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Wednesday 15 October 2025

08:00 Registration, refreshments, and exhibition viewing in Cambridge Room level five

<p>Plenary</p> <p>1. <u>Session one: The State of Biometrics</u> <i>Session moderator: Jakob Dam Glynstrup, Chairman and Director, Biometrics Institute</i></p> <p>09:00 Welcome from the chairperson <i>Jakob Dam Glynstrup, Chairman and Director, Biometrics Institute</i></p> <p>09:05 Opening remarks <i>Isabelle Moeller, Chief Executive, Biometrics Institute</i></p> <p>09:15 Keynote opening: How biometrics can help widen the identity ‘happy path’: Evidence from across the identity supply chain <i>Edgar Whitley, Professor of Information Systems, London School of Economics and Political Science</i></p> <p>09:30 Diamond sponsor presentation: Without biometric binding, we can’t know who UR facetec <i>Jay Meier, Chief Identity Technology Strategist, FaceTec</i></p> <p>09:50 Video Presentation: The future of travel <i>Diane Sabatino, Acting Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) – US Customs and Border Protection (CBP)</i></p> <p>10:05 Discussion session: The State of Biometrics – current status and future impacts This session will launch the annual State of Biometrics Report</p>
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- What is the current state of biometrics – opportunities, disruptions, and other developments?
- How will this impact on the future of biometrics?
- What do we need to do now to create a successful biometrics community in the future?

Moderator: Jakob Dam Glynstrup, Chairman and Director, Biometrics Institute

Panellists:

Brian Plastow, Scottish Biometrics Commissioner

Simon Aitchison, Future Direction Group Member, Biometrics Institute

Sandra Leaton Gray, Professor of Education Futures, UCL Institute of Education, Member of the College of Experts for the UK Government Department of Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT)

Mick O'Connell, Future Direction Group Member, Biometrics Institute

Diamond sponsor: Jay Meier, Chief Identity Technology Strategist, FaceTec



10:50 Morning refreshments, networking, and exhibition viewing

Plenary

2. Session two: Safeguarding biometrics – a balancing act

Session moderator: Jakob Dam Glynstrup, Chairman and Director, Biometrics Institute

11:35 Keynote address: Blurred lines: The evidence-versus-intelligence paradigm in police biometrics

Brian Plastow, Scottish Biometrics Commissioner

11:50 Keynote: Biometrics and privacy

Ian Deasha, Group Manager – Identity and Trust (Technology), Regulatory Risk, Information Commissioner's Office, UK

12:05 EU AI Act update

Irina Orsich, Head of Sector, Artificial Intelligence, DG CNECT, European Commission

12:20 Gold sponsor presentation: Compliance in practice: Turning EU AI Act Principles into a Risk-Based Biometric Strategy

Dilara Gumusbas Donida Labati, AI Technical Specialist, BSI Regulatory Services, British Standardisation Institution (BSI)



12:35 Discussion session: Trends and challenges in regulating data about the body

- How do risks vary depending on how data about the body is used?
- What are the kinds of low-risk, beneficial technologies that laws and regulations should enable?
- How should laws and regulations take a risk-based approach?
- Do the trends we are seeing in biometrics laws and regulations follow this risk-based approach?

Panel moderator: Biometrics Institute representative – to be announced

Panellists:

David Lehr, Privacy Policy Manager, Meta, USA

Stephen Almond, Vice President of Policy and Consulting, CIPL

Irina Orsich, Head of Sector, Artificial Intelligence, DG CNECT, European Commission

13:15 Lunch, networking, and exhibition viewing

13:30 NEW for 2025: A private audience with FaceTec

During lunch attendees have the opportunity to meet with one of our supplier members by invitation-only in a private room to discuss important concepts and solutions for biometrics. It is an exclusive meeting of up to 16 attendees that is reserved for users and academic researchers of biometrics. Collect your invitation from the sponsorship exhibition booth or registration desk.

[Lunch agenda](#)

13:20 Fast-track your lunch to take to the exclusive vendor briefing
 13:30 An audience with FaceTec
 13:45 Briefing finishes
 Return to the exhibition area for more networking
 14:30 Congress session three resumes

<p>Plenary</p> <p>3. Session three: Biometrics now and in the future <i>Session moderator: Brett Feldon, Advisory Council Member and Head of Digital Identity Group, Biometrics Institute</i></p> <p>14:30 Spoofing of forensic technologies <i>Karl Harrison, Professor of Practice, University of Exeter and Former National Forensic Adviser in the Major Crime Investigation Support Section, National Crime Agency (NCA), UK</i></p> <p>14:45 DNA for dummies and other EU updates <i>Richard Rinkens, Coordinator for Biometrics, Interoperability and Information Technology, DG HOME, European Commission</i></p> <p>15:00 Discussion session: AI – the next decade: Facial recognition, regulation and ethics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does the future hold e.g. consider wearable devices • What role will biometrics play? • Why shouldn't police use LFR to identify wanted criminals or to help find missing people who may be vulnerable? • What does personal privacy look like in the future? • Could AI 'sentience' replace the human in the loop in all biometric applications? <p><i>Moderator: Roger Baldwin, Advisory Council Member, Biometrics Institute</i> <i>Panellists:</i> <i>Cheryl Glen, Director & Corporate Services Manager, Scottish Biometrics Commissioner</i> <i>Richard Vorder Bruegge, Facial Recognition Expert and former Chief Image Advisor, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), USA</i> <i>Sabrina Ross, Privacy and Data Policy Director, Meta, USA</i> <i>Jasleen Chaggar, Legal & Policy Officer, Big Brother Watch, UK</i> <i>Anne-Maria Seesmaa, Legal Officer, Law Enforcement and Border Management, United Nations Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee, Executive Directorate (UNCTED)</i></p>

15:45 Afternoon refreshments, networking, and exhibition viewing 30 mins

<p>(Mountbatten Room)</p> <p>4. Parallel session four (4A): Seamless travel – a need for collaboration <i>Session moderator: Hans de Moel, Director, Biometrics Institute</i></p> <p>16:15 Biometrics in EES and Travel to Europe App <i>Jorge Silva Rodrigues, Deputy Head of Applications Processing Unit, ETIAS Central Unit Division, Frontex</i></p> <p>16:25 Seamless travel - viewpoints This session will start off with a short 5-10mins presentation from each stakeholder outlining their “seamless travel agenda”, for example: For an airport or cruise liner, customer experience is</p>	<p>(Windsor Room)</p> <p>5. Parallel session four (4B): Research, innovation and biometrics futures <i>Session moderator: Daniel Bachenheimer, Director, Biometrics Institute</i></p> <p>16:15 Eye region biometrics: Where are we now? <i>Mark Nixon, Editor in Chief, IEEE Transactions on Biometrics, Behaviour, and Identity Science (T-BIOM), UK</i></p> <p>16:35 Deep CNN biometrics are inherently revocable</p>
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key, for an airport the seamless flow and security, for the government the border security. Data sharing is a critical element in creating a seamless journey and raises important questions. How can we bring this together as a community and what are the challenges we need to overcome?

16:25 Airlines perspective

Nuria Feroso, Senior Manager, Customer Facilitation, Europe, OSS – Infrastructure and Customer Experience, International Air Transport Association (IATA)

16:35 Gold sponsor

presentation: An interconnected future, are we ready?



Will King, Vice President – Growth & Technical Business Development, IDEMIA Public Security

16:50 Airport Perspective

Graham Wilkes, Technology Business Partner for Services, Heathrow

17:00 Privacy perspective: The possible legal/privacy implications of the use of biometrics

Abdullah Elbi, Legal Researcher, KU Leuven Centre for IT & IP Law – imec

17:10 Silver sponsor

presentation: Synthetic threats, real solutions: securing eTAs with deepfake detection



Ian Cartledge, Sr. Executive, Government Solutions, Entrust

17:20 Question Time: Speakers take questions from the audience

Moderator: Hans de Moel, Director, Biometrics Institute

Panellists:

Abdullah Elbi, Legal Researcher, KU Leuven Centre for IT & IP Law – imec

Nuria Feroso, Senior Manager, Customer Facilitation, Europe, OSS - Infrastructure and Customer Experience, International Air Transport Association (IATA)

17:30 Close of session

Kevin W Bowyer, Schubmehl-Prein Family Professor, University of Notre Dame, USA

16:55 Demographics, face recognition and wrongful arrests: What have we learnt and what do we know

Michael King, Associate Professor, Computer Engineering and Sciences, Florida Institute of Technology's Harris Institute for Assured Information - Identity Lab, USA

17:05 Questions and discussion

17:30 Close of session

17:30 Annual drinks reception

Please join us for our wonderful networking drinks in the Cambridge Room

19:30 Close of day one

Day two: Thursday 16 October 2025

08:30 Registration, refreshments, and exhibition viewing

Plenary
6. Session five: Building confidence and trust in (digital) identity <i>Session moderator: Jakob Dam Glynstrup, Chairman and Director, Biometrics Institute</i>
09:00 Welcome from the moderator
09:05 Keynote opening: Digital identity for inclusion <i>Adam Kenneth Copper, World Bank</i>
09:20 Keynote: mDL implementation update <i>Angelique B. McClendon, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Driver Services, USA</i>
09:35 Biometrics and PKI <i>Greg Christopher, Biometric Architect, UK Home Office</i>
09:45 Discussion session: Who's using my Verifiable Credentials (VC) and how to trust it? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Context: What do we mean by Verifiable Credentials, and some examples• Who issued the VC? To whom was it issued? How do you know who asserts it?• The convenience vs the risks of biometrics on device• What do robust protocols look like? Examples, standards• How do you test and assure performance?• Should we go back to verifying via the source/provenance with all the attendant risks of central data?• What are the trust mechanisms when presenting VCs? <i>Moderator: Martin George, Digital Identity Group Member, Biometrics Institute</i> <i>Panellists:</i> <i>Andrew Hughes, Canadian Delegate to ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 17, SC 27/WG 5, SC 37, International Organization for Standardization (ISO)</i> <i>Angelique B. McClendon, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Driver Services, USA</i> <i>Ian Norton, Member, Digital Identity Group Member, Biometrics Institute</i> <i>Raffaele Konrad A. Mørk Angius, Digital Identity Expert</i> <i>Raul Sanchez-Reillo, Dpt. Tecnologia Electronica, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain</i>

10:45 Morning refreshments, networking, and exhibition viewing

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7. Parallel session six (6A): Lessons on fakes, spoofs and morphs <i>Session moderator: Daniel Bachenheimer, Director, Biometrics Institute</i>	8. Parallel session six (6B): Identity management around the world <i>Session moderator: Mick O'Connell, Advisory Council Member, Biometrics Institute</i>
11:15 Synthetic reality versus really synthetic <i>Arun Ross, Site Director, NSF Center for Identification Technology Research (CITeR), USA</i>	11:15 Keynote: Face the future: AI-powered, ISO-certified proof-of-life — how UNJSPF outsmarts deepfakes with smart self-ID <i>Dino Cataldo Dell'Accio, Deputy Chief Executive, United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund</i>

<p>11:30 European requirements for biometric products – standards defining evaluation of biometric products <i>Raul Sanchez-Reillo, Dpt. Tecnologia Electronica, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain</i></p> <p>11:40 Morphing attack detection –improving human performance <i>Frøy Løvåsdal, Senior Advisor, National Police Directorate, Norway</i></p> <p>11:55 An update on testing for UK government <i>Fanoula Ziouzia, Group Leader – Data Science and AI, National Physical Laboratory (NPL), UK</i></p> <p>12:10 Questions and discussion</p> <p>12:30 Close of session</p>	<p>11:30 How to prepare for digital wallets <i>Marianne Henriksen, Subject Director Digital ID, National Population Register, Norwegian Taxation Office and Tobias Wijk, Strategic Business Development, Swedish Tax Agency</i></p> <p>11:45 Migrants’ experiences with digitalised immigration services <i>Derya Ozkul, Assistant Professor, University of Warwick</i></p> <p>12:00 Questions and discussion</p> <p>12:30 Close of session</p>
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12:30 Lunch, networking, and exhibition viewing

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<p>9. Parallel session seven (7A): ID@Borders and movement of people <i>Session moderator: Hans de Moel, Director, Biometrics Institute</i></p> <p>13:30 Contactless clearance at Singapore’s borders – new approaches <i>Theodore Tan, Director, Ops-Tech Division, Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA), Singapore and Willy Lee, Director, Biometrics & Profiling, Home Team Science & Technology Agency (HTX) (Singapore)</i></p> <p>13:45 UK trials of contactless biometrics travel at maritime ports <i>Fay Beebee, Deputy Director, Border Vision Delivery Lead and Quentin Revell, Biometric Architect, UK Home Office Biometrics</i></p> <p>14:00 Contactless capture research findings <i>Guy Harris, Latent Print Examiner & Fingerprint SME, DSTL and Antony Alexander, Biometric Architect, UK Home Office</i></p> <p>14:15 The newest IOM tools <i>Nelson Goncalves, Head, Legal Identity Unit, Immigration & Border Governance Division (IBG), Department for Mobility Pathways and Inclusion, International Organization for Migration (IOM)</i></p>	<p>10. Parallel session seven (7B): Mystery session <i>Session moderator: Roger Baldwin, Advisory Council Member, Biometrics Institute</i></p> <p>13:30 Interpol biometrics – an update <i>Mark Branchflower, Coordinator Fingerprint Unit and Face Project, Interpol</i></p> <p>13:45 Gold sponsor presentation: Technology for a decisive enabler for retrospective face-based investigation. <i>Luc Tombal, VP of Public Security Solutions, Thales</i></p> <p>14:00 Implementing new technologies: Science or technology – which comes first <i>Niamh Nic Daeid, Professor of Forensic Science, Director, Leverhulme Research Centre for Forensic Science, University of Dundee, UK</i></p> <p>14:15 National automated fingerprint system upgrade <i>Jeremy Johnson, Executive Director, Policing Information and Checking Services, Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission</i></p> <p>14:35 Collective privacy and biometrics: How do current privacy, AI, and other laws apply to group analysis and prediction using biometrics? A discussion of new and emerging use cases from the field</p>

<p>14:30 Silver sponsor presentation: Securing the border of the future: Balancing automation, behavioural insight, and responsible biometrics</p> <p><i>Peter Sutcliffe, Borders Technology Lead, Fujitsu</i></p> <p>14:40 Questions and discussion</p> <p>15:15 Close of session</p>	<p><i>Pam Dixon, Executive Director, World Privacy Forum</i></p> <p>14:50 Questions and discussion</p> <p>15:15 Close of session</p>
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15:15 Afternoon refreshments, networking, and exhibition viewing

<p>Plenary</p> <p>11. Session eight: What does the future hold? Do we need a “kill switch”?</p> <p><i>Session moderator: Isabelle Moeller, Chief Executive, Biometrics Institute</i></p> <p>15:45 Discussion session: Is there a “kill switch” for biometric databases? Managing biometric systems during major changes in the operating environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there one? • Should we think about it? • How could it work? Who has the hand on the switch? • What are the safeguards? • Absent the kill switch, what is the maximum we can currently do? <p><i>Panel moderator: Roger Baldwin, Advisory Council Member, Biometrics Institute</i></p> <p><i>Panellists:</i></p> <p><i>Brian Plastow, Scottish Biometrics Commissioner</i></p> <p><i>Edgar Whitley, Professor of Information Systems, London School of Economics</i></p> <p><i>Pam Dixon, Executive Director, World Privacy Forum</i></p> <p>16:30 Closing comments by the Chief Executive</p> <p>16:40 Close of the Congress</p>
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Registration

See details on the [Congress webpage](#).

All events during Biometrics Week

All events require [registration](#)

Date	Event	Timing	Location	Fee
Tuesday 14 October	Workshop	9:30 – 13:00	18 Smith Square London SW1P 3HZ	Member: £370 + VAT Non-member: £525 + VAT
Tuesday 14 October	Workshop	14:00 – 17:00	18 Smith Square London SW1P 3HZ	Member: £370 + VAT Non-member: £525 + VAT
Wednesday 15 October	Congress day one	9:00 – 18:00	QEII Centre London SW1P 3EE	Register here
Wednesday 15 October	Annual Drinks Reception	18:00 – 20:00	QEII Centre	included in Congress fee

Thursday 16 October	Congress day two	9:00 – 17:00	QEII Centre	included in Congress fee
Friday 17 October	Joint Expert Group Briefing	9:30 – 13:00	18 Smith Square London SW1P 3HZ	included in Congress fee

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