



NEWSLETTER

November 2008

It's been an especially busy time for the Jericho Forum over the past 3 months. One consequence has been that the monthly Newsletter has slipped. Instead, we've had an extra Members Meeting (on Sept 8th), and additional conference calls for the Board of Management too. The forecast here is that it's going to get just that bit busier in the run-up to the end-of-year break. The good news is that we are making good progress, and we can look forward to very rewarding outcomes.

Delivering COA

A great deal of member's effort over the past 3 months has gone into completing our Collaboration Oriented Architecture (COA) position paper, and its associated COA Framework paper. These papers:

- Collaboration Oriented Architectures, version 2.0
- COA Framework, version 2.0

are now publicly available for download from our Publications page - <http://www.jerichoforum.org/publications.htm>

Members will have seen recent announcements of development activities and calls for formal reviews on position papers defining key components within our COA Framework. These papers are being published as and when they become approved. The member feedback during formal reviews leading to approval to publish is especially valuable in ensuring we include all the relevant issues and achieve the right balance. We are aiming to complete delivery of our COA early in 2009.

Thoughts on Roadmap for the Jericho Forum in 2009

Cloud computing has become a major hot topic. It exists. It works. But it's not secure for enterprise business use. If only ...

Did you look at the presentation "The Silo and the Cloud"? It's available for download from our Presentations page - <http://www.opengroup.org/jericho/presentations.htm>. So one direction which we will be taking in 2009 is to explore the question "How will COA play in the cloud?" Making the cloud safe and secure brings in all manner of complex considerations. Perhaps the most immediately obvious ones can be captured as:

- securing services/servers/platforms in the cloud
- managing identity in the cloud
- securing stored data in the cloud

These pose much deeper and broader issues for security architects and designers when we think about what "securing" means – because our "security" business drivers are continuously evolving as information takes centre-stage. Business now demands "information asset management" - sharing information safely and securely, in a global networked environment. So maybe it's time to review that job description?



SC World Congress – Dec 8-10, 2009, New York City

We have a starring role in this SC World Congress:

- Monday Dec 8th, 5-8pm - Jericho Forum panel session - *"Breaking Down the Barriers to Secure Collaboration"*
- Tuesday Dec 9th, 09.45-10.30: *"Secure Business Collaboration - Do It Now"*
- Tuesday Dec 9th, 13.45-14.30: *"Managing Information - the Essential Cookbook Ingredients"*

These sessions all feature Jericho Forum Board Members. Register at 35% discount. For more information see <http://www.opengroup.org/jericho/scevent.htm> .

Next Members Meeting – Nov 28th, London, UK

In this final members meeting in 2008, we will be focusing on progressing activities to complete our COA deliverable, and planning our roadmap for 2009 and beyond. The meeting calling notice and agenda is at http://www.opengroup.org/jericho/MMagenda_081128v2.htm

Remember that “Security Myths” call for responses? – you’re published!

On Oct 14th we wrote to our Jericho Forum members list:

Dear Jericho Forum Customer Member,

The Jericho Forum's press contacts include Ellen Messmer at Network World. Ellen is planning to launch an editorial project which she calls "Security Myths", and invites "customer" members of the Jericho Forum to respond - please note she expressly excludes responses from vendors.

If you are interested, please reply directly to Ellen.

Ellen has now published her article - *“Myth or truism? Security experts judge conventional wisdom”*. It includes contributions from a few members who replied to her myth propositions, along with feedback from other significant industry figures. We think the agreements and divergences in opinions make fascinating reading.

If you are similarly tempted to compare the respondents’ opinions with what yours would have been, check it out at

<http://www.networkworld.com/news/2008/110608-security-myths.html?page=1>

Finally - Editor’s Invitation

As usual, feel free to share our news with your colleagues, and [email us](#) with your comments.