

Conference BULLETIN

Bulletin of the 24th International Conference of Data Protection Commissioners

July 2002

WELCOME ...

The hosts: (from left to right) Joe Meade, Ireland, Elizabeth France, UK, Peter Harris, Guernsey, Lynn Keig, Isle of Man, Michael Smith, Jersey.



On behalf of the joint hosts of the 24th International conference of Data Protection Commissioners, welcome to you all!

This first edition of the Conference Bulletin for this year's event in Cardiff details the programme for the conference. It explains how to register not only for the conference itself but for poster sessions. It tells you about some of the key speakers and what Cardiff has to offer as Europe's youngest capital.

The conference theme of 'Information rights in the 21st Century: Confronting the Myths' will tackle the crucial issues affecting the world of

information rights and data protection with a range of top class speakers. The format will also provide the opportunity for participation from all delegates. We are particularly keen to see real debate in the workshop sessions.

With the Conference less than three months away, ensure your attendance and accommodation by registering via the website (www.informationrights2002.org) as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing you in Cardiff in September for a productive and enjoyable conference.

ELIZABETH FRANCE

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WEBSITE & HOW TO REGISTER

A website has been specially designed to offer all delegates wishing to attend the 24th Conference valuable information on this year's event.

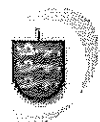
www.informationrights2002.org

The site contains all the latest information on all aspects of the conference including details of confirmed speakers, issues for discussion, programme of events and information on Cardiff including useful contact details.

It will be updated on a monthly basis to ensure all information is correct and up-to-date.

All delegates need to register through the website by downloading the forms and faxing or posting them back, with payment, to the Conference Secretariat, Merlin Marketing and Public Relations, The Wharf, Schooner Way, Cardiff Bay, CF10 4EU.

Tel: +44 (0) 29 2030 4050,
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email: data@merlin-digital.co.uk



WHO'S ATTENDING THE 24TH DATA PROTECTION CONFERENCE?

The 24th Data Protection Conference brings together public and private organisations and associations from about 25 Countries from every Continent of the globe.

Confirmed data protection and other authorities attending the conference are:

Belgium	France
Denmark	Guernsey
Finland	Hawaii
Germany	Isle Of Man
Italy	Malaysia
The Netherlands	New Zealand
Sweden	Portugal
Iceland	South Africa
Norway	Spain
Australia	Sweden
Canada/Ontario	Switzerland
Czech Republic	UK
Hong Kong	USA
Hungary	Austria
Lithuania	
Monaco	
Slovak Republic	
Thailand	
Slovenia	
Commonwealth Secretariat	



23rd Conference in Paris

CONFERENCE

SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2002: CARDIFF CASTLE

19.00 - 22.30 Commissioners' Welcome Reception

MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2002: CARDIFF CITY HALL

09.00 - 09.30 Coffee and registration for Commissioners
 09.30 - 12.30 International Commissioners meeting (closed session)
 12.30 - 14.00 Buffet Lunch
 14.00 - 15.30 International Commissioners' meeting (closed session resumes)
 14.00 - 15.30 Pre-conference workshop: 'Data Protection - Beginners Start Here'
 15.30 - 16.00 Coffee/Tea
 16.00 - 17.30 Regional Commissioners' meetings (closed sessions)
 16.00 - 17.30 Pre-conference workshop resumes
 17.30 - 19.00 Drinks reception - City Hall (all welcome)
 17.30 - 19.00 Poster session
 14.00 - 19.00 Pre-registration open for all delegates: Cardiff City Hall
 From 19.00 Evening Free

TUESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2002: CARDIFF CITY HALL

07.30 - 08.30 Registration (final)
 09.00 - 09.30 Opening of conference and welcoming address
 09.30 - 10.30 Plenary Session A
 "Data protection principles, by preventing information sharing, hold back both modern government and efficient business" - myth or reality?
 Chaired by Joe Meade, Data Protection Commissioner, Ireland
 10.30 - 11.00 Coffee/Tea
 11.00 - 12.30 Workshop Sessions

Workshop 1: Is there a role for technology as a privacy protector in information sharing? Chaired by Peter Harris, Data Protection Commissioner, Guernsey

Workshop 2: Information sharing - the key to E-Government?
 Chaired by: Phil Boyd, Assistant Commissioner, UK

Workshop 3: The growth of credit referencing - privacy threat or economic necessity? Chaired by Phil Jones, Assistant Commissioner, UK

12.30 - 14.00 Buffet Lunch
 12.30 - 14.00 Poster Session
 14.00 - 15.00 Plenary Session B
 "Anonymity has no place in the age of global information systems and international terrorism" - myth or reality?
 Chaired by Tom Maguire, Deputy Commissioner, Ireland
 15.00 - 15.30 Coffee/Tea
 15.30 - 17.00 Workshop Sessions

PROGRAMME

Workshop 4: Using technology to satisfy the demand for identification - privacy threat or privacy enhancer? Chaired by David Smith, Assistant Commissioner, UK

Workshop 5: Understanding E-Business - can we remain anonymous in the global marketplace? Chaired by Lynn Keig, Data Protection Registrar, Isle of Man

Workshop 6: Are identity cards the answer?

Chaired by Michael Smith, Data Protection Registrar, Jersey

From 19.00 Reception and conference dinner:

NATIONAL MUSEUM AND GALLERY OF WALES



WEDNESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2002: CARDIFF CITY HALL

09.00 - 10.00 Plenary Session C

"Effective data protection can only be delivered through independent, powerful supervisory authorities" - myth or reality?

Chaired by Elizabeth France, Information Commissioner, UK

10.00 - 10.30 Coffee/Tea

10.30 - 12.00 Workshop Sessions

Workshop 7: Effective self regulation - genuine protection or a contradiction in terms? Chaired by Francis Aldhouse, Deputy Commissioner, UK

Workshop 8: Data protection, freedom of expression and freedom of information - conflicting principles or complementary rights? Chaired by Graham Smith, Deputy Commissioner, UK

Workshop 9:

The Data Protection Authority - Regulator, Ombudsman, Educator or Campaigner?

Chaired by Jonathan Bamford, Assistant Commissioner, UK

12.00 - 12.15 Plenary Session D Dispelling the myths - a conference summary

12.30 - 14.00 Close of conference, commemorative ceremony and lunch
13.42 Silence to mark 11th September 2001

15.00 - 17.30 Optional workshops to include:

- Image of the Data Protection Authority
- Open public sessions for South Wales Businesses
 - Private Sector
 - Public Sector



POSTER SESSIONS

For the first time this year, poster sessions will be introduced into the programme of the International Commissioners' conference. Poster sessions have become a familiar and successful feature of academic conferences over the past 10 to 15 years, and we hope that they may become a regular feature of this conference in future years.

The purpose of a poster session is to provide a setting for conference delegates, who are not speakers in the formal sessions, to present work which they think would be of interest to other delegates.

A designated area will be provided in City Hall, open for delegates to attend at any time during the conference. The formal poster session times, when poster presenters should be available to answer questions and discuss their work will be:

Monday 9th September

from 17.30 to 19.00

Tuesday 10th September

from 12.30 to 14.00

Any delegate may present a poster if they have been involved in work that they would like to share with others. Those interested should visit the conference website www.informationrights2002.org before 12 July 2002 and register their interest and proposed subject matter.

register now on-line at www.informationrights2002.org

PARTICIPATION IS KEY



The 24th International Data Protection Conference will bring together delegates from all over the world and seeks to open and explore a variety of debates on data protection and freedom of information issues. As part of this we would like to actively encourage all delegates to get in touch with the Conference Secretariat if they have any comments or have

anything that they would like to add to the forthcoming newsletters or the Conference itself.

We also ask that delegates with any issues that they would like to raise in any of the workshop sessions please contact the chair of each workshop prior to it commencing.

Email addresses for participation is key
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Peter.Harris@gov.gg
Lynn.Keig@odpr.gov.im

M.Smith@gov.je
data@dpexecutive.demon.co.uk
(for Elizabeth France and
UK Deputy and Assistant
Commissioners)

Drawing from contemporary issues most salient to the islands, the intention is to build on last year's Paris Conference, providing an opportunity for fruitful private discussion between the Commissioners, whilst allowing

opportunities for debate with public administration, private industry and social interest groups. The hosts have developed underlying themes for the conference that should challenge thinking and promote innovation

within the field of privacy protection and freedom of information. Speakers have been recruited from government departments, banks and international companies from around the globe, to give the conference a universal feel.

KEY ISSUES

Theme: Data protection principles, by preventing information sharing, hold back both modern government and efficient business - myth or reality?

The data protection principles of fairness and lawfulness of processing, quality and security of data, rights of individuals, are widely accepted as a basic model for ensuring respect for private life in information processing. They are at the heart of all data protection regimes, whether national or international, regulatory or self-regulatory. However, the restraints which they put on information processing can create tension with the pressures for wider use and sharing of information, which is seen as being in the interests of efficient government and business. How can this be resolved? What is the right balance? Are there examples of good practice where the interests of individuals' privacy are reconciled with the needs of more efficient government? Can we have better government and better privacy protection? What does the public really want?

Theme: Anonymity has no place in the age of global information systems and international terrorism - myth or reality?

The right to remain anonymous is something we have sought to maintain as a fundamental element in defending our private space. At best, we should only have to identify ourselves to government or business when knowledge of our identity is essential to concluding a particular transaction. Otherwise, we should be able to choose whether or not to reveal our identity.

This is true as much in the electronic world as in the physical world. But is anonymity an idealist dream? Can we maintain any longer the case for anonymity in the face of the threat to our security and our way of life? Can we maintain our anonymity in the on-line world? What is there to fear in giving up our anonymity?

Theme: Effective data protection can only be delivered through independent powerful supervisory authorities - myth or reality?

The data protection model for maintaining respect for personal privacy in the use of personal information by government and business is being adopted increasingly around the world. However, the details of the implementation differ from country to country. Some have a statutory regulatory regime; others rely on self-regulation. Yet others have a mixture of statutory regulation in the public sector and self-regulation in the business sector. Even in those countries where there is a statutory regulatory scheme, there are variations in how the scheme is enforced. Some will argue that the only effective mechanism is to have a powerful supervisory body, independent of government or any sectoral influence; others that such mechanisms lead to unnecessary and burdensome bureaucratic control. Does there have to be a universal model? Does it matter what the mechanism is if the results are the same?

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SPEAKER PROFILES

David Flaherty



David Flaherty is a specialist in the management of privacy and information policy issues. An Honours graduate of McGill University

(1962) he has an MA and Ph.D. from Columbia University. On August 1, 1999, he completed a six-year, non-renewable term as the first

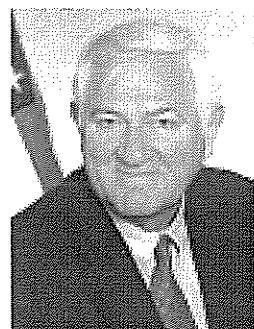
Information and Privacy Commissioner for the Province of British Columbia. He built an office of 25 staff with an enviable record for successful mediation of access to information disputes. Flaherty wrote 320 Orders under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. He also pioneered the development of site visits to public bodies as a form of auditing for compliance with fair information practices.

His teaching career spanned more than 28 years and he has held fellowships and scholarships at Harvard, Oxford, Stanford, and Georgetown Universities. Currently an Adjunct professor in

political science at the University of Victoria, Flaherty is also an active consultant. His services for clients include strategic advice on the management of the privacy issue, on managing relationships with privacy authorities, privacy advocates, and the general public, conducting overall assessments of privacy compliance, carrying out Privacy Impact Assessments, and developing privacy codes to comply with the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act.

Flaherty has written or edited fourteen books and numerous articles on a wide range of privacy issues.

Orson Swindle



Orson Swindle was sworn in as a Republican Commissioner on the Federal Trade Commission December 18, 1997. Commissioner

Swindle was appointed in December, 2001 as head of the United States Delegation to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Experts Group to review the 1992 OECD Guidelines for the Security of Information Systems.

Mr Swindle has had a distinguished military career and served in the Reagan Administration from 1981 to 1989 directing financial assistance programs to economically distressed rural and municipal areas of the country. As Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Development, he managed the Department of Commerce's national economic development efforts directing seven offices across the country. Mr Swindle was State Director of the Farmers Home Administration for the U.S. Department of Agriculture financing rural housing, community infrastructure, businesses, and farming.

In 1992, Mr Swindle became the first national leader of United We Stand America and in 1993 worked with Jack

Kemp, Vin Weber, William Bennett and Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick to form Empower America. In 1994 and in 1996 he was a Republican candidate for Congress in Hawaii's 1st Congressional District.

Mr Swindle retired from the U.S. Marine Corps in 1979 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. His 20 military decorations for valor in combat include two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars, and two Purple Hearts.

Mr Swindle earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Management from Georgia Tech in 1959 and a Master of Business Administration from Florida State University in 1975.

Dr Perri 6

Dr Perri 6 is Director of the Policy Programme in the Institute for Applied Health and Social Policy at King's College London. He was formerly Senior Research Fellow in the Department of Government at the University of Strathclyde (1999-2001) and Director of Policy and Research at the think tank Demos (1994-1999). He is author, co-author, editor or co-editor of more than 20 books and articles.

He is well known for his work on

"joined up government", the regulation of information technology and on social exclusion, as well as for his work on privacy. His book, "Towards holistic governance", was published in April 2002. He has researched and written widely on privacy and data protection issues. His 1996 book on privacy issues on multi-functional smart card schemes, "On the cards", was widely regarded as prescient. His two volume book, "The future of privacy" was published in 1998. It presented some of the most sophisticated public attitudinal

research on the determinants of public trust in organisational handling of personal information ever undertaken in the UK.

He was recently commissioned by the Performance and Innovation Unit to design and analyse data from a programme of qualitative research on public acceptance of data sharing between government departments and agencies. He has also conducted research for the OECD on demand for and the supply of privacy protection.

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CARDIFF

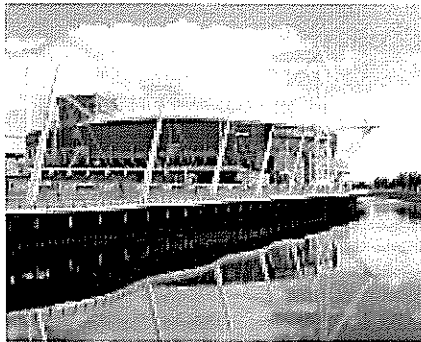
Cardiff is a modern city with over 315,000 inhabitants established on the incredible wealth of a vast coal empire which, through imaginative re-development, is fast becoming one of Europe's finest maritime cities surrounded by some of most beautiful countryside in Britain.

All of Cardiff's 1,200 hectares of parks and leisure gardens are world famous. Uniquely Cardiff's parks creep to within yards of the city centre shopping area. Bute Park grew out of the grounds of Cardiff Castle and Roath Park and Lake are frequently visited by tourists and residents alike.

Cardiff's world renowned Civic Centre, which never fails to impress visitors to the city, houses government offices, law courts, museum and a university campus.

Fascinating Edwardian arcades and a Victorian covered market, intermix with up-to-date modern shopping precincts in the heart of the city.

Cardiff has a rich and diverse culture and is the home to the World's largest retractable roof arena. The Millennium Stadium has hosted numerous national and international rugby and football tournaments. Cardiff is also home to the World famous Welsh National Opera and to over 23,000 students.



Cardiff offers visitors to the city the opportunity to sample Wales, the fabled "Land of Song", with its mystic castles, soaring mountains, lush valleys and spectacular coastline, all within easy travelling distance.

More and more business meetings, trade fairs, exhibitions, medical and academic congresses and symposia are attracted to Cardiff by the range and quality of facilities on offer.

The currency in use in Cardiff and the rest of the UK is sterling (£).

TRAVEL

By Air - Cardiff is served by its own international airport with regular direct flights from European destinations. For long haul flights there are good connections via Amsterdam. Those who prefer to travel via London Heathrow Airport are able to continue their journey to Cardiff by high-speed InterCity train or coach. Cardiff International Airport: (+44) 01446 711111 www.cial.co.uk

By Rail - High-speed InterCity trains link most cities with Cardiff. The journey time from London Paddington to Cardiff is under two hours. Regional railways operate modern air-conditioned trains direct to Cardiff from UK.

For detailed information contact:
National Rail Enquiries service:
(+44) 08457 48 49 50

By Road - Cardiff is on the national motorway system. The M4 runs through the north of the city, making London a comfortable two hour drive away.

By Coach - National Express provide a nationwide network of express bus services linking major cities and towns in Wales. National Express: (+44) 0900 80 80 80

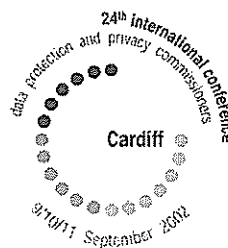
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Welsh phrases

- Hello: Shwmae
(say... shw-mai)
- Good morning: Bore da
(borehda)
- Good afternoon: Prynawn da
(Prun - hawn da)
- Good evening: Noswaith dda
(nos waith tha)
- Thank you: Diolch yn fawr
(dee-olch)
- Please: Os gwelwch yn dda
- Cheers: Iechyd da!
- How are you?: Sut ydych chi?
(shwd eech chee)
- A pint of beer please:
Peint o gwrw, os gwelwch yn dda
- Good bye: Da boch
(dah boch)