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FOSI Countdowns to its 2008 Annual Conference & Exhibition

In less than six weeks, one of the most eagerly awaited events in the online safety calendar will take place in Washington DC on December 11, 2008. Delegates and exhibitors from around the world will take part in the Family Online Safety Institute's Second Annual Conference and Exhibition.

This issue gives the low-down on the conference, entitled, "Safe at Any Speed: Rules, Tools & Public Policies To Keep Kids Safe Online," its stunning venue, proud sponsors and outstanding agenda.



Stunning Venue Awaits the FOSI Conference

Standing between the U.S. Capitol and the White House on Pennsylvania Avenue and featuring dramatic vistas of Washington, the Newseum is one of the most sought-after venues for conferences and special events. As one of Washington's newest museums and in this an electoral year, it's fitting that FOSI should find itself at the heart of a city and country of political change. No doubt this will be reflected in the conference, seeking to set an agenda of change in order to make the Internet safer for families.



Title: Safe at Any Speed:
Rules, Tools & Public Policies
To Keep Kids Safe Online

Date: Thursday, December 11, 2008

Location: NEWSEUM
Knight Conference Center
555 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20001 USA

Website: <http://www.fosi.org/conference2008>

Conference Room



This annual, international gathering devoted to the burgeoning field of online safety, will gather together the very best thinkers, the most innovative technologies, the most effective educators and the most enlightened legislators from around the world for a conference, exhibition and evening reception.

The purpose is to raise awareness of the extraordinary challenges facing educators, industry leaders, legislators and the kids themselves of our new digital world, while highlighting a range of evolving solutions. In addition, there will be a hands-on display of some of the leading technologies, filtering tools, ISPs and safe search engines together with some of the best online safety education tools and messages in an adjacent exhibition hall.

Program*

8:00am: Registration & Breakfast

8:45am: Welcome

8:50am: Opening Remarks

9:00am: Keynote Addresses

10:00am: Public Policies in a Transition Year

11:15am: In Conversation with Dr Tanya Byron

11:45am: Mission Impossible? Protecting Kids and Free Speech Online

12:45pm: Lunch & Exhibition

2:00pm: Break-Out Session I

- (A) Research Update
- (B) The British are Coming! Great Ideas From Across the Pond
- (C) New Adventures in Online Safety Technology
- (D) The Online World & Its Impact On Children

3:10pm: Break-Out Session II

- (A) Guiding Digital Natives in a Social Networking World
- (B) Hand in Hand: Media Literacy & Online Safety
- (C) Keeping All Kids Safe: Is the Online Safety Message Reaching Everyone?
- (D) Kids & The Wide Open Wireless World

4:30pm: Authors' Corner

5:30pm: Closing Remarks

6:00pm: Evening Reception

* The Conference Program is subject to change



FOSI News Headlines

16 October 2008

Stephen Balkam of the Family Online Safety Institute participated in a National Press Club “Newsmaker” media lunch briefing on online safety in Washington DC

1st October 2008

Family Online Safety Institute Applauds Congressional Efforts to Protect Children on the Internet

UK Child Internet Safety Council Launched

September 29, 2008 saw the launch of the UK Council for Child Internet Safety (UKCCIS) at the Science Museum in London. Created as a result of key recommendations in the Byron Report published in March (an independent review commissioned by the Department of Children, Families and Schools (DCFS), this body is the first of its kind in the world.

Insight can also confirm that the Family Online Safety Institute will have a key role to play in its future output and direction. Both Stephen Balkam and Dave Miles have been appointed to the Council.

The launch event was introduced by Prime Minister Gordon Brown, accompanied by a

number of leading ministers. Dr Tanya Byron whose report *Safer Children in a Digital World* has done so much to bring about the Council also spoke.

The new body will have an Executive Board of twenty, with a broader council divided into a series of working groups, each with the task of implementing the core recommendations of the report. For more information on UKCCIS, the Byron Report and Action Plan go to <http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/index.htm>



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the United Kingdom

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ABOUT THE FAMILY ONLINE SAFETY INSTITUTE

The Family Online Safety Institute works to make the online world safer for kids and their families by identifying and promoting best practice, tools and methods in the field of online safety, that also respect free expression. We do this through the development of public policy, technology, education and special events. FOSI is a trusted convener, bringing together leaders in government, industry and the non-profit sectors to collaborate and innovate new solutions in child safety in a Web 2.0 world.



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Austrian ISP Summit see launch of Confoki Project

On October 2, 2008 the Austrian Internet Service Providers Summit was held in Vienna. In his presentation Practical Online Youth Protection (Jugendschutz in der Praxis) Dave Miles from FOSI highlighted the need for a blended approach to family online safety. Technology, education and parental oversight are amongst the key components.

The summit also saw the launch of the Confoki (Content for Kids) Project. With a plug-in designed to recognize ICRA labelled web sites, this ground-breaking tool enables parents to configure their child's computer to view only the content they feel is age appropriate. Already nominated for an innovation award, the Confoki initiative is an excellent example of how serious online child safety is viewed in Austria.



For more information go to <http://www.confoki.org/>
or to view the summits highlights go to <http://www.ispa.at>



Press Conference & Launch of the Confoki Project at the Austrian ISP Summit in Vienna. From right to left: Laura Rudas, MP, Michael Eisenriegler, CEO of MediaClan and founder of the Confoki Project and Dave Miles of FOSI