Executive Director's Corner

Greetings,

These have been exciting times for Kantara the last couple months. We received our non-profit status determination from the IRS, and the end of August heralded the resumption of this year's conference circuit, beginning with **MyData 2016**. The first ever major pure-play personal data conference certainly lived up to its name, with nearly 500 attendees, including many of our members, intending members and participants.

By the third day I was across the water in Tallinn, Estonia, at the **Future of Identity Conference**. This much smaller conference is focused around strategies to extend Estonia's eResidency Program, something that you can see I have embarked on **https://twitter.com/KantaraColin**. I am also happy to report that Kantara will again be sponsors of **Internet Identity Workshop** as we continue to support our identity and personal data communities. We hope to see you all there in Mountain View!

Continue on to read news and updates with Kantara, and stay tuned for even more exciting announcements coming up.

Cheers,

Colin Wallis, Executive Director

Full Director's Corner

Julian Ranger of digi.me Joins the Board of Directors

Julian Ranger, the Founder and Executive Chairman of **digi.me**, has joined the Kantara Board of global identity experts. As the personal data economy continues to grow apace, companies industry-wide are looking to Kantara to forge the best possible community framework to encourage sustained innovation and growth for all. With its recent £5.3m Series A raise, digi.me, which will also join Kantara

as a member, and Julian are expertly placed to add to and develop the innovation already present at Kantara.

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Fantastic Response to Creating a Digital ID Professionals Association

By the numbers:

- **355 individuals** indicated their interest in a **Digital Identity Professionals Association**;
- **136 pledgees** participated in a survey to provide opinions on the industry;
- **75 (and counting) pledgees** have joined the Discussion Group to focus on results from the survey and overall scope of activities that this initiative will be looking to take on.

Stay tuned to Kantara communications for updates on this initiative.

Internet Identity Workshop - The "Woodstock of Identity" and Kantara's Bi-Annual Pilgrimage

We're excited to be again sponsoring **Internet Identity Workshop** October 25-27 in Mountain View, CA. The IIW has been finding, probing and solving identity issues twice a year since 2005 and every event moves topics, code and projects downfield.

Always a topic of discussion at recent IIWs is User-Managed Access (UMA), a standard that helps individuals gain control of data sharing. At the last Workshop Mike Schwartz, CEO of Gluu, crowdfunded the production of this **video** of UMA with some of its major contributors.

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IAF Service Assessment Criteria v4.6.0 Update

A revision of the **Identity Assurance Framework: Service Assessment Criteria v4.6.0** was approved by the All Member Ballot on September 8, 2016. Kantara's role as a Trust Framework Provider for identity assurance is globally recognized. Maintenance on the controlling document set is essential for a strong and credible identity ecosystem.

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Identity, Smart Contracts & Blockchains - Oh My!

The **Blockchain Smart Contracts Discussion Group** continues to converge on an interoperable peer-based platform by exploring the connection between identity management and the new movement of blockchains and smart contracts. If you are interested in any of these fields—law, identity, smart contracts or blockchains—**join us in the DG-BSC**. Jim Hazard from **CommonAccord**delves deeper into this relationship and how we can regain control of information in this **article**.

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Pivoting the Open Trust Taxonomy for OAuth2 (OTTO)

Federations have a crucial role to play in our digital infrastructure. The **Kantara OTTO Working Group**was started about a year ago to develop a standard to be used by federation operators to address new requirements arising from OAuth2 profiles for authentication and authorization. Although the project has been moving forward, more contributors are needed. If interested, **join this working group**.

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The Personal Information Ecosystem Pumping in London

Two great events powered this exciting new and growing ecosystem in London in the last week of September—and in a place where folks developing the space increasingly call Kantara 'home.'

First came **Consent Tech: Creating Sustainable Real Consent**, another great outcome from the Kantara Initiative's Consent & Information Sharing Work Group collaboration with the UK's Digital Catapult, Personal Data & Trust Network. This latest **Consent Tech** was organized by the Personal Data and Trust Network's Consent Work Group and co-chaired by Mark Lizar and Richard Beaumont. The event presented emerging consent tech and Digital Catapult's concierge system upgrade, including the first ever digital consent receipt issued for physical spaces, being provided to new visitors upon signing in. With the continuing growth, interest and awareness in consent tech, it's exciting to

have Kantara right in the middle of it all. As one speaker said of Kantara, 'no one else is having the conversation.'

Second up was the **Personal Information Economy 2016**. An altogether bigger event with attendance at around 300, it was swirling with Kantara members, supporters and participants – in the exhibition hall, in the conference rooms and occasionally, on the stage. It was an encouraging showcase where the big brands met the ecosystem players and developers.

Kantara and OCG Sign MOU

The Kantara Initiative and the Open Consent Group (OCG) have signed a **Memorandum of Understanding** to further promote common goals of a balanced global identity and personal data ecosystem.

Privacy Policy Change Notice

Recently Kantara made changes to its **Privacy Policy**. These changes, described below, reflect changes made to ensure that the Kantara web presence complies with both emerging requirements in the US and the EU. We also want to confirm Kantara Initiative values. We recommend that you take the time to review the full policy which is **available online**.

We have modified the language and formatting somewhat. We have also provided more details about the collection, protection, use and disclosure of personally identifiable information. Please be aware that this policy is almost certainly likely to be updated in the future in response to a changing regulatory environment. In addition, some of the Kantara Work Groups will be producing standards and protocols that will be tested on the Kantara Initiative web site. We will keep you informed of these changes before or as they occur.

Coming Soon

Kantara will be conducting a member satisfaction survey to ensure we are meeting your needs and providing valuable membership benefits. We are also exploring changes to the current membership structure and will be sharing any changes and what that means for members and non-members in the coming months.

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**.