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**OUTLINE PROGRAMME OF THE  
XXIII INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF  
DATA PROTECTION COMMISSIONERS**

Paris, September 24-26, 2001

**The CNIL intends to extend as far as possible the scope of the questions approached, particularly by calling upon speakers from emerging countries, who do not yet have any Personal Data Protection Law, and by incorporating in all the round-table discussions, whatever their subjects, representatives of organisations or associations of employees, consumers, users and citizens of various countries.**

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**Monday, September 24, 2001**

**09.30** Welcome speeches by Mr Michel Gentot, President of the National Data Processing and Liberties Commission, and Mr Blanchet, Rector and Chancellor of the Paris Universities

**09.40** Video transmission of the speech by Mr Jacques CHIRAC, President of the French Republic

**09.50** Speech by Mr Michel Gentot

**Plenary Session - « Projects and People » - Large Amphitheatre**

Chairman : Michel Gentot

Some « star witnesses » are invited to evoke a project, linked to either information technologies or to personal data protection, which has been in the news in recent months. Presentation of the project, the concerns it may have given rise to, the response brought, and the repercussions of the affair in the country concerned or at a world-wide level.

- Mr Stephen Kline, Assistant to the New York Attorney General, to evoke the Toysmart affair (USA)
- Mr Jean-Jacques Gomez, Deputy Presiding Judge of the Paris County Court, to evoke the Yahoo affair (F)
- Mr Páll Hreinsson, Chairman of the Board of the Icelandic Protection Authorities, to evoke a programme of genetic study of the entire population of a country (Is)
- Mrs Monique Ilboudo, Secretary of State charged with the promotion of Human Rights, to evoke the burgeoning concerns for data protection surrounding an identity card project (Burkina Fasso)
- Mr Roger Errera, Councillor of State, to evoke the French Home Office CID information system for processing established infringements (« Système de traitement des infractions constatées » - STIC)

**Coffee break 11.00-11.30**

**Monday, September 24, 2001**

**11.30-13.00 - « The Third Millenium or The Technological Odyssey » - Large Amphitheatre**

Chairman : Bruce Slane, Privacy Commissioner, New Zealand

2001, Space Odyssey, Stanley Kubrick had forecast the « thinking machine », but he had not envisaged miniaturisation. Where are we at in technological progress? Computer science is barely 50 years old, but it is a technological « jump » we risk witnessing. The capacity and quality of memorisation are almost infinite; distances are abolished with Internet; a life after the PC is evoked, as the « chip » is now spreading to objects of our daily lives; miniaturisation of circuits on silicon chips will lead us to break away from sequential (linear reasoning) computing which will have led us from von Neumann's first computer to the Internet and towards « quantum machines » in which particles interact with one another. That is « teleportation »! Furthermore, the « all numeric » associated with networks and remote contacts question our real or virtual identity. The perspectives and the stakes are discussed by people in the business. Is there room for a new humanism?

- Mr Matthias Kaiserswerth, Vice President of IBM Research, Laboratory Director, Zurich
- Mr Pekka Ala Pietila, Chaiman of NOKIA Management (Finland) [pending]
- Mrs Louise Guay, Chairman and Managing Director of the « Mon Mannequin Virtuel » company (Canada)
- Mr Philippe Lemoine, Joint Chairman of « Galeries Lafayette », Member of the CNIL (F)

**Lunch break 13.00-14.30**

**Monday, September 24, 2001**

**14.30-16.00 - Liard Amphitheatre - « Biometrics and Face Recognition »**

Chairman : Mr Paul Thomas, President of the Belgian Data Protection Commission

The technologies in face recognition renew the debate on video-surveillance. The number of scientific publications multiplied at the end of the '80s, and the first commercial products were developed in 94/95. On October 14, 1998, the Borough of Newham, a working class district of London, implemented the « Mandrake » software designed to alert video-surveillance operators when a wanted person was recognized due to the biometrics technique. The project, which gave rise to enormous controversy has been presented by its inventors as being particularly efficient: the number of crimes and offences are reported to have decreased by more than 20%, and 100 arrests have been made thanks to this system. In January 2001 the American authorities of Florida used the same system during the « Superbowl » championship. Supposing that the efficiency of this police technique really has been established, does this not make us risk enlarging the perimeter of video-surveillance considerably? Should we all be on probation?

- Mrs Jennifer-Anne Stoddart, President of the Commission for Access to Information (Quebec)
- Mr Robert Lack, Responsible for Security at Newham (UK)
- Dr Atick, Chief Executive Officer of « Visionics », a company designing face recognition software (USA)
- Mr Bernard Didier, Director of Development of the Sagem (F)

**Break 16.00-16.30**

**Monday, September 24, 2001**

**14.30-16.00 - Richelieu Amphitheatre - « Localisation Techniques »**

Chairman : Hansjürgen Gartska, Data Protection Commissioner for the Land of Berlin

GPS, GSM: we can be localised thanks to our intelligent vehicle or through our mobile telephone. Even the traditional Holy Week processions in Seville used the technique to localise the statue of Our Lady of Macarena! Offers of « geolocalising » services are multiplying. For a while, an Internet access provider offered the possibility of localising a close relation thanks to his mobile 'phone number. Where are we at concerning technologies and offers of services? What will remain of our freedom?

- Mr Marcel Pinet, Member of the CNIL (F)
- Mr Martin Hoskins, Data Protection Manager, “One to One” (UK)
- a Spanish Police representative [pending]
- Mr Evan Hendricks, Journalist, Editor of « Privacy Times » and co-founder of “Privacy Coalition” (USA)
- Mrs Marian Grubben (European Commission, DG “Information Society”)

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**Monday, September 24, 2001**

**16.30-18.00 - Liard Amphitheatre - « Personal Data and Privacy Protection: the Pedagogics at Issue »**

Chairman : Ann Cavoukian, Information and Privacy Commissioner for Ontario

Data protection authorities as well as professional associations are competing with each other in their initiatives to create confidence, not only confidence in the technology, but also confidence in the guarantees already acknowledged or offered to the people concerned. What are the initiatives, for what kind of insurance, that our data will be protected? This session should allow open debate with all the participants.

- Mr Stephen Lau, Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data for Hong Kong
- Mrs Beth Givens, Director of « Privacy Right Clearinghouse », a Californian association
- Mrs Cecile Alvergnat, Member of the CNIL (F)
- Dr Ewa Kulesza, Inspector General of Data Protection (Poland)
- Pr Alfred Büllsbach, Chief Officer Corporate Data Protection at Daimler-Chrysler (Germany)

**19.30 Reception at Hotel de Lassay given by Mr Raymond Forni, Chairman of the National Assembly**

**Monday, September 24, 2001**

**16.30-18.00 - Richelieu Amphitheatre - « Cybercrime and Cybersurveillance : for Cybercitizenship »**

Chairman : Mr Peter Hustinx, Data Protection Commissioner for Netherlands

Initiatives for fighting against cybercrime and for a better co-ordination of international co-operation in this domain have multiplied: a project for a convention by the Council of Europe, communication by the European Commission, work by the G8, the « Carnivore » project by the USA, and lively reactions by internauts all over the world. Has the right balance between what is demanded by security and what is demanded by the respect for our personal liberty been reached? This session should allow us to establish a panorama of national legislations covering interception of communications, duration of storage of traffic data, and modes of redress of any infringements of a third person's rights.

- Mr Gilles Leclair, Deputy Director of Europol
- M. Peter Van Roste, President of « EuroIspra » (European association of internet access providers)
- Mr Marc Rottenberg, Executive Director of the « Electronic Privacy Info Centre » - EPIC (USA)
- German Member of Parliament
- Maître Francis Teitgen, Barrister, President of Paris Barristers

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**Tuesday, September 25, 2001**

**09.30-11.00 - « Private Life - Working Life » - Large Amphitheatre**

Chairman : Mrs Elizabeth France, Information Commissioner, UK

Between the development of recruitment tests, which in some of our countries go as far as testing for drugs, and the « cybersurveillance » allowed by working in networks, the space reserved for privacy and personal freedom in the workplace could become considerably reduced. Nevertheless, private life does not stop at the entrance to our offices or factories.

- a BIT representant
- Mr Philip Jennings, Chairman of Union Network International (IRL)
- Mr Hubert Bouchet, Member of the CNIL (F)
- a Manager of a High Security Company
- a consultant on genetic tests [pending]

**Coffee Break 11.00-11.30**

**Tuesday, September 25, 2001**

**11.30-13.00 - «Health at the Heart of Files » - Large Amphitheatre**

Chairman : Dr Joächim Jacob, German Federal Data Protection Commissioner

Will the medical secret resist the new demands of the collective interest, whether it concerns eradicating contagious diseases, developing medical and epidemiology research, or, more and more frequently, « rationalizing » health expenditure, whether by the State or by the private sector? Exclusion, discrimination, refusal of insurance: where are the real risks? At the same time, a demand for personal safety may lead us to require that our medical file should follow us at all times, be accessible from anywhere in the world by Internet, or be in our pocket on a microchip card. How can we reconcile this new accessibility to our medical data with the respect for the medical secret?

- Dr Aliou Sylla, Chairman of the association ARCAT-Sida/Cesac (Mali)
- Mr G.C. Mishra, Director of the Center for Cell Sciences, member of national committee for ethics (India)
- Mrs Janlori Goldman, Director of the project: "Health and privacy", Georgetown University (USA)
- Mr Gilles Johannet, General Manager of National Health Insurance Funds (F)
- a representative of an insurance company [pending]

**Lunch break 13.00-14.30**

**Tuesday, September 25, 2001**

**14.30-16.00 - Liard Amphitheatre - « Company Changes, Personalisation of Services »**

Chairman : Mr Malcolm Crompton, Federal Privacy Commissioner for Australia

Our personal data have commercial value, and client and prospect files are now part of a company's capital. Concentrations and mergers: these company changes are sometimes dictated by the simple desire to seize a file and become its owner. Knowing as much as possible about the behaviour of a client in order to solicit him deliberately and to propose services adapted to his supposed expectations: that is the object of « commercial targeting ». Is the only objective of inter-connecting client files to inconvenience us as little as possible? What are the rules of the game? What are the guarantees? What is the protection? What are the rights?

- Mr Nigel Fine, Chief Operating Officer International, « Experian »
- Mr Jim Murray, Director of the European Bureau of Consumer Unions (BEUC)
- Mrs Barbara Wellbery, Attorney at Law, Morrison & Foerster LLP (USA)
- Mr Serge Gauthronet, Chairman of an IT Service company "Arete" (F)

**Break 16.00-16.30**

**Tuesday, September 25, 2001**

**14.30-16.00 - Large Amphitheatre - « Technologies for Privacy Protection »**

Chairman : Pr Joël Reidenberg, Professor of Law at Fordham University (USA)

A market is opening in technologies which are presented as being designed to protect consumer privacy. What technologies, for what protection? Can technologies of privacy protection (privacy enhancing technologies, PETs) usefully contribute to the implementation of protection legislation, or even replace it? The stakes and perspectives.

- Mr Jean-Marc Dinant, Computer Scientist Expert to the Belgian Commission, Lecturer at Namur University
- Mrs Patricia Faley, Vice President Ethics & Consumers Affairs of the Direct Marketing Association (USA)
- Mrs Marie Georges, Head of Section « European and International Affairs and Prospective » CNIL (F)
- Mrs Lorrie Faith Cranor, senior technical staff member, (ATT) , associated with the P3P Project of the 3W Consortium
- a representative of an « online privacy protection » service company [pending]

**Break 16.00-1630**

**Tuesday, September 25, 2001**

**14.30-16.00 - « Electronic Democracy » - Richelieu Amphitheatre**

Chairman : Mr Lamine Cissé, Former Minister, President of the International Observatory for democracy and crisis and conflict management. (Senegal)

Electronic voting systems have wider access to public information, the new technologies can be put at the service of democracy. A will to obtain more transparency and better information for citizens is being confirmed everywhere in the world. Internet and network technologies are some of the tools. But, do the systems of electronic voting allow us to ensure the secret of our convictions and to preserve social links, without which the expression of general will would only be virtual? Does the diffusion of personal data on Internet not abolish the « right of deletion » or « the right to a second chance »? These are some of the challenges of « electronic democracy ».

- Mr Alexander Dix, Commissioner at Brandebourg
- Mr Robert Gellman, Consultant in Data and Information Protection Policies (USA)
- Mr Franck Biancheri, Chairman of the EU association « Student Vote »
- Mr Giovanni Buttarelli, General Secretary of the Italian Data Protection Commission
- a journalist , on press archives which can be consulted on Internet [pending]

**Break 16.00-16.30**

**16.30-18.00 Closed Session (reserved exclusively for Data Protection Authorities)**

**19.00 - Reception at the Louvre Pyramid - Official Dinner**

**Wednesday, September 26, 2001**

**09.00-10.00 - « Companies and Personal Data Protection : what Initiatives and what Organisation to ensure Confidence? » - Large Amphitheatre**

Chairman : Mr Jacques Dermagne, Chairman of the Economic and Social Council (F)

- Mr F. Thomas Dunlap, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of INTEL,
- Mrs Agnès AUDIER, Managing Director of VIVENDI UNIVERSAL-NET
- AOL Time Warner
- A fourth personality

**Coffee break 10.00-10.30**

**10.30-12.00 - « One world, One Privacy »- Large Amphitheatre**

Chairman : Stefano Rodotà, Chairman of the Data Protection Commission (Italy)

« One World, One Privacy » was the maxim of the XXII International Conference in Venice. The agreements made between the EU and the USA, under the name of « Safe Harbor », will have marked the international scene. Furthermore, personal data protection has progressed all over the world, as has the vigilance of « citizen consumers » concerning their rights. From where stems this desire for protection faced with the processing of personal data and with the new technologies?

- Mrs Alejandra M. Gils Carbo, Prosecutor General Assistant, (Argentina)
- Mr Mozelle Thompson, Commissioner Federal Trade Commission (USA)
- Mr George Radwanski, Privacy Federal Commissioner (Canada)
- Pr Masao Horibé (Japan)
- Mr John Moog, Director General « Interior Market » of the European Commission

**12.00 Speech of Mr Lionel JOSPIN, Prime Minister**

**13.00 Reception by Mr Bertrand DELANOË, Mayor of Paris**