TUESDAY WORKSHOP REFRESHES ATTENDEES’ LEGAL AND TECHNOLOGY KNOWLEDGE

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CFP 2004 began Tuesday with a full-day privacy-in-technology workshop and a series of 3-hour tutorials on issues ranging from telecommunications law to a how-to guide on network snooping.

The full-day workshop presented the conference early-birds with an overview of many of the key issues relating to privacy and civil liberties issues in computing technology. Barbara Simons of ACM moderated the widely divergent presentations.

Some panelists in the workshop focused on legal issues. Andrew Grosso, of the law firm Andrew Grosso & Associates, told a compelling story of ubiquitous surveillance and its invidious and inescapable effects. Marcia Hofmann of the Electronic Privacy Information Center discussed the federal government’s new attempts to monitor and track air passengers.

Others focused the science of privacy: Susan Landau of Sun Microsystems discussed emerging technologies, such as “smart dust” and other tracking devices.

Tuesday’s tutorials covered a variety of topics. If you missed them, more information on these is available on the CFP blog page, at cfp2004.org/blogs.


TUTORIAL 2: Network Surveillance How-To: a Tutorial on Snooping Around Modern Networks.

TUTORIAL 3: Liability for Unsecured Computers.

TUTORIAL 5: Constitutional Law in Cyberspace.

TUTORIAL 6: Telecommunications Law for the Rest of Us.

TUTORIAL 7: Privacy Notices: Readability vs. Completeness.

The discussions begun in many of these tutorials will carry over to related topics in the plenary sessions, concurrent sessions, and the BOFs.