

ISO-IEC/JTC 1, SC 38 Cloud computing and distributed platforms

Plenary highlights – September 18th – 22nd 2023

SC 38 goes from strength to strength. This was the second face to face meeting that has taken place since the reduction in restrictions previously imposed due to the Covid pandemic.

Approximately 35-40 national body delegates spent the week at the Elliott School of International affairs, George Washington University, Washington DC.

Open remarks were made by a visiting speaker, Mary Saunders who provided great insight from a background of standards and importantly policy and regulation. This is certainly a direction that is becoming more critical and gaining momentum in regional areas and internationally.

Anish Karmarkar, once more engaged the room as chair to the latest SC 38 plenary. Ensuring that the plenary took place and keeping the meeting on time, and on point.



A full week of meetings took place, including both working groups, 3 and 5, and both advisory groups 1 and 5. Working group 3 utilised some of the time to review all the comments in relation to TS 7339.

Highlights of new items of work include:

- Cloud and Edge Networking
- Dataspace, concepts and characteristics
- Cloud service customer business continuity and resilience
- Trustworthiness in cloud computing

And after lengthy debate, a strategy was created to address amendments and revisions to some of the existing but very important standards by SC 38:

- Revision to 19941-1 Interoperability and portability
- WG 3 creation of an adhoc group for alignment of 22123 series (Vocabulary, terminology and reference architecture)



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- Creation of an adhoc to provide comments on DTS 38508 - Governance implications of the use of a shared digital service platform among ecosystem organizations

Raising profiles



From left to right: Meri Valtiala (Finland), Ms Hyun Kyung Song (Korea), Ankita Srivastava (India), Gargi Keeni (India), Ruth Lennon (Ireland)

The Washington face to face meeting also presented the opportunity for SC 38 to raise its profile both through video recordings (snippets) to be used to help promote SC 38, these will be posted on YouTube and social media. This week also saw five female delegates to the plenary, which is something not seen before in SC 38, highlighting that SC 38 is succeeding in reaching out to a more diverse community.

Awards

Mark Jeffrey (UK) and Eric Hibbard (IEEE Liaison) both won ISO/IEC Excellence awards for contributions and their work in relation to specific standards development projects.

Seung-Yun Lee (Korea) was presented with the SC 38 Outstanding contribution award to input and work over the last 12 months.

Appointments

SC 38 approved Eclipse Foundation becoming a Category A liaison and will seek the endorsement by JTC 1.



SC 38 looks forward to March 2024 (18 – 22) where they will be visiting Brazilian National standards, ABNT in Brazil, this will be face to face with remote access.



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