A message from the Executive Director

Greetings,

On behalf of everyone at Kantara, I want to thank you and our liaison organizations for all your support in 2016 and I look forward to serving you and the global identity and personal data communities in 2017.

In my **regular column** I have taken a personal look back on 2016 and I am proud of what we have accomplished together. I go on to point out that through all the rhetoric that permeates the identity and personal data communities, we can stand tall because we design things, build things, develop things and deliver things – real tools that help put trust and control of personal data back into the hands of the user. It's not just all operational either. Kantara's expertise is sought-after by policy instruments too – **ITAC** to support the OECD and to some extent, UNCITRAL

But we can't do it without your volunteer hours and expertise, and your membership and program dues. And because industry and Government need those tools more than ever, with identity fraud on the rise and demand for conformity assessment and assurance tools brought about by GDPR, eID and other regulatory motivations.

Right here and right now, I'm launching an appeal for sponsorship and support funds to be directed at our development of specifications, conformance schemes and burgeoning incubator programs such as the Digital Identity Professionals Association. We need spec writers, editors, project leads, architects, developers. And lawyers and business folk to supply us with use cases. And marketers to direct our valuable artefacts into the right channels. Whether or not your organization is a member (of course I would like it to be!), if you want any of these to develop faster than the rate at which expert volunteers graciously offer their extra hours around their day job, and are willing to invest to

'make it so,' then please contact me. Kantara will be honored to acknowledge your contribution at every opportunity.

Your leadership has been working harder than ever this last quarter of the year to align the organization's positioning in 2017 with the **work** actually happening. Kantara has some exciting, globally-directed plans for this year and we are eager to share them with you as they come about.

Wishing you all a very happy New Year as we collectively prepare ourselves for a busy and fulfilling 2017!

Cheers,

Colin Wallis, Executive Director

Full Director's Corner

News

- In November, the Board and several Leadership Council Chairs commenced 'Tiger Teams' to re-craft the organization's strategy for 2017. The teams cover the organization's Mission, Activities and Membership. We expect to report on the results of this work in late February. It is a time-consuming but immensely valuable exercise which is bringing forward some really innovative ideas. Stay tuned for more details.
- Kantara and the European Association for e-identity and security (**EEMA**), signed a Memorandum of Understanding in Paris on November 15th. The MOU aims to facilitate collaboration between the two organizations in Europe, combining EEMA's network of relationships with Kantara's programs and innovation-development platforms.
- Welcome New Members in Q4 2016!
    - **digi.me**
    - Eli Fisk
    - Andrew Hindle
    - Stephen Hutchinson
    - Brian Shimik
    - Don Waugh
    - and welcome back **UbiSecure**!

NOTICE: Consent Receipt Specification v1.0 Public Comment and IPR Review Period Now Open

The **Consent Receipt Specification v1.0** has recently been approved as a Work Group Draft Specification by the Kantara Consent and Information Sharing Working Group (CISWG), and is now in a 45-day public comment and IPR review period. This is in preparation for a member ballot to consider its approval as a Kantara Initiative Recommendation. We request that you please submit your feedback by February 20, 2017 23:59 PT. To comment on the Specification, please use the **form** or **email** your comments with the subject "CISWG COMMENT SUBMISSION."

UMA 2.0 Updated Specification – Implementers Version Ready for Review in February 2017

The User-Managed Access (UMA) Work Group is pleased to report that its work during 2016 has produced a Version 2.0 specifications draft (**Core revision 10** and **Resource Registration revision 03** as of this writing) that addresses a variety of new use cases. These include greater OAuth 2.0 and OpenID Connect alignment, greater usefulness for the Internet of Things, applicability to wide ecosystems (where resource owner Alice's systems don't have to establish trust with the systems that Bob uses to prove who he says he is until just before he attempts access to her resources), and more. Check out the group's **2016 roadmap** for more information.

It's not too late to contribute to this important work! The group anticipates proceeding to a vote for Public Review in early February, and we welcome your participation in spec finalization. If you're not already a WG participant, **Join** to get started.

Questions? Ask the WG chair, **Eve Maler**.

Join the ID Pro Discussion

Kantara unveiled an industry-wide drive to generate support for creating a non-profit, open professional association to represent and certify digital identity professionals. The Digital Identity Professional Discussion Group (ID Pro) has stood up 4 working groups that are shaping the future organization of ID Pro:

1. Membership Model and Services

2. Codes of Conduct/Practice
3. Taxonomy of the Body of Knowledge
4. Governance and Organization Structure

The groups meet weekly, and are open to anyone who signed the original pledge. For more information, please sign up for updates **here**.

If you have signed the pledge and wish to participate in the discussion group, please email**staff@kantarainitiative.org**.

Upcoming Events

Real Consent & GDPR Readiness

January 16 – London

The Personal Data & Trust Network's Consent Working Group, run by Kantara member Mark Lizar and Richard Beaumont, brings you this exciting opportunity to understand what Real Consent looks like in action, find out how consent receipts are being rolled out to industry and explore how a variety of businesses are using Real Consent in preparation for the new GDPR regulations to come into force.

18th Annual Privacy and Security Conference

February 8-10 – Victoria, British Columbia

This 3-day conference is recognized as one of the top tier events in North America. Get face-to-face dialogue with international industry experts while getting a pulse on what is happening today for new tools, technologies, and processes. Anyone working in the privacy or security field will benefit from the speakers and networking opportunities this conference offers.

TIIME – Trust & Internet Identity Meeting Europe

February 22-23 – Vienna

Kantara is proud to be sponsoring the Trust and Internet Identity Meeting this year in Vienna. At this conference people will be working towards a better understanding and developing new concepts, using an agile format with participant-driven contents, covering the attendees' current interests.

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We Want to Hear From You

Kantara Initiative is open and welcoming feedback around what we can do to be more valuable towards members. Please send questions and comments to **staff@kantarainitiative.org**.

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