



Announcing Global Privacy and Data Protection Award winners

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A joint investigation into the Ashley Madison customer data breach and a report on artificial intelligence are the two overall winners at the Global Privacy and Data Protection Awards.

Winning entries were announced at the 39th International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners (ICDPPC) in Hong Kong today. The inaugural awards had attracted 90 entries from data protection and privacy authorities around the world.

ICDPPC Chair John Edwards says the awards were established to create a way for member authorities to share some of their successful initiatives from the previous year.

The joint investigation into the Ashley Madison breach, which won the Chair's Grand Award for Innovation, involved three privacy authorities – the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner, the United States Federal Trade Commission and the Privacy Commissioner of Canada. It is a model on how to achieve cross-border cooperation in privacy enforcement, Mr Edwards says.

The other overall winner, topping the votes for the People's Choice Award, was the UK Information Commissioner's Office '*Big data, AI, machine learning and data protection*' report - a comprehensive resource on how to recognise and mitigate risks posed by big data – an increasing area of concern around the world.

The other winners were:

- Research: Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, Canada
- Education and advocacy: Datatilsynet, Norway
- Online tools: Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data, Hong Kong

Mr Edwards says the volume of entries received is encouraging for the future of the awards which are designed to highlight the work of data protection and privacy authorities everywhere in regulating the protection of personal information.

A full list of the winners and runners-up, and their entries, is available [here](#)

Background

The International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners (ICDPPC) has been the premier global forum for privacy authorities since meeting in Bonn, Germany, in 1979. The ICDPPC seeks to provide leadership at international level in data protection and privacy and links 119 data protection authorities from across the globe.

For more information about the International Conference or [the awards](#), visit <https://icdppc.org/> or contact the ICDPPC Secretariat at ExCoSecretariat@icdppc.org.

For more information about the 39th International Conference held in Kowloon, Hong Kong, from 25 to 29 September 2017, visit www.privacyconference2017.org.

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