



## **Europeans Explore Security Challenges and Solutions at OASIS Open Standards Forum**

*Event to Feature Special Workshop on SOA and Telecommunications*

*London, England; 4 September 2008--* “Security Challenges for the Information Society” will be the focus of the fifth annual OASIS Forum, to be held at Ditton Manor near London, 1-3 October. The event offers a unique opportunity for delegates from the international community to explore security issues including data privacy, identity management, cross border/organizational trust, outsourcing, application integration, and internationalization challenges.

“Global businesses that have embraced a distributed approach for their applications, workforce members, and vertical industry value chains have a growing need for federation and other identity management standards. Current economic conditions demand more administrative and user efficiency, as well as improved end user experiences,” said Gerry Gebel, Vice President and Service Director, Burton Group Identity and Privacy Strategies. Gebel will provide a keynote address at the OASIS Forum.

“Effective risk management requires organizations to intelligently define and enforce security policies that allocate resources based on potential business impact -- rather than just reflexively throwing technology at threats,” added John Sabo of CA, Inc., member of the OASIS IDtrust Member Section, which sponsors the event. “Open standards and interoperability are key enablers of this mature approach to risk management, since they

enable security policies to be implemented in a coordinated manner across the enterprise.”

The OASIS Adoption Forum will feature sessions on identity authentication, access control, digital signature processing, encryption, and key management. Keynote speakers include Edin Bektesevic of Vodafone, Giles Hogben of the European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA), Mark Ferrar of UK's National Health System, and Paul Wright of the City of London Police. A closing panel of experts will offer predictions for the future of federated technologies.

### SOA for Telecom Workshop

A special workshop on adopting SOA for telecommunications will be held in conjunction with the Forum on 30 September. Hosted by the OASIS Telecom Member Section, the workshop will examine achievements in implementing SOA for telecommunications and identify areas where improvements are needed.

### XACML Interoperability Demo

IBM, Axiomatics, and other organizations will demonstrate interoperability of the eXtensible Access Control Markup Language (XACML) at the Security Forum. Simulating a healthcare scenario, the demo will show how XACML ensures successful authorization decision requests and the exchange of authorization policies.

Attendance at the OASIS Security Forum and the SOA Telecom Workshop is open to all; however, space is limited to ensure productive discussions. The event is supported by CEN/ISSS, epractice.eu, eema, Identity Commons, ISTPS, IT Pro, Liberty Alliance, The Open Group, TM Forum, WSI-I, and W3C. Sponsors include Microsoft, Alcatel-Lucent, Axiomatics, CA, IBM, Nortel, Oracle, Primeton, and Sun Microsystems.

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