

Note from Secretariat for ExCo September meeting

29 August 2016

Proposed for 2017: ICDPPC Global Privacy and Data Protection Awards (Including Chair's Award for Innovation in a Data Protection Authority)

The Chair proposes as a new initiative for 2017 – his last term as ExCo Chair – for the Secretariat to arrange a global competition for outstanding efforts in relation to the protection of privacy and data protection with announcement of results and a brief award ceremony at the Hong Kong Conference.

If there is no objection from the ExCo, the Chair would make a brief announcement at the Morocco Conference of the initiative and that details will follow later in 2016 or early in 2017.

It is not anticipated at this stage that there would be any prizes merely the honour and a certificate. The details would be worked out later but the plan would be to include one award that would be on a topic of interest to him: namely 'Innovation in a Data Protection Authority'. (Although it is not assumed that the competition would be repeated beyond 2017, future chairs might conceivably choose to continue the 'Chair's Award' initiative, perhaps choosing a different focus, to create a new tradition.)

The Chair has no firm views on the scope of the competition or awards but suggests that there be categories that go beyond DPAs to include, say, individuals, business and civil society. There would be scope to pick up on themes that have been historically promoted by the Conference such as 'company implementation of Privacy by Design' and 'app to empower individuals to protect their privacy' or something about digital education. There could also be categories supporting strategic priorities such as 'Most valuable initiative to promote cross-border privacy enforcement'.

It is anticipated that a panel or panels could be assembled to evaluate and shortlist entries with member authorities voting on the winners.