

ICCC6 – Tokyo

Summary of Track A – Dr. Mike Nash

I am pleased to provide this summary of Track A. We listened to some very interesting and informative presentations on the business value of CC certification, and on practical experiences of security evaluation, and of ST and PP preparation. This included many real experiences of actual product developers.

I am pleased to say that the speakers reported many successes, and the overall conclusion is that there are many markets where the CC is now established and genuinely useful.

However, I must also say that most speakers reported problems, particularly with the timescales and restrictions imposed in evaluation and certification. Also, I must say, and this I must emphasise is a personal view, that I believe that few of these problems will be reduced by the changes proposed for Version 3 of the CC. The problems are more deep-seated, more fundamental, often associated with the restrictions imposed by schemes. Examples are certification delays, or criteria requirements where the developer must perform tasks which are only to help the evaluators, not to document or improve products or to improve development processes. This is a worry for the future.

But, all in all, the story from Track A is a story of achievements and successes. There are problems, but despite this, products are being evaluated and are being certified. What more can we wish. Thank you very much. Domo arigato.