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## EURIM Newsletter and Notices - November 2004

### 1) Priorities for 2004/5

#### *Reconciling the priorities of parliament and industry*

The draft “Points for your Manifesto” - [www.eurim.org.uk/activities/manifesto/manifestopoints.doc](http://www.eurim.org.uk/activities/manifesto/manifestopoints.doc) - will be updated this month to include feedback from discussions during the party conferences and from the circulation to associate and corporate members (main contacts only) last month. If you have not yet done so, please e-mail YOUR comments and especially your priorities (immediate and longer term), to [eurim@eurim.org](mailto:eurim@eurim.org) by 9<sup>th</sup> November so that we can collate these for input to the meeting of the EURIM Content and Issues panel on 17<sup>th</sup> November. If you are progressing some or all of your priority issues through other channels, please say which. If you believe that some of your priorities should be among the priorities for action by EURIM, please say so. Our aim is to focus EURIM resource on those issues that are important to you and are not already well addressed via other routes.

The business plans and budgets agreed by the EURIM Council on 19<sup>th</sup> October for Quarter 4 of this year and Quarter 1 of 2005 were for two major programmes and associated recruitment exercises, one on E-Crime and the other on Personal Identity and Data Sharing. The latter will be addressed in the context of “information governance” in the public sector because this is seen to be critical to the delivery of the whole modernising government agenda. Effective action on E-Crime is similarly seen to be critical to the future of e-Commerce as a whole. Monitoring exercises were approved on the issues to do with the Knowledge Economy (including Intellectual Property Rights), on Skills and Lifelong Learning Networks and on Communications Policy. All are important, but were seen to be less urgent. It is expected that the next Council meeting will approve at least one more, longer term, programme but this will depend on the recommendations of the Content and Issues Panel and the success of the planned recruitment exercise over the next two quarters. Hence the importance of feedback on your priorities and on the issues you wish to see progressed through EURIM as opposed to other channels.

### 2) Making the Internet Safe for Your Family, Your Business and Yourself

#### *Putting practical ideas into play*

Internet safety and E-Crime are now moving rapidly up the political agenda with a series of parliamentary meetings this month on child protection and of industry meetings on security and information assurance. Material from the “Skills for Justice” paper (on the disparity between the scale and nature of the problems and the resources currently deployed to address them), has been used to good effect by Parliamentary and Corporate members over the past month, including the House of Lords debate on 13<sup>th</sup> October on Computer Pornography. Now we need to publish and promote constructive recommendations for rapid, practical and effective action, lest pressure for “something” to be done leads to legal and regulatory “displacement activity”, paralysing law enforcement and industry with procedural paper chases which do little or nothing to educate, protect, deter or detect.

The reports from September workshops have now been circulated to the members of the E-Crime group for comment and these (save for one which it was agreed should not go outside the group at this stage) are on [www.eurim.org.uk/activities/ecrime/e\\_crime.php](http://www.eurim.org.uk/activities/ecrime/e_crime.php) together with two new draft papers: now being revised for formal publication.

- *Reducing Opportunities for E-Crime* highlights the urgency of effective industry-led action to sustain consumer confidence and reduce the growing risk of a collapse in legitimate revenues - as has happened with premium rate services in the United States, Germany and Scandinavia.

- *The Reporting of Cybercrime* raises the need to build on US experience (as well as our own) to create systems capable of sifting large amounts of incident data that may subsequently be of more relevance to suppliers and/or regulators than to law enforcement agencies.

A summary of the key points in a third paper due in November, *Policing the Cyberjungle*, has been circulated to the group. This paper will put the case not only for national action but also for the UK to take a lead on international action. It will also address the means of bringing co-operation on the policing of the Internet under democratically accountable governance, at a time when the governance of the Internet itself is unclear and under debate. A full draft should be ready for circulation shortly.

Recent ministerial announcements indicate that the recommendations in the previous draft paper with regard to *Legal Changes* have now been adopted. A final version of this paper therefore has less urgency than the need to start planning how best to help structure the consultation and pre-legislative scrutiny exercises that will be needed to help ensure that the legislation meets its intended objectives.

We aim to have published all the headline recommendations from the work to date by the end of November and will then build up to a major “IPPR style” event early in 2005 to serve as a platform for announcements as to who is planning to do what – both industry and government. “Publication” is likely to take the form of placing the final versions of the papers on the website and then issuing a press release with an invitation to a press briefing. Members who would like to be quoted on the importance of issues and recommendations and to say what they are doing to help now (or planning for the future) should contact me with the relevant e-mail contacts for their press office.

In parallel, we plan another round of recruitment to assemble the teams necessary to help turn headline recommendations into action plans with budgets and resources as well as teams to address those areas where the recommendations will be for further study: e.g. international governance frameworks for effective action to “track, trace and remove” malevolent traffic and its originators.

Suggestions for new members and/or sponsors (with contact name, job title and e-mail) are therefore most welcome. If in doubt as to whether the organisation is already a member please e-mail anyway. We will then check.

### **3) Rebuilding Trust in Joined Up Government:**

#### ***Improving public sector information governance***

The October meeting of the EURIM Council agreed to bring together the planned forward programme on e-Government Strategy and that on Personal Identity and Data Sharing since the roles of the new Cabinet Office Chief Information Officer, the Department of Constitutional Affairs, the Office of Government Commerce and the Information Commissioner with regard to the governance of publicly held information are all critical to the delivery of the Gershon Agenda. Meanwhile attempts by major departments to resist proposals for common routines for public accountability are leading to mounting controversy, partly because they have yet to demonstrate the success that will justify their positions.

On 28<sup>th</sup> October the Personal Identity and Data Sharing Group met to review progress and discuss forward plans. There will be no separate press launch for the Status Reports now on the website. Instead we will organise a press briefing to announce the forward plans to build on the work to date and the launch of a joint programme on Information Governance in the Public Sector. A sub-group (including members from Experian, Fujitsu, IBM, LogicaCMG and Oakleigh) was formed to draft terms of reference and action plans, and in particular the case for primary legislation for data sharing. The first meeting in the new programme is scheduled for the morning of Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January. Meanwhile work is progressing on the practical application of the Circle of Trust model, the development of the Process Map for guidance on Data Sharing and the application of classical risk assessment techniques to proposals in this area..

#### ***Practical biometrics and the Identity Cards Bill***

Members and Observers are reminded of the workshop on 25<sup>th</sup> November with the CESG Biometrics Working Group on “Issues, Challenges and Experiences in the Practical Roll-out of Large Scale

Biometrics in the Public Domain”. Contact Tanya Coyd ([Tanya.Coyd@cesg.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Tanya.Coyd@cesg.gsi.gov.uk)), copy to Dave Wright ([davywright2@ntlworld.com](mailto:davywright2@ntlworld.com)), if you would like to attend.

#### **4) UK Competitiveness in the Knowledge Economy**

##### ***The changing IPR scene***

The workshop with the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology on 13<sup>th</sup> October to assist their briefing for MPs on Open Source software was a model of how EURIM can politely bring out fundamentally different viewpoints for a rapporteur, in this case the POST researcher, to summarise. I have been watching the open source debate with interest for nearly a decade but learned more during this meeting than at almost any other event since serving as rapporteur for the PITCOM study tour of Silicon Valley in 2001. We were given a series of briefings on why major commercial players were investing so much effort in helping develop and test open source software and how it should be viewed as a set of sustainable (but different) business models, rather than an attack on IPR as a whole. The POST report is likely to be a most interesting complement to the other, more technical, cost-benefit studies currently underway.

The EURIM Council has agreed that we will maintain a watching brief in this area, unless and until it is clear that we can indeed play a significant role in progressing debate on IPR issues as a whole. In the meantime you are reminded of the event being organised by Intellect on 19<sup>th</sup> November on the basics of IPR. Parliamentarians and policy advisors should contact [emma.fryer@intellectuk.org](mailto:emma.fryer@intellectuk.org) for free places. We are also assisting the Westminster Media Forum all-day meeting on IPR issues on 9<sup>th</sup> December, with participation from the software and media industries and comment from the Secretary of State for Culture Media and Sport.

#### **5) Creating and Maintaining a World Class UK Skills/Knowledge Base**

##### ***Moving from talk to action***

Council also agreed a watching brief on Lifelong Learning Issues. Meanwhile a group of EURIM members is looking at the practicality of linking their respective graduate, professional and workforce updating activities, across public-private boundaries, with a self-funding VALUE (validation and accreditation of lifelong updating and experience) pilot. Dependent on results, they will then feel in a much stronger position to mount political pressure to cut the Gordian knot of national consultation, debate and “initiativitis” in this area. The pilot will be of interest to Corporate and Associate Members with “updating” operations or requirements who are interested in achieving economies of scale by exploiting marginal capacity under shared branding, marketing, quality assurance and recognition.

#### **6) Local Access to World Class Communications and Content**

##### ***Not just changing the investment climate but exploiting the discontinuities***

Discussion during the party conference season revealed a strong view that there are now more funds available for investment in broadband products and services than there are realistic opportunities. Some of the opportunities depend on being able to exploit some of the market discontinuities that are becoming apparent without fear of subsequent regulatory change or intervention. Others depend on protection from predatory action by dominant players. The focus for forward planning has therefore changed to the organisation of briefings on the practical implications of some of those discontinuities, beginning with assistance for a PITCOM evening meeting on Voice over IP on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

#### **7) [www.EURIM.org.uk](http://www.EURIM.org.uk)**

Many members have already visited the new EURIM website and have given us some very helpful feedback. If you have not already done so, please visit the site and send any comments to [emma.fryer@eurim.org](mailto:emma.fryer@eurim.org). We want to ensure that the website is a useful resource for EURIM members, and we need your feedback to be able to do this.

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## EURIM Timetable – November 2004

This timetable lists forthcoming meetings arranged by EURIM and also includes some, arranged by other organisations, which are likely to be of interest to EURIM's Members and Observers.

Unless otherwise indicated EURIM meetings are open to all members and accredited observers. There is no charge for attendance but prior registration is required. If you wish to attend or would like more information please contact the named individual or [eurim@eurim.org](mailto:eurim@eurim.org).

For information about meetings arranged by other organisations, please contact the person or website indicated against the entry. Note that for some events, there is an entry fee and pre-registration is essential.

### November

*Date:* Thursday 4 November 2004  
*Time:* All Day  
*Venue:* CBI Conference Centre, Centre Point, London  
*Organiser:* E-Government Bulletin  
*Description:* Secure Information Sharing for e-Government  
*Attendance:* For more information contact: [claire@headstar.com](mailto:claire@headstar.com)

*Date:* Monday 15 - Tuesday 16 November 2004  
*Time:* Two-day event  
*Venue:* The Barbican  
*Organiser:* EUROMONEY  
*Description:* 6th Annual Secure IT Forum (speakers include EURIM members)  
*Attendance:* No charge for qualifying heads of IT Security.  
Information at [www.business-meetings.co.uk](http://www.business-meetings.co.uk)

*Date:* Wednesday 17 November 2004  
*Time:* All Day  
*Venue:* Local Government House, Smith Square, SW1  
*Organiser:* Local Government Association  
*Description:* Conference on Data Sharing and Better Information Management  
*Attendance:* Programme, registration details, and fees at:  
<http://www.lga.gov.uk/Event.asp?lsection=46&id=SXEC48-A7827557>

*Date:* Wednesday 17 November 2004  
*Time:* 14.30 - 16.00  
*Venue:* Committee Room 5, House of Commons  
*Organiser:* EURIM  
*Description:* Content & Issues Panel  
*Attendance:* Invited Members, Council and Guests

*Date:* Friday **19** November 2004  
*Time:* 10.00 - 4.00  
*Venue:* DTI Conference Centre, 1 Victoria Street  
*Organiser:* Intellect  
*Description:* Briefing event on IPR basics  
*Attendance:* FoC to Parliamentarians, £50 for other EURIM members. Contact Emma Fryer at [emma.fryer@intellectuk.org](mailto:emma.fryer@intellectuk.org)

*Date:* Wednesday **24** November 2004  
*Time:* All Day  
*Venue:* Claridge's, London  
*Organiser:* Information Age  
*Description:* E-Crime and Security Conference  
*Attendance:* IT managers (i.e. not just security specialists). Details at: [www.infoeconomy.com](http://www.infoeconomy.com)

*Date:* Thursday **25** November 2004  
*Time:* 10.00-14.00 (including buffet lunch)  
*Venue:* Attlee Suite, Portcullis House  
*Organiser:* CESG Biometrics Working Group with EURIM  
*Description:* Briefing for MPs and policy advisors on practical experience to date with biometrics and lessons for successful large scale deployment  
*Attendance:* Invited guests [Tanya.Coyd@cesg.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Tanya.Coyd@cesg.gsi.gov.uk) cc [davywright2@ntlworld.com](mailto:davywright2@ntlworld.com)

*Date:* Monday **29** November 2004  
*Time:* Evening  
*Venue:* House of Commons  
*Organiser:* PITCOM  
*Description:* Information Accessibility v Privacy: Baroness Ashton of Upholland, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at Department of Constitutional Affairs  
*Attendance:* PITCOM members only - joining details on [www.pitcom.org.uk](http://www.pitcom.org.uk)

*Date:* Tuesday **30** November 2004  
*Time:* All Day  
*Venue:* Café Royal  
*Organiser:* Adam Smith Institute (speakers include EURIM members)  
*Description:* Business Information Security  
*Attendance:* Rates for ASI members and non-members.  
Contact Laura Duguid - [lduguid@marketforce.eu.com](mailto:lduguid@marketforce.eu.com)

## December

*Date:* Thursday **9** December 2004  
*Time:* All Day  
*Venue:* One Great George Street, SW1 (TBC)  
*Organiser:* Westminster Media Forum  
*Description:* Intellectual Property and Rights Ownership  
*Attendance:* Contact: Peter van Gelder at [pvg@westminstermediaforum.com](mailto:pvg@westminstermediaforum.com)

## January 2005

*Date:* Wednesday **12** January 2005  
*Time:* 10.00 - 12.00  
*Venue:* To be confirmed  
*Organiser:* EURIM  
*Description:* Personal Identity and Information Sharing and e-Government Strategy Groups. First meeting of joint programme on Public Information Governance (provisional title)  
*Attendance:* All interested Parliamentary, Corporate and Associate Members and Observers

## February

*Date:* Tuesday 1 February 2005  
*Time:* 16.00 - 17.00  
*Venue:* To be confirmed  
*Organiser:* EURIM  
*Description:* Board and Council Meetings  
*Attendance:* Board, Council and invited guests

*Date:* Tuesday 8 February 2005  
*Time:* 18.00 - 19.00  
*Venue:* To be confirmed  
*Organiser:* PITCOM  
*Description:* Annual General Meeting, Ian Watmore as speaker  
*Attendance:* PITCOM members only - joining details on [www.pitcom.org.uk](http://www.pitcom.org.uk)

## March

*Date:* Monday 14 March 2005  
*Time:* 18.00 - 19.30  
*Venue:* To be confirmed  
*Organiser:* PITCOM  
*Description:* Electronic War Against Terrorism  
*Attendance:* PITCOM members only - joining details on [www.pitcom.org.uk](http://www.pitcom.org.uk)

*Date:* Tuesday 29 March 2005  
*Time:* 18.00 for 19.00 – 22.00  
*Venue:* National Liberal Club  
*Organiser:* Real Time Club  
*Description:* Election Hustings: Richard Allan MP, Michael Fabricant MP & Stephen Timms MP will speak on ICT issues over dinner and answer questions afterwards  
*Attendance:* Real Time Club members and guests. EURIM members and observers should e-mail [virgo.philip@eurim.org](mailto:virgo.philip@eurim.org) for a form to book as a paying guest (£75)

## April

*Date:* Monday 11 April 2005  
*Time:* 16.00 - 17.00  
*Venue:* To be confirmed  
*Organiser:* EURIM  
*Description:* Board and Council Meeting  
*Attendance:* Board, Council and invited guests

*Date:* Monday 11 April 2005  
*Time:* 17.00 - 18.00  
*Venue:* To be confirmed  
*Organiser:* EURIM  
*Description:* Annual General Meeting  
*Attendance:* Parliamentary, Corporate and Associate members

*Date:* Monday 11 April 2005  
*Time:* 18.00 - 21.00  
*Venue:* To be confirmed  
*Organiser:* EURIM  
*Description:* Post AGM Reception  
*Attendance:* Parliamentary, Corporate and Associate members and guests