

and welcomed two new team members to his convention bureau business development team. **Louise Moran-O'Connor** has joined Brisbane Marketing as Sales Executive where she will focus on the University sector for conferences and events as well as co-operative opportunities and Smart Planner meetings. **Bir-nita Kruysmulder** has joined the team in the role of Sales Executive, Corporate where she will focus on both interstate and local clients.



**Birnita  
Kruysmulder**

**Laure Mouton**, Executive Director Marketing&Sales of the Palais des Congrès de Paris, was awarded the Unity Award of Joint Meetings Industry Council (JMIC) at the IMEX in Frankfurt on May 20, 2005. This award is presented each year by the JMIC to outstanding individuals in the meeting industry who rendered exceptional services aimed at furthering and professionalizing that particular industry. Parallel to her activities at the Palais des Congrès de Paris for many years, Laure Mouton has also been engaged in a number of trade associations, which was peaked by her tenure as president of the AIPC from 1997 thru 2001. In her term as president of the JMIC, she cooperated with other industry partners in initiating the Millennium Meeting in Kuala Lumpur in 2000; the first time ever 20 trade associations in the meeting association held a joint convention.

The international sales office of The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company seated in Eschborn near Frankfurt is under new management. **John Harper**, Vice President International Sales Office appointed 36-year-old **Nicole Napast-Grübl** to the new Regional Sales Director responsible for all sales and marketing activities by Ritz-Carlton Hotels in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Russia and Scandinavia. She had previously held position as Director of Sales Corporate&Business Travel for Northern, Central and Eastern Europe with the InterContinental Hotels Group.



**Nicole  
Napast-Grübl**

The Hotel Kempinski San Lawrenz Resort&Spa on Gozo/Malta has a new General Manager since May 15 of this year. **Alejandro Bernabé** is now in charge of the deluxe hotel, which will be reopened this summer following extensive renovation. 34-year-old Bernabé studied business administration and most recently held position as Resident Manager at the Kempinski Resort Hotel in Estepona.

**Wolfgang Rainer** (39) will take over position as Director of Event and Facility-Management at the Austria Center Vienna ACV and in that position will be responsible both for consulting, cost estimating and handling congresses and events as well as for the entire event and facility technology.

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