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EEMA adds World Renowned Cryptography Expert

Professor Bart Preneel to its Board of Management

BRUSSELS, 12th MARCH 2018 - **EEMA**, the leading independent non-profit, European think tank focussing on identification, authentication, privacy, risk management, cyber security, the Internet of Things and mobile applications, today announced that Bart Preneel, the world renowned cryptography expert, has agreed to join the EEMA Board of Management.

Bart Preneel is a Professor at KU Leuven and heads the COSIC research group, which is a member of the imec Security Department. He has been visiting Professor at five universities in Europe and has authored more than 400 scientific publications, as well as the inventor of five patents. His main research interests are cryptography, information security and privacy.



Professor Preneel has coordinated the Network of Excellence ECRYPT, served as panel member and chair for the European Research Council and has been president of the IACR (International Association for Cryptologic Research). He is a member of the Permanent Stakeholders group of ENISA (European Network and Information Security Agency) and of the Academia Europaea. As a speaker he is in high demand and has presented at more than 100 conferences in 40 countries, including EEMA's annual ISSE conference where he presents 'The Cryptographic Year in Review'. In 2014 he received the RSA Award for Excellence in the Field of Mathematics.

Commenting on his reasons for joining the EEMA Board, Bart Preneel states: "For academics such as myself, working in applied research and looking for funding, it is interesting to find out what is happening in the commercial world as it can sometimes be very different. EEMA provides an important bridge between the academic world and industry."



Chair of EEMA, Jon Shamah states: “Bart has been a long-time friend of EEMA. He is respected as one of the world’s leading authorities on cryptography, and his connections into the very best academic institutions in Europe are second to none. We welcome Bart to the EEMA Board and look forward to the new doors he will open to the benefit of our members.”

Bart Preneel joins an EEMA Board of Management that includes …

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- Dr George Sharkov, National Cybersecurity Coordinator & Adviser to the Prime Minister Office; Director ESI CEE & Head Cybersecurity Lab

About EEMA

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