

AIPC Jahreskongress und 49. Generalversammlung

Jedes Jahr lädt ein anderes Mitglied des Verbandes zum Jahreskongress und zur Generalversammlung ein (2003 war Mannheim Gastgeberin der Konferenz). Der Jahreskongress bietet den Mitgliedern die Möglichkeit, über die „heißen“ Themen der Branche zu diskutieren und vom Wissen der Fachleute zu profitieren, die mit Blick über den Tellerrand übergreifend auch über themennahe Bereiche referieren. Die Generalversammlung berichtet über die unterschiedlichen Sachbereiche und Aktivitäten der Organisation.

Graz ist bereit, das Jahresereignis der AIPC (Association Internationale des Palais de Congrès) 2007 Willkommen zu heißen. Vom 14. bis 18. Juli werden 200 Manager der internationalen Congress Center in der zweitgrößten Stadt Österreichs erwartet.

Der Schwerpunkt des Konferenzprogramms liegt in diesem Jahr auf den globalen Veränderungen, die die Branche betreffen und

gibt Einblick in die Herausforderungen und Möglichkeiten, die ein Wandel in allen Bereichen des Managements mit sich bringt. Gastgeber und langjähriges AIPC-Mitglied Nikolaus Breisach hat zusammen mit seinem Team des Grazer Congress, Convention Center Graz ein anspruchsvolles Rahmen- und Networking-Programm zusammengestellt. In und um die Hauptstadt der Steiermark werden viele Highlights die Vortragsreihen ergänzen. Das AIPC Golf Tourmier im Golf Club Murhof stehen ebenso wie der Besuch im Lippizaner-Gestüt in Piber auf der Tagesordnung. Die Traditionen der Steiermark aber auch Jazz auf der „Kunst“-Insel, „Eat-Art“ und eine Wanderung, von Robert Schauer begleitet, dem ersten Österreicher, der den Mount Everest bestieg, runden das Fachprogramm ab.

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AIPC Annual Congress and 49th General Assembly

Each year, a different member of the association hosts the annual congress and general assembly (Mannheim hosted the conference in 2003). The annual conference offers members the opportunity to discuss the industry's latest hot topics and to profit from the knowledge of experts who hold lectures on both thematically specific as also broader topics. The general assembly reports on the organisation's different areas of expertise and activities.

Graz is ready to welcome visitors to the AIPC (Association Internationale des Palais de Congrès) 2007. Between the 14th and the 18th of July, 200 international congress centre managers are expected in Austria's second largest city.

This year, the main focus of conference programme will be the global changes that af-

fect the industry and offering a view of the challenges and possibilities included in changes of every area of management. Host and long-time AIPC member Nikolaus Breisach and his team from the Grazer Congress, Convention Center Graz, have organised a formidable supporting and networking programme. Many highlights in and around the Steiermark capital will compliment the course of lectures. The AIPC golf tournament in the Golf Club Murhof is also on the agenda, as is a visit to see the Lipizzan stallions in Piber. The Steiermark traditions, jazz on the „Art Island“, „Eat Art“ and a tour, lead by Robert Schauer, the first Austrian to climb Mount Everest, complete the programme.

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Insiders

Edgar Hirt, new area manager at the CCH-Congress Center Hamburg

> **Edgar Hirt** (53) is taking over responsibility for the CCH at the Hamburg Messe and Congress GmbH from the 1st of October 2007. The business economist will nationally and internationally market the enlarged and modernised congress centre. Hirt looks back on 25 years of experience in the congress business. After stints in Baden-Baden and Düsseldorf, he was responsible for the introduction to the market and the running of the International Congress Center Munich (ICM) for the past twelve years. The 53-years old who will belong to the HMC management, has excellent international contacts as the Vice President of the International Association of Congress Centres (AIPC).

Tim Sullivan at MCVB

The Melbourne Convention + Visitors Bureau (MCVB) has announced the appointment of > **Tim Sullivan** as Director – Government and Strategic Partnership. Sullivan previously worked for the Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet as State's Manager of Special Events, as Executive Director of the Australia Day Committee (VIC), as Manager of the Centenary of Federation (VIC) and was active with Conference Australia as Senior Account Executive for many years. In his current position, Sullivan is the Manager of Industry Marketing in the area of Business Development with the Victoria Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development (DIIRD). From July, he will work for the MCVB.

Jochen Bausback, new Director of Business Development

From his base in Frankfurt, > **Jochen Bausback** is responsible for the development of the hotel group in Central Europe. He reports directly to Puneet Chhatwal, Vice President of Business Development, in the company's Brussels headquarters.

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