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A bi-monthly tScheme round up from the Secretariat

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Winter is nearly upon us it can only be a good thing that we are once again able to reclaim our lost hour of sleep; the hour that the Government so cruelly deprived us of back in March.

With random pre-amble like that, it can only be the return of tNews. The now bi-monthly (odd months only) update on what YOUR organisation is doing.

Business Development Committee

tScheme is getting down to business with the addition of a Business Development Committee. Occupying space somewhere between the Board and the Marketing Forum (the same space would be, in restaurant terms, occupied by an up market bistro), all Members are invited to send a representative to contribute to its objective, which is the definition of a future target business model for tScheme.

In October the BDC circulated a discussion paper to the membership; this has now also been reviewed - and a clearer picture of how the committee will operate, and of course its remit, has been agreed. To get involved please contact Stephen.

Standard Presentation

Like any entity, tScheme branding is incredibly important. Whilst we might not have the spin of the Australian cricket team, we can ensure everyone puts across the same message by using our standard presentation material.

Fashioned from years (literally) of presentations on tScheme, we have two standard presentations.

Available in both the members' area and on the open site, is the TV edit – a 18 chart set aimed at an audience looking for a briefing and overview of tScheme.

Exclusive to the members' area is the Director's cut. A 50 chart epic including business application case study notes and the contents list from the full 'tScheme Guide'.

ISSE – Paris with Mickey

Disneyland Paris – with its five imaginary lands, played host to a different sort of customer last month.

In what was no doubt just as thrilling a ride, security vendors from across Europe put on the show, surely as resplendent in terms of big special effects (and screaming children) as anything Walt's boys could muster.

Richard Trevorah, tScheme's Technical Manager made the channel crossing to deliver a hard hitting presentation on where tScheme was. As part of the legal track, Richard was able to steer away from the pure technical side of things – something that was apparently quite refreshing in what was a more technically focused conference than last year.

ISSE – certainly one to watch next year, although it remains to be seen if it can engage the audience it really needs to talk to. Few will

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welcome another year of PKI vendors talking to other PKI vendors.

Recognising Peers

Whilst tScheme is something of a unique scheme, work establishing formal ties with a number of similar European schemes is well underway.

Therefore the joint DTI/tScheme workshop (12 December) will be a good opportunity to push forward tScheme's vision of the core requirements for mutual recognition between peer schemes – and of course our vision of independent, industry-led schemes.

Workshop outline, and booking form, can be found on the tScheme website: Workshop homepage.

Securing the Scheme

tScheme still looking at securing and signing our own emails – both for practical reasons and to set an example to others. Our specific requirements as a distributed organisation, and potential service solutions, are being investigated as we speak.

The Directory pages of the tScheme website, giving details of our Grants of approval, will also shortly be secured, naturally using a tScheme-approved service – watch this space for a closed padlock.

Looking Forward

tScheme is still moving forward on new Grants of approval – two are in the pipeline for Q4 or early Q1. Enquiry levels continue to promise much – and the secretariat is devoting significant resources to ensure that these enquirers are converted into Registered Applicants for approval and/or new Members as appropriate.

Open invitations to send delegates (trial period) to tScheme committees is being issued to prospective new Member organisations – please forward leads to Stephen.

Diary Dates:

25 November – EEMA Workshop: 'Putting eSignatures into Practice', Brussels (tScheme Presentation)
5 December – Board Meeting & Legal and Contracts Group
12 December – DTI/tScheme Mutual Recognition workshop, London
17 December – Marketing Forum & Business Development Committee meetings

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