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In this issue

In this second edition of the quarterly Think-Trust e-newsletters, we announce the publication of the Working Groups second workshop report; an update on the RISEPTIS Report is given; there are details from the FIA Prague event, the 'SERENITY Day' and an 'Information Day' on *Objective 1.4: Trustworthy ICT*, in the upcoming ICT Work Programme Call 5; as well as the latest preparations for the fourth FIA event, which takes place on November 23-34 in Stockholm.

There's also the usual updates on **dissemination activities**, including the publication of an article on anonymity versus accountability discussions held between Working Group members, the latest **project deliverables**, some relevant **upcoming events** and some interesting **TSD stories** from the mainstream media.

A presentation which describes the **strategic position of Think-Trust** in the wider Trust, Security and Dependability community has also been placed on the project's web portal during this period.

Finally, Think-Trust would like to offer best wishes to our out-going Project Officer, Dr. Thomas Skordas, who has taken up a new role as Head of Unit, Photonics within **DG INFSO**. Dr. Skordas has provided tremendous support to Think-Trust and all project partners wish him well in his new position.

The latest edition of the Unit F5 'Trust & Security' newsletter (**July 2009**) is now available and contains a farewell message from Dr. Skordas. Think-Trust would also like to welcome new Project Officer Dr. Dirk Van-Rooy. The project partners look forward to working with Dr. Van Rooy in the coming months.

Report from Second Working Group plenary workshop published

As was announced in our [previous newsletter](#), the second Working Group plenary workshop took place on February 24-25, 2009, in Brussels. The report from this event has now been publicly released and is available on the Think-Trust website.

[Click here](#) to access the report, as well as the workshop agenda, a presentation from the European Data Protection Supervisor's office on "Some key issues to keep in mind and their interaction with (new) IT challenges" and summaries on the four use cases discussed by the WG members during the workshop.

Think-Trust Partners**Waterford Institute of Technology (Ireland)****Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Télécommunications (France)****Technische Universität Darmstadt (Germany)****TELSCOM Consulting (Switzerland)****RISEPTIS Report being drafted**

After discussions at the third plenary meeting of the Think-Trust Advisory Board, in Brussels, on April 28, 2008, the RISEPTIS Report is now nearing completion. The [agenda](#) for this RISEPTIS meeting, together with the [presentations](#) made on the day are accessible through the 'Members Area' of the Think-Trust web portal. (*Access requires user log-in*).

Dissemination activities are already being planned to publicise the Report, after its official release in Autumn, 2009.

FIA Prague event

Think-Trust, in conjunction with a number of Future Internet Assembly (FIA) caretakers, coordinated and represented the ICT Trust and Security research community at the [FIA Prague](#) event, on May 11-13, 2009.

The 'Trust & Identity' session was divided into three sections – **Identity Provisioning in Service Platforms**, **Trust Platforms** and **Experimental & Empirical Approaches** – with presentations given during each by a variety of invited experts. An interactive panel session and a final wrap-up concluded each of the three sessions.

The agenda and presentations from the FIA Prague ['Trust & Identity' session](#) are available on the FIA ['T&I' wiki](#).

FIA Prague also saw the official launch of a book entitled, "Towards the Future Internet - A European Research Perspective", which is a peer-reviewed collection of scientific papers addressing some of the challenges ahead that will shape the Internet of the Future. The selected papers are representative of the research carried out by EU-funded projects in the field. The book is published by [IOS Press](#) and more information is available [here](#).

Serenity Day held to begin building a security engineering community

The [SERENITY](#) project (System Engineering for Security and Dependability) held a successful 'Serenity Day' on 17 June. Through its [on-line forum](#), this project gathers organisations and individuals aiming to take part in the development of future security and dependability systems within Ambient Intelligence (AmI) environments.

[SERENITY Day](#) allowed the project to showcase its results, as well as bringing together researchers and research organizations in the IT security field to assist in the creation of a 'Security Engineering Manifesto'. Presentations from the event are available [here](#) and those who attended on the day are now asked to complete the [assessment questionnaire](#).

Objective 1.4 Trustworthy ICT info day takes place in Brussels

On June 18 an information day was organised by [Unit F5 'Trust and Security'](#) for Objective 1.4 Trustworthy ICT, in advance of the forthcoming Call 5, which opens on July 31st. Participants had the opportunity to present a few slides (2-3) during the Proposers Forum in order to share a project concept with other attendees. All the presentations of the day are now available [here](#).

Preparations begin for FIA Stockholm

The fourth FIA event takes place in Stockholm, Sweden, on November 23-24, 2009, with the 'Trust & Identity' caretakers, in cooperation with Think-Trust, already making preparations for [FIA Stockholm](#).

A workshop for FIA break-out session caretakers is currently being planned for 7 October 2009 in Brussels, so please mark your calendars if involved within FIA. The purpose of the workshop will be to discuss and agree the important topics of the agenda for the FIA Stockholm event. This workshop will also provide an opportunity to review cross-domain Trust and Identity issues, building on the achievements so far from [FIA Bled](#), [FIA Madrid](#) and [FIA Prague](#).

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Dissemination Activities

Anonymity “versus” Accountability discussion published

An intense discussion between Working Group members, in the aftermath of the publication of their first Workshop Report, has been captured and condensed into an article entitled, “On the anonymity versus accountability debate”. This article has been submitted and subsequently added to the [Toolbox.com](#) network of documents.

The summary of the document, as shown on the website is as follows:

“Decreased privacy is an unavoidable consequence in the drive to make the world a more secure, safer place, according to some analysts. In the online world, the conflict between privacy and security manifests itself in a debate between anonymity and accountability; this document seeks to examine this apparent dispute.”

[Click here to access the article.](#)

Project deliverables

The latest project deliverable to be completed is **D2.4 Plenary Workshop #2**, which is in the form of a [report on the Working Group members’ meeting](#), as described above. Next up for submission is **D3.1a Think-Trust recommendations report (interim), including Annexes on WGs**. This is currently at an advanced stage and will be completed in a matter of weeks.

All project Deliverables designated **PUBLIC** are available on the Think-Trust web portal, in the [Public Documents](#) section.

Upcoming Events

- [ENISA-FORTH Summer School on Network & Information Security \(NIS'09\): September 14-18, 2009, Crete, Greece](#). The European Network and Information Security Agency ([ENISA](#)) and the Institute of Computer Science (ICS) of the Foundation for Research and Technology - Hellas ([FORTH](#)) are organising the 2nd summer school on Network and Information Security (NIS'09). The theme of the summer school is “Privacy and Trust in a Networked World”.

- **[NEM Summit – Towards Future Media Internet: September 28-30, 2009, Saint-Malo, France.](#)** The second Networked and Electronic Media (**NEM**) Summit will be organised by the NEM European Technology Platform (ETP) under the aegis of the European Commission (**DG INFSO**) and with the support of the **Région Bretagne**. This summit aims to emphasise the importance for Europe of Networked Electronic Media as an undisputed driver towards a “Future Media Internet”, reaping the full benefit of convergence and digitalisation. During the event many EU-funded collaborative projects will showcase their results in areas such as new user-centric media applications and access or display devices, new media delivery platforms, 3D visualisation and electronic cinema.
- **[Fourth European Security Research Conference: September 29-30, 2009, Stockholm, Sweden.](#)** The annual European Security Research Conference (**ESRC**) has been a major component in the evolution of civil European security research. The event is expected to bring together more than 1,200 representatives from research, industry, European institutions, public authorities and other stakeholders with interests for the security of Europe’s Citizens. For Europe’s researchers, innovators, engineers, policy and business decision-makers in the field of security research, this is the event of the year if you’re going to influence the shaping of policies and research options for Europe’s future.

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['Mafiaboy': Cloud Computing Will Cause Internet Security Meltdown](#)

Source: Dark Reading Security Services

Publication date: 30/06/2009

“Reformed black-hat hacker Michael Calce, better known as the 15-year-old “mafiaboy” who, in 2000, took down Websites CNN, Yahoo, E*Trade, Dell, Amazon, and eBay, says widespread adoption of cloud computing is going to make the Internet only more of a hacker haven.

“It will be the fall of the Internet as we know it,” Calce said, during a Lumension Security-sponsored Webcast event. “You’re basically putting everything in one little sandbox...it’s going to be a lot more easy to access,” he added, noting that cloud computing will be “extremely dangerous.”

[Click here to access this article](#)

Spy chief's wife 'shares' on Facebook

Source: *The Irish Times*

Publication date: 05/07/2009

"The new open and transparent nature of Britain's MI6 intelligence agency has reached new heights with the revelation that the wife of its new head had posted personal details on her unrestricted Facebook page.

There were calls for an inquiry today into whether Sir John Sawers should be allowed to take up his post after his wife apparently published the personal details and photographs on the social networking site.

Lady Shelley Sawers disclosed potentially compromising information, including the location of the London flat used by the couple and the whereabouts of their three children and of Sir John's parents on the social networking site, the *Mail on Sunday* reported."

[Click here for the full report](#)
