

AIPC Membership at Record Levels

With eight new members in the last 6 months, the International Association of Congress Centres (AIPC) now has a total membership of 147 members in 53 countries around the world. The most recent new members include:

- Hyderabad International Convention Centre in India
- Riojaforum in Spain
- FMC Center Milano in Italy
- Expocentre Moscow in Russia
- Kenyatta International Conference Centre, in Nairobi, Kenya
- Riga Congress Centre in Latvia
- Toronto Congress Centre in Canada
- Uppsala Konsert & Kongress in Sweden

"AIPC's continuing growth reflects a strong interest in the enhancement of management quality for congress centres, which is what our organization stands for", says AIPC President Barbara Maple. "Part of quality management is the ability to draw from a wide range of facilities and circumstances around the world, and as our membership grows, we find we have a greater depth of resources in this regard. Our organization now has a truly global representation and perspective, and that benefits all members equally".



▲ AIPC President Barbara Maple

One result of this ongoing growth is AIPC's ability to develop new programming for members, says Maple. "With our increased member base, we find we not only have the resources but also the responsibility to develop new initiatives that help our members achieve their business and professional objectives. These include new seminars and educational activities such as the

International Sales & Marketing Summit we are hosting in cooperation with IMEX as well as new communications initiatives that allow members to interact more effectively".

Founded in 1958, AIPC is a professional, non-profit association of international congress, convention and exhibition centres devoted to the promotion and recognition of excellence in facility management. With a global network of the world's leading centres, its mission is to help members enhance management expertise in the areas of operations, marketing, staff development, client interactions and community relations.

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