Programme for the Open Session

Wednesday 6 September 1995

8:30 - 9:20  Registration of participants

9:30 - 10:00  Opening of 17th International Conference on Data Protection by Henrik Waaben, Director of the Danish Data Protection Agency

Opening speech by the Minister of Justice, Mr. Bjørn Westh (MP).

10:00 - 10:55  International development

The European Union Directive (SYN 287) on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data.

After the final adoption of the directive by the European Parliament and the Council - a description of the results will be given, including i.a. regulations in relation to third countries.

Joachim Jacob, Dr., Federal Data Protection Commissioner, Germany:
"A factual description of the directive and an evaluation of the results."

Ulf Brühann, Head of Unit, Free Circulation of Information and Data Protection, DG XV of the European Commission, Brussels, Belgium:
"The future perspectives from the Commission's standpoint, now that the directive has been adopted."

10:55 - 11:20  Coffee break
11:20 - 12:30  How are the consequences of the adoption going to affect the global development as to protection of privacy?

A panel discussion between the two previous speakers and the following participants, having given a short introduction:

Georg Apenes, Data Protection Commissioner, Norway
Paul-André Comeau, President of the Commission d'accès à l'information du Québec, Canada
Kevin O'Connor, Federal Privacy Commissioner, Australia
Joel R. Reidenberg, Associate Professor of Law, Fordham University School of Law, New York, US

12:30 - 14:00  Lunch

14:00 - 15:25  Labour market and privacy

Degree and quality of the protection of privacy of employees in the workplace. Various forms of collecting data for different purposes, the use of various forms of testing methods, impact and use of new technologies: surveillance, smart-cards.

S. Simitis, Dr., Professor at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt, Germany: "Towards a regulation of the protection of employee data. General introduction."

Hubert Bouchet, Membre du Conseil économique et social, Commission Nationale de l'Informatique et des Libertés (CNIL), France: "Computer systems applied to the control of activities and surveillance in the workplace: stakes and risks for the privacy of the work force."
Peter J. Hustinx, President of the Registration Chamber, the Netherlands:
"The situation in the Netherlands."

Linda Nielsen, dr. jur., ass. Professor, University of Copenhagen, Denmark:
"Use of medical data on the labour market. A Danish draft Bill."

Followed by a panel discussion.

15:25 - 15:50 Coffee break

15:50 - 17:15 Issues related to research and statistics

Legitimacy in collecting and building up huge data bases of a population related to personal individuals for the sake of research and statistics. The following questions could be dealt with:

Who is entitled to process and store such data? Who is entitled to make use of such data? For what purpose may such data be used? How are results from research investigations to be published? For how long may such data be stored? The rights of the data subject?

Jean-Philippe Walter, Deputy Federal Data Protection Commissioner, Switzerland:
"The development of the work in the European Council drafting a recommendation on the protection of personal data collected and processed for statistical purposes."

Finn Spieker, Consultant, Danmarks Statistik (Statistics, Denmark):
"The use of multipurpose identification numbers in the production of statistics in Denmark."
Michel May, Président de chambre honoraire à la Cour des comptes, Commission Nationale de l'Informatique et des Libertés, (CNIL), France: "Statistical data bases and protection of personal data."

Knut Borch-Johnsen, MD, Dr.Med.Sci.Head, Glostrup Population Studies, Denmark: "Epidemiology and register-based research, legal and ethical considerations."

Followed by a discussion.

19:00 Dinner at "Nimb" Restaurant, Tivoli Gardens
Entrance: Bernstorffsgade 5, Copenhagen.

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9:30 - 11:15 Technological development and privacy


Jon Bing, Professor, dr.juris, Norwegian Research Center for Computers and Law, University of Oslo, Norway: "From footprints to electronic trails. The explosive increase in the volume of primary personal data."

Hansjürgen Garstka, Dr., Data Protection Commissioner of Berlin, Germany: "Privacy and multi media - an inherent contradiction?"
Louise Cadoux, Vice-président délégué, conseiller d'Etat honoraire, Commission Nationale de l'Informatique et des Libertés (CNIL), France: "Protection of Privacy and Basic Freedom in the handling of Pictures and Sound."

Marc Rotenberg, Director, Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC), Washington, US; Faculty of Law, Georgetown University Law Center: "Technologies of Surveillance, Technologies of Privacy."

Followed by a discussion.

11:15 - 11:40 Coffee break

11:40 - 12:30 John Borking, Vice-President of the Registration Chamber, the Netherlands: "Privacy-Enhancing Technologies: The Path to Anonymity (based on a joint study in the Netherlands and Ontario (Canada))."

Alexander Dix, Dr., Deputy Data Protection Commissioner, Berlin, Germany: "Regulation of telecommunications: Definition of safety standards concerning cryptography."

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:00 Automation of public administration

Risks for privacy by using merely electronic data processing. Collecting data by automatic means. The question of quality of the data and the influence on privacy. Has the burden of proof moved to the data subject? Can an automated administration be transparent?
15:00 - 15:25 Coffee break

15:25 - 16:30 The increasing use and commercialization of data collected by public authorities.

A panel discussion.

Introductory remarks by:

Herbert Burkert, Dr., GMD, St. Augustin, Germany/University of St. Gallen, Switzerland

David Flaherty, Information and Privacy Commissioner for the province of British Columbia, Canada

Anitha Bondestam, Director General, Data Inspection Board, Sweden

Bruce Slane, Privacy Commissioner, New Zealand

16:30 - 16:45 Final discussion and concluding remarks to the Open Session by Henrik Waaben, Director of the Danish Data Protection Agency.
Programme for the Closed Session

Friday 8 September 1995

Issues related to Data Protection Authorities

9.30 - 10.15: How to "promote" data protection issues to draw the attention of the public e.g. the information about the existing legislation and the powers of the supervisory authorities. What means are at our disposal in order to draw the attention of the general public?

Elizabeth France, Data Protection Registrar, UK

Followed by a discussion

10.15 - 10.55: Peter J. Hustinx, President of the Registration Chamber, The Netherlands: "How to develop strategies to influence decision makers, including the clarification of our mission."

Followed by a discussion

10.55 - 11.20: Coffee break

11.20 - 12.00: How to organize practical collaboration between supervisory authorities? How to distribute upcoming international tasks between the authorities? The form of the international conferences.

Lotte N. Jørgensen, Head of Department, the Danish Data Protection Agency

Followed by a discussion

12.00 - 12.30: Other Issues.
Time and place of the next conference.

Henrik Waaben, Director of the Danish Data Protection Agency

12.30 - 14.00: Lunch