

Global Privacy and Data Protection Awards 2017

Finalists in Research Category of ICDPPC Global Awards announced

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The finalists in the research category of the ICDPPC Global Privacy and Data Protection Awards were announced today.

Two finalists were announced for the research category:

- Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario: "De-identification Guidelines for Structured Data".
- Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada, "Discussion paper exploring potential enhancements to consent under the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act".

"The finalists demonstrate the value of continued research even into two long-standing and fundamental concepts at the heart of every country's data protection law: personally-identifiable information and individual consent" said ICDPPC Secretariat, Blair Stewart.

"The judging panel made particular note of the Ontario's use of plain language to explain sophisticated de-identification concepts".

"The entry from the Canadian federal authority was commended by the judging panel for seeking practical solutions to enable individuals to maintain control over their information" said Mr Stewart.

The winner of the research category will be announced at the 39th Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners in Hong Kong on 26 September 2017.

Notes: Research is one of 4 categories in the ICDPPC Global Privacy and Data Protection Awards. The names of finalists in the other 3 categories will also be released during August. Summary information on all research entries appears in <u>special newsletter 4.1</u>. The full entries from <u>Canada</u> and <u>Ontario</u> are available on the <u>ICDPPC</u> <u>website</u>.