EEMA enjoys a success filled 2017

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for being an important part of one of EEMA’s most successful years.

Delegates attending our Annual Conference, ISSE and series of High-Level Fireside Briefings have told us they have been amongst the best we have ever staged. Meanwhile, the EU projects we are partnered with (LIGHTest and FutureTrust) have made excellent progress, and initiatives including the European Trust Foundation and GAMNI are building strong momentum.

This year we have been delighted to welcome many new corporate members including Cryptomathic, TrustSeed SAS, digi.me, iWelcome and InfoCert, all of whom grasped the many opportunities on offer to showcase their knowledge and expertise. Meanwhile, EEMA itself became a member of the European Cyber Security Organisation (ECSO) and we had the pleasure of hosting a track for the organisation at our ISSE conference in Brussels last month.

As thoughts turn to 2018, I would encourage you to sign-up for our Speaker Panel, to ensure you do not miss an opportunity to speak at the extensive programme of events we will be running throughout Europe next year. Similarly, if you are interested in participating in proposals for funded EU projects please join our Consortium Partner Panel.

Once again, thank you for the contribution you have made this year and we look forward to working with you throughout 2018. On behalf of the whole EEMA family, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Joyeux Noël, Frohe Weihnachten, Vrolijk Kerstfeest, Buon Natale, Feliz Navidad, Wesolych Świąt, Boldog Karácsonyt!

“Congratulations for the well-organised ISSE 2017 event in Brussels, Belgium. No doubt, it remains one of the most anticipated events of the year with good content, presenters, networking and most important with inspiration.” Carlos Serratos, Senior Product Manager, AET

EEMA member news

iWelcome has announced its series C funding led by German based Capnamic Ventures and Netherlands based Connected Capital with participation of the existing shareholders. The funds will be used to unlock target markets across Europe and to solidify iWelcome’s position as innovation & product leader in the rapidly growing Consumer Identity and Access Management (CIAM) space.

“Our goal is not only to maintain this competitive advantage, but much rather to strengthen our product, to widen our offering and to boost direct touch and presence in all major European markets, including the German speaking countries, the UK and France,” says Danny de Vreeze, CEO of iWelcome.
Experts in AI and Cognitive Machines join EEMA for debate

“We need to think about the long term” said EEMA’s Stuart McRae when introducing the hotly debated topic of Artificial Intelligence and Cognitive Machines at the EEMA High-Level Fireside Briefing at Atos in London on 7th December.

Delegates were treated to insights from two true visionaries in the AI space Peter Waggett from IBM and Ibrahim Kushchu from mobileGov UK. Ibrahim considered the types of intelligence we should expect from cognitive machines, explaining the difference between intelligent machines that have been programmed to perform within a specific domain and the concept of the ‘robots’ demonstrating general intelligence associate with humans.

Looking to the future, he observed how the intelligence of machines is limited by our own intellect, pointing to the concept of ‘super intelligence’ where the machines are able to display ideas that we cannot imagine.

For those of you that joined us in Brussels and those of you who didn’t! Take a look at our gallery from ISSE 2017


Peter Waggett, Stuart McRae and Ibrahim Kushchu

Former rocket scientist, Peter Waggett is nervous of the term AI, pointing to the 99% of solutions currently being marketed as AI that are not. Before looking to the present capabilities of Watson and the future, Peter looked back 20 years to when the IBM supercomputer Deep Blue, beat Gary Kasparov at a game of Chess, an event that proved a milestone in AI. Peter noted that progress in AI has been hampered by old systems and architectures, but he is excited by the potential presented by neuromorphic and quantum computing.

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