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European Association for Biometrics (EAB) organizes largest European research conference on 7-8 September 2015

On 7 and 8 September 2015 Europe's largest conference on research in the area of Biometrics and Identity Management funded by the European Commission will take place at the premises of Fraunhofer IGD in Darmstadt, Germany. The second EAB Research Projects Conference 2015 will be co-located with the IEEE BIOSIG conference that will take place later that same week.

The European Association for Biometrics (EAB) and numerous EU FP7 projects, namely FIDELITY, FastPass, BEAT, FutureID, MobilePass, Eksistenz, PCAS, PIDaaS, ORIGINS, ABC4EU, SIIP, INGRESS and HECTOS are jointly organizing the 2nd EAB Research Projects Conference (EAB-RPC) to present research results and to discuss the benefits of this research for our European society. This second conference will present updates of the projects introduced in the first conference back in 2014 (see z.eab.org/rpc14 for further information). New projects in the fields of border control, speaker verification, template protection and more will be presented. Experts from the biometric community will report about their results and will discuss in a panel the impact of the new EU regulation on privacy and data protection specifically regarding biometric research and deployment. Furthermore, a second panel will be devoted to discuss large-scale deployments (e.g. the European Smart Borders) and their need for research and standards and how that can be supported by future research topics in the Horizon 2020 research program. The European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (eu-LISA) will be involved in the conference and contribute experts to both panels. Moreover the Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology Trust and Security (DG CNECT) will discuss with the participants current and future research objectives.

Motivation:

Biometrics and Identity Management are key research topics that are currently investigated in a variety of EU projects running under the seventh Framework Programme (FP7). International research is dealing with innovative solutions for secure and privacy compliant biometrics and federated identity management. For the second time all major European research projects in the area of Biometrics and Identity Management will be provided with a single platform for information exchange and discussion. This will contribute to a stronger research community at European level and a stronger position for European R&D in an international context.

Further information:

For the program of and for registration to the EAB Research Projects Conference 2015, please refer to this URL: z.eab.org/rpc15

The organizer of the conference:

The European Association for Biometrics (www.eab.org) is a pan-European non-profit association seeking to advance the proper and beneficial use of biometrics in Europe, taking into account the interests of European citizens, industry, academia and governments. The EAB is the European platform for biometrics, currently having over 170 members from 35 countries. Driven by developments in connection with immigration challenges, the requirements of e-passport implementations and a whole range of emerging commercial applications, the EAB fulfills the role of an independent and multi-stakeholder platform, where stakeholders can meet and exchange information and visions. For more information about the EAB please contact secretariat@eab.org.