The Implications and Opportunities of Blockchain for Information and Records Management Professionals at IRMS Conference 2018

The Information and Records Management Society (IRMS) today announced that it will be helping delegates at the IRMS Annual Conference 2018 to cut through the hype by providing an introduction and insight into – Blockchain. The UK's leading conference for information and records management professionals takes place from 20th to 22nd May 2018 at the Hilton Brighton Metropole.

During the two-day conference the IRMS will host a series of keynotes and presentations to help information and records management professionals understand how Blockchain - one of the most talked about new technologies - works, as well as evaluating the opportunities and implications it presents. Sessions includes:

- **Blockchain – The Paradox of Privacy & PETs** - Dyann Heward-Mills, Partner at Baker McKenzie, will commence the programme of Blockchain activities with an introductory hour-long lunchtime keynote.

- **Blockchain: Definition, benefits, issues and possible applications** - Marc Stephenson, Technical Director at Metataxis, will ex plain what Blockchain is and what this potentially game changing technology means. He will consider what information professionals need to know and its impact on the management of information and knowledge.

- **Blockchain: Current hype and future hopes** - Rob Begley & Jon Bushell at MDU, will focus on the practical and theoretical implications for information and records management in the present and near future. By examining real-life use cases, they will explore where and how organisations might benefit from implementation of the technology and consider the external environment, as well as the likely impact that Blockchain might have on organisational business practices.

- **Blockchain panel –** Alison North, International Business Consultant and Disruptor at AN Information, will chair a panel debate to conclude the conference's Blockchain agenda.

The full agenda for the IRMS Annual Conference 2018 is available at: http://www.irmsconference.org.uk/2018programme/

Registration for the IRMS Annual Conference 2018 is open now with complementary press passes are available on request from Graham Thatcher. Tel: +44 (0) 7933 673 240; Email: graham.thatcher@prbychief.com

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As well as an annual Conference attracting around 400 delegates, the IRMS offers professional accreditation available to all, produces a high-quality bimonthly industry magazine, and operates a network of geographic and special interest groups across the UK. Visit www.irms.org.uk/join to find out more.

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