



4th
International Conference of
Information Commissioners
MANCHESTER 2006

Monday 22 May

09.00 REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS

09.20 Opening remarks

Richard Thomas, UK Information Commissioner

09.30 Keynote speech

Lord Falconer of Thoroton (UK Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs/ Lord Chancellor)

09.55 'Regulator' versus 'Ombudsman' – What powers are needed for a successful regime? Should enforcers be covered by the regime?

Natasa Pirc Musar, Information Commissioner, Republic of Slovenia

10.45 Panel of experts discussion

11.05 TEA AND COFFEE (opportunity for group photograph)

11.25 Secrecy versus Security: The impact on freedom of information statutes of heightened security concerns which can impact on the availability of information

John Belgrave, Chief Ombudsman of New Zealand

12.15 LUNCH

13.30 Workshop session 1

Delegates break into two groups, each discussing one of two topics:
"Strategies for changing cultures" or
"Public interest"

14.30 Workshop session 2

Groups swap and discuss the remaining topic.

15.30 TEA AND COFFEE

15.45 Summary of discussions

16.10 Venue for 2007 Conference

16.15 Closing remarks

Richard Thomas, UK Information Commissioner