

Cyber Security KTN Newsletter #34

Highlights this month

- New privacy research project launched - members' views sought
- Access and identity management research funding announced

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- CASE Award to research iris recognition technologies announced
- People-centric information assurance event announced

Upcoming Events

- 9th September - Information Assurance Advisory Council (IAAC) Symposium
- 13th October - Innovate '09 (details below)
- 23rd-24th November - Technology World '09

Innovate '09 - book now for leading technology event

KTN members are encouraged to register for this year's Innovate '09, the leading technology innovation event run by the Technology Strategy Board.

Innovate '09 is focusing on stimulating growth in the technology sector during the economic downturn. KTN members attending the event will benefit by making business connections, attending industry-focused seminars, and taking part in 'question-time' style debates focusing on innovation themes.



Themes explored at this year's event include the future of the digital economy, energy generation and supply, and working towards a low carbon economy.

High-level speakers across business, academia and government will address delegates at Innovate '09.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Rt. Hon Lord Mandelson, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills
- Professor Dame Sally Davies, Chief Scientific Adviser for the Department of Health and NHS
- Henri Winand, Chief Executive, Intelligent Energy

To register for an early bird ticket, please click here: http://www.innovate09.co.uk/ticket_registration.aspx.

For more information on Innovate '09, taking place at the Business Design Centre, London, on 13th October, visit: <http://www.innovate09.co.uk/home.aspx>.

Knowledge transfer networks unite

Dear KTN member,

I want to explain some changes which are being made to the portfolio of Knowledge Transfer Networks (KTNs), which includes the Cyber Security KTN. The KTN will be forming closer ties with the Digital Communications, Grid Computing Now! and Location and Timing KTNs, leading to the establishment of a single KTN focused on Information and Communication Technologies in due course. I would like to explain what changes we expect to take place, what this means for KTN members, and provide a timeline for further information.



The Technology Strategy Board, the body responsible for the KTN programme, would like to encourage more knowledge transfer and collaboration between KTN member communities. Therefore, it has asked the KTNs to create stronger links, creating greater opportunities for such crossover.

As a result, the Cyber Security, Digital Communications, Grid Computing Now! and Location and Timing KTNs will be working more closely together with immediate effect. Our brief from the Technology Strategy Board is to bring together our existing memberships to deliver further benefits to the industry, and the economic sectors we serve, while maintaining the important parts of the service we currently provide to our distinct communities.

So what does this mean for you, as a member of the Cyber Security KTN? It means that you will get the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of improved access to a wider set of communities without experiencing any significant changes to your existing relationship with the KTN. You will be able to attend a greater variety of events, with new networking opportunities and greater prospects to transfer expertise and ideas.

The details of how these new mechanisms will be established are being developed but what we can say at this stage is that our community will remain intact and identifiable whilst enjoying the benefits of new opportunities. We will provide another update on these changes in future newsletters.

Please get in touch with me if you have any questions or suggestions by emailing: csktn@QinetiQ.com.

Tony Dyhouse
Cyber Security KTN Director

IAAC symposium on people-centric information assurance - book now

KTN members are encouraged to attend this year's Information Assurance Advisory Council (IAAC) Symposium.

The event, entitled: 'People-Centric Information Assurance - Getting it Right First Time', will address the latest developments in safeguarding information when using social networking sites.

The Symposium takes place on 9th September, at the BT Centre, 81 Newgate Street, London. To book a place, or to find out more information, please email: info@iaac.org.uk.

Privacy project launched - members' views sought

KTN members with knowledge of implementing privacy protection measures are encouraged to input their views into a new research project.

The work has been commissioned by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), following its Privacy by Design report. The research will focus on developing strong business cases for investing in privacy protection, in existing or new businesses.

Responses to the research need to be submitted by 15th September. To take part in the research, please visit: <http://watsonhall.com/privacy.protection>.

New funding for access and identity management announced

KTN members working for higher education organisations can now apply for new funding into identity management research.

The Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC) has made funding grants of between £50,000 and £300,000 available to address assurance and innovation research within identity management. JISC is holding an open day to offer applicants advice, taking place on Thursday 17th September, in Birmingham.

The deadline for proposals is 12pm, Monday 19th October.

For more information, visit: http://www.jisc.ac.uk/fundingopportunities/funding_calls/2009/08/0809aim.

Tickets available for Technology World09



Early bird tickets are now available to delegates and exhibitors for TechnologyWorld09, which takes place in November.

The event brings together companies from across the globe to identify customers, suppliers, and partners via 'speed meeting', seminars and panel discussion.

Seminar subjects at the event include: next generation broadband access; how to access the best of UK university innovation and how to accelerate the development of technology solutions demanded by a low carbon economy.

Partners include the Digital Communications KTN, the Electronics KTN, Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC), Cambridge Wireless and Low Carbon South West.

TechnologyWorld09 is run by UKTI and will be held at the Ricoh Arena, Coventry on 23rd and 24th November. Early bird tickets cost £75 for delegates and £250 for exhibitors.

For more information or to register, visit: www.technologyworld09.com.

KTN funds new CASE award into iris recognition research

The KTN has announced new funding to develop iris recognition technologies.

The CASE award will enable Smart Sensors Ltd and the University of Kent to collaborate on joint research.

Their work will focus on:

- A review of literature and past research on iris recognition technologies, identifying gaps
- Construction and maintenance of a database of human irises, and how information will be used

The KTN has funded the project due to worldwide industry interest in iris recognition technologies. Project updates will appear in future KTN newsletters. CASE Awards are administered by the KTN on behalf of the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC). More information on the awards can be found here: <http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/PostgraduateTraining/IndustrialCASE/default.htm>.

What do you think of the Cyber Security KTN Newsletter?

The Cyber Security KTN would like to hear from members reading this newsletter to gain feedback on improving its content.

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