



Congress 2026 – Ghost programme – **For speakers and sponsors only**

The history of the future of biometrics

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Introduction

Congress – “A History of the Future of Biometrics” celebrating 25 years of the responsible use of biometrics

This year, we are celebrating the **25-year anniversary** of the Biometrics Institute community which was founded on the 11 October 2001 with a mission to promote the responsible use of biometrics. Over these past 25 years we have lived through major milestones such as the sad events of 9/11, the arrival of TouchID on iPhone 5 bringing biometrics to the consumer market, the digital transformation accelerated during the COVID-19 pandemic involving biometrics as a key enabler but also vulnerabilities such as morphs and deepfakes and challenges to privacy and data protection. We have also seen major advances in privacy protections and cyber security such as the General Data Protection Rule GDPR (2016) and law reforms in other countries defining biometrics as sensitive information.

This year's Congress which will be held on the **20-21 October in London Westminster** is taking a different approach, it will be entitled “The History of the Future of Biometrics” and is asking the big questions regarding the future as well as putting the last 25 years into perspective. It will be a celebration of what we have achieved today and how we have reaped the benefits of biometrics for public safety, national security and convenience while mitigating new challenges which are constantly evolving. We want to take a journey through all the different use cases, technical developments (standards and testing) and how policy and data protection evolved. We are also keen to hear how you believe we are going to move into the future.

For the exhibition floor we will encourage our technology community to bring examples of old bits of biometric equipment.

The “ghost” programme provides you with an exclusive insight into some of the confirmed sessions and speakers for the event so far. There is still the opportunity to add topics to the agenda that you would like to see covered or to suggest a potential speaker for one of the existing sessions.

Plus, there is a mystery session and we are open to your ideas for what we may need to discuss that we have not yet covered in any of the other sessions. For example, we are considering more academic talks as one option. You may have other ideas which we would love to hear about.

Please do not share this programme with anyone else at this stage, it is for your eyes only. Also note that the programme sessions may still change. It is not the final programme but a sneak peak at what is currently in the making.

To nominate for a speaking slot or suggest content for the Congress, please email amy@biometricsinstitute.org.

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If sponsorship is of interest to you then this programme will give you an idea what sessions you may want to partner with us on and share insights into the solutions that are under development. To discuss this in more details please contact shelley@biometricsinstitute.org.

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Tuesday 20 October 2026

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

Plenary
1. <u>Session one: The State of Biometrics</u> <i>Session moderator: Jakob Dam Glynstrup, Chairman and Director, Biometrics Institute</i> 09:00 Welcome from the Chairman <i>Jakob Dam Glynstrup, Chairman and Director, Biometrics Institute</i> 09:05 Opening remarks <i>Isabelle Moeller, Chief Executive, Biometrics Institute</i> 09:15 <u>Ministerial keynote opening address</u> : United Kingdom's perspective on the evolution from physical to digital identities and a growing reliance on verifiable credentials <i>James Frith MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State in the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology and Parliamentary Secretary in the Cabinet Office</i> 09:30 Keynote to be revealed 09:50 20mins Diamond sponsor presentation (exclusive) <i>Jay Maier, Chief Technology Strategist, FaceTec</i> 10:10 Questions and discussion 10:20 5mins From an idea to reality – why I founded the Biometrics Institute <i>Ted Dunstone, Founder, Biometrics Institute</i> 10:25 35mins Discussion session: The State of Biometrics – current status and future impacts <i>Moderator: Mick O'Connell, Member of Future Direction Group, Biometrics Institute</i> <i>Panellists (more to be announced):</i> <i>Brenda Leong, Member, Future Direction Group, Biometrics Institute</i> <i>David Lehr, Privacy Policy Manager, Meta</i> <i>Jim Wayman, Biometric Expert</i> <i>Diamond sponsor (exclusive): Owen McShane, Vice-president Government Relations, FaceTec</i> 11:00 Close of session

11:00 Morning refreshments, networking, and exhibition viewing – Sponsored by [ENQUIRE NOW](#)

Plenary
2. <u>Session two: Where it all started: Policing, law enforcement and forensics</u> <i>Session moderator: Roger Baldwin, Members of Advisory Council, Biometrics Institute</i> 11:40 15mins The history of the future of biometrics at the FBI <i>Ben Smith, Biometrics Programme Manager, FBI CJIS Division, FBI – subject to final travel approval</i> 11:55 15mins An overview of the application of automatic speaker recognition software in the fight against Serious and Organised Crime

James Kavanagh, Biometrics Intelligence Manager – Voice, National Crime Agency (NCA), UK and Ellen Grand, Biometrics Intelligence Manager – Voice, National Crime Agency (NCA), UK

12:10 20mins Platinum sponsor presentation (20mins) - available

12:30 Masterclass from concept to implementation: How to structure an organisation to embed biometrics

Darren Bark, Executive Director, Investigations and Counter Terrorism, NSW Police, Australia

12:45 30mins Discussion panel: What might biometric processes look like in law enforcement applications in 2036?

- Will we still have 'humans in the loop' or will they be redundant?
- How could technical advancements potentially impact the criminal justice and penal systems?
- What objective performance measures would you favour in order to inform the public about new or emerging biometric technologies in the future?
- How would prevent the use of biometric technologies from creating a true surveillance society over the next decade?

Moderator: Roger Baldwin, Advisory Council Member, Biometrics Institute

Panellists (others to be announced):

Anne-Maria Seesma, Legal Officer, United Nations Security Council – Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (UNCTED), subject to final travel approval

Damianos Chronakis, Specialist, Biometrics – Business Product Management /Europol-Information Management Unit, Europol

Sarah P Chu, Director of Policy and Reform, Perlmutter Center for Legal Justice, Cardozo School of Law, USA

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13:15 Close of session

13:15 Lunch, networking, and exhibition viewing [Sponsored by ENQUIRE NOW](#)

Plus: Exclusive Vendor Briefing “An audience with” ([ENQUIRE NOW](#))

This 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. Attendees can fast-track the lunch queue and take their food into the meeting.

Lunch agenda

13:15 Fast-track your lunch to take to the exclusive vendor briefing

13:30 An audience with **FaceTec**

13:45 Change over time

13:55 An audience with ... sponsorship available

14:10 Networking in the exhibition area

14:30 Congress session three resumes

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3. Session three (3A): National security, border management and movement of people <i>Session moderator: Dion Chamberlain, Director, Biometrics Institute</i>	4. Session three (3B): Technology research and innovation: GenAI, Iris and more to be revealed <i>Moderator: Biometrics Institute</i> 14:30 Topic and speaker to be revealed

14:30 Keynote address <i>Speaker to be revealed</i> 14:45 OSINT in Migration authorities - Identity verification in the age of artificial intelligence <i>Heiko Werner, Head of Subdirectorates Security, Federal Office for Migration and Refugees, BAMF</i> 15:00 Gold sponsor presentation: Biometrics in Motion: A Journey Transforming Security and People Movement <i>Tim Pidgeon, Vice President Sales, Northwest Europe, IDEMIA Public Security</i> 15:15 Panel discussion: Delivering secure global travel and movement of people through digital identity and biometrics <i>Moderator: Justin Ikura, Head of Borders User Group, Biometrics Institute and Director, Office of Biometrics and Identity Management, Biometrics Transformation Directorate, Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)</i> <i>Panellists (additional panellists to be announced): Alexandre Costa Gonçalves, Team Leader ETIAS Central Unit, Frontex</i> <i>Graham Camm, Chief Architect, Home Office Biometrics, UK Home Office</i> <i>Silver sponsorship available</i> 16:00 Close of session	14:50 Topic and speaker to be revealed 15:10 Manipulation of faces – effects from disguises, face masks, online filter tools, snap chat and child exploitation <i>Eilidh Noyes, Senior Lecturer in Cognitive Psychology, Leeds University</i> 15:30 The eyes have it: Decoding complex iris patterns – a practical presentation <i>Adam Czajka, Associate Professor, Computer Science and Engineering Director, AI Trust and Reliability Lab, University of Notre Dame, USA</i> 15:50 Questions and discussion 16:00 Close of session
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16:00 Afternoon refreshments, networking, and exhibition viewing [Sponsored by ENQUIRE NOW](#)

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5. <u>Session four (4A): From physical to digital identity – a growing reliance on verifiable credentials</u> <i>Session moderator: Brett Feldon, Head of Digital Identity Group, Biometrics Institute</i> 16:30 Keynote address: Countering digital identity fraud through AI and biometrics <i>Juan Camilo López, Senior Trust & Safety Analysis, N26, Germany</i> 16:45 10mins Evolution of fraud and risk or fraud prevention for digital wallets <i>Mark Courtney, Deputy CEO & Chief Product Officer, CIFAS, UK</i> 16:55 Gold sponsor presentation (15mins)	6. <u>Session four (4B): Mystery session</u> <i>Session moderator: Biometrics Institute</i> <i>We are yet to confirm if this session is going ahead. It is subject to speakers receiving their travel approval.</i> 16:30 Presentation to be announced 16:45 Topic to be revealed 17:00 Platinum or Gold sponsor presentation (20/15mins) available 17:20 More speakers will be revealed 18:00 Close of session

Etienne Chevreau, Business Owner - Cards Solutions & Services, Thales

17:10 An European approach to digital transformation; harnessing emerging technologies to meet a gamut of challenges

Anna-Liisa Tampuu, Head of IT Policy and Strategy, Ministry of the Interior, Estonia

17:25 Questions and discussion

17:30 Discussion session: What does the future of digital identity look like in 5 to 10 year's time?

Moderator: Brett Feldon, Head of Digital Identity Group, Biometrics Institute

Panellists:

Fernando Garcia-Quismondo, Formerly Grupo Santander

Hannes Lember, Chief Expert, Police and Border Guard, Estonian Ministry of the Interior (Siseministeerium)

Marianne Hendricksen, Norwegian Tax Administration

Martin George, Member of Digital Identity Group, Biometrics Institute

Silver sponsorship available

18:00 Close of session

18:00 Annual drinks reception

Please join us for our wonderful networking drinks.

Sponsorship is available – we may be able to host the reception at Australia House in London. If you would like to become one of the partners for this fabulous networking event, please contact Shelley.

20:00 Close of day one

Day two: Wednesday 21 October 2026

08:30 Registration, refreshments, and exhibition viewing

Plenary

7. Session five: Governance and policy now and in the future

Session moderator: Darren Bark, Deputy Chairman and Director, Biometrics Institute

09:00 Welcome from the moderator

Darren Bark, Deputy Chairman and Director, Biometrics Institute

09:05 Keynote address: Live Facial Recognition for policing in the UK

William Webster, Biometrics and Surveillance Camera Commissioner for England and Wales

09:20 20mins A regulator panel: Where are we now?

This session will discuss policy developments under the theme history of the future

Moderator: Director, Biometrics Institute – to be announced

Irina Orsich, Head of Sector: AI Act Governance, DG CNECT, European Commission

William Webster, Biometrics and Surveillance Camera Commissioner for England and Wales

Cheryl Glen, Director & Corporate Services Manager, Scottish Biometrics Commissioner

09:40 Platinum (20mins) sponsor presentation – available

10:00 10mins Old rules, new tech: Rethinking regulation for AI-powered experiences

David Lehr, Privacy Policy Manager | Privacy & Data Policy, Meta

10:10 30mins Conversation: AI-powered experiences using body-based data – how can then provide value while adhering to privacy rules?

Twenty-five years into the modern biometrics era, the products people choose to wear, speak to, and rely on for personalised health, entertainment, and safety insights bear little resemblance to the technologies that early sensitive-data frameworks were designed to govern. Today, hundreds of millions of people voluntarily share body-based data—heart rate, sleep patterns, movement, vocal signals, facial data—with AI-powered products precisely *because* those products learn from the data and improve over time. This panel will examine exactly how AI-powered experiences actually use body-based data to deliver value, and how we should think about risks given how people use these experiences.

Moderator: Roger Baldwin, Advisory Council, Biometrics Institute

Panellists:

Magdalena Delgado-Friedman, Senior Privacy and Data Policy Manager, Meta

Meline von Brentano, EVP Digital Transformation Strategy, Palantir Technologies

Pam Dixon, Executive Director, World Privacy Forum

Silver sponsorship – available (not exclusive)

10:40 Close of session

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8. Parallel session six (6A): Standards, testing and vulnerability assessments (deepfakes) – an arm’s race <i>Session moderator: Dan Bachenheimer, Director, Biometrics Institute</i> 11:10am 10mins NVLAP Biometric Test Laboratory Accreditation Program <i>Jim Wayman, Biometric Expert</i> 11:20 15mins Morphing - latest strategies on morph attack detection <i>Mei Ngan, Computer Scientist, National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST)</i> 11:35 Platinum (20mins) or Gold (15mins) sponsor presentation – available	9. Parallel session six (6B): Identity, borders and beyond <i>Session moderator: Biometrics Institute</i> 11:10 15mins Keynote to be announced 11:25 15 mins Presentation topic to be revealed <i>Richard Rinkens, Coordinator for Biometrics, Interoperability and Information Technology, DG HOME, European Commission</i> 11:40 20mins Platinum or Gold sponsor presentation (20/15mins) available 12:00 15 mins Presentation topic to be revealed

11:55 15mins Improving the human ability to detect digital manipulation of face images <i>Froy Lovasdal, Senior Advisor, National Police Directorate</i> 12:10 15mins Independent evaluation of biometric technology <i>Damianos Chronakis, Specialist, Biometrics – Business Product Management /Europol-Information Management Unit, Europol</i> 12:25 15mins Presentation to be revealed <i>Arun Ross, Site Director, NSF Center for Identification Technology Research (CITeR), USA</i> 12:40 Questions and discussion 12:50 Close of session	<i>Thomas King, Higher Officer, General Aviation Multi-Agency Hub, Home Office</i> 12:15 15 mins Presentation to be announced 12:30 5mins Silver sponsorship available 12:35 15mins Questions and discussion 12:50 Close of session
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<u>10.Parallel session seven (7A):</u> <u>Creating trusted identities for a safer and better world</u> <i>Session moderator: Hans de Moel, Member of Advisory Council, Biometrics Institute</i> 14:15 Update from UNHCR <i>Sam Jeffries, Head, Biometrics and Interoperability Unit, Digital Identity and Registration Section, Global Data Service, UNHCR – The UN Refugee Agency, Denmark</i> 14:30 Biometrics in action and a tool for delivery – the role of AI <i>Giuseppe Ciarliero, Policy Analyst - Technology Division - Strategy, Governance and Partnership, WFP</i> 14:45 Platinum or Gold sponsor presentation (20/15mins) available 15:05 Presentation to be revealed 15:20 Presentation to be revealed <i>Pam Dixon, Director, World Privacy Forum</i> 15:35 Questions and discussion	<u>11.Parallel session seven (7B):</u> <u>Innovation and research as a key enabler to move into the future</u> <i>Session moderator: Mick O’Connell, Director, Biometrics Institute</i> 14:15 20mins What I learned for evaluating AI from participating in biometric conferences and congresses <i>Jonathan Phillips, Electronic Engineer, NIST</i> 14:35 10mins Questions and discussion 14:45 20mins Humans, deep networks, face and body recognition <i>Kevin W. Bowyer, Schubmehl-Prein Family Professor Emeritus, University of Notre Dame, USA</i> 15:05 10mins Questions and discussion 15:15 20mins The history of biometrics <i>Mark Nixon, Professor Emeritus, FIAPR BMVA Distinguished Fellow 2015, School of Electronics and Computer Science, University of Southampton, UK</i>

15:45 Close of session	15:35 10mins Questions and discussion 15:45 Close of session
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15:45 Afternoon refreshments, networking, and exhibition viewing **Sponsored by** [ENQUIRE NOW](#)

Plenary
12. Session eight: Biometrics now and in the future <i>Session moderator: Isabelle Moeller, Chief Executive, Biometrics Institute</i> 16:15 Presentation to be revealed 16:30 Questions 16:40 Key take-aways Moderators from the Congress sessions will provide their key take-aways <i>Moderator: Isabelle Moeller, Chief Executive, Biometrics Institute</i> <i>Panellists: Session moderators</i> 17:10 Closing comments by the Chief Executive 17:15 Close of Congress

Registration

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

All events during Biometrics Week

All events require [registration](#)

Date	Event	Timing	Location	Fee
Monday 19 October	Government only meeting	9:00 – 13:00	Hosted by UK Home Office	Complimentary to government
Monday 19 October	On-device Biometrics Workshop	13:45 – 17:00	18 Smith Square London SW1P 3HZ	Member: £385 + VAT Non-member: £545 + VAT
Tuesday 20 October	Congress day one	9:00 – 18:00	QEII Centre London SW1P 3EE	Register here
Tuesday 20 October	Annual Drinks Reception	17:30 – 19:30	QEII Centre	Included in Congress fee. Registration required
Wednesday 21 October	Congress day two	9:00 – 17:00	QEII Centre	Included in Congress fee. Registration required
Thursday 22 October	Joint Expert Group Briefing	9:30 – 13:00	18 Smith Square London SW1P 3HZ	Included in Congress fee. Registration required

Who should attend

Industries & Sectors:

- **Government & Public Sector:** Digital ID, Civil Registration, Border Management, Law Enforcement & National Security

- **International Development & Humanitarian:** UN Agencies, Intergovernmental Organisations, Development Banks, Civil Society & NGOs
- **Finance:** Banking, Fintech, Payments & Insurance
- **Critical Infrastructure:** Healthcare, Transport (Air, Land, Sea) & Tourism
- **Commerce:** Large Corporates, Telecoms, Retail & Hospitality

Job Functions:

- **Executive Leadership & Board:** CEO, CTO, CIO, Directors & Commissioners
- **Policy, Governance & Legal:** Borders, Compliance, Privacy & Data Protection
- **Identity & Biometric Specialisms:** Architects, Advisors, IAM & Biometrics Engineers
- **Security, Cyber & Risk:** InfoSec, Cyber Services, Fraud & Risk Management
- **Digital Transformation & Strategy:** Innovation, Strategy & Marketing
- **Product, Technology & Standards:** Development, Engineering & Systems Integration
- **Business Development & Govt Solutions:** Growth, Partnerships & Public Relations

Location

Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London Westminster

The event will be held in English.

As with all Biometrics Institute events, this meeting will be held under Chatham House Rule to allow a very open discussion in this trusted forum. Our event [Code of Conduct](#) and [Statement of Trusted Conversations](#) apply. Please note these policies.