Monday 28th September 2009

Challenges and Opportunities in the Face of New Information Technology

Chair: Jon Bing, Professor, Norwegian Research Centre for Computers and Law, University of Oslo

09.00 – 10.00 Registration
10.00 – 10.30 Welcoming speeches
10.30 – 11.00 Session 1:

Harnessing Technology to Improve Good Governance and Transparency

Bertrand de la Chapelle, Director, Wsis-online.net, France

11.00 – 11.30 Break
11.30 – 12.30 Session 1 continued:

What the Future has in Store

Jon Bing, Professor, University of Oslo

Up Front and Digital: Leveraging Technology to Shift from Reactive to Proactive Disclosure

Andrea Neill, Assistant Commissioner, Complaints Resolution and Compliance, Canada

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch
14.00 – 15:00 Session 2:

FOI v Intellectual Property Laws

Bernt Hugenholtz, Professor of Intellectual Property Law and Director of the Institute for Information Law, University of Amsterdam

FOI v Data Protection Laws

Dr Luis Alberto Dominguez Gonzales, President of the Freedom of Information and Personal Data Protection Institute in the State of Mexico

15.00 – 16.00 Session 3:

Access to Digital Information – Some Challenges and Opportunities

Professor Erik Boe, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo

"To have and to hold"

Access to Information in Electronic and Manual Records

Graham Smith, Deputy Information Commissioner, UK

16.00 – 16.30 Break
16.30 – 17:15 Session 4:

Communications Tools for Information Commissioners – status
Jacqueline Peschard, President, Federal Institute for Access to Public Information, Mexico

17:15    Close
19.00 – 21.00  Reception at City Hall
Tuesday 29th September 2009

Open Government

Chair: Hans Gammeltoft-Hansen, Parliamentary Ombudsman for Civil and Military Administration in Denmark

09.00 – 10.00  Session 1:

Open Government – the EU Experience

P. Nikiforos Diamandouros, European Ombudsman

President Obama’s Open Government

Melanie Pustay, Director, Office of Information Policy, Department of Justice, US

10.00 – 10.30  Break

10.30 – 12.00  Session 2:

FOI Legislation and Public Official’s Attitudes towards Access to Information

Moderator: Emily O’Reilly, Information Commissioner, Ireland

Panellists:
- Dr. Joanne Caddy, Counsellor OECD
- Hans-Gunnar Axberger, Parliamentary Ombudsman, Sweden
- Dr Andras Jori, Commissioner for Data Protection and FOI, Hungary
- Juan Pablo Olmedo, President of the Chilean Council for Transparency, Chile

12.00 – 13.30  Lunch

13.30 – 14.30  Session 3

Access to the MP’s Expenses – the Role of the Media

Key note: Heather Brooke, journalist, UK

14.30 – 16.00  Group session

How can ICs and Ombudsmen Contribute to Openness and Transparency?

Group discussions

16.00 – 16.30  Break

16.30 – 17.15  Group Presentations

17.15 – 17.45  ICIC 2011

17.45  Close

19.30  Dinner at the Norwegian Opera and Ballet
Wednesday 30th September 2009

The Financial Crisis and FOI

Chair: Róbert Ragnar Spanó, Parliamentary Ombudsman, Iceland

09.00 – 10.30 Can FOI and Transparency Contribute to Prevent Financial Crisis in the Future?
- Gunnar Haraldsson, Director, Institute of Economic Studies, University of Iceland

When Public Goes Private
- Jan Fridthjof Bernt, Professor, University of Bergen, Norway

10.30 – 11.00 Break

11.00 – 12.30 Multistakeholder Initiatives – Possible Solution?
- Jonas Moberg, Head of Secretariat, Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
- Richard Calland, Professor, University of Cape Town

12.30 – 13.00 Summing up

13.00 Lunch