

## ABPCO Annual Conference

Dublin has also been selected as the destination of choice for the Association of British Professional Conference Organisers (ABPCO) Annual Conference in 2007. Approximately 40 delegates from some of the leading Professional Conference Organisers (PCOs) in the UK will attend this high profile two day meeting at The Heritage at Killenard early next year.

Tony Rogers, Executive Director of ABPCO said 'ABPCO is looking forward enormously to holding its 2007 conference near Dublin. The venue we've chosen, The Heritage Hotel at Killenard, is a stunning, world-class venue, and I know that my members will be impressed with the range and quality of its facilities. ABPCO has already received great support through our initial conference planning stage from the industry in Ireland, headed up by Dublin Convention Bureau and Ovation Group. We are confident that, with continued support from such key suppliers, we shall have a really successful conference. We are particularly excited about the opportunities to



▲ The Heritage

strengthen the links between ABPCO and the Association of Irish PCOs, and see our conference as an excellent forum to cement further such ties.'

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## JMIC Unity Award for 2006 Announced

Joint Meetings Industry Council (JMIC) President Barbara Maple recently announced the winner of the 2006 JMIC Unity Award as Luca Favetta, Director, Global Events Europe, Middle East, Africa and Asia Pacific for SAP. Mr. Favetta formally received the award at the IMEX Awards Banquet in Frankfurt, Germany on the evening of May 31, 2006.

"Mr. Favetta has been a good friend to the industry for many years", said Maple in presenting the award. "While many of us know him as a valued client, he has also been a big supporter of our industry and always made himself available to lend his knowledge and expertise to industry gatherings and organizations over the years. He is a keen industry observer who has provided valuable guidance on many issues, and he continues to lend his perspectives and insights generously in support of further industry development".

The JMIC Unity Award was established by the Council as a way of recognizing individuals who have made significant contributions to the advancement of the Meetings Industry and the level of



▲ | to r Barbara Maple, Luca Favetta and Ray Bloom.

professionalism it represents. The Award is made each year based on criteria which evaluate industry leadership and initiative.

JMIC - the Joint Meetings Industry Council - was established in 1978 as a vehicle for creating a forum for the exchange of information and perspectives amongst international associations engaged in various aspects of the Meetings Industry. It has met annually each year and served as a link between its member organizations as well as a means of reviewing industry conditions and strategies.

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