

West Virginia Biometrics and Identity Management Newsletter

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Thales Biometric Identification System to Manage the Records of Foreign Nationals in France

Thales has been selected by the French Ministries of the Interior and of Immigration for the AGDREF II project. It aims at upgrading the system that manages the records of foreign nationals in France. Thales will deliver its Thales Automated Multi-Modal Identification System application which prevents identity fraud as well as deploy biometric data enrolment software in more than 300 prefectures and sub-prefectures across France. This solution will process data from Thales's Automated Fingerprint Identification System which contains the information of almost 4 million individuals.



http://www.securitypark.co.uk/security_article263958.html

DigitalPersona Seeing Success in Hospitals

DigitalPersona, a developer of biometric solutions, has announced that its customer Picis, developer of health care information systems solutions, has reported success with its Picis ED PulseCheck Emergency Department Information System (EDIS) that uses DigitalPersona's U.are.U fingerprint readers. The PulseCheck EDIS system is a solution that enables emergency room personnel to quickly access patient records without having to remember a password or ID card for authentication. Since adding DigitalPersona's U.are.U technology to their solution, Picis has reported implementing their system in more than 150 North American hospitals.

<http://www.thirdfactor.com/2009/11/17/digitalpersona-seeing-success-in-hospitals>

Biometric Identification Global Entry Program Rule Proposed by Secretary Napolitano

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano today announced the publication of new proposed rule that would establish Global Entry—a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) voluntary initiative that streamlines the international arrivals and admission process at airports for trusted travelers through biometric identification—as a permanent program. “Global Entry expedites the customs and security process for trusted air travelers through biometric identification while helping DHS ensure the safety of all airline passengers,” said Secretary Napolitano. “Making Global Entry permanent will improve customer service at airports across the country and enable law enforcement to focus on higher-risk travelers.”

<http://www.findbiometrics.com/industry-news/i/7542/>

Demand for Biometric Time Clocks Skyrockets as Employers Aim to Minimize Expenses

Scottsdale, AZ AvidBiometrics.com today announced a new internal report in regards to a skyrocketing demand for biometric time & attendance systems. With the end of a recession that has debilitated many US businesses, employers have had to make tough decisions in order to remain profitable in a down economy. As employers shed jobs leading to an unemployment rate of around 10% in the 3rd quarter of 2009, many people have struggled to find work and many employers have had to reduce costs in order to maintain profitability.

<http://www.live-pr.com/en/demand-for-biometric-time-clocks-skyrockets-r1048354322.htm>

Biometrics at the Border

Canadians could face fingerprints and iris scans as the U.S. looks north.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is proposing a multi-billion-dollar biometrics campaign that will collect fingerprints and, eventually, facial recognition and iris information from all foreign travellers at American airports as they exit the country. The discussion comes in the wake of the deployment of non-intrusive radiation scanning equipment along the entire Canada-U.S. land border. Completed October 29 at Trout River, New York on the border with Quebec, the devices are part of a larger ongoing U.S. initiative for layered border security. Capable of detecting nuclear devices, dirty bombs, and other radioactive materials, the radiation portal monitors scan all personal vehicles and cargo entering the U.S. by land from Canada and Mexico. Mail and express packages from Mexico are also scanned in a similar program.

<http://media.www.mcgilltribune.com/media/storage/paper234/news/2009/11/17/Features/Biometrics.At.The.Border-3834142.shtml#4>

Following Criticism, Netanyahu Defers Vote on Biometric Database Law

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday postponed a vote on a controversial law that would set up a biometric database with information about every citizen of the country, following heavy criticism. Netanyahu decided to impede the vote, which reached second and third readings and was expected to be approved by the Knesset on Monday, making this the third time the vote on the legislation has been postponed in the last few weeks.

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1128565.html>

New Immigration Measure In 3 Counties

ATLANTA (AP) -- Law enforcement agencies in three Georgia counties are set to receive new technology to identify and deport illegal immigrants who are considered dangerous criminals. Law enforcement agencies in Gwinnett, Clayton and DeKalb counties will participate in the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency's Secure Communities program. The program allows arrestee fingerprint information to be checked against FBI criminal history records and biometrics-based immigration records kept by the Department of Homeland Security.

<http://www.11alive.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=137679&catid=3>

Indiana Blood Bank Uses Biometrics for Donor ID

The Indianapolis-based Indiana Blood Center had a problem. Regulations required that blood donors be positively identified each time they donated blood, but the problem was donors don't always have their government-issued identification card, such as a driver license. The blood center was looking at three identification options: maintain the current system, issue their own ID card or move to a biometrics-based system, Lux says. Since the current system wasn't working very well and issuing ID cards would have been too expensive biometrics won out. "It's easy and always with a donor, unlike an ID card," Lux says.

<http://www.thirdfactor.com/2009/11/18/indiana-blood-bank-uses-biometrics-for-donor-id>

Residence Permits to go Biometric

The Swiss government on Wednesday approved a move to include biometric data in foreigners' residence permits. The permits are to be fitted with a data chip containing a digitalised photo and two fingerprints. The information will be stored in the central migration information system for a period of five years and will be available only to the authorities in charge of monitoring residence permits.

http://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/news_digest/Residence_permits_to_go_biometric.html?siteSect=104&sid=11507204&ty=nd

Israel Proposing Biometric I.D.

PM Netanyahu proposes that Israelis voluntarily submit biometric data for a tamperproof I.D.. This would reduce identity theft. There is some controversy over whether to have other uses for the data. How about I.D. to track terrorists? Giving one's measurement for that would have to be compulsory. What are the drawbacks to that?

<http://www.imra.org.il/story.php3?id=46441>

GLOBAL: More Countries Demand Biometrics

Canada has joined a growing number of nations now requiring foreigners wanting to study in their countries to provide their electronically obtained fingerprints along with their applications. Citizenship and Immigration Canada has been rolling out a biometric plan for students that will begin in 2011 and expects to have the new system fully in place by 2013. The CIC recently presented information on the biometric changes to a meeting of provinces and national associations of universities, colleges and language schools.

<http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20091120103631256>

Meeting and Conference Dates

2009 Mid-Atlantic SBIR/STTR Conference

The 2009 Mid-Atlantic SBIR/STTR Conference will bring together federal agencies, entrepreneurs, small companies, large companies, researchers, colleges and universities, venture capitalists and angel investors, federal laboratory and university representatives, as well as experts who provide assistance to or have an interest in doing business with ventures at various maturity levels.

Dates: November 30 – December 2, 2009

Location: Waterfront Place Hotel, Morgantown, WV

<http://www.midatlanticsbir.com/>

WVDEC ExporTech Conference

ExporTech - "Doing Business in the Americas" is a two-day, intensive education program designed to jump start your export growth in Latin America and other foreign markets. Through a combination of expert speakers, and small group discussions - combined with real world company research on what separates the most successful exporters from the rest - this program will help you answer key strategic questions about how to grow your business in Latin America and other international markets.

Dates: December 7-8, 2009

Location: The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, WV

<http://www.buyusa.gov/westvirginia/exportech.html>

The 3rd International Conference on Ethics and Policy of Biometrics and International Data Sharing

In order to continue and expand to those in Asia interested in the international dialogue on biometrics, data sharing, privacy and security issues already started by the two previous conferences held in Brussels (2005) and Washington (2006), the EU funded initiative RISE (Rising pan-European and International Awareness on Biometrics and Security Ethics), will organize the 3rd International Conference on ethics and policies of biometrics in China, on the 4th and 5th of January 2010. This high level event will be hosted by the Biometric Research Centre of the Polytechnic University of Hong Kong, one of the most geographically and strategically attractive locations in Asia.

Dates: January 4-5, 2010

Location: The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong

<http://www.comp.polyu.edu.hk/conference/iceb/>

Winter 2010 Biometrics Summit

Attend the longest running, world renowned forum for advanced identification solutions including...Finger Print Technology, Iris Recognition, Smart Cards, and Vascular Biometrics. There will be over 20 innovative speakers who will share strategies and experiences in implementing biometrics. Register by December 8th to receive a discount.

Dates: February 22-25, 2010

Location: Miami, FL

http://www.aliconferences.com/conf/biometrics_summit_winter10/index.htm

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