

Conference BULLETIN

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September 2002

UK Minister Addresses Conference

WELCOME...

to the second issue of the 24th International Data Protection Conference Bulletin.

This issue details the finalised programme for the conference, an important announcement from Elizabeth France CBE, plus further details on workshop topics and speakers. In a late addition to the speaker platform, Interpol's Secretary General Ronald K Noble will be talking about the role anonymity plays in the age of international terrorism.

With the conference itself now just one week away there is still time to register for the Wednesday afternoon workshops sessions.

There is a specialist session for those involved in marketing data protection and open sessions on legal issues and human rights.



Yvette Cooper, pictured above, Parliamentary Secretary at the Lord Chancellor's Department will address the conference on Tuesday 10 September.

As the conference rapidly approaches we look forward to meeting you all in Cardiff for what we hope will prove an interesting and rewarding few days debating some challenging issues in the world of data protection and freedom of information.

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Cardiff

STILL TIME TO REGISTER

There is still time to register for the Conference. Book your place NOW with the Secretariat. All details and booking information for the conference can be found on the following website, visit

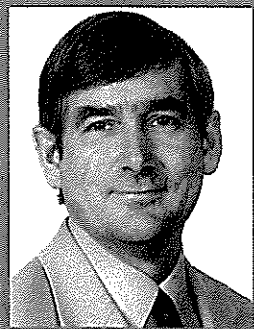
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If you have any queries or cannot book via the website, please contact the Secretariat, MERLIN on tel +44 (0) 2920304050 fax +44 (0) 2920304051 email: data@merlin-digital.co.uk.

WHO'S ATTENDING

Confirmed data protection and other authorities attending the conference:

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



STOP PRESS!

Richard Thomas, Director of public policy at the leading international law firm Clifford Chance, will be attending this year's conference. He will succeed Elizabeth France as Information Commissioner for the UK later this year.



SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2002: CARDIFF CASTLE

19.00 - 22.30 Commissioners' Welcome Reception

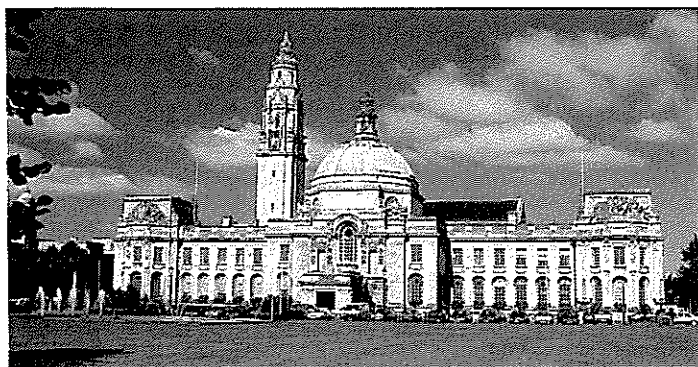


POSTER SESSIONS

It is not too late to submit a poster session application. This is an opportunity to make your work known to a wide audience of international data protection experts. See the conference website for details.

MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2002: CARDIFF CITY HALL

- From 14.00 Pre-registration open for all delegates: at 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' chaired by Anne Hinde
- 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
- From 19.00 Evening Free



TUESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2002: CARDIFF CITY HALL

- 07.30 - 08.30 Registration (final)
- 09.00 - 09.15 Opening of conference and welcoming address
- 09.15 - 10.15 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
Speaker 1: Dr. Perri 6: Director of Policy for Applied Health and Social Policy, Kings College, London
Speaker 2: Dr Steve Hodgkinson: Director eGovernment Strategy & Policy, Victoria, Australia
- 10.15 - 10.45 Coffee/Tea
- 10.45 - 12.15 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
Speaker 1: Nancy Tosta: Ross & Associates Environmental Consulting, USA
Speaker 2: Stephen Jones: Island Director, Barclays Bank Plc, Guernsey and Chairman of the Guernsey International Business Association
Speaker 3: Hilding Arrehed, Consultant and Olivier Chavrier, Marketing Director, Gemplus Ltd, UK
- Workshop 2:** Information sharing - the key to e-government?
Chaired by: Phil Boyd, Assistant Commissioner, UK
Speaker 1: Russell Frith: Deputy Auditor General for Scotland
Speaker 2: Berndt Ohman: Director, Population & Welfare Statistics, Sweden
Speaker 3: Oliver Ryan: Director, Reach Agency, Ireland
- Workshop 3:** The growth of credit referencing - privacy threat or economic necessity? Chaired by Phil Jones, Assistant Commissioner, UK
Speaker 1: Mike Bradford: Compliance and Data Protection Director, Experian, UK
Speaker 2: Stuart K Pratt: Vice-President, Government Relations, CDIA, USA
- 12.15 - 13.45 Buffet Lunch & Poster Session

TUESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2002: NATIONAL MUSEUM & GALLERY OF WALES

The Reception and Conference Dinner on the evening of Tuesday 10 September is open to all delegates attending the Conference (subject only to an overall limit on numbers). If you want to attend the dinner and have not already informed the secretariat when you registered for the Conference, please do so as soon as possible.

TUESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2002: CARDIFF CITY HALL

13.45 - 14.00 Welcome Address by Yvette Cooper, Parliamentary Secretary at the Lord Chancellor's Department, UK

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
 Speaker 1: David Flaherty: David Flaherty Inc., Canada and Professor, Political Science, Univ. of Victoria, Canada

Speaker 2: Panneer Selvan: Head of Managing for Excellence Office, Ministry of Finance, Singapore

Speaker 3: Ronald K Noble: Secretary General, Interpol

15.00 - 15.30 Coffee/Tea

15.30 - 17.00 Workshop Sessions

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

Speaker 1: Caspar Bowden: Senior Security & Privacy Officer for Microsoft EMEA (Europe, Middle East & Africa)

Speaker 2: Dr George Tomko: Director, Photonics Research, Ontario, Canada

Speaker 3: Lorenzo Valeri: Rand Europe, UK

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

Speaker 1: Roger Clarke: Xamax Consultancy Pty Ltd, Australia

Speaker 2: David Sherlock: Isle of Man legal advisor on e-commerce

Speaker 3: Prof Paul M Schwartz: Brooklyn Law School, USA

Workshop 6: Are identity cards the answer?

Chaired by Michael Smith, Data Protection Registrar, Jersey

Speaker 1: Roy Cosway: The Cornish Key Partnership, UK

Speaker 2: Evan Hendricks: Consultant and Editor, Privacy Times, USA

Speaker 3: Nick Palmer MP: UK

From 19.00

Reception and conference dinner: NATIONAL MUSEUM & GALLERY OF WALES
 (see page 2 for further details)

**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
 Speaker 1: Prof Stefano Rodota: Commissioner, Italy
 Speaker 2: Orson Swindle: Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission, USA

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

Speaker 1: Anne Carblanc: Principal Administrator, ICCP Division, OECD, France

Speaker 2: Nick Mansfield: Shell Information Technology International, The Netherlands

Speaker 3: Charles D Raab: Prof of Government, School of Social and Political Studies, The University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK

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

Speaker 1: Raymond Tang: Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data, Hong Kong

Speaker 2: Dr Alexander Dix: Commissioner, Brandenburg, Germany

Speaker 3: Kevin Murphy: Ombudsman/Information Commissioner, Ireland

Workshop 9:

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

Chaired by Jonathan Bamford, Assistant Commissioner, UK

Speaker 1: Ursula Pachl: Legal Advice, BEUC, Belgium

Speaker 2: Prof Colin J Bennett: Department of Political Science, University of Victoria, Canada

Speaker 3: Juan Manuel Fernandez-Lopez: Director General, Agencia de Proteccion de Datos, Spain

12.00 - 12.15 Plenary Session D Conference summary

Chaired by Elizabeth France, Information Commissioner, UK

Speaker 1: Stephen Lau: EDS, Hong Kong

12.30 - 14.00 Close of conference, commemorative ceremony and lunch

13.42 Silence to mark 11th September 2001

13.43 Closing Remarks: Rear Admiral Nick Wilkinson CB, Secretary, D-Notice Comm.

WEDNESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2002: CARDIFF CITY HALL: 15.00-17.30 Public Sessions/Workshops

CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES FOR MARKETING - this workshop is ideal for those individuals responsible for the marketing and communications of information and data protection in their respective territories.

LEGAL - the UK Information Commissioners' legal advisor, Nick Tyler, will be running a workshop on the application of articles 8 & 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights and its impact on recent privacy cases.

SOUTH WALES SMALL BUSINESS FORUM - a forum on the Data Protection Act 1998 and its impact on small business.

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KEY ISSUES - WORKSHOPS

TUESDAY MORNING

Workshop 1

Advances in technology and the application of new technologies in information processing bring benefits to the individual, business and government through the greater ability to share information and to bring information together in ways which were not previously possible. But there are risks. What techniques can be used to protect personal data? Is greater protection compatible with increased use and novel applications? Can the technology deliver both?

Workshop 2

Governments process vast amounts of information about individuals, for purposes such as taxation, social security, health, education, housing and law enforcement. The drive towards electronic access to and delivery of government services creates pressures to share information between government functions on a much wider basis. Can the objectives of e-government be delivered without greater information sharing? If not, how can sharing take place whilst maintaining protection for personal privacy?

Workshop 3

The credit economy is essential to the consumer society. Credit reference facilitates the sharing of information between financial institutions and helps to ensure responsible lending and prevent fraud. But there is a privacy threat, too. Sharing personal financial information is an intrusion into private life. How far should the industry go in processing information about individuals who do not engage with the credit economy? What choice should consumers have in the way credit information is processed?

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Workshop 4

No matter how we may wish for anonymity, we have to accept that there are times when we need to identify ourselves. We can bring more certainty to the processes of identification and authentication through the application of technology, for example by using biometric and cryptographic techniques. How can those techniques be used so that the benefits of better identification and authentication are achieved with no threat to personal privacy? Can they provide even better protection? Are there some technologies which should not be used because they are inherently unfriendly to privacy?

Workshop 5

Identification and authentication are as important to business as to government. Businesses need to know who they are dealing with, whether those people have authority for particular transactions, what the risks are in dealing with a particular individual and how those risks can be minimised. Can we achieve the same anonymity in the world of e-commerce as when we buy goods for cash at a street market? Do we want to?

Workshop 6

In some countries, like the UK, the introduction of identity cards as the answer to problems associated with identification has long been resisted; in others, their use is accepted as part of the way of life. Is this a purely cultural issue or are there fundamental questions of human rights? What are the advantages and disadvantages? What qualities does an identity card have to have in order to satisfy the requirement of risk-free identification and minimal privacy intrusion? What constraints should there be on its use?

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Workshop 7

The essence of regulation, whether by self-regulation or statutory regulation, is control by rule - control of the activities of a business or an industry sector against, for example, a set of standards or a code of practice. Control may be internal within a business, external by an industry association or representative body or (in the case of a statutory regulatory regime) by an independent supervisory authority. What form should the control take? Is there a minimum set of criteria for effective self-regulation? What alternative mechanisms for resolving disputes are there?

Workshop 8

Data protection is about the right to protect your private life, to control how information about you is used. Freedom of expression is about the right to say what you want. Freedom of information is about the right to have access to information. But access to personal information can set data protection rights against freedom of information rights. Is conflict inevitable, how is it resolved? Are protection of privacy and access to information better supervised separately? What are the merits of combining the roles?

Workshop 9

The data protection supervisory authority has many faces: to promote compliance; to educate the public and those who process personal data; to hear and adjudicate on complaints; to audit and enforce compliance; to advise government; to campaign for privacy protection. How can the different roles be compared and how can their effectiveness be measured? What are the essential elements of effective supervision? Can it all be achieved by negotiation and persuasion or should strong pre-emptive action be the norm? How does the public see it?

Interested in tabling a question at any of the above workshops?

Contact the Conference Secretariat: data@merlin-digital.co.uk

SPEAKER PROFILES

Stephen Lau (MBE)



Stephen K.M. Lau is the president of EDS Greater China for Operations Solutions line of business. He oversees EDS' sales, service

delivery and client relationships in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Before accepting this assignment, Mr Lau was the first Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data for Hong Kong with

responsibility to promote and enforce compliance with The Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance. This was enacted to provide adequate protection for the use of an individual's personal data in both the public and private sectors.

Prior to that, from 1993 to 1996, Mr Lau was the Managing Director for EDS Hong Kong and Macau where he was responsible for the operation and business in both cities.

Mr Lau has 30 years' experience in the information technology and banking industries in both the government and

private sectors. He has had a long and distinguished career, having held a variety of positions with International Computer Limited, Citicorp and the Hong Kong Government, where he was head of the Government Data Processing Agency (the precursor to the Information technology Services Department).

Mr Lau has a bachelor's degree from the University of Manchester in England, a master's from London University, and has completed a senior executive program at Harvard Business School.

Stefano Rodotà



Stefano Rodotà is Professor of Civil Law, Faculty of Law, University of Roma "La Sapienza", Chairman of the Italian

Data Protection Authority and Chairman of the European Group of the Data Protection Authorities.

He is also a member of the European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies and a visiting Fellow of All

Souls College, Oxford and Visiting Scholar, Stanford School of Law. He is also visiting Professor in many universities of Europe, United States, Canada and Latin America.

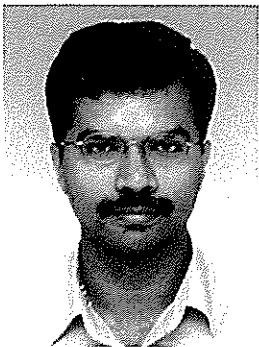
Mr Rodotà is a Former member of the Italian Parliament (1979-1994), of the European Parliament (1987) and of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (1983-1994) and Vice-President of the Chamber of Deputies (1992).

He is a Member of the Convention for the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (2000) and active

in the field of data protection since the beginning of the 1970s.

He was one of the authors of the OECD Privacy Guidelines, 1980 (an essay on privacy published in the OECD Proceedings, translated in many languages) and is the author of several books, including: *Tecnologie e diritti*, Il Mulino, Bologna, 1995, *Tecnopolitica*, Laterza, Roma-Bari, 1999, *Repertorio di fine secolo*, Laterza, Roma-Bari, 19992 and "Information Technology", in D. Mieth (ed.), *Ethik und Wissenschaft in Europe*, Alber, Freiburg-München, 2000, 63-84.

Panneer Selvan Ramasamy



Panneer oversees the e-Government office of the Singapore Public Service. His responsibilities include co-ordinating the

overall e-Government strategies of the Singapore public sector and he also has overall responsibility for the Government's IT Budget.

Panneer leads several public sector-wide projects on knowledge management, infocomm education, technology experimentation, integrated e-services as well as eCitizen, the Singapore Public Service portal.

He is also responsible for Government-wide IT infrastructure, such as the Government Data Centre, the Singapore Government Intranet and E-Mail Systems.

Panneer has spoken on Singapore's e-Government experiences at various

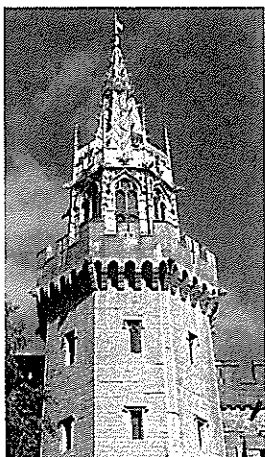
conferences in Singapore and overseas in Brunei, Saudi Arabia and Canada.

Prior to his posting to the Ministry of Finance in May 2000, Panneer worked in the Ministries of Trade & Industry (1997-2000), Foreign Affairs (1995-1997) and Defence (1993-1995) in Singapore. Panneer is currently a Council Member of the Singapore Accreditation Council.

Panneer undertook his tertiary studies in France and graduated from the Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Paris in 1993.

CARDIFF

Cardiff offers a unique shopping experience to visitors as well as having the vibrance and buzz of a capital city. To get a real feel of the city don't forget to visit the following attractions.



1. Cardiff Castle Tel: 029 2087 8100 (www.cardiff.gov.uk/marketing/cardiff_castle/english%20pages/cardiff_castle.htm) Situated in the very heart of the capital, alongside the magnificent Bute Park, the Castle's enchanting fairytale towers conceal an elaborate and splendid interior. September opening times are 9.30am to 6 pm (last tour/entry 5pm).

2. National Museum & Gallery Tel: 029 2039 7951 (www.global-meeting.co.uk/wnabc/nmgw.htm) Permanent exhibition of the evolution of Wales over 4,600 years. The art galleries include Davies collection of French impressionists, together with European, British & Welsh paintings. Saturday 14th September: Free guided tour of the National Museum at 2pm.

3. Museum of Welsh life Tel: 029 2056 9441 (www.nmgw.ac.uk/mwl/) One of Europe's leading open-air museums - a village offering an insight into life in Wales throughout the ages. Guided tours are available. Located off the A4232 - 15 minute drive from the city centre.

4. Millennium Stadium Tel: 029 2023 2661 (www.millenniumstadium.sportcentric.com) Opened in 1999, this unique city centre stadium is the home of Welsh rugby and currently hosts the F.A Cup final. The stadium, the largest covered in Europe, and built on the site of the old Cardiff Arms Park is only a minutes walk from Cardiff's main shopping and tourist areas. Stadium tours are also available.

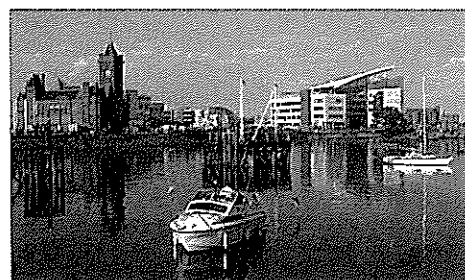


5. Cathays Park (Parc Cathays) This impressive, tree-lined area of monumental, white Portland stone buildings reflects the wealth coal and steel industries brought to the city in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Highlights

include Cardiff University, the Law Courts, City Hall, Alexandra Gardens and the National Museum and Gallery.

6. St David's Hall Tel: 029 2087 8444 St David's Hall hosts classical music, operas and proms, live music and shows all year round. Show information is available from www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk.

7. Mermaid Quay At the heart of the Bay is Mermaid Quay (www.mermaidquay.co.uk), an area of bars and restaurants serving everything from ice cream sundaes to sushi.



8. Techniquest/ Visitor Centre Tel: 029 2047 4575. (www.tquest.org.uk) For some family fun, Techniquest is a hands-on science exhibition plus planetarium. Another must is the Cardiff Bay Visitor Centre - locals call it the 'Tube', as it resembles a giant futuristic telescope. The glass end of the tube offers a panoramic view across the bay as well as visitor information. For further information please call (029) 2046 3833.

Partner's Programme

There will be a desk in the reception area in City Hall for any spouses or partners accompanying delegates to the conference who wish to sign up for a half-day or full day tour on Monday 9 September or Tuesday 10 September

WHAT THE MEDIA SAY

The Guardian, 23rd July 2002
"Privacy or lack of it, is a hot topic right now - and in September it will be the subject of top-level talks in Cardiff at the 24th international conference of data protection and privacy commissioners".

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Please send your comments and contributions to:

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Ten Facts About Wales

- 1 More than 40% of Wales' population live or work in Cardiff
- 2 Welshmen may have settled in America before Columbus
- 3 The Welsh name for Wales 'Cymru' from the word 'cymro' means friend
- 4 The smallest house in the UK is in Conwy, Wales
- 5 Approximately 750,000 people in Wales speak Welsh
- 6 UK's longest bridge connects Wales and England across the River Severn
- 7 Cardiff was only made the capital of Wales in the mid 1950's
- 8 Cardiff's Millennium Stadium has the World's largest retractable roof arena
- 9 There are more historic sites per sq miles in Wales than in any other part of the UK
- 10 A Welshman was the first to transmit and receive radio waves