

## The Annual Forum Welcome and Opening – James Clarke



**Speaker: James Clarke, Waterford Institute of Technology, TSSG, Ireland**

Since January 2011, James Clarke is Project Coordinator of a European Framework Programme 7 Co-ordination action entitled BIC, which stands for Building International Cooperation for Trustworthy ICT: Security, Privacy and Trust in Global Networks & Services. BIC will engage the European Union trust and programme management (funding organizations) and research communities with their peers in Brazil, India and South Africa and enable the collaboration with research communities in trust and security already established in the US, Australia, Japan, Korea and Canada established in the recently concluded INCO-Trust project that Mr. Clarke also coordinated from 2008 - 2010. In addition, Mr. Clarke is actively involved in the research community, having served in various international conference committees as organizing, technical and programme committee member.

Mr. Clarke opened the annual forum by describing the overall mission and objectives of the BIC annual forum, which was not to present current projects but instead, to bring together the wider and global trust and security communities to explore how best to organise future International cooperation (INCO) research activities and its supporting programmes, together with the identification of the key challenges, issues and priorities to tackle together. Mr. Clarke explained how the agenda was formed in order to cover the core objectives of the Annual Forum.

**Objective 1.** *Identification of the technological challenges that really need and could be tackled in common between the countries so they can be elaborated clearly with the policy makers in the respective countries as a way forward;*

This objective was being covered by a presentation on Identification of advantages for international cooperation and the trust and security technological challenges – BIC review of research topics already identified; and panel session 2. Human oriented approaches to security, privacy and trust and how international cooperation can benefit; and panel session 3. Digital ecosystems network and information security and how international cooperation can provide mutual benefits.

**Objective 2.** *Highlighting the current bi-lateral (and potentially overlapping) country to country cooperation(s) into a more comprehensive unified global cooperation;*

This objective was being covered by the opening session on Setting the scene with DG INFSO views on International Cooperation and Panel session 1. Other INCO-related projects with direct or indirect linkages to ICT trust and security aspects.

**Objective 3.** *From the insights of the researchers and programme managers, to explore how best to organise future International cooperation (INCO) research activities and its supporting programmes, together with the key challenges, issues and priorities.*

This objective was being covered by Panel session 1. Other INCO-related projects with direct or indirect linkages to ICT trust and security aspects; and panel session 2. Human oriented approaches to security, privacy and trust and how international cooperation can benefit; and panel session and 3. Digital ecosystems network and information security and how international cooperation can provide mutual benefits; and the closing session on planning and operations.