



Who we are?

[The Biometrics Institute](#) is the independent and impartial international membership organisation for **biometric users** and other interested parties. It was established in 2001 to promote the **responsible and ethical use of biometrics**. It has offices in London and Sydney.

With more than a thousand members from 240 membership organisations spread across 30 countries, it represents a global and diverse multi-stakeholder community. This includes banks, airlines, government agencies, biometric experts, privacy experts, suppliers and academics.

What do we do?

The Biometrics Institute **connects** the global biometrics community, it **shares knowledge** with its members and key stakeholders and most importantly, **develops good practices** and thought leadership for the responsible and ethical use of biometrics.

Our members

Since 2001, we've been growing our member network which is now a global, **1000-strong community**, comprising 240 member organisations spanning 30 countries who support the responsible and ethical use of biometrics. You can view our full list of members [here](#). They include amongst others:

Air Force Office of Special Investigations
Department of Homeland Security
Department of State
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Barclays Bank UK
UK Home Office

Microsoft
Department of Home Affairs Australia
British Airways
Bank of New Zealand
Sydney Airport
Mastercard Australia

This year we have also signed formal agreements with a selected number of international organisations, granting them [observer status](#). This enables organisations like **UNICEF, The World Bank and the United Nations Development Programme** to benefit from the work we do and for us to collaborate with them in reaching new regions and groups.

Thought leadership and good practice guidance

Our six expert and sector groups create guidance documents which are accessible through our password-protected Information Hub and include:

- **Privacy Guidelines** – updated in 2019 to include the significant international implications introduced by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), applied to biometrics
- **Ethical Principles for Biometrics** – demonstrating our commitment to promoting the responsible and ethical use of biometrics, we launched a set of ethical principles for our members to observe in March 2019
- **Understanding Biometrics** - considerations for implementing a biometric system
- **What does presentation attack detection and liveness actually mean?** - explains PAD and liveness, suggests some general considerations and questions users may want to ask when choosing a biometric product and points to standards and additional information sources
- **United Nations Compendium of Recommended Practices for the Responsible Use & Sharing of Biometrics in Counter-Terrorism** – our recent and ongoing collaboration with the UN

Events

We run regular workshops and training courses to provide insights into good practices for biometrics. We also organise between 15 and 20 events a year around the globe which enable our members to **network and connect, learn and be informed, influence and help shape the future of biometrics**. And we hold a number of regional member meetings in the UK and Europe, Australia, New Zealand, the US and Asia. These are morning events which include an update on our work, presentations from some of your peers in biometrics and lots of opportunities to talk with our multi-stakeholder community. These meetings are **free to members**.

If you're interested in finding out about membership, or have any questions, please get in touch. We look forward to chatting with you soon.

What is membership and how much is it?

Membership allows you to align your organisation to our mission and access member privileges. We have annual membership rates for users, suppliers and academia. We have memberships suitable for one active participant through to 50 active participants. Membership starts from as little as USD495 (AUD770) for a small user and USD765 (AUD1,190) for a small supplier.

Reasons to become a member

1. Show the industry you're serious about the responsible and ethical use of biometrics by aligning with us
2. Be part of our multi-stakeholder community and raise your profile
3. Connect with a diversity of biometrics experts from around the globe, share your views and benefit from their insights and experience
4. Discuss the very latest developments and trends and help shape the future of biometrics
5. Access our valuable good practice guidance on responsible and ethical use
6. Benefit from our request for information service and supplier directory which connects Biometrics Institute user members with experienced supplier members
7. Attend member meetings free of charge and get significant discounts on our global conferences
8. Stay informed on industry news through our regular newsletter
9. Be the first to know what your peers think about the future of biometrics through our annual industry survey
10. Engage with our expert and sector groups, which draw up good practice and thought leadership pieces to guide the industry

For further information on membership, please visit us at www.biometricsinstitute.org

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