



## *February 2021 InterWorking*

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### Forbes #Blockchain50



Congratulations to all organizations who were recognized in the [2021 Forbes Blockchain 50 list!](#)

We are proud to see several of our IWA members in this dynamic group.

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## **New Directions for Government in the Second Era of the Digital Age**

According to a recent report by IWA Associate Member Blockchain Research Institute (BRI), "Creating clear definitions and spaces for tokens would not only

benefit US innovation but keep innovators within the US."

Produced by the BRI in collaboration with the Washington DC-based Chamber of Digital Commerce and many other experts, this 120-page report recommends a series of actions that would position the US for long-term digital leadership.

Our members believe that simplifying the digital interchange of value through what is known as Tokenization is how this will be accomplished. The ideas in this report provide ideas to drive this vision forward. [Find out more](#) about our members or to get your company on this path.

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## The Latest Digital Asset Tokenization News

- The Wall Street Journal - [Bitcoin to Come to America's Oldest Bank, BNY Mellon](#)
  - Bitcoin.com - [Blockchain-Backed NFT Market Value Grew 299% in 2020](#)
  - CNBC - [Feeling the Heat From Employees, Wall Street Banks Get Closer to Adopting Bitcoin](#)
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## New Blog Posts Available

**Amazon, IBM, JP Morgan, Microsoft, and R3 Corda: The State of Enterprise Blockchain | CryptoSlate by IWA Board Member John DeVadoss**

What is the state of Enterprise Blockchain? Are we advancing? Are we stalled? Why? This article from IWA Board Member John DeVadoss examines the state of the industry.

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### Why Tokenize Securities?

Many crypto enthusiasts imagine a world where everyone holds securities DRS (direct registration of securities) which have been issued/delivered in the form of tokens on a blockchain, and trades them on exchanges. According to Scott Purcell, Founder of Prime Trust, that's not going to happen. He explains how, when, and why in his recent blog.

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## IWA in the News

- Cointelegraph, [Enterprise Blockchain Trends That Will Drive Adoption in 2021](#)



## Member News

- Blockchain Research Institute, [Report Urges US Government to Focus on Blockchain, Crypto and a 'Digital Dollar'](#)
- AirCarbon Exchange, [Renewable Energy Token introduced and traded on the Singapore based ACX](#)
- SDX, [Our DLT Predictions for 2021](#)

## Welcome New Members!

We are very pleased to welcome the members who have joined us since our last newsletter:

Acria UG (haftungsbeschränkt)

VMWare, Inc.

Xange.com



## Upcoming Events

### Blockchain International Scientific Conference ISC2021

Many IWA member organizations are participating at the British Blockchain Association's 3rd Blockchain International Scientific Conference, happening online on March 15, 2021. [Register now](#) to join them and other visionaries, thought-leaders and experts in the field of Blockchain. **IWA members receive a 25% discount.** (Ticket: "BBA Partner Organizations")

## 2021 Blockchain & Cryptocurrency Events

BlockSocial has compiled a list of events, both in-person and virtual, that is taking place this year surrounding the theme of blockchain and/or cryptocurrency. Some focus on crypto investors and enthusiasts, others on blockchain industry participants, blockchain developers, industry disruptors, and any combination of all of the above. [Check them out!](#)



**New Working Group Starting Soon:** The goal of the new Debt & Equity Business Working Group is to establish the standards for tokenization, contractual extensions, workflows, and analytics for creating, issuing and trading digital bonds and equities. These standards will serve as foundations for both private and public markets using distributed ledger techniques to create, store, service and transfer digital assets. [Visit our website](#) to join, or contact IWA Head of Growth Paul Rapino at [Paul.Rapino@Interwork.org](mailto:Paul.Rapino@Interwork.org).

**The Sustainability Taskforce on Voluntary Carbon Markets** is continuing to refine the draft specifications for ecological projects and carbon dioxide removal (CDR) credits. Additionally, the taskforce has been participating in the Institute for International Finance's *Taskforce on Scaling Voluntary Carbon Markets (TSVCM)* in an attempt to harmonize with their work and incorporate what they are exploring into the work of the IWA's taskforce.

**The Global Trade & Supply Chain Working Group** is refining the token definition and draft specification for the electronic bill of lading (eBL) use case. The group will continue to iterate on these in the months to come.

**The DLT Security Working Group** will continue exploring where they can apply their security expertise to the IWA's use cases in pursuit of their goal of creating security-focused deliverables that are tailored to those use cases.

Not a member? Consider joining the IWA and participate in our working groups. Get started by [visiting our website](#) or contacting [membership@interwork.org](mailto:membership@interwork.org).

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