

PRESS RELEASE

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Preserving Privacy in an Age of Increased Surveillance – A Biometrics Perspective

Today the program of the EAB Workshop '*Preserving Privacy in an Age of Increased Surveillance – A Biometrics Perspective*' is being announced and published on the EAB website: <http://www.eab.org/events/program/70>. The workshop is hosted by IBM who are co-organizing this event.

The workshop brings together experts and stakeholders from amongst end users, technology developers, researchers and jurists to discuss the serious challenges that are posed to privacy by the application of biometrics technologies and explore together ways for addressing them.

About the Workshop

'*Preserving Privacy in an Age of Increased Surveillance – A Biometrics Perspective*' will focus on privacy issues surrounding biometric technologies and applications helping to understand key concerns and trends, including:

- Impact of biometrics on privacy
- Privacy protection technologies
- Gaps in knowledge and practice

We will together reflect upon the many new threats and opportunities arising from the rapid increase in the channels of biometric data capture (e.g. sensors on mobile devices, Google Glass, ...) and processing capabilities.

Event details

Date: Monday, October 27, 2014

Duration: 10:00 h – 17:00 h

Location: [IBM SouthBank](#), Fleming Room
76/78 Upper Ground
South Bank
London SE1 9PZ

Organizer: European Association for Biometrics (EAB)

Co-organizers: IBM Emerging Technologies

Registration: <http://eab.org/events/program/70>

Registration fee: Attendance is free of charge, Registration is required and places are limited

Media Partners: BiometricUpdate.com

Moderators: Saritha Arunkumar (IBM) and Farzin Deravi (EAB)

Program overview

| Title / topic | Speaker |
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| Morning | |
| Welcome and Introductions | Saritha Arunkumar, IBM; Farzin Deravi, EAB |
| Objectives of the workshop | Peter Wagget, IBM |
| On EAB, Biometrics and Privacy | Max Snijder, EAB |
| Convenient and trustworthy biometric solutions | Angela Sasse, UCL |
| Are biometrics sensitive data in terms of data protection law? | Joseph Cannataci, University of Malta & COST IC1206 |
| Afternoon | |
| Biometrics and Privacy – From Aspiration to Reality | Julian Ashbourn, Independent Expert |
| EU Project: PIDaaS – Private Identity as a Service | Richard Guest, University of Kent |
| The Management of Biometrics and Privacy - A Complex Problem that requires a Complex Solution | Simon Rogers, IBM UK |
| Panel discussion: <i>Privacy-Safe Biometrics</i> - What are the key unaddressed issues? - What more do we need to know? - What do we need to do? | Moderator: Farzin Deravi (EAB and University of Kent) |
| Wrap up and closing | Saritha Arunkumar, IBM |

About the European Association for Biometrics EAB

The European Association for Biometrics (www.eab.org), founded in November 2011 and located in The Netherlands, 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 150 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 fulfils the role of an independent and multi-stakeholder platform where stakeholders can meet, exchange information and visions, discuss new initiatives and benefit from training and education programs. The stakeholder groups represented by the EAB include operators, governments, industry, research, academia and citizens.

For more information about the EAB please contact secretariat@eab.org.