

ELECTRONIC PASSPORT FORUM

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The Global Summit on Electronic Travel Documents



ePassports



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Electronic Passport Forum



The Annual International Summit

The **Electronic Passport Forum** is the global summit that focuses on the introduction of electronic travel documents across the world and the revolution this represents. Following the outstanding success of the 2005 event in Berlin, the Electronic Passport Forum will once again open its doors this spring, on June 8-9, in Paris.

Who is invited

The Electronic Passport Forum welcomes the key players behind the success of state-of-the-art citizen ID programs: government representatives, border control and law enforcement authorities, supporting organizations, integrators, state printers, as well as technology vendors and experts.

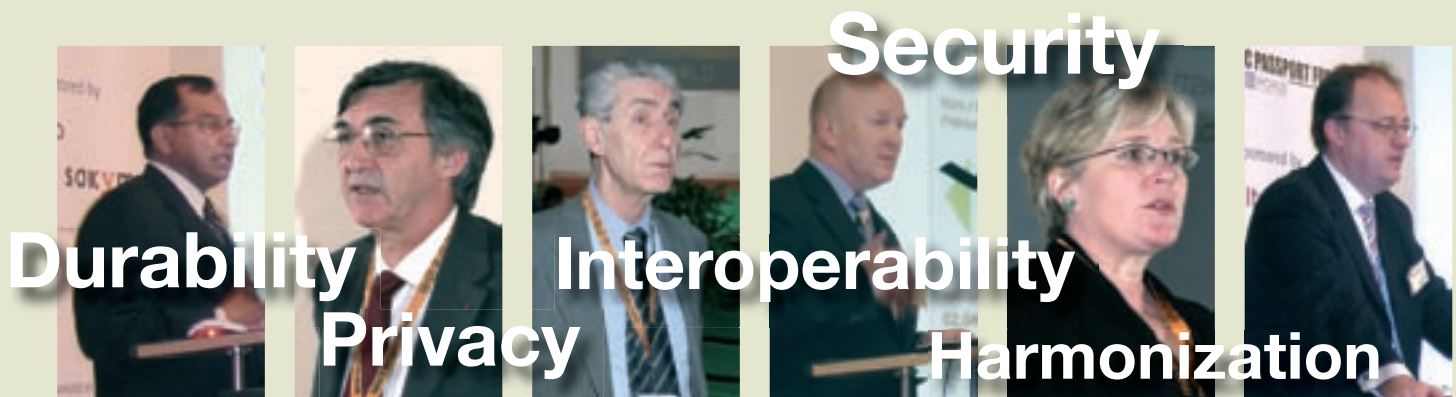
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2005

Success in Numbers:

- 311 delegates
- 57 speakers
- 36 countries represented
- 20 exhibitors
- 5 conference sessions
- 5 panels

On May 18-19, 2005, the first Electronic Passport Forum was inaugurated in Berlin, with the participation of 311 conference delegates from 36 countries. The Electronic Passport Forum was the first global event that showcased - with live demonstrations - the entire life cycle of machine readable travel documents.

Six months down the line, after the very successful first conference, a focused track at ID WORLD 2005 in Rome on November 2-4 set the framework for further discussion on the status and future trends in ePassport deployments.

Attend the world's most comprehensive event on electronic travel documents for a 360° experience of the technology, as well as the issues and opportunities related to the digitalization of ePassports, National IDs and Visas

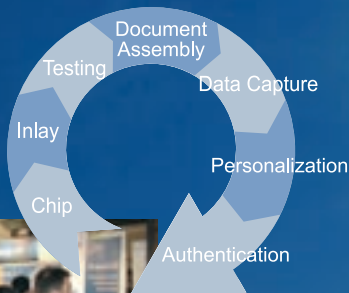
Two Cornerstone Initiatives

This year's Electronic Passport Forum will highlight the issues and opportunities related to the introduction of **ePassports**, **National IDs** and **Visas**, provide a snapshot of the status of deployments on a global scale and showcase the technology at the basis of the entire life cycle of machine readable travel documents.

The Electronic Passport Forum will analyze the three subsequent waves of introduction of electronic travel documents via two cornerstone initiatives: the Conference and the Exhibition.

- The two-day **Conference**, supplemented by interactive networking activities, will gather together a panel of top-level government representatives and key players in the electronic travel document industry and act as the perfect backdrop for the discussion and analysis of the fundamental topics.
- The two-day **Exhibition**, organized as a Technology Village, will illustrate the entire life cycle of electronic travel documents. Leading global suppliers will showcase stable and proven technologies for the creation of durable and interoperable biometrics-enabled travel documents and state-of-the-art border control systems.

2006



Conference Exhibition



The Electronic Passport Forum is the ideal venue to pose your questions and seek answers in an open forum with global experts involved in the manufacture, deployment and use of state-of-the-art machine-readable travel documents.

The Electronic Passport Forum conference will review the status of deployments worldwide, focusing closely on Europe

Introduction in three waves

The issuing of machine-readable travel documents will take place in three distinct waves – first **ePassports**, then **National IDs** and finally **Visas** - and 2006 will see the creation of the infrastructure to support this major shift. Such a revolution could be viewed merely as a consequence of the mandatory implementation of a relatively narrow project, but in reality the introduction of electronic travel documents worldwide will pave the way towards the much broader market penetration of RFID and biometric technology in the areas of citizen ID and eGovernment projects.

ePassports



As we move towards a more digitally secure world, technology advancements will also impact the way we travel. While today's passports provide poor identification, tomorrow's passports will capitalize on existing technology to enhance global border control and homeland security. The three cornerstone features of the ePassport issuance process are digital identity, biometrics and PKI.

National IDs



Although over 80% of the twenty-five European Union Member States already have some form of identity card scheme in place, very few are based on electronic cards. However, the trend towards this form of technology is becoming ever more apparent and numerous European Union members are either already in the process of introducing a biometric-based system or are at least considering doing so.

Visas



Visas allow a state complete control over entry authorization. In much the same way as with electronic passports, the use of biometrics at border crossings is expected to speed up the flow of people while enhancing security by making it easier to link the visa holder with the visa's rightful owner. In addition, before the document is issued, an applicant's biometric identifier can be screened against watch lists to check for eligibility.

4 Hot Topics

■ Security

Anti-counterfeiting has always been and will continue to be an issue with every credential produced by governments. Security features raise the bar for fraudsters, who tend to follow technological evolution closely. But the fraud problem is not only technical. There are many other forms that need to be prevented, such as the multiple request of ID documents, multiple use, asylum seeker misuse, and so on.

■ Privacy

An issue that tends to blow hot and cold in terms of its topicality but which will certainly be very relevant this year, as the infrastructure for electronic passports is deployed and projects go live. As millions of people are on the verge of being issued electronic MRTDs, these concerns are likely to re-surface and attract the attention of the media and privacy advocates.

■ Harmonization

The issue of harmonizing different procedures is emerging as next-generation worker permit cards, immigration cards, green cards, driver's licenses and health cards go live. The Electronic Passport Forum will discuss how to simplify identity verification processes by combining different functionalities into multi-application citizen identification credentials.

■ Interoperability

Still an issue in the area of ePassports, where governments from across the world must verify that the chosen technology works in the real world. In the area of visas, interoperability is not a problem outside of Europe, as their use is country specific. However, it will be an issue in the EU, as the European border control authorities will need to be able to read visas issued by all member states.