

# COMMUNIQUE

39TH CONFERENCE: SEPTEMBER 2017

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Hello and welcome again to the latest news from the ICDPPC Secretariat. This is my last opportunity to herald our forthcoming Conference and my last foreword as the Chair of the ICDPPC Executive Committee.

In a few weeks time, my term as Chair will come to an end and the Conference will have a new leadership team. Thanks in large part to our secretariat team of Blair Stewart, Vanya Vida and Linda Williams, we will be leaving the Committee in an excellent condition, well able to meet the needs of you, the wider Conference membership.

My last tasks will be to deliver a stimulating and provocative Closed Session at our 39<sup>th</sup> Conference in Hong Kong, and we are well on the way to achieving that.

This year's closed session will examine the benefits and effects of developments in breaking down informational and organisational silos in government and for us as privacy and data protection authorities to examine what can be done to ensure the protection of citizen data is maintained and even enhanced.

We will explore what is driving government information sharing and the related barriers, benefits and risks and hear how new technologies are affecting practices for better or worse. Our speakers will reference case studies illustrating how these issues are playing out in governments around the world.

I'm looking forward to hearing the global update by United Nation's Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy Joe Cannataci on problems and progress in his areas of monitoring privacy-related developments.

We have several significant resolutions to consider including one on automated and connected vehicles, one on international enforcement cooperation and the other on

consumer protection. Following on from Morocco, we will continue our discussion about the future size and



membership of our conference. There's also the matter of two rule changes proposed by the Executive Committee concerning the Conference deadlines for submitting proposed resolutions and approving observer applications – strictly administrative but necessary.

If you haven't already seen the programme, you can read about it in an article that follows. If you haven't already registered, I encourage you to do so soon. Once registered, you will be able to download the relevant documents at the members' area of the [39th Conference website](#).

Finally, I want to acknowledge the dedicated work and hospitality of Steven Wong and the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data for making their vibrant city the destination for this year's Conference. The Open Session promises to be a compelling and essential programme, and you won't want to miss it!

Thank you to all of you for your support. I look forward to seeing you this month in Hong Kong.

*John Edwards — New Zealand Privacy Commissioner and Chair of the ICDPPC Executive Committee*

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Closed session topic and panelists
- Open session
- Side events

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AUGUST MEETING

The Executive Committee met on 22/23 August through teleconference. Highlights include:

- Discussion of the project on future size and membership of the Conference and agreed that relevant papers will be presented to the closed session in Hong Kong.
- The Secretariat's initiatives to ensure a smooth transition to the Committee after the 39<sup>th</sup> Conference.
- The Committee agreed to propose rule changes to adjust deadline for resolutions and observer applications.
- The Committee reviewed the final membership applications.

More information available at <https://icdppc.org/document-archive/committee-documents/>

## 39TH CONFERENCE: CLOSED SESSION IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION TOPIC

### Government Information Sharing: Protecting Sensitive Data, Preventing Discrimination and Managing Risk

Around the world, governments are increasingly seeking to break down public sector information and organisational silos to drive commercial innovation, disseminate knowledge, increase transparency, enhance public services and seek cost savings and efficiencies.

The Closed Session will examine the benefits and effects of these developments and examine where these efforts leave privacy and data protection and what might usefully be done by Data Protection Authorities.

The day will explore what is driving government information sharing and the related barriers, benefits and risks. We will hear how new technologies are affecting practices for good or ill. Speakers will reference case studies illustrating how these issues are playing out in governments around the world.

The session will have two panels:

#### Panel 1: Drivers and barriers to information sharing and where governments are heading

The first group of speakers will examine what is driving and hindering government information sharing in the context of economic conditions, policy objectives, public demands and new technologies. Speakers will help Commissioners understand the issues and highlight both the positive and negative features of information sharing.

Panelists: Stephen Curtis, Eric Applewhite and Viljar Peep

Eric Applewhite



Director for Public Sector Technology and Transformation at KPMG, UK. He has focused on the importance of data sharing as a prerequisite for joining up public services as public bodies respond to ever more restricted budgets and the need to demonstrate effective public services through predictive analytics and better digital access. He has extensive experience advising clients in North America and Europe on project assurance and technology integration efforts, including the City of New York. Eric will share a technological perspective.

Stephen Curtis



Director of the Centre of Excellence for Information

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Sharing. Stephen knows first-hand how an organisation must approach its information and how technology supports the needs of a business – and the people who receive services. His experience has given him a strong focus on information sharing, and the culture, attitudes and internal processes which help make it happen.

**Viljar Peep**

Director General of the Estonian Data Protection Inspectorate. Estonia has been called 'one of the most digital country in the world'. Viljar will bring a regulator's perspective to the session with a perspective on his country's government practice of collection of information under a "collect once, use many times" model.

**Panel 2: How government shared use of information can trigger public concerns about discrimination and protection of sensitive information**

The second group of speakers will look at questions of risk management, ethical analysis devoted to avoiding discrimination and unpack the complexities of sharing within governments and with other players involved in public programmes. The panel will also explore the use of administrative datasets to research the determinants of social or health outcomes and the development of predictive risk modelling and profiling, which carry risks to individual privacy and autonomy. The panelists will discuss both sides of this story: the reliability of the data science and modelling to inform public policy and the risks of using such tools prompt government interventions into the lives of individuals.

Panelists: John Bacon-Shone, Liz MacPherson and Rhema Viathianathan

**John Bacon-Shone**

Director of the Social Sciences Research Centre and Associate Dean of the Knowledge Exchange at the University of Hong Kong. John's research interests include statistical computing, survey methodology, compositional data, biostatistics, gambling, data archiving, privacy, sociolinguistics and policy research.

**Liz MacPherson**

Government Chief Statistician and Chief Executive of Statistics New Zealand since August 2013. Liz has spoken extensively on NZ's Integrated Data Infrastructure (IDI), which was introduced to bring together tax, health, justice, education and accident insurance data to provide the insights government needs to improve social and economic outcomes for New Zealand and deliver better services to the public.

**Rhema Vaithianathan**

Co-director of the Centre for Social Data Analytics at Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand, where she is also a Professor of Economics. Rhema is internationally recognised for her ambitious research using linked administrative data, particularly for impact evaluation and predictive risk modelling. She led the international research team that developed the Allegheny Family Screening Tool, a child welfare predictive risk modelling tool for Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, US. Rhema is a member of New Zealand's Government-funded Data Futures Partnership Working Group. The group recently published draft guidelines for trusted data use for New Zealand. Rhema has held numerous research positions in Australia, Singapore and US including a Harkness Fellowship at Harvard University.

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## THE 39TH CONFERENCE: OPEN SESSION

By the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data,  
Hong Kong

In a few weeks, the 39th Conference will be held in Hong Kong. The preparations for the Conference are in the final stages. We are excited and are ready to welcome all delegates from around the world to Hong Kong.

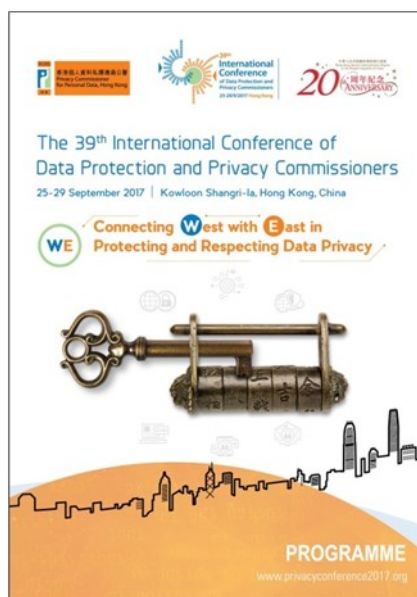
With the theme “Connecting West with East in Protecting and Respecting Data Privacy”, we will bring the Asia culture and data protection regulations under the spotlight, and also the commonalities and differences amongst the data protection regimes in Asia, as well as how they address the privacy challenges brought by technological advancement. World renowned speakers are invited to share their insights on the following main topics during the Conference: (1) Data Protection in Asia, (2) Notice and Consent, (3) Cross-border Data Transfer, and (4) Challenges of New Technology.

In “Data Protection in Asia”, prominent speakers and privacy regulators from Asian authorities will discuss the privacy culture in different Asian jurisdictions and give overview on the data protection landscape in Asia. The differences in privacy culture between the West and the East, and their regulatory consequences will be discussed in this session.

Speakers in “Notice and Consent” will address the impact of technological advancement on the “notice and consent” mechanism, and the strategies to implement meaningful user control that can effectively be supported by regulators across all regions. This session will be further divided into plenary sessions and parallel break-out sessions in which participants could choose topics of interest to attend.

“Cross-border Data Transfer” session will feature the interplay between personal data protection and cross-border/boundaries data transfers, focusing especially on data transfers to and from Asia and other regions of the globe in three areas: (i) the implementation of the APEC Cross-Border Privacy Rules System, (ii) the European Commission’s discussions of possible adequacy decision with trading partners in Asia and elsewhere, and (iii) the practical and legal effects of data localisation measures.

In “Challenges of New Technology”, speakers from regulators and business sector will



share their thoughts in a variety of topics including (i) Ethics by Design in AI, (ii) Smart Regulation in Digital Economy, (iii) The Rise of Cybersecurity and its Impact on Data Protection, (iv) Digital Identity Management, (v) Privacy and Encryption in the Digital Age, and (vi) Human Rights Defenders.

Besides the main sessions, there will be over 20 side events organised on various topics, offering participants to get data protection updates from groups and organisations in the privacy community.

Details of the programme and side events are now available at the Conference website:  
<https://www.privacyconference2017.org/eng/index.html>

We will also offer diverse social events during the Conference. A welcome drinks and Authorities’ Dinner will be held on 25 and 26 September respectively. We will also arrange a series of cultural performances to showcase the Chinese culture among overseas delegates, including an award-winning Chinese drum performance from a local primary school. In the evening of 28 September, a unique social event, the Sky Reception, will be held at Sky100 Hong Kong Observation Deck which is on the 100<sup>th</sup> floor of the tallest building in Hong Kong. Optional tours will also be arranged during the period.

If you have not yet registered for the Conference, please do so to make sure you won’t miss the chance to take part in the above events. For details please visit the conference website.

See you soon!

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## SIDE MEETINGS DURING THE 39TH CONFERENCE

Several side meetings will be held during the 39th Conference in Hong Kong. Side meetings will be held on 25 and 27 September at 1:30pm or 3:30pm and several of them require pre-registration.

Side meetings on 25 September

- African Network of Data Protection Authorities (RAPDP)
- Centre for Information Privacy Leadership (CIPL)
- Common Thread Network
- Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC)
- Facebook
- Future of Privacy Forum (FPF) & Information Accountability Foundation (IAF)
- GeneWatch UK
- GPEN (Global Privacy Enforcement Network)
- Korea Internet & Security Agency (KISA)
- UN-Digital Asia Hub-EDPS

Side meetings on 27 September

- Ant Financial Services Group
- Center for Democracy & Technology
- Council of Europe (CoE) and ICANN
- Digital Asia Hub, Hong Kong (DAH)



- Facebook
- International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP)
- International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
- Microsoft
- Nymity Inc
- OneTrust
- Personal Information Protection Commission, Japan (PPC Japan)
- OECD/ICDPPC/APPA Privacy Metrics Roundtable
- UNESCO

More information is available at [https://www.privacyconference2017.org/eng/side\\_event.html](https://www.privacyconference2017.org/eng/side_event.html).

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## FEATURED SIDE MEETING: ICDPPC-OECD ROUNDTABLE

Our Hong Kong hosts have done an excellent job in facilitating a variety of useful side meetings to be held in four 90 minute slots over two half-days (see separate article).

The ICDPPC Secretariat is pleased to draw attention to a meeting it has arranged in conjunction with the OECD Secretariat to further Conference objectives set out in last year's [Resolution on Developing New Metrics of Data Protection Regulation](#):

**Event:** Roundtable "Towards an International Metrics Agenda for Privacy-Policy Making"

**Date and time:** 3.30–5.00pm, 27 September 2017

**Venue:** Camomile Room (Lower Level II), Kowloon Shangri-La, Hong Kong

**Full details:** <https://icdppc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Roundtable-flyer.pdf>

The meeting will report on current efforts to understand and improve the availability of internationally comparable metrics for privacy policy making and promote a discussion on options for advancing a joint privacy metrics agenda. The meeting will include presentations in relation to ongoing international projects from OECD, ICDPPC, APPA and ICO. There will be an opportunity for an open discussion on how best to take this work forward and, in particular, how to make the most of opportunities for collaboration between international bodies engaged with the issues.

The event will also be the first public release of the results of the ICDPPC Census 2017.

Space will be limited. To register to attend please email [Linda.Williams@privacy.org.nz](mailto:Linda.Williams@privacy.org.nz)

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## ICDPPC GLOBAL PRIVACY AND DATA PROTECTION AWARDS 2017

The excitement mounts! Who will win the inaugural ICDPPC Global Privacy and Data Protection Awards?

All will be revealed at the members' dinner at the 39<sup>th</sup> Conference in Hong Kong on 26 September. The Chair, John Edwards, will be conferring awards in each of the 4 categories as well as two overall awards: the Chair's Grand Award for Innovation and the People's Choice Award voted for by staff at member authorities.

The finalists include:

### Category A: Research

- Information and privacy Commissioner, Ontario
- Privacy Commissioner of Canada

### Category B: Dispute resolution, compliance and enforcement

- ICO, UK
- Information and Privacy Commissioner, Ontario
- Australian Information Commissioner/ Privacy Commissioner of Canada/ US FTC (joint entry)

### Category C: Education and advocacy

- CNPD, Morocco
- INAI, Mexico
- Datatilsynet, Norway
- US FTC
- Data Protection Commissioner, Ireland

### Category D: Use of online tools

- Infoem, Mexico
- Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data, Hong Kong
- CNIL, France (2 entries)

A full list of the finalists' entries with the shortlisting judging panel's comments is available at <https://icdppc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Complete-list-of-finalists.pdf>.

Member authorities are encouraged to look at the entries – both those of the finalists and indeed all the 90 entries received available on the [website](#) – as they contain many good ideas that may inspire other authorities to even greater things in the coming year.

## REGISTER FOR THE 39TH CONFERENCE

**REGISTER NOW**

You can still register to attend the privacy event of the year. Don't wait any longer and register at <https://www.privacyconference2017.org/eng/registration.html>.

## COMINGS AND GOINGS

Eduardo Bertonni the director of the Argentine National Direction for Personal Data Protection has been appointed as the director of the newly created Access to Public Information Agency, Argentina.



Sven Bluemmel has been named as the first Information Commissioner for Victoria, Australia. The Information Commissioner will perform the functions of the Information Commissioner and Commissioner for Privacy and Data Protection.



Madam Patricia Adusei-Poku has been appointed the Executive Director of the Ghanaian Data Protection Commission. She replaces Mrs Teki Akuetteh Falconer.

