

Physical Security Interoperability Alliance



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Taglio Joins the PSIA

Leading Smart Card maker sees exciting opportunities with PKOC

Taglio, the leading independent provider of smart card technologies, has announced that it has joined the PSIA. The company, based in Austin TX, was established in 2012, and its products and services have been integrated with many millions of smart cards, devices, and mobile phones worldwide.

“Working with our OEM partners, Taglio’s products are deployed in identity and logical access projects, both large and small,” said GW Habraken, co-founder and managing director of Taglio. “Physical Access is the next frontier. Our customers want a single credential that can be used for both logical and physical access. The PSIA’s introduction of a card version of its Public Key Open Credential (PKOC) specification will be a perfect complement to this objective. Taglio looks forward to joining the PKOC/SCI working group and supporting its initiatives going forward.”

David Bunzel, PSIA Executive Director, shared, “Taglio has recognized that PKOC and more specifically the new PKOC on a Card specification will support a critical market need—a bridge from cards to mobile credentials. While mobile offers exciting opportunities for the future, there will be a gradual transition away from cards. In the meantime, PKOC can provide customers a migration path, allowing a planned transition in technologies. In addition, PKOC will drive further acceptance of asymmetric encryption in physical access control.”

Taglio has already successfully demonstrated PKOC enabled cards on a wide range of readers supporting the PKOC specification. The company has recently announced commercial availability of PKOC enabled cards.

The Physical Security Interoperability Alliance (PSIA) and a number of its partner companies will be present at ISC West in Las Vegas in April of 2024. Taglio will be part of a growing list of PKOC card and reader partners who will be showing products supporting this exciting technology.

For a better understanding of PKOC, the PSIA has added an [Explainer Video](#) to its site. This video is less than a minute and demonstrates how the PSIA’s PKOC specification works and will disrupt the access control market.

The PSIA approved its [PKOC NFC Card Specification](#) in December of 2023. As noted above, it is already available in commercial products.

PKOC is featured in products from ELATEC, Kastle Systems, INID, JCI, Last Lock, rf IDEAS, SAFR Scan (RealNetworks), Sentry Enterprises, and Taglio.

For more information on PKOC and its open card and mobile credentials please look at the [PKOC White Paper](#). To access the PKOC Explainer Video, please click this [link](#).

The PSIA has been active in developing and promoting open specifications that support interoperability in the physical and logical security industries. Industry publication, Security Technology Executive, declares interoperability “The Next Great Phase of Physical Access Control.” SecurityInfoWatch.com expounds on the predicted demand for PACS interoperability by saying, “Open protocols, standards and industry-accepted conformant products that focus on unbridled interoperability between manufacturers and vendors will be critical as advanced

technology, such as analytics and ancillary devices, enter the realm of physical security and access control.”

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Notes:

- PSIA is a 501(c)6 organization created to define, recommend and promote standards for IP-enabled security devices and systems.
- PSIA was founded in February of 2008 and incorporated in March of 2009.
- The Physical Logical Access Interoperability (PLAI) specification was introduced in 2013.
- The PKOC specification was introduced in 2021

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