

## ALREADY TURNING HEADS

Although not long opened, the Barcelona International Convention Centre (CCIB) will stage the Euromediterranean Summit in November. This will bring in heads of States and Governments from several European Union countries. At the same time Barcelona is organising parallel events for mayors of the principal Mediterranean rim cities.

[www.ccib.es](http://www.ccib.es)

## THE PACE OF MEETINGS SLOWS

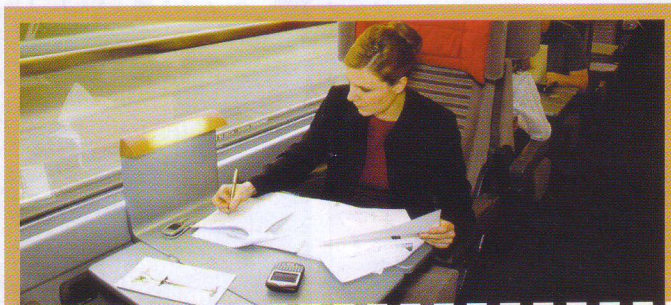
There have been fewer international meetings held over the past five years. According to the UIA, international organisations held 2.4 per cent fewer meetings since the year 1999. The UIA (Union of International Associations) tracked 9,160 international meetings in 1,557 cities around the world to reach its conclusions.

[www.uia.org/statistics/pub.php](http://www.uia.org/statistics/pub.php)

## JUST IN TIME FOR BLOOD AND BONE

Lyon Convention Centre, nearing the conclusion of a development which will see the addition of a new hotel, has won the EBMT, the European congress on blood and bone marrow transplantation, for 2007. Some 3,500 participants are expected and the exhibition should cover 5,500 sqm.

[www.palais-des-congres-lyon.com](http://www.palais-des-congres-lyon.com)



## EUROSTAR REINVENTS ITSELF

Having listened to its passengers, Eurostar, the high-speed train service between France, Belgium and the UK, has introduced separate carriages for business and leisure travellers. There are now three distinct classes: Business Premier, Leisure Select and Standard.

Business Premier will provide: -10 minute fast-track check-in

-Exclusive lounge access  
-At-seat meal/drinks service  
-Power sockets at-seat  
-Newspapers/magazines  
-Optional chauffeur service, at additional cost.

The fleet of 27 trains is currently being refurbished. Operations from the U.K. will switch to St. Pancras International in 2007.

[www.eurostar.com](http://www.eurostar.com)

## EUROPEAN PCOS MOVE ON EU



**Zacharias Kaplanidis**  
President EFAPCO

The European Federation of the Associations of Professional Congress Organizers (EFAPCO) hopes to help the European Parliament to define, harmonise, and improve the role of the professional congress organiser (PCO) and outline the professional qualifications required to practice the profession in different EU countries.

At a meeting with Pedro Ortún, a Director within the European Commission's Enterprise and Industry Directorate-General, the President of EFAPCO, Zacharias Kaplanidis discussed market regulation, consumer protection, direct communication and contact between EFAPCO and the Tourism Unit of the European Commission. Mr Ortún has been invited to speak at EFAPCO's first General Assembly, to be held in Madrid in November.

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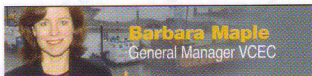
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## TOP OF THE TREE FOR CANADIAN MAPLE



**Barbara Maple**  
General Manager VCEC

Barbara Maple, General Manager of the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre (VCEC), has been appointed to a two-year term as President of the International Joint Meetings Industry Council (JMIC) based in Brussels, Belgium. She is the first Canadian to hold this position.

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## PUTTING THE WORLD AROUND



**Philippe Attia**  
Vice President Operations Europe

Philippe Attia has been elected to the board of the International Association of Conference Centres with the task of strengthening and expanding the association's presence around the world. IACC's goal is to assist members in providing the most productive meeting facilities.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS 2005

### OCTOBER 3-7

U.K. National Meetings Week  
October 4  
U.K. Meetings Industry Marketing Awards  
October 5-6  
M&IT Show  
Grand Hall, Olympia, London  
[meetpie.co.uk/nmw](http://meetpie.co.uk/nmw)

### October 25-27

XXI Edition BTC International  
Fortezza da Basso  
Florence, Italy  
[www.btc.it](http://www.btc.it)

### November 6-9

The 44th ICCA Congress & Exhibition  
Montevideo  
Uruguay  
[www.iccaworld.com](http://www.iccaworld.com)

### 2006 November 4-8

45th ICCA Congress & Exhibition  
Rhodes  
Greece  
[www.iccaworld.com](http://www.iccaworld.com)