered under KIPI are pioneering new areas in digital identity, privacy and access control. The basis for each project is a unique re-configuration of emerging next generation standards and specifications delivered through mobile devices, like smart phones. The trend of leveraging the ubiquitous mobile device for digital identity solution continues to ramp worldwide. We are seeing a growing interest in incubator programs like KIPI."

- Colin Wallis, Kantara Executive Director

Upcoming Events

Internet Identity Workshop

May 2-4 - Mountain View, CA

Kantara Initiative is proud to be sponsoring the Internet Identity Workshop next month. This event has been finding, probing and solving identity issues twice every year since 2005, and every IIW moves topics, code and projects downfield. Name an identity topic and it's likely that more substantial discussion and work has been done at IIW than any other conference! This **documentary** dives into the identity pioneers who have worked to allow people to claim their identity online. Can you spot any Kantara members and participants?

European Identity & Cloud Conference

May 9 - Munich, Germany

The European Identity & Cloud Conference is Europe's leading event for Identity and Access Management (IAM), Governance, Risk Management and Compliance (GRC), as well as Cloud Security. For the 11th time, the EIC will offer best practices and discussions with more than 700 participants from worldwide companies including most of the leading vendors, end users, thought leaders, visionaries and analysts.

Kantara is pleased to be holding a **Workshop and European Member Plenary** at EIC on May 9th, as well as a **networking breakfast** on the morning of May 10th. Please **contact us** to receive your member discount code of 10% off the workshop registration fee. A big thank you to Kantara Board Member, ForgeRock, for sponsoring the Kantara Networking Breakfast.

Cloud Identity Summit

June 19-22 - Chicago

The Cloud Identity Summit was founded by Ping Identity in 2010 with support from industry leaders to bring together the brightest minds across the identity and security industry. Today, this event is recognized as the world's premier identity industry conference and serves as a multi-year roadmap to deploy solutions that are here today and built for the future. Stay tuned for information coming soon about Kantara's **Workshop and Americas Member Plenary** taking place at the event. Kantara members receive a $500 discount off the full registration price. Please **contact us** to receive the discount code and register by **April 30, 2017.** Kantara is also offering two special **Exhibitor opportunities** for corporate members at this year's CIS. Please **contact us** if your company is interested in either of these Exhibitor options.

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We Want to Hear From You

Kantara Initiative welcomes your feedback around how we can be more valuable towards members. Please send questions and comments to **Kantara staff**.

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